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Three years ago Nicholas, Czar of Russia was hurled from his throne, the people of other nations were startled upon receiving the news. Then followed in Russia days of anxiety and fear. The people wondered who would head the government, but were afraid to voice their opinions. Delegates began to arrive in the capital from different parts of Russia to see how things were progressing. These delegations began to meet, daily and discuss the situation, and became known as "Soviets," or simply councils. A few leaders in these councils seized upon the idea to overthrow the assembly, elected by the people and form a new party. They then set to work soon overthrew the assembly, and had the Government in their own hands. As a matter of course the ones who had started the movement were elected leaders. The Premier is Lenin, a Russian. He is well educated, and of wealthy parentage; but he now goes around in shabby clothes, so as to be able to hold the confidence of his people. Trotsky, Lenin's war minister, is a very treacherous Russian Jew. This new party became known as the Bolshevik, which means the Majority. Now what is their program? This question is now being asked by millions the world over. When the party was organized it was made up of the city working men and peasants of the lower class. Today they have some very intelligent men on their roll books. Their program is to abolish private property and private profits to seize mines, all telegraph lines, all railroads, all manufacturing establishments, all banks, and all other public property. They propose to extend Bolshevism all over the world. Six points by which the Bolshevik abide are: 1st, high wages, 2nd, no work, 3rd, no other people's property, no punishments, no taxation, abolition of all police forces and all courts. These points seem to be popular with the people of Austria Hungary and other surrounding countries in spite of the effect it has had in Russia. Why does it spread so easily? You may ask. This is not known for a fact, but in the opinion of men who have specialized on the subject it is because it enthrones the working man, puts everything under his

management, and claims to abolish all class distinction, but it only abolishes the old Aristocratic class to form another one made up of the leaders of the new government.

Today the Bolsheviks are using every thing in their power in an effort to place their doctrine in the United States. They are now conducting a great propaganda campaign among our people, chiefly among our soldiers. Every night after the days work is over nearly all of the American soldiers around Annapolis gather to read the pamphlets thrown to them by the Bolsheviks. Some of our soldiers take their statements seriously, but the majority of them use the pamphlets as a means of amusement. But, it is more likely to take hold over here than over there. There is no doubt that the Bolsheviks have already established themselves secretly in America, although their hold is mighty weak. Almost every day we receive the news of some strike. Among the largest of these which have occurred lately was the Seattle strike. The strike was tied up from one Thursday till the following Tuesday, during this time there were no cars running, the gas plant was closed, the dam which supplied the city with water had been blown to pieces, the mercantile and grocery stores were closed, fights occurred between the authorities and the strikers. A number of both were murdered, and if the strike had continued the people would have been starved to death. Many more strikes have taken place in different parts of the country, and everywhere these difficulties bring on murder and robbery.

Whether these strikes were led by Bolsheviks or not is unknown, but the general opinion is that these labor troubles are caused by the Bolsheviks.

This is a means they are using to accomplish their purpose here. They strike at the people of the lower classes and the foreigners who have immigrated to this country within the last few years, because they are the ones most likely to receive their views. They are crusaders pushing their propaganda into every land, seeking to arouse the lawless, the shiftless, the discontented, the poor, and the lazy to a point of murder and class hatred.

As I have said before they are on our soil. The danger of Bolshevism is growing greater and greater every day. Every day sees thousands of pamphlets thrown into American hands, and if they succeed in overthrowing our government we will be in the same position as Russia. Just look inside of Russia, their government has been overthrown. The country's industries have been crushed. The beautiful lands lie in ruins, overrun by the red hand of Bolshevism. The people themselves think only of robbery and murder, they regard it as a daily duty. They have suffered untold horrors and the entire country has been demoralized.

How would you like to see the stars and stripes brought down and replaced by the red flag of the Bolsheviks, the country's industries crippled, our leaders killed, our prosperous country destroyed, our system of government broken up, and then be living in deadly fear, less some red handed Bolshevik murder you? And this is just what will happen if Bolshevism is planted in the United States. Will the people of our country be so unwise as to accept their doctrine, and thus defeat the purpose for which we have been fighting, or shall they stand like a rock wall, ready to battle any attempt to place Bolshevism on American soil?

LEWIS B. CARPENTER.

BETTERMENT TO MEET FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

There will be a called meeting of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association in the Central school auditorium on Friday afternoon of this week, June 6, beginning at 4 o'clock. One of the objects of the meeting will be to hear reports from the delegates who attended the annual meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs which met in Hendersonville this week. At this meeting Mrs. T. M. Brockman will also read her two prize poems. In the contest held this year by the State Federation a total of 80 poems were submitted and Mrs. Brockman was winner of both the first and second prizes.

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OLD "BLUE LAW" HAS STUCK

All Efforts to Amend Famous Statute of Pennsylvania Have Thus Far Been Unavailing.

Once more an effort is to be made to amend the most famous of all laws on the statute books of Pennsylvania—the venerable blue law, enacted April 22, 1794.

It is said that at every regular session of the legislature during the 125 years since that awful crimp was put in Sunday conviviality, an attempt has been made to repeal it entirely or to amend it. Girard writes in the Philadelphia Press:

But that old law entitled "An act for the prevention of vice and immorality and for other purposes," has survived all the assaults of those who would destroy it.

A century and a quarter of world revolution, of tumbling thrones, of dazzling inventions and economic and social changes finds that statute of 1794 as unbreakable and rigid as the eternal laws of the Medes and Persians. Those old legislation bricks of 1794 regarded it as being vastly more wicked to shoot a rabbit on Sunday than to drink a hot toddy.

One offender was tagged with a fine of \$25, the other a shilling and a half. It was impossible under a strict enforcement of that law to operate a canal boat, a railroad train, a street railway car, a cab or sell any commodity from a loaf of bread to a package of chewing gum.

Every seventh day the state of Pennsylvania was expected to freeze up completely like a good bird dog when he sees a quail.

WORLD MUST HAVE NITROGEN

Men of Science Preparing for the Time When the Chilean Nitrate Fields Are Exhausted.

Farmers of Europe and America have been almost entirely dependent for nearly a century upon the Chilean nitrate fields, which have stood literally between the world and starvation. Behind a plateau 5,000 feet above the sea level and 20 miles from the Pacific coast, is a dreary, parched, almost rainless strip of land, where nature has deposited millions of tons of nitrogen in the form of nitrate of soda. Not only the power to produce crops, but also the power to wage war and to develop many essential industries depends upon nitrogen. Before the war the German chemist, Ostwald, wrote: "If a great war were to break out between two great powers, one of which were to prevent the export of saltpeter from the few ports of Chile, it would thereby make it impossible for the enemy to continue longer than its ammunition supply would last." Germany had accumulated 600,000 tons of Chilean saltpeter before the war. It is estimated that the Chilean nitrate beds will be exhausted some time during the present century. Scientists and engineers, therefore, are bending every effort to other means of supply. Nitrogen is now being recovered from the air by various processes and in several countries.

The Waiter's Mistake.

"The French, since Eoch's victory, are almost in danger of getting swelled head," said Immigration Commissioner Caminetti of New York.

"And no wonder! The French certainly displayed great military genius in this war, and praises and compliments are falling on them from all sides.

"In a French restaurant the other day I ordered a steak. Then as the French waiter turned to go, I added: "Well done, waiter!" "The young man, flushed with pleasure, drew himself up and saluted smartly.

"But you Americans, monsieur," he said, "you Americans also covered yourselves with glory at Chateau Thierry and the Bois de Belleau."

Lonely Telephone Station.

An isolated telephone pay station is located at a camp on the shore of Richardson lake, one of the Rangeley group in northern Maine. This telephone is more than 30 miles from the nearest station at Rumford on the Maine Central railroad. The line runs 12 miles from the camp to the town of Andover, where connection is made with switchboard in the office of the Andover telephone company, a sublicensee of the New England company. From that town the lines extend 18 miles to Rumford. From this telephone many emergency calls have originated during the ten years since the station was established. It has been the means of saving the lives of many hunters and woodsmen who have been injured in the north woods.

Europe Likes American Milk.

European people have learned to like America dairy products. Exports of condensed milk to Europe rose from 16,000,000 pounds in 1914 to 530,000,000 pounds in 1918, and there were notable increases in exports of other dairy products. Much of this may be due to abnormal war demands, but the United States department of agriculture believes that there is both an opportunity and a tendency to expand in this direction over prewar requirements. A normal increase in dairying in this country, the department thinks, is fully justified, provided there is the necessary increase in feed crops.

His Greatest Terror.

"What were you most afraid of while flying in your airplane?" "The people on the earth who, I knew, were waiting to ask me a lot of questions just as soon as I landed."

MONDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, June 2.—Following are some other points of the Austrian treaty: The former Austro-Hungarian government will cease to exist and is replaced by a republican form of government. The naval and air forces are to be demobilized immediately. Austria is formally recognized as a new and independent state under the name of the Republic of Austria.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Postmaster Barren was sustained in the exercise of his power to increase telephone intrastate rates to get needed revenue for operation, by the Supreme Court this afternoon.

AMSTERDAM, June 2.—The Hungarian government at Budapest, headed by Bela Kun, the Red dictator, has announced its willingness to resign and to form a new government. The Socialist leader and adherent of Count Karolyi, has been charged with the task of forming a new ministry, says a Vienna dispatch this afternoon.

ATLANTA, June 2.—Unless the telephone girls who were discharged for joining the union are reinstated this afternoon, all American telephoners will go on a strike. It is believed that a strike is unavoidable, and that it will spread to other wire workers.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The authority of the railroad administration to regulate interstate rates was confirmed by the Supreme Court this afternoon. This reversed the decision of the North Dakota supreme court.

PARIS, June 2.—With the exception of the military, reparations, financial and certain boundary clauses which are not ready for presentation, the terms of peace were handed to the Austrians today, to be taken up by the Austrian commission. The Austrian treaty follows exactly the same outline as the German and in many places is identical except for the change in name. The treaty leaves Austria six to seven million people inhabiting a territory of five to six thousand square miles. Austria is required to recognize the complete independence of Hungary, Czechoslovakia and the Serbo-Croat-Slovenian state and to cede other territories previously in union with Austria comprising the empire of Austria-Hungary with its population of over 50 million. Austria agrees to accept the League of Nations covenant and labor charter, renounces all extra-European aeries, demobilizes her whole naval and aerial forces, admits the right to trial by Allied and associated powers of her nationals guilty of violating the law and customs of war and accepts detailed provisions similar to those of the German treaty as to esgomic relations and freedom of transit. Part II, containing the labor convention, and part one, containing the covenant of the League of Nations of the German treaty, were omitted in the Austrian treaty. Part six, dealing with prisoners of war and graves, and part II, dealing with aerial navigation, are identical with the German treaty except for names, and are likewise omitted. Part 13 of the German treaty, containing guarantees of execution, are not paralleled in the Austrian treaty.

DORIES OF NORTH CAROLINA TO MEET AT HENDERSON.

Suez Temple Will Hold Summer Ceremonial—Pythian Grand Lodge Meets There at Same Time—Good Number Will Go From Gastonia.

Votaries of Suez Temple No. 73, Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorasan, have received official notice from Royal Vezier Edgar W. Pharr, of Charlotte, calling them to a ceremonial at Henderson on June 11th. Members of the D. O. K. K., in Gastonia are numerous and they are planning to make the trip to the Henderson meeting by the scores.

The Dokie special will leave Charlotte at 5 o'clock the morning of the 11th, the parade will begin at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and the dinner is scheduled to be served at 7:30 o'clock, immediately following which the ceremonial will be held. The royal vazier's notice to the "dusky sons of Islam" is couched in these words:

"The royal vazier command and orders all the faithful followers of Allah to fall in and form the caravan, rein up the royal beast, and blow the trumpets and cause a mighty shout to resound through the hills and far out on the bleak and lonely desert of North Carolina, that the sunshine land of old Suez Temple No. 73, D. O. K. K., of the Oasis of Charlotte, will be gathered together as one royal tribe at Henderson, June 11th to escort the unregenerate and famished tyros across the sands to the cooling wells of Zen-zen, and land them (safe? and sound?) in the peaceful oasis of Khorasan—and may Allah be with them to comfort and sustain on this perilous journey.

"Herein fall not, oh ye faithful, but be present at the temple gates on the day and hour wherein I have commanded thee."

The Pythian Grand Lodge of North Carolina also meets at Henderson at the same time and several Pythians will attend from Gastonia representing Gastonia Lodge No. 53.

To Award Contract Thursday.

Routine business occupied the attention of the board of commissioners of Gaston county at their regular monthly meeting Monday. A special meeting was called for Thursday, June 6th, to award the contract for the stretch of tarviated highway from the city limits of Gastonia to Pleasant Ridge.

To know what's going on in Gaston you must read The Gazette.

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