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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1919.

OREGON WEATHER

Fair in east, probably rain in west; moderate southeasterly winds.

THE GREAT EXPERIMENT

Perhaps it is just as well, after all, that the Bolsheviks are Bolsheviking the way they are in Russia. The experience must be very unpleasant for Russia, and is perturbing enough even to outsiders at this fairly safe distance, but much good may come out of it.

For the first time, the political and economic theories of Karl Marx are being put into practice literally. For the first time simon-pure socialism is having a try-out, and having it on a vast scale, with the world looking on.

Other nations may almost congratulate themselves, even now, that any nation had the rashness to tackle such a task. For though the menace still looms, already the experiment seems marked for failure, just as any clear-headed thinker, seeing facts as they are, might have foretold.

Modified types of socialism may succeed, by adapting themselves to human nature and contemporary institutions. Marxism, the dream of a mere theorist who could not even earn a living for his own family, goes against some of the deepest instincts of human nature and against unassailable facts of modern business life.

Abolishing all private property, it abolishes the principal incentive to work. At the same time it destroys credit, without which modern business cannot be conducted.

This is vital. It is mainly from the destruction of credit that the present economic paralysis has come over Russia. That paralysis, in time, will surely destroy the Bolshevik movement, unless Russians by millions choose to continue indefinitely defying facts and starving for theories.

It is an error of reason, become epidemic. Unless all the ordinary processes of sane thinking are false, it will run its course, giving way to a reaction of common sense. Marxism will then have had its day in court and been repudiated by the acid test of experience.

If it will work anywhere, it will work in Russia. If it won't work in Russia, we shall be done with it.

BIG STICK AT VERSAILLES

The peace conference has swung a big stick. No less vigorous a term will convey the vigorous intent of the five big powers in their recent warning to their scrappy little brethren who, during the armistice, have gone on fighting, each trying to grab what it wants while the grabbing looks good.

It must have been considerable of a shock to these fighting cocks to be informed that the new boundary lines will be drawn absolutely according to racial facts and merits, on principles of abstract justice, and that none of them will be allowed to retain territory seized by violence.

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since November 11. For once, possession is not "nine points of the law." It is not even one joint.

The warning applies to the Czechoslovaks, the Jugo-Slavs, the Roumanians, the Serbians, the Poles, the Greeks and various other small nationalities. It even applies to Italy, one of the big five who issued the warning, in view of her claims on the eastern side of the Adriatic and her encounters with the Jugo-Slavs who dispute her claim.

If the grabbing stops and the quarrelling nations acquiesce, the peace conference will have won a signal triumph, full of good omen for the future. It will, indeed, have exercised one of the principal functions of the forthcoming league of nations. Its action is therefore a big step toward the completion of that league and the fulfillment of the world's desire.

SEEKING SECRETS OF ARCTIC

Daring Feats That Have Been Undertaken by Both Roald Amundsen and Storker Storkerson.

Two Arctic explorers, Roald Amundsen, noted Norwegian, drifting in his ice-locked boat eastward from the Atlantic, and Storker Storkerson, lieutenant of Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Canadian explorer, floating westward from the Pacific on an ice pack, are both believed approaching the new Siberian islands, which jut out of the Arctic ocean off the mouth of the Lena river in Siberia.

No other explorers are now in the Arctic, and it is thought very likely that neither Amundsen nor Storkerson knows the other has the same goal in mind. They probably will not meet, for Storkerson is expected to arrive ahead of Amundsen and, probably will land far west of Amundsen's course.

Amundsen, the discoverer of the south pole and navigator of the difficult Northwest passage, is on the first lap of a journey to the north pole. He expects to make the last lap by airplane. Storkerson is bound back in the general direction of civilization after spending several years in the Arctic. Both are seeking new lands and studying the currents and life of the northern ocean.

When Amundsen reaches the Siberian islands the current, it is believed, will turn and carry him north. He is expected to remain with the drift until it lands him on the immovable ice far up toward the pole. There, according to his plans, he will establish a base and attempt to fly the rest of the distance to the top of the globe.

MRS. GORDON AUCHINCLOSS



Mrs. Gordon Auchincloss, daughter of Col. E. M. House, is one of the few American women in the official party of the peace conference. Her husband is with Colonel House in Europe as special assistant for the state department.

REBEL CHIEF DRIVEN TO THE MOUNTAINS

Mexico City, Jan. 18.—Hunted by government troops and with his forces decimated by hunger and influenza, Emiliano Zapata, the rebel chief, is reported to have sought refuge in inaccessible mountain fastnesses of the estate of Morelos with a small band of followers. Reports from the forces of pacification daily tell of the surrender of former Zapata adherents.

The Extreme Penalty.

George, the colored porter, was telling about a negro gambling club.

"Any tough colored gamblers ever there?"

"No suh, no tough buhds, only nice gen'men."

"Any of the boys ever get rough?"

"Oh, no suh, not much."

"Any ever pull a razor on you?"

"No, not on dis baby."

"If one did, some real tough fellow, what would you do?"

"Tuh dat man right ovah to de law."

"And supposing that he would cut you all up, just back you to bits, what would you do then?"

"In dat case dat man wud be bahd frum de club aftah dat!"

Helping Food Administrator.

One industrious war-gardener is pictured as working busily and reflecting on the virtue of raising his own food supply.

"If everybody grow his own vegetables and ate less meat," he soliloquized, "we'd put old Bill on the bum in a hurry. This is tough work, but I'll stick to it if it kills me. I'm with Hoover on this."

At this point a fine assortment of earthworms was unearthed. The digger's reflections immediately shifted to a shady stream and the final scene shows him happily fishing.

"Oh, well," he reflects to soothe his conscience, "vegetables or fish; it's all the same to Mr. Hoover."—War-Garden Guyed.

Dutch Cleanser is wonderful for black stains. During his sojourn in Holland it would be well for Wilhelm to try it on his conscience.

Table listing car models and prices: 1918 Ford, motor perfect, new tires \$450; 1918 Ford in fine shape \$425; Nearly new Ford with new Amesbilt body \$650; Ford Bug \$300; 1914 Ford \$325.

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