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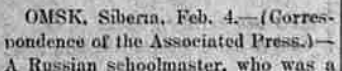
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OMSK, Siberia, Feb. 4.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A Russian schoolmaster, who was a prisoner of war in Germany, and who has arrived at Omsk, has given the newspaper Zarva a narrative of his experiences since reaching Russia which throws considerable light on the conditions in the Bolshevik zones of Russia.

At first they were received with animosity but later the Bolshevik organized propagandist bureaus where socialistic literature was distributed to the prisoners in an attempt to convert them to Bolshevism.

The schoolmaster said that the discipline in the Bolshevik army is exceedingly rigorous. For the least infraction the soldiers are shot. The privileged class in the red army is made up of Magyars, Letts and sailors.

The Bolsheviks, the returned prisoners said, attribute great importance to their so-called "spying orators," who secretly remain behind in towns evacuated by the red guard and try to corrupt and win over the troops of the Russian national army.

TEXAS OIL BOOM TOWN BURNS: LOSS \$100,000

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 7.—The heart of Ranger, built over night when the oil boom started here a year ago, was destroyed by fire at midnight Sunday, but the loss will not exceed \$100,000 because all the buildings were of frame. Work of replacement was begun this morning.

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THE CRISIS IN PARIS.

THE supreme crisis in Paris has come. Within the week it will probably be decided whether or not world peace is possible.

The allies are now sailing between the Charybdis of Bolshevism and the Scylla of an unsatisfactory peace. During the past week France undoubtedly delivered some sort of ultimatum.

Lloyd George publicly assured France of England's assistance and support not only for the present but for the future.

The conflict must be fought out, one way or another, in the next few days. Russia is preparing a big offensive in the north, what was Austria-Hungary appears to be committed irrevocably to Bolshevism.

Just how much of this Bolshevik talk is genuine, and how much merely political bunk, to weaken the resolution of the peace delegates, it is impossible from this distance to determine.

And with this knowledge at hand, further delay in closing up the peace negotiations, is inexcusable. More than that, it is suicidal. If by pressing the claims of France, however just from a theoretical standpoint, there is real danger of throwing Germany and Austria into the arms of the Russian cut throats, and destroying civilization throughout Europe, then, it is obvious self interest, not only on the part of France's allies, but France herself, to modify those claims, and secure, at once, some sort of understanding with the present German government.

On the other hand if the Bolshevik agitation is merely another form of insidious and treacherous German propaganda, then, France's just claims should at once be accepted, the peace terms presented, and the ten million soldiers on the western front, called into action, to enforce them. The peace delegates must know. And knowing they must act.

Time is now as important a factor as it was in the spring of 1918 when Ludendorff was breaking through toward the channel ports. Every hour of delay makes the allied situation that much more desperate.

The Bavarian farmers show excellent sense in refusing to give up food if a Bolshevik government is established. Russia has shown that under such a government a little something stored in the larder is necessary.

Now comes the season when the busy housewife draws aside the window curtains each morning and speculates on how long it will be before the smudging season is over and she can do her spring housecleaning.

Speaking of a tornado has one ever occurred where a baby was not taken up like a sky rocket and deposited softly in a hay stack without so much as barking the epidermis of its nose?

The greatest commercial use of the aeroplane according to an eastern expert will be in mail and express delivery. How about joy riding after July, 1919?

Among the many benefits of the Elks' minstrels will be those enjoyed the day after by the local laundries.

How to Eradicate the Bolsheviki at Home

"Bolshevism in the last analysis is the protest of the lower classes of society against what they conceive to be the oppression of those occupying a higher plane. It is the attempt of the peasantry to cast off the yoke of hunger, discouraging taxation, and enforced military service under which they have been struggling in Europe for years, and to give themselves the privileges they have seen enjoyed by the various grata of society above them.

The ground has been prepared for years for the outbreak of Bolshevism in Russia. Autocratic rulers, crushing taxation, no attempt to alleviate the condition of the working class—all contributed to a state of social unrest which needed but a spark to start a general uprising among the masses.

Why the Senate Should Consider League of Nations Pact

Extract from Ellhu Root's Letter Approving League of Nations With Certain Amendments.

I am sure that all of us earnestly desire that there shall be an effective international organization to preserve the peace of the world, and that our country shall do its full share toward the establishment and maintenance of such an organization.

This seems to be the general view. Mr. Taft who joined the president in advocating the agreement says it ought to be amended almost as strongly as his former secretary of state, Senator Knox says the same thing.

A discussion of the merits and faults of the scheme with a view to amendment is now the regular order of business. It was to give an opportunity for such a discussion that the paper was reported to the Paris conference and made public by the committee that prepared it.

At the time of the report, Lord Robert Cecil, who represented Great Britain in the committee, said: "I rejoice very much that the course which has been taken this afternoon has been pursued. It seems to me a good omen for the great project in which we are engaged that before its final completion it should have been published to the world and laid before all its people for their service and for their criticism."

Signore Orlando, who represented Italy, said: "We all expect from the discussion and development of the present act a renewal of the whole world, but as the present debate has for its object to bring the whole scheme before the public opinion of the world, I wish to bring to that debate my personal contribution."

M. Leon Bourgeois, who represented France in the committee, said: "Lord Robert Cecil has said, 'We now present to the conference and to the world the result of our work'; but we do not present it as something that is final, but only as the result of an honest effort to be discussed and to be examined not only by this conference, but the public opinion of the world."

If any of those conditions are present at any point then danger threatens at that place. The causes for discontent whether from governmental autocracy or otherwise, must be ascertained and eradicated; it is imperative that the price of food be brought down to the lowest possible level; and employment found for every able-bodied man.

Beavers Warning Up. LOS ANGELES, April 7.—The Portland team of the Coast League are here today for the opening game tomorrow, had a light practice at Washington Park this afternoon but did nothing in the line of work.

NEW MINISTER TO DENMARK?



Hapgood, who is reported slated for the post of minister to Denmark to succeed Dr. Maurice Egan, was for nine years editor of Collier's Weekly, and then for three years of Harper's. He is now editing a page in Leslie's, in which he is given free rein for the expression of opinion, the publishers disclaiming responsibility for his writings, and there's nothing reactionary about what he writes.

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Silver Threads. "Darling, I am coming back, Silver threads among the black. Now that peace in Europe nears, I'll be home in seven years."

Heavy Blizzard in Dakota. DEADWOOD, S. D., April 7.—The heaviest snowstorm of the season is sweeping over this section today. Two and one-half feet of snow had fallen up to noon, tying up train traffic.

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VONLUDENDORFF IS BLAMED BY KRUPP FOR LOSS OF WAR

BERLIN, March 11.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Revelations of the "stupidity and cunning" of German newspaper censorship which for more than four years obsessed 70,000,000 people with the hope of an impossible victory, hid from them the news of Prussian defeats and at last contributed to the downfall of the structure of pretense it had raised, are brought out here in a remarkable pamphlet said to have been inspired by Dr. Wilhelm Mushlon, formerly director of the Krupp works, whose expose of Germany in 1918 as the real instigator of the war; sent him into voluntary exile in Switzerland.

The former head of the great munition plant at Essen who possessed complete information as to the operations of the military authorities here declared that "there was hardly a day during all the long war when the editorial offices of the German daily press were not honored by the receipt of confidential communications, orders and prohibitions from the censorship authorities, calculated to limit free expression of opinion on the most vital questions and ultimately to throttle it."

The Germans, for instance, were never to be charged with conducting a "ruthless" U-boat war but rather an "unlimited" or "boundless" war. Descriptions of devastation in France and Belgium were forbidden and all references to barbarism and wanton destruction were taboo, with the significant expression: "The army knows when to use force and when to be mild."

Loss of the war was charged by the former Krupp expert to two grave mistakes by Von Ludendorff, described as "the brains of the German army," in his failure first, correctly to estimate the wonderful possibilities of the American troop transport record and his false assumption that Marshal Foch's reserve army had ceased to exist in June, 1918. Ludendorff, he said, gambled with the existence of Germany. He was like a looney in a long race who forced his horse far ahead of the rest of the field and who, toward the end when the others began to gain when their carefully reserved strength, used "whip and spurs in a desperate effort to win, virtually killed his mount and yet lost after all."

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