

FAKE MURDERS AN INDUSTRY IN NEW RUSSIA

Posing as Assassins of Officials Highly Profitable Occupation—Heroized by People, Fakirs Make Rich Hauls Before Discovery—Terrorists Acclaimed Martyrs.

PETROGRAD, June 20 (correspondence of the Associated Press).—Among the novelties which Russia's revolution has presented to the world is the profession of fake assassination. In other countries only persons suffering from hallucinations claim to have committed murders of which they are innocent. Here, as a result of the Nicholas overthrow, posing as an assassin is a highly profitable, if transitory, branch of business.

Terrorists released from Siberian convict jails and exile villages are naturally made heroes of. They are given free train accommodations, free dinners and gifts of money. When they reach their native towns they are acclaimed as martyrs of liberty, and receive offers of marriage from attractive and wealthy young women. As a result of this novel condition, many enterprising citizens whose hands are innocent of anything grimmer than mud or ink, are posing as murderers of despotic officials. Women, as well as men, are entering the profession.

Fake Murders.

In Minsk has been arrested Catherine Smirnov, who announced that she had murdered M. Ivanoff, governor of Odessa, and described with pathos her sufferings in the Arctic wastes of Yakutsk. Smirnov levied tribute and was presented with bouquets. An unkindly inquirer discovered that Odessa had never a governor named Ivanoff, and further, that Catherine Smirnov has posed in Odessa as a sister of mercy, and after swindling seventy charitable citizens had been expelled by the authorities.

In the same city a healthy young man, who described himself as a soldier-volunteer, claimed he was arrested in the street under orders from Governor General Piliu. To a sympathizing crowd he denounced the general.

Accused General.

"I am the innocent and unhappy man," he said, "the peaceful citizen who you sent to a convict prison without trial. Our committee has ordered you to be sent to the front, but in view of your bad health we shall show some mercy."

In vain General Piliu explained that he had never sentenced any innocent man. He was hauled by the mob to the militia office. The Odessa Dryfus meantime collected money and fled. The militia at once released the general.

From Siberia, which a Russian proverb described as the "Land of Credulity," similar cases are reported.

TEXAS GOVERNOR BORROWED \$15,000

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 8.—A brief reference to transactions by Governor James H. Ferguson with the Temple State bank and the First National Bank of Temple was followed at today's hearing of Speaker Fuller's charges against the governor, by the reading of documents relating to official action taken by the governor on legislation, and the retention of C. W. Woodman as state labor commissioner, after his nomination had been refused confirmation by the senate. H. E. Downs, vice-president of the First National bank, testified about some hours made to Governor Ferguson by his bank in 1913. The governor gave three notes for \$5000 each to mature in 1914, 1915 and 1916. Mr. Downs said.

UNITED MINE WORKERS SUPPORT WAR POLICY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The United Mineworkers of America are in hearty accord with President Wilson in his war policy, William Diamond of that organization and Jas. Lord of the mining branch of the American Federation of Labor, told the president today at the white house.

NEW MINISTRY UNSATISFACTORY TO SOCIALISTS

Socialist Leader Scheidemann Demands, in Interest of Peace, the Speedy Substitution for Michaelis' Cabinet of a Government Really Representing Will of People.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 8.—Philip Scheidemann, socialist member of the German reichstag, in a speech delivered at Mannheim, Baden, before 6000 people, demanded in the interest of peace the speedy substitution for the present government of Chancellor Michaelis of a government really representing the will of the German people.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 8.—German socialists will oppose the newly constituted government at Berlin on principle, the socialist newspaper Vorwaerts declares in its comment on the ministerial appointments.

"Persons so foolish as to expect a great gain in the direction of a parliamentary regime," says the Catholic newspaper Germania, "will naturally be disappointed." But it expresses the opinion that the presence of Catholic representatives in the government greatly improves the system.

"It appears that Dr. Spahn, leader of the Catholic center party in the reichstag, will be forced to retire from parliamentary life on account of his appointment as Prussian minister of justice. He must resign his seat owing to the constitutional proviso on accepting the portfolio, but it is asserted there is nothing to prevent his standing for reelection. He will accordingly do this tho he cannot become a member of the bundesrat.

August Worms, leader of the Flemish movement in Belgium, said in an interview in the Berlin Tageblatt, the aim of the movement was the re-establishment of Belgium as a dual monarchy of Flanders and Walloonia under the personal union of King Albert. Herr Worms took Austria-Hungary as a model for free Flanders.

TWO REGIMENTS WILL NOW MAKE A DIVISION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—A reorganization of American army units, under which the division totalling 28,000 men, found unwieldy for service on European battlefields, is abandoned for the continental unit of about 19,000 men, has been ordered by the war department.

Under the new plan a division will include only two infantry brigades of two regiments each, in place of three brigades of three regiments each under the old system. Many other organization changes are made, including a material increase in the artillery and machine gun strength of each division. The cavalry regiment now included in each division is detached, a new trench mortar battery is added and the old army corps plant, abandoned after the Civil war, is again put in operation.

The sixteen divisions of the National Guard, as now constituted, will be re-aligned in conformity with the new plan after the guardsmen reach their training camps.

SEA AIRCRAFT BUILDING IS HURRIED BY U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Construction of an aircraft factory at the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, to cost approximately \$1,000,000 and to be completed in 100 days, was ordered today by Secretary Daniels. The plant will employ 2,000 workers and will be capable of producing a thousand small planes yearly.

The navy's air program is a separate undertaking from the great \$440,000,000 aircraft act. A large sum for naval aircraft production is understood to be still available from recent appropriations and Mr. Daniels has asked congress for additional funds for the purpose and hopes he will be supplied by the time payment for the new factory must be made.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—Mandel Bernstein, a Russian, 29, was sentenced to six months in the county jail here today by Federal Judge Morrow for failure to register for the selective draft. Bernstein pleaded guilty.

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ARIZONA SLACKERS GET YEAR IN PRISON

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 8.—Thirty-five Molokans, members of a Russian religious sect, settled at Glendale, were sentenced to one year in prison by Judge Sawtelle today for failure to obey the president's proclamation requiring aliens to register under the draft law.

KERENSKY MAY BREAK DOWN UNDER STRAIN

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The health of Alexander F. Kerensky, Russia's man of the hour, is a matter of grave concern to his friends and associates, according to members of an English delegation which has just returned from Petrograd. Premier Kerensky's health was none too good when he took office and the strain since has been not only constant, but probably heavier than that of any other statesman in the world today. His friends say that only his tremendous will power and nervous energy have kept him going so long.

Those who have seen the brilliant Russian leader in the last few weeks describe his face as being haggard and drawn, his figure emaciated, his voice still strong and vibrant, but speech marred by frequent coughing, and his eyes brilliant, but not with the brilliance of ruddy health.

"If Kerensky can only hold out," is the phrase more and more frequently heard among his friends and admirers, indicating their dread of his physical collapse and what that would mean to the destinies of free Russia.

RED CROSS TO USE MILLION POUNDS WOOL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—One million pounds of knitting wool to be knitted by American women into garments to protect American soldiers and sailors from cold this winter have been purchased by the Red Cross. It is to be distributed to Red Cross warehouses and sold to the chapters throughout the United States, the proceeds to be turned back into the treasury of the Red Cross and made available for other work.

When worked into finished shape, the material will represent over \$2,000,000 yarn value and \$5,700,000 value in the time and effort of American women.

SEND AMERICANS TO RUSSIA SAYS LEWIS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Predictions that the next American troops to go abroad will be sent to strengthen the Russian lines was made in the senate today by Senator Lewis of Illinois.

"The next legions of our men to go forth," said he, "will be to Russia, to support the loyal Russian armies now fighting under the principles of our making. To these shattered, but struggling, people we must go with food and supplies and also with our men."

ROOT PREDICTS REPUBLIC

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commission to be among the outstanding needs of Russia.

Situation Hopeful.

"The situation is very hopeful," Mr. Root said. "America's entrance into the war has had a good effect. The morale of the Russian people is good, and altogether I should say the outlook is encouraging."

Charles Edward Russell, another member of the mission, who recently withdrew from the socialist party in this country, declared vigorously that the chief duty of the United States is to convince the Russian people that the United States is in the war to the finish.

"I cannot emphasize too strongly," Mr. Russell said, "that this country should present a united front. The Russian people are not united at the present time, but they are in such a frame of mind that they easily can be united if the American people only will convince them that this nation stands solidly behind its allies in this war, and will not falter. The newspapers of the United States have a great duty to perform in showing the situation in this country as it really is. Talk of peace at this time and arguments against sending our boys to France is utterly wrong. We must go thru this war to the end, and our citizens might as well make up their minds to that effect. Slacker, peace and home guard talk has no place in this situation at present."

Rapid Improvement.

"I am greatly encouraged by conditions in Russia. They are becoming better all the time. Even during

the four weeks that I was in Petrograd I noticed a great change. I spent virtually all of that time with the workmen's council, which is really the government of Russia, and I know that the people are gradually getting behind the government more strongly each day. Of course, they are a sentimental and peculiar people, but they are anxious to make a fight for the right, and if we will do our share they certainly will do theirs. The whole question of the future of Russia now lies with the United States."

James Duncan, who represented organized labor on the mission, expressed the opinion that development of railroad facilities is the greatest problem now facing the Russian people. Conditions in all other lines will work out well, he said, if the transportation problem is solved.

"All Russia needs is better transportation facilities to move troops, munitions, etc.," said Duncan. "They have plenty of munitions on hand, and if they can solve the railroad problem they will fight like —"

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PAGE MAKER CAR OF DEFENSE LEAGUE ON COAST TRIP

SEATTLE, Aug. 8.—Bearing a letter from Mayor Todd of Victoria, B. C., to Governor Cantu of Lower California, the pacemaker car of the Pacific Coast Defense League, left the Canadian boundary at Blaine, Washington, this morning for a flying trip along the coast.

The purpose of the trip is to map a military highway which will provide an all-year route north and south, the only highway now being closed during the winter and spring months. The information is being gathered at the request of the federal government.

By pre-arrangement with the officials of the counties thru which the car will pass, the speed laws are to be forgotten along most of the route. The fire chief of Bellingham will set the pace thru that city and automobile detachments of police will accompany the flyers thru Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and other large cities en route. There will be no stops except to take on oil and gasoline. Hal E. Stone, San Francisco is the driver. He is accompanied by R. W. Emerson secretary of the Pacific Coast Defense League.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Edwards are tourists visiting in the city from Fordale, California.

RED CROSS OFFICIALS SERVING ABROAD TO WEAR UNIFORM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Officials of the Red Cross and probably those of the Young Men's Christian association serving with the American army in Europe, will wear the American uniform.

Henry P. Davidson, chairman of the Red Cross war council, and W. H. Taft, chairman of the central committee, will be recognized as major generals, should they cross the Atlantic. Lesser rank will be conferred upon lesser officials. Members of Mr. Davidson's committee and Mr. Taft's committee will be given rank of brigadier generals.

Operations of the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. are being hampered because its officials in Europe do not receive the recognition accorded to wearers of uniforms. Their commissions will be signed by the secretary of war, but will confer no military authority, obligations or rights. They are intended merely as certificates of identification and of an indication of confidence of the government.

New Federal Officials

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Thomas Corbally was nominated today by President Wilson for receiver of public moneys at Great Falls, Montana, and John W. Stedman to be postmaster at Wrangell, Alaska.

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