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INTERESTING LETTER ON SO-VIET RUSSIA BY ROBT. MADRY

Small Reliance Can Be Put In The News That Comes From Moscow. The Wireless Controlled As It Is By The Bolshevik

RUSSIA IS HORRIBLE SAY FR. REF.

Nearly three years have elapsed since the Bolshevik regime established itself in Russia, and yet the world at large is still in the dark as to what is happening in that country, due to the conflicting reports that have gone out. News is supplied almost entirely by the Moscow wireless, to which obviously no more than a propagandist value can be attached. When all is not going so well for the Soviets, as at present, this wireless suddenly lapses into silence, and it is only by devious methods that glimpses into events into Russian can be obtained.

One such item of news, not particularly favorable to the Soviets, is reported by the Russian Agency, which has its headquarters in Constantinople, but which claims to have the news from Moscow. The report says that three Russian governments—Ferm, Ekaterinburg and Viatka—are in open rebellion against the central Soviet Government, and that the peasants there are killing all the Communists without any effective interference by the Red x troops.

Bolsheviks outside Russia ascribe reports of this nature to "bourgeois propaganda" and the average person who wants to form an independent opinion on Russia is no better off than before. In view of these circumstances it is fortunate that much testimony is available to-day from "those who have been there." This testimony leaves no doubt in one's mind. Those who have lived in Russia under the Bolshevik regime and have returned are unanimous in declaring that conditions in Russia are as bad as can be imagined.

Plenty of evidence to substantiate this belief is to be had from every one of the last batch of French refugees—52 in all—who have just returned to Paris from Soviet Russia. They were just ordinary men and women, swayed neither one way or the other by sympathies for a Communist or a Bourgeois regime, but they all said the same thing: "Russia is horrible."

Men of science, too, those training breeds the most scrupulous respect for truth, speak of the failure of the Communist experiment in Russia on the strength of observed facts. Of the French refugees from Russia who recently returned from that country to their native land, one of the most notable is Baron de Baye, savant, archaeologist, explorer and one of the world's greatest authorities on Russian history and folk lore. He is sixty-six years old, and the sufferings, hunger, imprisonment and privations which he has undergone in Russia during the last four years have left him a broken-down invalid.

Baron de Baye, whose self-imposed task it has been to strengthen the bonds of friendship and

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC RESULTS IN HALIFAX COUNTY

142 Were Examined, 132 White People and Ten Colored

35 POSITIVE CASES

There has been completed a two weeks clinic in this county for the diagnosis of incipient tuberculosis. During the clinic there were 142 persons examined, 132 of which were white and 10 colored. There were 35 positive cases found 7 of which were colored. The total percentage of positive cases were 24.600 while the doubtful or probable cases number 21.

The county Nurse is following up these cases and is endeavoring to assist them to take the proper care of themselves and their home. Arrangements are being made by the health department to hold a clinic in each township for at least one day in every two or three months. This work will be followed up by another clinic of one or two weeks next spring.

P. C. C.

DRYS TO MOBILIZE AGAINST ELIHU ROOT

Washington, Dec. 2.—Prohibition leaders are greatly alarmed over the possibility of Elihu Root being made Secretary of State in President Harding's cabinet and will mobilize their forces here on December 8, in an effort to prevent it. They expect to remain in session three days.

Their objection to Mr. Root is based upon the fact that he was counsel for the brewers when they tried to legalize 2.75 per cent beer. Among those who will participate in the dry conference are Joseph H. Folk, Wayne B. Wheeler and William Jennings Bryan.

IF YOU CARE A RAP, WRAP WITH CARE," P. O. SLOGAN

Washington, Dec. 2.—"If you care a rap, wrap with care!"

This is the slogan adopted by the Washington post office as a part of the "Do your Christmas mail trucks in the city were placarded with the printed slogan and officials of the Post Office Department said that postmasters in other parts of the country had been instructed to take similar action.

800 DIVORCE CASES SEND CHICAGO JUDGE TO THE SANITARIUM

Chicago, Dec. 2.—After hearing 800 divorce cases in eleven weeks in the Circuit Court here, Judge Kiekham Scanlan is taking a week's rest in a sanitarium.

"Thursday was my day of real thanksgiving," he told friends before leaving the city. "What more could a Judge be thankful for than that his sentence to the divorce court has been completed?"

be either a functionary or a member of the Red Army. Industry is non-existent, idleness the rule. In a country ruled by the dictatorship of labor there is no labor."

THE RHYMING OPTIMIST IS THIS

The credit plan is something grand, if handled with due care; but once it gets the upper hand, for trouble then beware! The shopper hies in haste to town to buy a spool of thread and lo! she spies a velvet gown, a bonnet for her head. She knows she never can get by without that gown and hat it makes the lady wail and cry to think of trying that

She hasn't any cash along and so she sings with glee the burden of her favorite song, "Just charge it up to me!" She's waiting to accumulate the coin to pay—some time, but never stops to set a date nor thinks how bills can climb. Her credit's good and so she hies to many a shopping mart and builds up bills of shocking size and then her troubles start. "Ah ha!" she cries, "my credit's good! Who cares if cash be tight!" and so she buys in cheerful mood from morning until night. She buys some furs for Sister Sue, she buys some mining stock; she buys a limousine or two, and next a parlor clock. Her credit's good, and day by day she yodels, "Charge it please!" When handled in this fearful way, then credit's a disaster! The charging habit swiftly grows, the victim soon forgets that she must pay these bills she owes, must meet this tide of debts. She does not seem to know or care how fast the days will flit till bills will greet her everywhere, each labelled, "Please remit!" And "Please remit" means business, too; no more R. S. V. P., when "Please remit" dawns on your view, the charms of credit flee!

SCALDED TO DEATH BY POT OF BOILING COFFEE

Rocky Mount, Dec.—Burns received yesterday morning when a pot of boiling coffee was accidentally overturned at the home of its parents of South Washington street resulted today in the death of Keeneth Bruce Coltrane, eight months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Coltrane. When the steamingpot was upset yesterday the infant was almost covered with the scalding liquid, being severely burned about the chest, face, arms and legs. The child was rushed to a local hospital for medical attention but died about noon today after lingering thru the night. The remains were this afternoon shipped to Durham former home of the parents, where funeral services and interment will take place tomorrow.

CAPTURE WEARY GEESE

Wildwood, N. J., Dec. 2.—Six families here now own wild geese. They captured their prizes when the fowl had become exhausted and dropped on the streets and lawns to rest from their long flight from Canada. All the geese caught were so hungry that they ate like demons when food was put before them.

One of the geese caught by Mae Ottey, a school girl, on Andrews avenue follows her around the house as though it had been born in captivity.

The birds are all large, weighing about 12 pounds each.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIRGINIA CARO. PEANUT EX. HERE

They Will Hold Meetings For The Purpose of Securing Signers To The Growers Contract

3600 GROWERS HAVE SIGNED

WAKE FOREST STUDENTS TELL ON NEGRO BOOTLEGGER

Upon information furnished by the authorities of Wake Forest College, Sam Thompson, negro jitney driver of Wake Forest, was yesterday arrested by Deputy United States Marshal J. P. Steil on the charge of selling liquor to college students. He was released under a bond of \$500 for his appearance before United States Commissioner W. P. Bachelor this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The college authorities are said to have obtained proof of Thompson's selling liquor from students who were called before the faculty for being intoxicated, and who testified against the negro in order to save themselves from expulsion. Several students of the college have been subpoenaed to appear as witnesses, at the hearing this afternoon.

Though never having been employed by the college, "Doctor Sam," as he is known to students has always been in evidence at college functions and has been known intimately to several generations of students.

He has long been suspected of engaging in the liquor traffic and at the last term of the Federal court he was tried for the same offense and fined.

500 TO GIVE JOBS TO OTHERS

Cincinnati, Ohio., Dec. 2.—The 500 employees of the Nash Clothing Manufacturing Company in this city, which is operated on the "golden rule" basis, today at a meeting decided to voluntarily surrender their jobs for a month, either January or February, in order to give work to the unemployed of other clothing factories.

They took that action after Arthur Nash, former minister and president of the company, had stated that clothing manufacturers were closing in all parts of the country. A committee of employees drew up the resolution in which they offer to make the sacrifice for others. They also agree that if it were necessary to reduce wages in order to bring down prices of clothing that those earning more than \$5 a day would be the first to consent to a reduction.

FREAKS ARE BANISHED FROM FAIR MIDWAYS

Chicago, Dec. 2.—The changing world has rung in another change that wipes "freaks" in the show business off the map. The American Association of Fairs and Expositions has decided that the "dog faced" boy, the "wild man," the "whiskered lady," "skeletons," "fat women," "ruber men" and "snake charmers" must go. Uplifting movies, refined sketches and sad comedies are to take their places. "The people and the children are too intelligent these days to take interest in freaks," said the fairs.

Representatives of the Virginia Carolina Cooperative Peanut Exchange, Inc. are now in the county for the purpose of securing signers to the growers contract. About 3600 growers have now signed this contract and all the territory south of the Roanoke river is yet to be worked.

The total signers secured to date represent more than 35% of the peanut growers in the two states. They also represent more than two thirds of the signers necessary to give the Exchange control of more than 50% of the peanuts of these two states. It is estimated that 1500 more signers will fully complete the organization of the Exchange.

A preliminary meeting for the Halifax county campaign was held in Scotland Neck, Wednesday night. According to J. Frank Foshee, secretary and manager of the exchange the growers present showed an unusually fine spirit of cooperation in this organization movement and Halifax county is counted on to give her full quota of signers.

R. E. Scott Sandy and T. V. Shelton will hold a meeting Friday night at Dawsons and another one to be at Scotland Neck Saturday afternoon. Other representatives of the Exchange will arrive Monday.

WHITE HOUSE BEING SET IN ORDER FOR NEW OCCUPANT

Washington, Dec. 2.—President Wilson is "setting his White House in order" in preparation for the new tenant on March 4, according to a report by army engineers supervising the work. New window draperies have been placed in the President's room, new rugs laid, and the frames of all the mirrors regilded. A number of new pieces have been added to the furniture.

A "recreation walk" was recently constructed on the White Storerooms constructed in the basement are said to accommodate many gifts received by the President and Mrs. Wilson while abroad.

COTTON MARKET

December	16.38
January	16.04
March	16.14
May	16.26
July	16.23
Local Market 14 cents.	
Cotton Seed 34 cents per bu	

President B. M. Davidson. "Fairs have lost money by these old show methods, and we must change with the times. Nothing now makes anyone wonder or exhibit interest in freaks. The public is merely disgusted. Women's clubs have made over the rural citizen and he wants something intellectually stimulating. I do not know what will become of the freaks. They will not be at take interest in freaks," said the fairs.