

Daily News Letter

Gossip of Staff Correspondents at World Centers of Population

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Moscow, June 30.—America's famous gold brick spindler has its Russian counterpart. Moscow communists are now relating with pleasure the tale of Michail Kolossoff, whose "purgadoia greed" cost him his fortune of 450 roubles.

Kolossoff, like all Russian peasants, prided himself on being in spite of his illiteracy, considerably smarter in matters of business than the cleverest "city slicker." Having 50 roubles, which made him a distinguished and unpopular figure in the province of Sartov, where the average wealth per inhabitant is but 20 cents a head, Kolossoff was deemed more than usually astute.

He came to Moscow, and at the busy old Smolenski market met a shrewd individual who offered to sell him a quantity of Czarist gold coins. Kolossoff, glad of the chance to get rid of what he considered to be a stable Soviet currency, invested his entire savings in the shining metal pieces.

An hour later the police of the Smolenski district station were alerted at the entry of a distracted man who rushed in, threw a bag of coins on the desk, and demanded to know what they were, they turned out to be slightly goldplated two-penny coins of the regime of Nicholas. For his 450 roubles Michail had received exactly nothing, since Czarist kopec pieces are not legal tender.

As a practical step toward realization of the Red Army chiefs' ideal that every citizen of the Soviet Union should know how to handle firearms and become, if possible, a good shot, the government has issued a decree announcing that all citizens have the right to purchase broad and import without duty a small calibre rifle. These guns, it is stipulated, shall be for target and hunting purposes. A special supply there has been assured at a cost of 5.

The significance of this concession can only be realized in view of the

prohibitive tariff on all imports into Russia. So impossible high is the tariff that imported goods are entirely out of reach of any except unusually prosperous Nepmen.

Some idea of the expensiveness of clothing in Moscow may be gained from the fact that it is cheaper to spend the \$200 necessary for railroad fare and visas to go abroad and purchase an outfit of clothes than it is to buy it here in Russia. In addition to the minimum of \$200 required to reach Paris and return, Russian citizens must pay the government \$110 for the privilege of leaving. In spite of these charges, the passport department of the Moscow militia is constantly crowded with Russians, clamoring to get out on shopping tours, disguised as business trips.

Unemployed laborers in the Siberian gold mines of the Aldam region have received an unusual species of sup-

port from the government. They have been given a gold mine of their own. Organizing themselves into a cooperative, the formerly jobless workmen are now running the mine at a profit to themselves of about 12 roubles or \$6 a day, which is marvellously high wages in Russia even for gold miners.

It Pays to Advertise.
Monroe Enquirer.
Good jobs for the home merchant: In order to sell you must tell. And the oftener you tell the more you sell.

Costly Error.
Miss Grace Emery, of Bradford, Pa., neglected to declare \$8,000 worth of jewelry purchased abroad. Questioned by a customs inspector, she is said to have remarked: "I guess you don't know who you are talking to!" Later she was fined \$10,000.

Dinner Stories

John: "Sir, I would like to marry your daughter."
Father: "Absolutely, no."
John: "Why, what's the matter with her?"

A man who hides behind a woman's skirts nowadays is not only a coward, but also a magician.

If you don't spend more than you make you won't have to worry about higher accounting.

Have You Ever Tried This?
He rushed back into the crowded waiting room, snatched up his traveling bag, and burst precipitously out to the platform again.

The effect was electric. There was a mighty scramble for suitcases and

grips, and the expectant passengers all dashed outside. As soon as the room was emptied, James Thornberry Phil, Ph. D., walked calmly back, selected a suitable seat directly under the light, when he was soon buried in his evening paper.

The train arrived an hour later.

Brevity.
Tom Callahan was broking for a railroad. The superintendent told him to go along the line looking for washouts.

"And don't be so long-winded in your next report as you have been in the past," said the superintendent.

"Just report the condition of the roadhead as you find it, and don't use up a lot of needless word that are not to the point. Write a business letter, not a love letter."

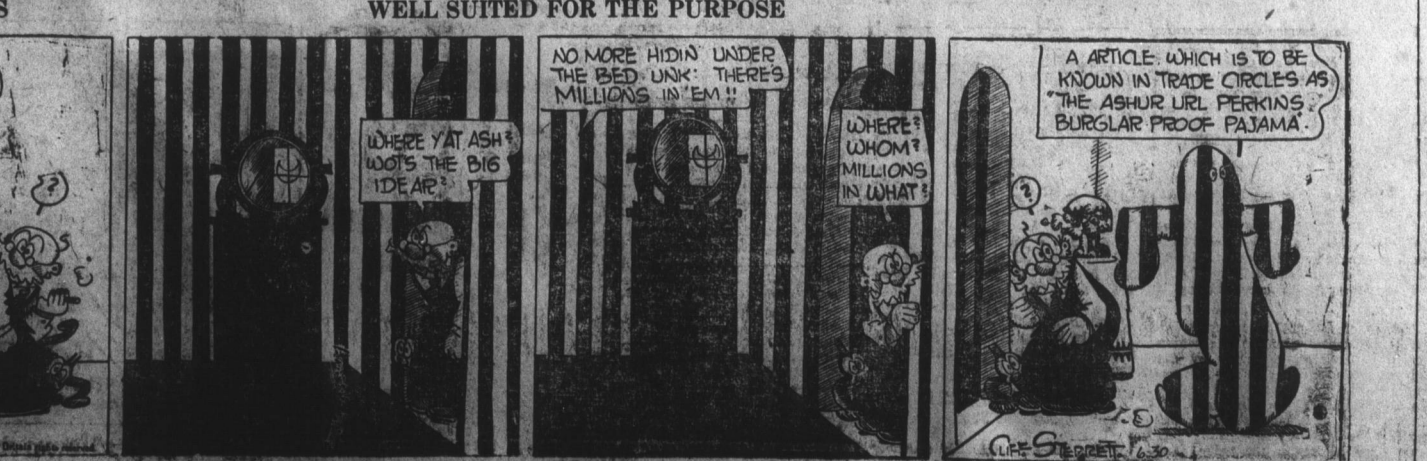
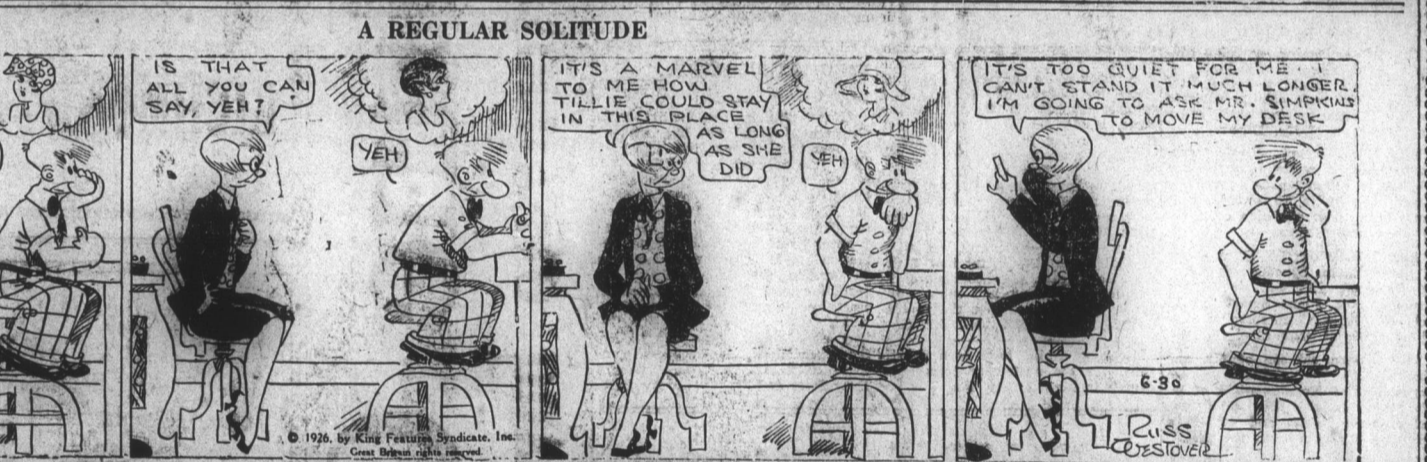
perintendent:
"Sir: Where the railroad was the river is."

Reporter: "What shall I say about the two preclude blondes who made such a fuss at the game?"
Editor: "Why, just say that the bleachers went wild."

More Time Allowed to Secure License Plates.
Raleigh, June 29.—Automobile owners whose license expire tomorrow may continue to use the 1925-1926 plates for ten more days—until July 10th.

There will, however, be absolutely no further extension of time, Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton emphasizes.

While owners have until July 10th to provide themselves with 1926-1927 plates, the department is urging them not to wait until the last minute and possibly be delayed in securing the licenses.



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Each hour its joys, its pain,
Each life its pleasures, its sorrows,
Each harvest its golden grain.

Each room has its appearance,
It may be sweetness or scorn,
Each piece of furniture, is like a rose,
Each stem crowned with beauty or thorn.

Did you ever glance over your home to see if there was a rose, whose petals had faded and dropped off leaving the stem with only a thorn and a dark spot which could easily be made light were you not afraid of that little thorn, (PRICE) which has caused you to deny yourself the privilege of coming to our store to see the many pieces of furniture made to fill your demand?

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