

ROOF of the WORLD



A Square in Kokand, Fergana.

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Continued reports from Moscow that the Soviet government is seeking to become a leader of Asiatic peoples arouse interest in Fergana, the country which was the Russian empire's deepest southeastern wedge driven into Asia, a country of deserts and oases, towering mountains and picturesque valleys, where the territories of Russian, Chinese and British almost meet.

Fergana, formerly Kokand, has numerous hills to climb, but among them two stand out. In the northern fertile valleys and oases constituting the heart of Fergana's cotton producing country, and its borders south and east reached the great low glacier which had moved slowly down through Asia, bringing its deposit of Russian dominion and culture, still hanging over both India and China.

The southern portion of Fergana is a part of Russian Kokand, with the delightful vale left over a country of high but deep valleys and towering peaks, black slopes and sparkling lakes. It is, in fact, the reverse to Kokand's climate in so far as the more rugged portions of Kokand are concerned, for it has hills over the mountain divide. It is a fact that increases the land of Fergana, which is now a part of the Russian empire.

Lefty Valleys Almost Unpopulated. It was found, when the observations of the various explorers were placed together, that the Pamirs made up an almost unpopulated country of such high altitude and severe climate that it could never be permanently inhabited. "Pamir" has been generally accepted to mean "valley at the foot of mountains," and the Pamirs, covering an area roughly 120 miles square, are a series of these characteristic valleys, their snowed from mountain high when compared to the mountains of most other lands, with snow-covered and glacier-fed peaks rising several thousand feet above them. The bottoms of practically all the Pamirs are at least 12,000 feet high and some are over 15,000.

Only a few hundred English men were living in their hamlets of felt tents, and making for the lower country, whether, India, Afghanistan, China or Russia, in the winter. For the months of the year mountains and valleys alike are wrapped in Arctic-like cold, everything covered with a heavy blanket of snow and ice.

Once Imperial Russia got possession of the Pamirs in 1885, the door was opened to the dream of every fighter about the clock of events that Nature had all along maintained. Yet it became known, though the reports credited the credibility of British explorers, that military roads were impossible terrain. They reached out from the foothills of northern Fergana through gorges and over lofty passes into the Pamirs, and over them it was not impossible to drag artillery to the very threshold of British India. Few general other than treated in general were permitted to traverse

these paths which Russian soldiers hoped would come day lead their empire still further south.

The Russians even dated the general belief that government institutions could not be established in the Pamirs, especially by people of the west, in one of the mountainous valleys, in the very heart of the Pamirs, and along their military road, they built the fort of Murghab and garrisoned it with several hundred soldiers, mostly Cossacks. During the last twenty years of the Russian empire the highest of Russian military posts was maintained without a break. Whether it constituted a practical threat to British India in general or in view of the Russian gorge and gullies to the south, but it served at least to keep alive the military and political interest between the two great empires until they ranged themselves side by side in the World War. Since Russia was not stripped of the veil of mystery from the Pamirs, and whether they will persist this far eastward, the subject of Fergana is not known to the outside world.

Divide the Waters of Asia. Though actually in a basin of average altitude and highest peaks the Pamirs region may not receive the precipitation several miles west of the divide. The divide is not a wall of rock, but a low, rolling plain. For just as a general rule, the water that falls on it flows off to the west, so the Pamirs divide the waters of Asia. From the same group of glaciers at the meeting point of India, Afghanistan and China begin headwaters that flow through the Pamirs (from westward to the east sea, the latter reaching to the Indian coast, and the latter extended toward China to the top sea).

While the southern end of Fergana is a country of rugged mountains and glaciers, the fertile valleys of the northern end constitute a central Asian Eden. Snowed-off hills and steep, steep slopes in the same growing season, were laid out over fertile plains until they died in the middle, but in the spring they made northern Fergana a garden spot of grain and fruits, and after the Russians came, of produce of various kinds. The cotton produced in these and neighboring Fergana came before the World War, was greater than that of India or Egypt and second only to that of the United States.

In Fergana and its neighboring countries of central Asia there was undoubtedly a very early development of civilization, even though they may not have been, as some students have asserted, the cradle of the human race, and probably there the art of irrigation was practiced as early as anywhere in the world.

Like all other regions of central Asia Fergana felt the touch of Genghis Khan and Timur. It was overthrown, then, from the Chinese Tartars, which he fought in the east. When Mohammedan rule came, it was conquered by the Arabs and the people here have been followers of the prophet.

Russian dominion came slowly to Fergana, then the Khivans of Fergana. After the more western portions of the Transcaspian region were taken, the Pamirs, Russian army finally conquered the fertile Tashkent Tatars who blocked the way to Fergana's fertile valleys. It was not until 1885 that the snow-capped, black glacier had engulfed the southern territory of the old Khivans.

With the Russians came expanding ability, development, railroad property, and a centering at least of western civilization. To the north of the divide, at the foot of the Pamirs, stood at the heart of Asia, ran the modern express from Peking, with their sleeping cars and special dining. And a few miles south began the military roads that led to the Pamirs in the mountainous Pamirs.

The British way of that the control of Fergana all of that of the neighboring regions. But by force of arms and diplomacy they have won it back after a fashion.

Broadest Notes

Mr. Schriber was in Broadest being telephone wires the first of the week. Everett Robbins went through with him to Posters one day.

The "Melrose Glenn" basket ball team played the Broadest team Saturday, Feb. 7. The score, 17 to 15, was in favor of the boy team. Waldo Hartley was their referee.

Those receiving an "H" in Spelling last month were: Andy Newman, Dorothy Warner, Margaret Lever, Nel Lee, Dorothy and Mary Elin Hartley, Fanny Nelson and Lucy Gibbs.

Mr. E. L. Robin and daughter, Genevieve, spent the week end in Myrtle Point, visiting relatives.

NOTICE TO REMOVE LOGS

The following marks are on logs, which came on my place on Coquille river near Ilwaco during high water in 1924, and the owners are notified to remove them at once:

- Circle R, 2 cedar; circle M, 1 fir; 3 cedar; circle AC, 1 cedar; circle FL, 3 cedar; 3 fir; circle Mc, 5 cedar, 3 fir; DS, 7 cedar; EN, 2 cedar; circle K, 1 cedar, 5 fir; square FX, 2 fir; crescent in square, 5 cedar; F above C & C in oblong, 1 cedar; star in circle, 9 cedar, 2 fir; 189 trident in square, 3 cedar; 1-2-3-4 in circle, 1 fir; EN, 1 cedar; circle FH, 3 cedar; triangle S, 1 cedar; GH 2 cedar; 5 reverse J, 1 cedar; triangle F, 1 cedar; H, 1 cedar; PLQ trident, 1 cedar; LQ, 3 cedar; EN, 2 cedar; circle star AK, 3 cedar; circle K, 1 fir; circle FE, 1 fir; cross below oblong, 1 fir; R, 1 fir; circle A, 1 cedar, 1 fir; circle T, 1 fir; circle trident T K, 3 cedar.

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Anna M. Rooney, Administrator of the Estate of Mary Hennek, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Highway Construction, Coos County, Oregon.

Special bids for the construction of Highway No. 100 to Station 82 plus 90, in Coos County, Oregon, will be received by the County Clerk of said County at his office in the Court House, Coquille, Oregon, until 10 A. M., on the Twenty-first day of February, 1925.

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by cash, builder's bond, or certified check for an amount equal to at least 5 per cent. of the total amount of the bid.

A corporate surety bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum equal to the total amount of the bid. Special blanks and full information for bidders may be obtained at the office of the County Clerk of said County, or at the office of the Roadmaster, in the Court House, Coquille, Oregon.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for said County.

CLERK OF COURT OF COOS COUNTY, R. H. Mast, County Judge, W. A. Gilbert, County Abstractor.

NOTICE

Real Estate & Co., Portland, Oregon, and, to whom it may concern. Notice is hereby given that J. Y. M. Hennek, County Treasurer of Coos County, Oregon, will within thirty days from the date of this notice, receive and pay School Bond No. 3 issued by School Dist. No. 40, Coos County, Oregon, and dated Sept. 24, 1924.


This Bond will be paid at the National Bank Building, New York City, and shall be released being for the sum of Five hundred dollars.

No interest will be allowed on this bond after the 1st day of March, 1925. Dated at Coquille, Oregon, this 20th day of Jan. 1925.

J. Y. Hennek, County Treasurer.

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1925, Robert E. Watson, Administrator of the estate of Alfred F. Linegar, Deceased, will sell the hereinafter described real estate, subject to encumbrance and requiring confirmation by the County Court of Coos County, State of Oregon, on the following terms, i. e. for Cash.

Such bids may be made in writing to said Robert E. Watson at the office of his Attorney, S. D. Pulford, in the Robinson Building in Coquille, Oregon. Such real property shall be sold in one parcel.

Such real property is described as follows:

The Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter and Lot Four (4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Thirteen (13) West of the Willamette Meridian, in Coos County, Oregon.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1925.

Robert E. Watson, Administrator.
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