

### BALKAN PEASANTS GET POOR LIVING

#### How People Exist on Meagre Food Mystery to American Visitors

BELGRADE, Serbia.—To the American visitor, accustomed to the ordinary comforts of life, it is a constant source of wonderment how the peasants and poor of the Balkans are able to exist on the meagre food they have. Corn bread of poor quality, supplemented with goat's cheese or ordinary leek or onions, forms the diet of a large part of the village population. This slender regimen produces robust bodies, strong muscles and rosy cheeks. The old adage that bread is the staff of life finds its best proof here.

On the whole, the poor of the Balkan countries have an unusually hard lot in life. Their poverty is practically permanent. Their plight seems to excite little sympathy from those who are well off. There is a calloused indifference to the suffering of the poor which strikes an American as almost heartless. In few if any of the Balkan states does the government make any provision for the care of the poor. This work in the past has been left largely to foreign relief agencies and private charitable organizations.

The eight-hour working day so common in the United States is unknown in the rural districts of the Balkans. The peasant works from sunrise until after dark. He is so bent and weather-scattered that he looks twice his age after 30. In some cases he belongs to nomadic tribes, leading an existence unknown in the country districts of America. At night one often passes whole wagon loads of them on the road going from town to town. Every man is asleep in the top of his load, and is not disturbed by thoughts or burglars or highwaymen.

The peasant removes his hat to every one better dressed than himself and gets his coat off the road for every automobile that passes. He is a simple, honest, home-loving person with much homely virtue. The peasant women have enormous families of children, about half of whom survive—ever survive the rigors of child-life in the extreme conditions that prevail in the Balkans.

### UNIVERSITY FOR SCHOOL BEAUTY

#### Plans Call for Improvement of Grounds

(Special to The Star)  
CHAPEL HILL, Oct. 26.—Ugly school buildings and bleak school grounds will be a thing of the past in North Carolina if the bureau of extension of the University of North Carolina has its way. The bureau has organized a division of design and improvement of school grounds and has set to work to help schools all over the state make the most of their surroundings.

At the head of the division will be Dr. W. C. Coker, Kenan professor of botany at the university and director of the university arboretum. Miss Eleanor Hoffman will serve as secretary and field worker.

Dr. Coker has had experience in beautification. The present arboretum at the university, by all odds the most beautiful section of the campus, is a monument to his work. A few years ago it was a swamp; now it is filled with rare trees and shrubs, systematically arranged, an object lesson in what can be done very easily. The new Presbyterian church grounds in Chapel Hill are also partly his work.

The division will issue a bulletin which will contain more than twenty designs of actual and imaginary school grounds, together with photographs of illustrative plantings from various parts of the university arboretum, private grounds, mills, community houses; also plans of walks, arbors and other beautifying agencies. The text of the bulletin will consist of suggestions as to planting, descriptions of trees, shrubs and flowers, all picked out for various kinds of climates and parts of the state.

Miss Hoffman, the field worker, will be available, the bureau announces, for trips to communities or schools that wish advice and suggestions for design. No charge will be made for her work beyond the traveling expenses. The bulletin will be available to anyone.

The Tar Heel, student newspaper at the university, thinks that university politics ought to come out in the open and that there ought to be more political fights made after the fashion of real fights waged in the state and nation. Recently, the freshmen waged the most widely advertised campaign for class officers that the campus has seen in many years. Time was and not so many years ago, that a freshman election meant a single meeting away off somewhere far from the sophomore and at that the meeting was apt to be raised by upper classes. But this year the campus looked on and laughed when the youngsters posted the town with signs, slogans and appeals for particular candidates. "A good political campaign waged above-board is valuable in the training it will furnish," editorialized The Tar Heel. "What's better to test men than an open contest of any sort? That's all politics is."

**RUSSIA RATIFIES PEACE**  
LONDON, Oct. 26.—Ratification of the preliminary peace treaty between Poland and Bolshevik Russia was voted by the All-Russian Soviet, according to a wireless message from Moscow.

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Miss Catharine Mulqueen, the charming young prima donna who has the title role in "Irene," coming to the Hayden Opera House matinee and night Saturday, Oct. 30th.

### ENGLISH TAUGHT IN SERBIAN SCHOOLS

#### Language Now Made Compulsory Study in Advanced Studies in Country

BELGRADE, Serbia, Oct. 26.—English is being introduced throughout the schools of Serbia. It is now made a compulsory subject in the normal schools. The first courses in English, which were inaugurated in Belgrade a year ago under an American teacher, Dr. James Wilde, of Chicago, have yielded such excellent results that the government has decided to make the language a part of the curricula of all schools.

Heretofore the dominating language of the Serbians, apart from their native tongue, has been German. The Germans were quick to see the advantages of introducing their language as a means of acquainting the school children with the ways and customs of the German people. The pupils were given little chance of acquiring the things that go to make up the life and culture of Anglo-Saxon civilization.

A very large proportion of Serbia's school teachers were killed in war, 800 having died during the Bulgarian occupation. Scores of school buildings were destroyed, and most of the school books printed in the Serbian language were deliberately confiscated and burned by the Bulgars. Even Bibles were carried off, the object of the Bulgarians being to displace all books in the Serbian language with publications in their own tongue.

Notwithstanding these disasters, out of 2,100 schools in Serbia, nearly 2,000 have reopened. So great is the thirst for education in Serbia that it is a common thing for children in the country districts to leave their homes before daybreak and walk for several hours to reach school, not returning home until late in the evening. The school buildings, owing to the ravages of war, often are without window panes, heating, desks, books and even writing material.

So great is the shortage of teachers and the influx of pupils that the former have to work from dawn until night, taking their classes in "fe-lays."

**THINK BELGIAN BAG WON**  
NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Officials of the Aero Club of America today conceded that the Gordon Bennett international trophy for free balloons had been won by the Belgian entry "Belgica," piloted by two Belgian army officers, Lieutenants De Muyter and Labrousse.

### ALL WRONG WAS HER LIVER

#### Before Taking Black-Draught, Missouri Lady Was Troubled With Constipation, Head-ache and Bad Taste in Mouth.

GRANDIN, Mo.—Mrs. Susa Brooks, of this place, writes: "Some time ago I was in a bad fix, with stomach and liver trouble. I did not feel good at any time. I was very constipated, and had headaches from this condition, and had a continual hurting in my stomach, and bad taste in the mouth. Could tell my liver was all wrong. "I had known of Black-Draught, so decided to try it myself. I began with a large dose or doses, gradually getting to smaller doses. It regulated my bowels, relieved me of the hurting in my stomach, cleaned off my liver and made me feel like a new person."

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### ASSERTS HARDING FAVORS SOVIET

MOSCOW, Sept. 25.—England, by breaking off negotiations with Leo Kameneff, the former Russian trade commissioner in London, has lost an opportunity to play the leading role in world politics, says Karl Radek, radical leader.

"The political sceptre has fallen from the hands of Lloyd-George, from the hands of England," he asserts in an article in the Ivestia.

"Trade negotiations with Soviet Russia would have represented for England a victory over French and American imperialism—over French imperialism because French creditors would have been obliged to allow the gold which the French capitalists consider their property to pass into English coffers; over American imperialism because the English government would receive supplies and raw materials not under the control of American monopolies.

"To realize this victory, it was necessary to establish political peace with Soviet Russia.

"The breaking off of diplomatic negotiations means that the political initiative passes into the hands of France, which is openly supporting Wrangel," Radek continued. "Simultaneously, the Republican party of the United States and its presidential candidate, Harding, have declared in favor of the recognition of Soviet Russia, demonstrating that American capital intends to put England in the second place by beginning trade relations with Russia and cutting off England's only non-American source of oil supply."

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