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SEMINOFF TIRED OF FIGHTING RED FORCES IN SIBERIA

TOKIO.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.) Nothing but a real and self-expressed desire on the part of the peasants and masses of the people of Siberia to overthrow Bolshevism will induce Ataman Semionov to take up arms once more against the troops of Moscow or its allied government of the Russian Far Eastern Republic in Chita says General Nikolai Sukin, chief of staff of the disbanded Semionov forces who has arrived in Tokio after a conference with the fallen leader in Mukden.

In spite of the fact that General Sukin brought with him and presented to Ataman a petition signed by some 80,000 refugees from Siberia now in Mongolia which urged their former "Battle Leading Headman" not to cease the fight against the Red forces, Semionov will take no initiative nor will he recross the border to the north unless and until he is thoroughly convinced that most of the people in Asian Russia have experienced a thorough revision of feeling against their present government, says the general. If such an event should come to pass, Semionov would have a potential armed force of approximately 135,000 men, according to the estimates of his chief of staff, whereas the high water mark of his army in the past was but 45,000 of whom only approximately 20,000 could be counted as actual combatants.

General Sukin, who was twice imprisoned by the Bolshevik forces after his return from the German front following the dissolution of the Czarist government, who commanded an army corps under Admiral Kolchak and who made the march from Omsk to Transbaikalia with the Kappel forces, claims to be in as close touch as possible with the sources of communication throughout Russia.

He predicts the downfall of bolshevism, discrediting its administration of his home country and attributes to it all the ills from which Russia is now suffering. The bulk of the people he says are "fastened to the earth," are "buried alive," are "submitting to the rule of force produced by a moral inertia, bred of centuries of oppression, first by the ancient Tartars, then by the Tsarist landlords and police forces and now by the Bolshevik dictators, who are using all of the old methods of oppression but are even more unscrupulous than those who have gone before."

Semionov's desire, says General Sukin, is not to restore the old regime but to overthrow sovietism and communism in the hope of substituting some better and more just form of government.

NEW YORK IS ALARMED OVER SLEEP SICKNESS

NEW YORK, Mar.—Health authorities in New York and other cities along the Atlantic coast, are making strong efforts to cope with the disease of sleeping sickness or encephalitis lethargica which is reported as unusually prevalent this year. While stating that the malady should not cause public alarm, the medical boards have warned that it should not be underestimated.

As an evidence of the renewed sweep of the peculiar epidemic, reports for the first seven weeks of 1921 indicate more than 218 cases in New York city, of which 25 per cent were fatal. During 1920, a total of 400 cases were reported in this city with the death toll comparatively small.

The most important step taken in the war on the disease was the move in several states in making sleeping sickness reportable. This has been done in Massachusetts and New York. In New York several health officials admit they are up against a baffling problem.

Various versions as to the source and ravages of the disease have been offered. Health Commissioner Copeland, of New York, believes the disease is not contagious in the ordinary sense.

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The story pictures the vivid experiences that came to Faith Merrill (Mae Murray), the daughter of a South Sea island pearl smuggler after she leaves the islands where her life had been one of sheltered innocence.

The departure from the island of Dion Holme (David Powell), the man she has come to love, and the subsequent murder of her father, cause her to leave the island via a wandering burlesque troupe headed for London. There she runs the gamut of London life but finally goes back to the peace and sweetness of the island in the South Seas, with her lover.

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TAHITI NOT SUCH A PARADISE AS FICTION DEPICTS

PAPETE, Tahiti, Mar.—Dissemination of literature about Tahiti and the neighboring islands falsely picturing them as Utopias of unbridled license and no work, is bearing fruit in the arrival here of people of little or no resources, who it is predicted, soon will be bothering their respective consuls for help.

Most of the writings about Tahiti are pleasant reading for one who would spend a winter evening by a gas log fire and allow his imagination to ramble on a holiday. It is for these people that the books and articles are written.

But the reader, who takes the writings seriously faces disappointment when he spends several hundred dollars to get to a place where, according to the book, a golden brown maiden will gather him to her bosom and fish and cook for him, while he reclines in the cool shade in silk pajamas.

Men arriving here without funds are, in the language of the islands, "on the beach" and must depend upon some chance ship offering them opportunity to work passage to some other point, for the Tahitian native, after 150 years acquaintance with the white man, has formed an opinion in regard to that majestic being that would not look well in print. "The hospitality of the natives has been so abused in the past that now only sound coin buys his favors."

To characterize the islands as sinks of debauchery is not in accord with the facts. The islands are beautiful and romantic and being in constant communication with the outer world by wireless and steamer, are well formed and civilized. The trading companies are thoroughly organized on modern lines and economic conditions offer little opportunity to the outsider.

LOVER KILLS GIRL WHO FAILS IN SUICIDE EFFORT

BRUSSELS.—The question whether one person is guilty of a crime in hastening the death of another who is suffering from a mortal wound has been decided in the negative here in the case of a married man who shot and killed a girl who had attempted to commit suicide. His plea was that she was dying and that he killed her rather than to watch her suffer. He was arrested but acquitted of the charge of murder by the Ibrahant court of assizes.

The man in the case was Jerome Hermans, 32 years old and the girl was Celine Vandrek, age 18. They had a love affair and the attempt at suicide resulted. The shooting occurred in the Bois de Cambre, Brussels' largest public park.
"Celine ran from the path into a thicket," said Hermans. "I heard a shot and ran after her. She had shot herself in the temple but was still alive. I could not see her suffer and I took her revolver and shot her in the back of the neck. Then she was still, and I shot myself."
Hermans recovered from his wound and was in prison for eight months until acquitted. Medical testimony given at the trial was to the effect that the girl's suicidal wound ultimately would have been fatal.

GET EDUCATION OUT OF POLITICS IS CLAXTON'S PLEA

WASHINGTON.—Politics and education don't mix. P. P. Claxton, federal commissioner of education, contends. Their association in state school systems is bad for both, he finds and the sooner they are permanently divorced "the better it will be for education and all that is dependent on it."

"Our political parties do not differ in regard to educational principles or practices any more than they do in regard to the ten commandments and the moral code," the commissioner said in a statement arguing the point. Wise and effective administration of a system of public schooling that has "just grown up" like Topsy, but now involves an average expenditure of \$25,000,000 a year by each state, requires ability and devotion, he said, and should be "wholly separate from and independent of partisan politics."

To reach this end, the commission outlined a uniform system which might be adopted, he said, in all states. This would include a non-partisan, non-professional elected or appointed state board of education, "made up of men and women of affairs" and representing fairly all sections of the state. The seven or nine members would serve seven or nine year terms with one term expiring each year. No member to be eligible to reappointment in order to bring in new blood. Members would be non-removable except for cause and the board would elect its own chairman and its members receive a "liberal" per diem instead of salary. "Large salaries," Mr. Claxton said, "would tempt members to try and earn their salaries by meddling with executive details properly belonging to employees of the board" and, he added, would attract "men and women of small ability" to the jobs.

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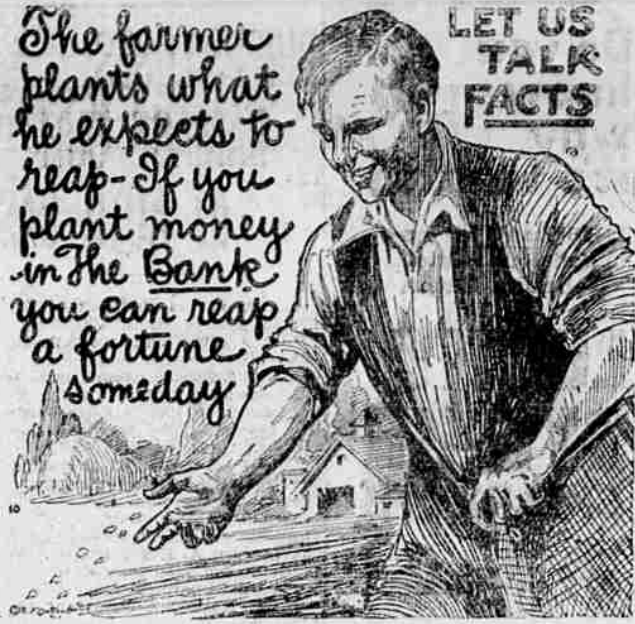
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