

Everyone Is Underfed in Soviet Land Nothing Gay but Theatres

By MARGERY REX
Written for International News Service
NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—"The soviet is abandoning the more radical features of its program," was the message brought back from Russia by Miss Louise Bryant, representative of the International News Service, who has returned from that strife-torn land. Miss Bryant is the widow of John Reed, who died in Russia. Young, extremely good-looking, with her luminous gray-blue eyes

fact that one has lost twenty pounds in a short time.
"It is possible to live on and on with little to eat. But we are a finicky people and want things palatable, as well as something merely to assuage hunger.
"Life in Russia today is difficult. They have had war for six years, a blockade, a revolution, failure of crops, food shortage and bad housing conditions.
"Outside of going to the theatre



Louise Bryant

and fluffy black hair, she seems to be in good health and spirits herself and describes her experiences with a bit of humor.

To convey an idea of the way in which everyone in Russia lives she said:

"One piece of black bread with a sup of unsweetened tea is not a particularly good start for a day's work. The bread is probably nourishing enough, what there is of it; peasants seem to thrive on it. But it doesn't taste good. It gets terribly monotonous.

Conscious of Hunger

"Everyone is always conscious of being underfed. Thinking all the time about food is very destructive. "And the surest sign of being undernourished is not the necessity of thinking about it, but the concrete

there is nothing to make for gaiety any more.

"In a revolutionary state no one can flaunt possessions of any sort before others. It wouldn't be safe. If Lenin's wife went to the theatre in sables there would be a riot. But she wouldn't. She is a woman of plain tastes.

Wore Furs Unmolested

"Still, I had a fur coat myself and had to go out at midnight to send off my stories on the wire, and no one ever molested me. It took until late to have the business of censoring the stories put through, and I never worried, for no one was ever held up in Moscow."

Miss Bryant described her travels in the East, up in the northern provinces of Russia, in the Caucasus and

down into Turkestan and Bokhara. "Down there," she said, "there was a revolt, too. Just a little one against feudalism.

"During the month I was there I was the only unveiled woman about. They didn't quite know what to do with me. Four men were detailed to guard me.

"At the invitation of the president, a young man of twenty-four, son of the richest man in the country, I was permitted to visit the harems.

She Sees Harem Women

"I was intensely interested in the lives of these penned-up women. They seemed like happy children. They play with the babies and sit around and string beads all day long. They are not at all discontented.

"You know good followers of Mohammed have only four wives, because Mohammed himself had that number. But the emir, the ruler, has ninety-six. The groups of wives in harems seem to get along very well—in fact, are good friends.

"Four men guarded me. It made me nervous to have them attend me at every step. They seemed to fear that something would surely happen to an unveiled woman.

"They used to walk up and down outside my door. When I wanted to wash my hands they would bring in a fancy enamelled pitcher with a long thin spot and pour water over my hands. That was pretty unsatisfactory, for no matter what anyone tries to say about the Russians they can't truthfully say they don't bathe. They are a clean people."

Silk Robes Are Cheap

Miss Bryant showed me some gorgeous native costumes which she brought back from Turkestan and Bokhara. Like enormous coats, the heavy silk garments of dazzling hues were lined with oddly-printed stuffs. They seemed to be expensive affairs.

"One cost one dollar and a half of our money, the other two dollars," Miss Bryant said, to my great surprise. "Of course, that is thousands of rubles in Eastern money.

"Talk of restoring a monarchy in Russia is absurd. That will never happen.

"The soviet is rapidly abandoning its radical program. It must, to be practical."

Helman Family Gather For Big Reunion Monday

Monday of this week a reunion of the Helman family was had at the residence of Mrs. Jane Carter, on Helman street. Among those present were Mrs. Jane Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Helman, Mr. and Mrs. O. Helman, Mrs. G. C. Stevens and daughter, Mr. Grant Helman and daughter Sidney of Petaluma, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Niles of Alturas, Calif. This was the largest gathering of the Helman family for several years. Those absent were Mrs. A. L. Shepard, of Adin, Calif., A. L. Helman, of Petaluma and Butler Helman of Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Niles, who have been making a tour of the eastern states and Yellowstone park, have been in Ashland during the week visiting relatives.

Highway Commission Reports on Jackson Co. Road Work

EDITOR'S NOTE

A full report of the road work done in Jackson county under the supervision of the state highway commission and the Jackson county court is now available in the 1921 annual report of the state highway commission. As the detail is interesting but quite voluminous, the Tidings will print it in sections, dealing only with specific units in each issue. It deals not only with the work already completed with cost of each unit, but with the work immediately contemplated and that contracted but not completed.

(Continued From Yesterday.)

Green Springs Mountain Summit—Pacific Highway Grading

On June 10, 1919 the State Highway Commission awarded contract No. 152 to A. Gebisch, Portland, Ore., for grading 10.99 miles of the Ashland-Klamath Falls Highway between the Pacific Highway and the Green Springs Mountain Summit. The new location provides for a 16-foot travel way with a maximum gradient of six per cent, eliminating several miles of rough and crooked road with an average gradient of more than ten per cent.

Work has been handled with steam shovels and teams and is about seventy-five per cent completed at the present time. The contractor has provided two steam shovels on the work and has made very fair progress. The heavier work has been handled by various station-men sub-contractors. Construction has been supervised by G. E. MacVicar, resident engineer, the estimated final cost being \$182,000. The State assumes all engineering expenditures, the construction expenditures being paid fifty per cent by the State and fifty per cent by the county. It is estimated that the county's share will amount to \$84,000, and the state share to \$98,000. The sum of \$115,683.64 has been expended to date by the state.

Green Springs Mountain Summit—Jenny Creek

This section of the Ashland-Klamath Falls Highway is 8.71 miles in length and extends from the summit of the Green Springs Mountain east to Jenny Creek. The old road was never really graded, being but a rough rocky trail that wound among and over the boulders. A new location has been made, using a maximum six per cent grade with a sixteen-foot traveled way. After crossing Keene creek, it follows a high bench on the east side of Jenny creek, crossing the latter about one-half mile below the present road.

On June 10, 1919, the state highway commission entered into a contract with the Jackson county court for the grading of this section on a cost plus basis, the construction expense to be borne equally by the state and county with the state paying the engineering. The total estimated cost of the work is \$110,000 which will be divided \$60,000 to the state and \$50,000 to the county. Expenditures to date from state funds amounts to \$75,691.65, having been made under the engineering supervision of G. E. MacVicar, resident engineer. At the present time the grading is about 75 per cent complete and should be finished during the early summer of next year.

Agate-Trail Post Road Project

This section of the Medford-Crater

Lake highway lies between Agate and Trail and is being built in cooperation with the county and federal government under post road project agreement No. 47. The total estimated cost of the project, including \$193,800 for surfacing of the entire distance, which has not yet been awarded, is \$530,000. This total cost will be divided \$198,750 to the state, \$132,500 to the county and \$198,750 to the federal government. The project is 14.35 miles in length and was divided into three units for contracting in order that the individual contracts might be small enough to invite the submission of bids by the smaller contracting organizations. Contracts for grading and construction of bridges on the entire distance were awarded by the state highway commission on November 6, 1920. No expenditures have been made to the date of this report.

Unit No. 1 begins at Trail and extends a distance of 2.44 miles toward Agate. Contract No. 312, for the grading of this unit, was awarded to William von der Hellen, of Eagle Point, the total estimated cost being \$48,650. Unit No. 2 constitutes 7.22 miles in the center of the project. Contract No. 313 for the grading of this unit was awarded to Rhodes & Price, of Medford, Ore., at a total estimated cost of \$121,100. Unit No. 3 covers the 4.39 miles adjacent to Trail. Contract No. 314 for grading this portion was awarded to W. B. Tall, of Portland, Ore., at a total estimated cost of \$62,850.

There are five bridges to be constructed on the project. These bridges consist of two 44-foot concrete 60-foot steel deck span and four 22-foot concrete spans over Little Butte creek, two 36-foot concrete spans over Reese creek, one 40-foot concrete span over Indian creek and two 80-foot steel spans with four 35-foot concrete spans over the Rogue river. Contract No. 307 for the construction of the first four mentioned structures was awarded to Albert Anderson of Grants Pass. Contract No. 308 for construction of bridges over the Rogue river was awarded to the Portland Bridge company. The total estimated cost of the five bridges is \$103,600.

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S. B. Wilson et al to J. B. Stevens, land in sec. 19, twp. 36 S., R. 2 W., \$10.
John Albert to J. B. Stevens et ux, lot 2, block 48, Central Point, \$10.
Henry Clayton Knopp to T. L. Johnson, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, sec. 18, twp. 38 S., R. 4 W., \$150.
C. B. Stevens et ux to A. E. Hall, lot in block 1, Cottage addition to Medford, \$250.
Anna Hasenfurter to Eugene Hasenfurter, land in sec. 29, twp. 37 S., R. 2 W., \$10.
Luella D. Kline et vir to Arvilla L. Corlett et al., 1-3 interest in lots 9, 10, 11, 12, block 43, Medford, \$1.

Probate Court
Estate James M. Hazelwood. Proof of publication.
Marriage Licenses
Thomas W. Fougley and Sarah A. Jackson.
Elva E. Sellers and Gertrude Bates.

Circuit Court
Amy R. Thom vs. Lorenzo P. Thom. Divorce.
Pearl Spencer vs. Lester H. Spencer. Divorce.
Jackson County bank vs. Anna B. Webster et al. Attachment.