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RUSSIA SEEKING AMERICAN TRADE

Manufacturers Are Advised to Go After This New Business.

NATION STRONG FINANCIALLY

Sazonoff, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Points Out Opportunities For Americans—Money Once Spent on Vodka Now Used For Agriculture—Bank Savings Make Record.

Chicago.—From its correspondent in Petrograd the Tribune publishes a dispatch quoting M. Sazonoff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs. "Russia wants just two things of America, the first and most important being a permanent maintenance of the close and cordial relations between the two nations; the second, an enormous quantity of all kinds of manufactured articles," he asserted.

"Before the war Germany supplied from its workshops the greater part of Russia's demand, and as for commodities it could not supply itself acted as the middleman, exacting large profits.

"German merchants readily adapted themselves to Russian customs and had an added advantage of national good will.

"After this war Russia will prefer to buy elsewhere all the goods it used to buy in Germany upon comparatively equal terms.

"Now especially is the time for American manufacturers to send agents to learn the Russian ways in order to be in a position to fill the enormous demand on the part of the civil population when the war ends. The Rus-

power of the rouble has depreciated very little, food supplies are plentiful, and the agricultural population, except in the immediate war area, has more actual money than ever before, owing to the prohibition of vodka drinking. This is shown by the January savings deposits, which were more for the one month than for the whole of the previous year.

"It is declared in Russia that any independent peace with Austria must involve the question of neutral trading with Germany, for at this time Austria as a neutral power friendly to Germany might prove more dangerous to the allies than Austria actively hostile, but disintegrating through defeat.

"A separate peace, it is said, must contain a clause giving the allies control during the war of the Austro-German frontier. In addition, the allies cannot guarantee weakened Austria against attack by Italy."

Farming in Belgium.

Berlin.—The German authorities in Belgium will try to make the country self supporting by raising corn, potatoes, etc., instead of sugar beets.

ROYAL PORTRAITS FOUND.

Princes Who Talked With Cheops and Saw Pyramids Rise Excavated.

Boston.—Four portrait heads of ancient Egyptian princes, discovered in excavation of the royal cemetery at Giza, will be sent to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, according to word from Dr. George A. Reisner, in charge of explorations for the museum in Egypt.

They are part of a group of eight unearthed in a pit previously examined by a European archaeologist and supposed to have been exhausted. Four will be placed in the museum at Cairo. Dr. Reisner writes:

"The importance of these portraits from the artistic, the historical and the merely human point of view makes the groups a find almost equal to the group of statues found in the Mycerinus temple.

"The men and women whose faces they show us had spoken with Cheops and Chephren and had seen the first and second pyramids in building."

Dr. Reisner thinks that some of these portraits support the theory that Egyptian rulers of the fourth dynasty, 2900-2750 B. C., had negro blood.

One of the heads of a princess he describes as "of a distinctly negroid type."

HUCKLEBERRY FINN AT 90.

Original of Mark Twain's Hero Tells How It Came About.

Portland, Ore.—B. F. Finn, the original Huckleberry Finn of Mark Twain's books, has just celebrated his ninetyeth birthday at his ranch on the McKenzie river near here and is hale and hearty.

He has a vivid recollection of Mark Twain, with whom he worked on a Mississippi steamboat, but says Twain really didn't get much from himself of what he wrote about Huckleberry Finn except the name.

"We called Clemens Charley in those days," said Finn. "He and I both worked on the steamer Shotwell, running out of St. Louis. I was nicknamed Huckleberry, and Clemens seemed to take a fancy to the name. Tom Sawyer was my chum, but I was well grown before Clemens knew me."

Finn has lived on the McKenzie river here for forty years past and seldom emerges from his retreat.

COLORADO CONVICTS BUILD GOOD ROADS

Both State and Prisoners Benefit by New System.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—The Colorado Springs and Canyon City highway and the Pikes peak ocean to ocean road in Ute pass are two of the best mountain roads in the United States and two of the best examples of the results of convict labor.

The first named is a fine example of scientific road building. For twenty miles south of Colorado Springs the road winds around the foothills and mountains, practically the entire roadbed having been cut out of the hillside and in many places blasted out of solid rock. For the remaining twenty-five

miles the way is over foothills and through undulating country. Besides being a marvel in engineering, the road is one of the most scenic and picturesque in the west, passing, as it does, through Red Rock canyon, Dead Man's canyon and many other mountain beauty spots.

The road averages eighteen feet in width and is perfectly crowned and drained. Although it offers a succession of climbs, so skillfully was the engineering work done that heavy grades have been eliminated, and the motorist is confronted with only one grade as high as 6 per cent.

Under the Colorado system each convict is allowed ten days off his sentence for each month of labor on the roads. This is in addition to the usual reduction for good behavior. The cost of building many of the mountain roads would be almost prohibitive if the state were compelled to construct them under ordinary conditions.

The entire country has reaped the benefits of Colorado's pioneering because it has been able to open to travelers from all sections of the country some of its most splendid mountain scenery.

Thomas J. Tynan, warden of the state penitentiary, under whose supervision the work of the last three years has been done, says:

"Basing our figures on actual experience, we are confident that we can construct in the next ten years more than 5,000 miles of the very finest roadways for less than \$500,000, and this without adding anything whatever to the burden of the taxpayers.

"The man who is allowed to leave the prison for the road camp has practically seen the last of prison life if he conducts himself properly. His food and clothing are better; his self respect is preserved. During the last three years we have had more than 1,000 unguarded individual prisoners in the convict camps. Less than 1 per cent have violated their pledges and made successful escape."

Warrior Marries at Eighty.

Colfax, Wash.—E. F. Lake, aged eighty, a veteran of the civil war and a resident of Colfax for nearly forty years, after an absence of two years returned to Colfax with his bride. He married Mrs. Anna Wells of Port Orchard.

SAYS DESCRIPTION WAS CORRECT

City Engineer Says That Description Furnished Covered All Property Owned by Irving Mathews. Tired of Being Scapegoat for Others Blunders.

A report of council meeting in Falls City News of April 24th credits Attorney Tooze with the statement, that owing to an error of the City engineer in his description of the property involved in the Mathews condemnation suit they are unable to reach the river.

The engineer made no mistake and as proof we have the ruling of the court: "Objections have been made to Mr. Tooze's claim of 252 feet as belonging to Irving Mathews as he owns but 200 feet and no greater number of feet can be condemned than actually belongs to Irving Mathews. To obtain land belonging to another party or parties separate, condemnation proceedings must be instituted."

The engineer's description covered all of the property belonging to Irving Mathews and 2 feet more and this was all Mr. Tooze's bill asked for.

If there has been a mistake it is because separate condemnation proceedings were not instituted against W. H. Mathews, father of the defendant and owner of the 52 feet necessary to reach the desired point.

Certainly your engineer is not responsible for their neglect or oversight. S.



Photo by American Press Association. M. SAZONOFF, RUSSIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

slan government will lend cordial aid to all American firms wishing to trade with Russia.

"Even before the war Russia had established a line of steamers trading directly from Libau with New York. It will encourage more such Russian companies and will also encourage American companies trading to Russian ports."

The Russian government, the correspondent points out, is the largest single purchaser in the world. He also says that Russia offers not merely a market formerly monopolized by Germany, but an added market due to the abolition of the vodka traffic. The Russian peasant now has his vodka money to put into agricultural machinery. He has already become a more productive man, and even in this war time is a greater consumer of manufactured articles.

The London Daily News correspondent in Russia sends from Kiev the following dispatch:

"The situation in Russia from the military, economic and political points of view is better today than it has been at any other time since the first retreat of the Germans from Russian Poland.

"The country outside the war zone has suffered astonishingly little materially from the war. The purchasing

WHAT STYLE HAT DO YOU WANT?

FURNISHINGS TOO

GENTLEMEN:

YOU WANT A STYLISH. NEW HAT. DON'T YOU? THEN COME TO US.

YOU WANT YOUR UNDERWEAR, HOSE, SHIRTS AND TIES TO FIT RIGHT, FEEL RIGHT, BE RIGHT AND WEAR A LONG TIME ALSO. THEN COME TO US. TONE, STRENGTH AND A LOW PRICE FOR HIGH QUALITY IS WHAT WE GIVE YOU WHEN YOU BUY FROM US.

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FALLS CITY DEPARTMENT STORE

THE WEEK IN HISTORY

- Monday, 26.—Odd Fellows Society organized, 1819. Surrender of Johnson's army, 1865.
- Tuesday, 27.—First oil well discovered, 1858.
- Wednesday, 28.—San Francisco earthquake and fire, 1906. First steamboat in Ohio river, 1812.
- Thursday, 29.—Sewing machine patented, 1862. Joan of Arc begun siege of Orleans, 1429.
- Friday, 30.—Washington inaugurated, 1789; Louisiana purchased from France, 1803.
- Saturday, May 1. Dewey captured Manila, 1898. England and Scotland united, 1797.
- Sunday, 2.—Constitutional convention convened in Philadelphia, 1789.

AT SEVENTEEN

Portland Journal.

Kenneth Nell, aged 17, was cabin boy on the American liner Philadelphia, sailing between New York and Liverpool.

His mother was waiting to greet him as he arrived at the New York docks from a recent voyage. She wanted him to tell of his experiences at sea, and he began telling her, but went to sleep, then begged that he be allowed to rest before talking more.

The father returned from work at 7 o'clock, and aroused his son to talk to him. The boy conversed for a short time, and fell asleep again.

Until after midnight the father and mother watched over the

sleeping lad. Then they suddenly discovered that he was dead. It turned out that his sleepiness was caused by heroin, and that his death had resulted from an overdose of that deadly drug. Subsequent investigation revealed that the boy was addicted to the use of the drug, that he had acquired the habit at the public school, and that many other boys, like him, were confirmed dope fiends.

It was a sorrowful home-coming to the New York parents. It was a fearful fate to fall over a bright-eyed, promising lad of 17.

But these tragedies are all around and everywhere. The cigarette kills hundreds of fine boys to where heroin kills one. We are tumultuously vocal over the destruction of life in the European war, and properly so. But we are sweetly oblivious to the red-cheeked sturdy boys in their teens who are gradually killing their morals and killing their bodies with nicotine.

A police authority in Philadelphia recently stated that most of the crimes in that city are committed by boys of 16 to 22. Cigarette smoking by young boys is the preparation for those crimes, and preparation for the Kenneth Nells to die while unsuspecting parents watch over them while they sleep.

NOTICE

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the late Dr. W. B. Officer, are requested to settle at the Drug Store. M. L. Thompson, Administrator of the estate of W. B. Officer, deceased.