

### FIRST TRAIN OF FOOD AT KAZAN

#### Relief Work Begins at Kazan; Soviet Officials Are Co-operating.

By BESSIE BEATTY.

Kazan, Russia, Sept. 22, Via London, Sept. 24.—Conditions in the famine district of Kazan have begun to improve as the result of the shipment of foreign relief supplies.

The hungriest boys and girls I ever saw in my life sat down today to a meal of American food less than one month after the Russo-American agreement was signed at Riga. The first kitchen has just been opened up here and within less than a fortnight hundreds of others will be doing business.

#### RECEIVED QUIETLY.

Our relief train slipped into the new Tartar republic of Kazan during the night. There were no flags, although the Star and Crescent is common enough normally in the day time. There were no crowds in the streets. We saw no signs of distress until day broke and the people began to come forth looking for bread.

On the day following our arrival Pre-

mier Meuhavov held a meeting with his commissars to help the American relief workers.

Vernon Kellogg and Elmer Burland, of the American Relief Administration had appealed to the soviet for office room, living quarters, feeding kitchens, trucks and interpreters. They said they were anxious to get started at once and were in a hurry. The officials of the Kazan republic thought they could show a little speed, too.

#### OFFICIALS HELP.

While the government officials were meeting agents were sent out to get the stuff required by the Americans. By the time the conference was over offices and living quarters had been secured and two trucks with an interpreter were waiting the pleasure of the relief agents. By night soup kitchens had been instituted, seals had been broken from the doors of food warehouses and the feeding of the stricken populace was under way.

The first food was distributed outside of the city in the country tracts where suffering was keener than in town. Many persons were actually dying of starvation in the rural districts. Dr. Kellogg, was greatly impressed by the co-operative measures of the government. The officials put "pep" in their relief plans in a manner that surprised the Americans.

The conditions in the city were improving owing chiefly to the evacuation of refugees from Turkestan. The children are being fed first and the first train that came in brought enough provisions to feed 25,000 young ones temporarily. Another train is on the way.

### METHODISTS ARE TO TALK PLANS

#### Dilworth Congregation Wants to Put Up \$300,000 House of Worship.

Plans for uniting the Methodists of Dilworth into one congregation and erecting a \$300,000 edifice on East Boulevard property recently acquired at a cost of \$25,000 will be laid before the church members and interested citizens of that community during the morning services at Dilworth Methodist church today.

The movement launched last spring for the union of Methodists residing in Dilworth and the erection of another strong Methodist church is expected to reach a climax at today's service when definite plans for carrying out the undertaking will be launched.

A great deal of work has already been accomplished by a committee which has been directing the movement. A lot facing 400 feet on East Boulevard with a depth of about 200 feet, directly opposite the home of E. D. Latta, has been bought at a cost of \$25,000. Nearly 100 members of up-town Methodist churches have transferred their memberships to the Dilworth church, and an additional hundred have pledged to transfer their memberships at the end of the church year. This will give the Dilworth church an aggregate membership of 600, making it one of the strongest churches in the Western North Carolina Conference.

Not only the members of the Dilworth church but all Methodists in that community have been urged to attend the Sunday morning services, when plans for the erection of the \$300,000 building will be laid before the congregation. A special musical program has been arranged, including selections by Miss Mary Peasley.

A house-to-house canvass among Dilworth Methodists will be launched following the morning service, the purpose being to discuss personally with interested residents the proposal to erect the building. Committees have been appointed to canvass, completing their work before the night services begin. These committees were named as follows:

- Team No. 1: S. A. Hunter, Sr., captain; J. E. Clark, Mr. Meggs.
- Team No. 2: J. L. Redwine and T. J. Wiggins.
- Team No. 3: G. A. Elliott, captain; Dr. C. C. Keiger, Miss Gertrude Rells and Mrs. J. T. Pascal.
- Team No. 4: G. O. Doggett, captain; W. E. Bacon, M. H. Courtney and C. F. Shuman.
- Team No. 5: J. L. Wiggins, captain; H. O. Miller, C. L. Watts, Mrs. C. L. Watts and Mrs. J. Lester Wolfe.
- Team No. 6: J. Lester Wolfe, captain; W. L. Harris, E. M. Pattilo and Mrs. G. A. Elliott.
- Team No. 7: C. F. Robertson, captain; E. S. Bee and R. K. Babbington.
- Team No. 8: C. H. Clark, captain; C. B. Pendleton, Mrs. M. D. Berry and Mrs. J. L. Wiggins.
- Team No. 9: Mrs. J. G. Webber, Mrs. W. G. Thompson and Marvin Helms.
- Team No. 10: Allen Hunter, Frank Graham and S. D. Lambeth.

### THOUSANDS CHASING ALLEGED MURDERER

Newport News, Va., Sept. 24.—A party of 1,000 armed men, including 200 members of the Ku Klux Klan, are searching in the woods north of here tonight for Carlo Meeks, a half breed Indian and negro, who is accused of killing Robert de Korte, a police officer. The Klan announced publicly tonight that its members would take part in the man hunt.

The searching party is said to be the biggest which has taken part in a similar expedition in the Virginia peninsula in 56 years. One member of the Ku Klux, Fred Livesay, was shot and killed by a farmer, who thought him a highwayman, according to an official announcement tonight by Chief of Police Campbell.

### DR. BUTLER MAY BE A DELEGATE

#### Has Returned from Mission Abroad and is at the White House.

By RAYMOND CLAPPER, United Press Staff Correspondent. Washington, Sept. 24.—President Harding is considering adding Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, to the American disarmament conference in event the commission is increased to six, it was learned today.

Dr. Butler, who has just returned from a mission to Europe, is spending the week-end at the White House, giving President Harding a complete report on the views of European statesmen relative to the disarmament conference.

Few Americans have a wider acquaintance amongst statesmen in Europe than Dr. Butler. He has canvassed European opinion thoroughly in the last few months and it was pointed out here that he will be an advisor at the conference. Butler is understood to have found a general sentiment in Europe favorable to disarmament. In government circles there, however, he found numerous disturbing questions which must be faced when the nations gather about the council table here next November.

Information obtained by Butler in Europe indicates, he believed, there are three difficulties which must be solved before a general limitation to armament can be reached there are:

1—The desire of France for security from land attack, especially by Germany.

2—The determination of the British empire to keep the seas open for movement of her food supplies in time of war.

3—The demand of Japan that she have an outlet for her growing population.

France will never agree to reduction of her land forces, until she is guaranteed security against attacks, Dr. Butler believed. British statesmen, he was informed, will consent to no naval agreement which might interrupt the flow of foodstuffs into the British Isles. He pointed out that England raises only about 25 per cent of the food she consumes. In the absence of any other arrangement, Great Britain will insist upon maintaining her supremacy of the seas, he believed.

Japan, according to the view of European statesmen, given Dr. Butler, will come to the conference prepared to insist upon an arrangement whereby her nationals will be permitted to find relief from their overcrowded homeland and where industrial expansion can be carried on without incurring the opposition of other powers.

### PACKER CONTROL ACT TO BE RECONSIDERED

Washington, Sept. 24.—The Department of Justice today definitely decided to consider proposed modifications of the famous Palmer consent decree, forcing the big packers to confine their business to the meat industry.

At the request of Attorney General Daugherty, a conference of the leading law officers of the Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Justice and those in charge of enforcing the packer control law will be held next week to discuss suggested changes in the decree.

### MANIAC SHOOT UP COMMUNITY

#### Kills Four Neighbors Then Himself; One Member of Posse Killed.

Montevista, Calif., Sept. 24.—Six persons are dead here tonight as a result of a maniac running amuck. Suddenly becoming insane, L. A. Bailey, a rancher, shot and killed three men and a woman, all neighbors and terrorized the countryside with a repeating rifle. Run to earth by a posse, he killed himself. During the chase, a Mexican boy was accidentally killed by the posse.

The maniac's victims were Mr. and Mrs. A. Skroh, Edward Heilman and Paul Bagley, all ranchers.

Bailey had been a rancher here for many years. He was always sober and an industrious farmer.

Seized by his maniacal passion for murder, he first went to the Skroh home, adjoining his own. He shot down Mrs. Skroh in the presence of her three children. From the house he walked to a nearby field where Fred Skroh, a neighbor, was working and fired again without warning. Skroh died instantly.

With two victims laid to his fury, Bailey mounted a farm horse and rode to the home of Edward Heilman, another farmer. For the third time within less than an hour Bailey's rifle spat sudden death. Heilman was slain in the yard of his home.

The shooting of Skroh and Heilman was witnessed by a number of farm employees, but the men were afraid to interfere. They notified the sheriff of Montevista when Bailey fled, heading for the Rio Grande river. At the sheriff's request a corps of National Guard cavalry were ordered out on Bailey's trail.

Just before the posse cornered the maniac Bailey shot and killed Paul Bagley, a neighboring rancher. When surrounded in a cabin, Bailey opened fire on the posse. After exchanging a score of shots, he finally turned his rifle on himself, committing suicide. During the battle an unidentified Mexican volunteer was slain.

Bailey, Skroh and Heilman were close friends. They had been together the previous day and all appeared happy. The dead men were all married.

### FEDERAL JUDGE HOLDS RIPSTEIN NEW YORK

#### New York, Sept. 25.—A writ of habeas corpus preventing his extradition to Nashville, Tenn., was granted to Mayor Ripstein today by Federal Judge Garvin in Brooklyn. Ripstein is wanted by the Federal authorities in Atlanta on an indictment charging criminal receipt of platinum stolen from a government munitions plant there.

At the same time Judge Garvin gave the government thirty days in which to prepare an appeal from his ruling and ordered Ripstein surrendered by his bondsman, declaring he would not assume the risk of Ripstein disappearing before the appeal could be filed. Ripstein has been under \$30,000 bail on an indictment returned in Brooklyn, charging conspiracy to defraud the government.

In granting the writ Judge Garvin declared that the government had failed to make out a case.

### FILMS THAT SPEAK HAVE BEEN EVOLVED

London, Sept. 24.—Speech films differing radically from the "talkies" that were shown on the screen in America have just been evolved by a Swedish scientist, it was announced here today. The invention is said to be the most revolutionary since the inception of moving pictures and probably will result in a great advance in the program of film production.

The inventor is Svenalson Berglund, who has been experimenting with speech films for 12 years. His invention is called photone and synchronizes photographic records of action and a gramophone record of sound. A special double camera with two reels revolving on a common shaft is used for photography of both sights and sounds. The key to the success of the process is the use of selenium, which transforms pictured sound vibrations into resonant vibrations.

### HALF OF POLICE ARE DEALING OUT LIQUOR

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Fifty per cent of Chicago's policemen are involved in illegal transportation and sale of liquor, Chief of Police Charles Fitzmorris declared tonight.

A thorough clean-up of the department with a view of ferreting out the guilty parties, was ordered by the chief. Immediate removal of officers found engaged in illicit booze traffic was promised.

### RAIL SITUATION GETTING BETTER

#### Bankers Taking Trust Certificates, Making Money Available.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Rapid recovery of railroad credits and an equally salutary effect on affiliated industries was forecast tonight by officials following the announcement that bankers in New York had offered to purchase large blocks of equipment trust certificates now held by the railroad administration. Money thus made available is to be used by the War Finance Corporation in funding the indebtedness of the railroads to the government, enabling the carriers thereby to use the funds they now have to pay current debts and for additions and improvements in their various properties.

When all of the equipment trust certificates now held by the directors of general railroads have been disposed of through these channels, approximately \$300,000,000 will have been placed in the hands of the War Finance Corporation to be used in putting the steam lines on their feet. Practically one-third of the certificates held by the railroad administration have now been sold, the total sales to date being \$42,000,000. Securities aggregating \$22,000,000 remain to be disposed of.

Officials predicted tonight that if future sales of these securities are made at the rate of those registered during the past week, the entire amount will be marketed before the close of November, and possibly much earlier. Bankers and financiers took note of the equipment trust certificates as ranking with the best of securities, and the railroad administration, acting in conjunction with the War Finance Corporation, has experienced no difficulty in selling them.

The plan now being followed by the government in extending financial aid to the railroads is the same proposed in the so-called funding bill, recommended to Congress by the President, and which is now pending in the Senate. The President was given authority under the Esch-Cummins act to dispose of these securities, and to use the money for funding the indebtedness of the railroads to the government. The Winslow-Townsend bill would authorize the War Finance Corporation to extend credit to the steam lines to the extent of \$500,000,000.



Admiral Chadwick's flagship, the "Brooklyn," in Tangier Bay, June, 1904

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