

Russian Church Here Near Split Over Finances

Opinion Divides Two Million Into Divergent Sects and Charges Bishops With Misappropriating Funds

Alleges Property Was Sold

Ex-Leader Abdicates, Names Successor and Gives Him Documents and Deeds

A difference of opinion over the legitimate headship of the Russian Orthodox Church in America is not only threatening to split its membership of nearly 2,000,000 into divergent sects, but also to result in charges of misappropriating church funds and property against some of the bishops and higher officers of the church here, as was learned yesterday by The Tribune.

The dispute arises first from the fact that when Bishop Alexander, head of the church in this country by appointment of the Patriarch Tikhon, left the United States six weeks ago while an investigation of his charge was under way by order of the Patriarch, he turned over his office, with all its documents and deeds to the church structures in this country, to the Metropolitan Platon, Bishop of Odessa.

Platon Called Usurper

Platon, an intimate friend of Alexander, and a refugee who arrived here some months ago and who co-operated with Alexander closely, is declared by a large section of the orthodox congregation to be a usurper, since Alexander, according to the Church canon, had no power to appoint him his successor. Presiding bishops of the Russian Church, it is said, must be elected by a convention and confirmed by the Patriarch, or else by another presiding bishop.

The logical successor to Alexander's affairs, therefore, it is said, until the calling of a convention makes the choosing of a new head to the Church in America possible, is Bishop Stefan, who lives in New York and who was vicar-bishop under Alexander, a position corresponding to that of bishop suffragan.

Opponents of Metropolitan Platon declare that the Russian Orthodox Mission here has been discredited by the majority ever since Alexander's regime, when it was discovered that many church buildings had been mortgaged or else had their titles misappropriated without the knowledge of the congregations or of the priests in charge. This condition, it is alleged, has been particularly aggravated since Platon has assumed the power, so that objection is made to this prelate not only because of the doubtful validity of his title, but also because of his management of the Church's financial affairs.

Specific Instances Cited

Specific instances are cited. The Orthodox Church building in Cleveland was sold by some one in the Metropolitan Platon's office without notification to the congregation, which built the edifice, as in each of the other cases, and which therefore feels that it sold the title to the building. The same thing occurred in the case of the Orthodox monastery in South Canada, Pa., where the young priests of the faith receive their training.

The Immigrant Church, in Fourteenth Street, New York, which was combined with an industrial establishment to furnish work to refugees went into bankruptcy on account of the unsuccessful activities of the industrial branch. Subsequently it was sold by the Bishop Alexander, who was fined on contempt of court for this transaction. This particular performance is said to have been repeated in several instances in slightly varying form, punishment for the last of which was inflicted on Bishop Alexander in his absence on Monday. Justice Harry E. Lewis in Brooklyn imposed a fine for contempt of court in violating an injunction to refrain from interfering with the affairs of the Church of the Holy Virgin in East New York.

Deeds in Bishop's Name

Another alleged cause of complaint is said to be the fact that many of the deeds to orthodox Church property in this country were made out, during Bishop Alexander's administration, in the latter's family name, instead of to him as presiding Bishop.

It has been discovered, it is said, that the titles of all the churches which were alienated from the custody of their congregations were made over to an American citizen named Hunay, who, it is asserted, is an intimate friend of Bishop Alexander. A further cause of uneasiness is that it is believed that Hunay transferred or sold many of the titles thus obtained to the Russian Church Relief Committee, an organization which has no official connection with the Church, but which has been doing relief work among Russian refugees in this country, backed, it is said, by the late Russian Ambassador, Boris Bakhmeteff.

Convention Called for December 5

Aroused by these, the bulk of the membership headed by Vicar-Bishop Stefan, three weeks ago issued a call for a general convention to be held in

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Lamont Shows Youths Signposts to Success

Thomas W. Lamont recounted some of the incidents of his earlier career in an informal talk at the boys of the financial district at a meeting held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Downtown Boys' Work in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday noon.

Mr. Lamont said that the greatest need of business to-day was healthy, industrious and honest young men to whom the future of industry and commerce could safely be intrusted. He told of some of his personal experiences abroad during the war, and related incidents of his rise to his present position.

The address was the first of a series to be given by prominent persons through the Y. M. C. A. for the benefit of the boys and young men beginning their careers in Wall Street.

Philadelphia December 5, according to the prescribed form, which says that a convention shall not be called without giving notice thereof in all churches on the service on the constituent churches of written notices duly stamped with the Church seals.

To counteract this move the Metropolitan Platon last week issued a call for a convention by telegram, which was declared to be illegal, and which was held in Pittsburgh on Tuesday. Members of the orthodox faith in New York have been unable to learn what ecclesiastics or how many attended this meeting, or what action was taken. It is presumed, however, that steps were taken to regularize Platon's position as head of the American diocese, thus giving him the legal right to dispose of the Church property.

The investigation of Alexander's regime, in which Platon was influential, which was under way when Alexander went abroad, was being undertaken by Antonin, Bishop of Alaska, who was requested by the Patriarch to stop off on his way to his diocese to examine rumors which had reached the latter's ears in Russia. Antonin's report, Russians who have seen it declare, characterized conditions here as "disgraceful." Before it could be sent to Russia, however, Patriarch Tikhon was thrown into prison by the Bolsheviks, leaving the church without a titular head, and the report was consequently never delivered.

It is the prerogative of the convention, Bishop Stefan, says, to select any bishop it chooses to head the American diocese. He is not calling the meeting, he adds, to obtain the position for himself.

Plebe Witness Charges Attack In Hazing Trial

Bonifant's Classmates Are Said to Have Thrown Water on Him in His Room in the Night

Officers Deny He Squealed

Declare He Brought Accusations Only When Pressed for Resignation Reason

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 8.—Asserting that midshipmen who had been called as witnesses for the prosecution had been maltreated in their rooms in Bancroft Hall last night, was the surprising statement made by Judge Advocate Murphy during the session of the court martial, which is trying Midshipman John P. Gilmer Jr. on charges of hazing.

The midshipman principally concerned in the attack was Joseph G. Bonifant, who is blamed by most of the others as the prime mover in the three successive crusades. They feel that there would have been no court martial and no dismissals but for him.

Criticized for Testimony

Bonifant testified that last evening a fourth classman, not known by name to him, came to his room and criticized him for his part in the trial, some words followed and the visitors departed, warning that something would happen to Bonifant later. About two o'clock this morning, Bonifant testified, a crowd, believed by him to be fourth classmen, came to his room, which is occupied by three members of that class, and threw two buckets of water over him. They also threw one bucketful over his roommate, R. G. Allen. Allen is a witness in one of the cases.

Though Bonifant is believed by the midshipmen to have "squealed" and brought about the present hazing prosecutions, the fact is denied by the Naval Academy authorities. They say that Bonifant made no revelations until he had submitted his resignation. Upon receiving it he was sent for and questioned as to his reasons, and it was then that the fact of his having been hazed was elicited from him.

Defense Well Developed

During to-day's session the defense upon which Gilmer and probably the other accused midshipmen will rely was well developed. Speeches of Rear Admiral Wilson, superintendent of the

Academy, were taken as the justification of the practices for which they are now on trial. They pointed particularly to portions of a speech made to the present class last May, when its members were about to become first class men, and to a letter written by him to them at the opening of the present academic year. Admiral Wilson, they claim, stated to them last May that it was proper that the freshmen should be taken out of the new midshipmen, but warned them against brutality, interference with newcomers at meals and the imposition of any menial service.

It was also stated by witnesses that they relied upon a passage in Admiral Wilson's letter, which read as follows: "It is the mission of the seniors in the service to train and instruct their juniors." They stated that it was generally understood in the first class that this justified the questions in seamanship asked the plebes. Midshipman Ebert L. Fryberger, who began his testimony yesterday, continued during the morning session and was the first to testify along these lines. He was followed by Midshipman Henry M. Baker, the midshipman commander of the regiment; Everett H. Browne, Charles D. Beaumont Jr. and others.

De Alvear Receives Munson

BUENOS AYRES, Nov. 8.—Marcello de Alvear, the new President of Argentina, to-day received Frank C. Munson, president of the Munson Line of steamers, and had a long conversation with him. Senor De Alvear said he was greatly interested in seeing American capital invested in Argentina, which country offered various opportunities for investment.

State's Motion to Free 43 in Herrin Protested by Union

Miners' Attorneys Want All or None Tried, They Say; Some Witnesses Growing Weak as Fear Spreads

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE
HERRIN, Ill., Nov. 8.—Discharge of forty-three of the forty-eight men indicted for Herrin's mine massacre was moved by the state to-day shortly after the opening of the trial.

The motion to nolle prosequere the murder charge brought a storm of objections from the defense counsel. "We want all or none tried," attorneys for the miners protested.

Judge Hartwell announced he would rule on the motion later in the day. The state wishes to proceed to the trial of the five defendants held most directly responsible for the killing of twenty-one men here last summer. The five men are:

Joseph Carnagi, three counts of murder; Otis Clark, nine charges of murder; Bert Grace, seven charges of

murder; Peter Hiller, five charges of murder; Leva Mann, five charges of murder.

There was a tense atmosphere in the courtroom as deputy sheriffs searched hundreds of spectators for firearms. Dozens of weapons were "checked" in the Sheriff's office. Members of the American Legion, Officers' Reserve Corps and National Guard, wearing their uniforms for "moral effect," were scattered throughout the courtroom.

The temper of the community was reflected in to-day's election returns, which show that Melvin Thaxton, former sheriff, and C. E. Storme, his deputy, both of whom were censured by the grand jury for their lassitude during the massacre, have been elected to the offices of County Treasurer and County Clerk, respectively. Their majorities are the largest ever received in this county.

This is the first of a series of trials to punish those charged with having been implicated in the wholesale murders. There is an undercurrent of fear throughout the county. No charge has been made of intimidation of witnesses, yet there is no doubt that witnesses in some cases are growing weaker in their identifications and that other witnesses have professed to be unable to recognize their own neighbors.

Hermit, Once Wealthy, Found Dead of Hunger

BELVIDERE, N. J., Nov. 8.—Fred Schwartz Jr., who had lived as a hermit here for years, since his once prosperous family lost its money, was found dead of starvation in his bed to-day. For several months he had been selling household articles in an effort to obtain food.

15 Million for New Schools

The Board of Education at its regular meeting yesterday appropriated \$2,000,000 from its building fund for the purchase of new sites and \$13,000,000 for the construction of new schools. The only other question which came up for discussion was the advisability of installing swimming pools. William A. Ettinger, superintendent of schools, and Dr. John A. Ferguson, chairman of the building sites committee, lined themselves with two other members to make a four to three majority for a

pool at Public School No. 10, 17th Street, but the general policy of the committee investigating the subject was to report.

\$3,337 for 73 Pictures At Adam-Ehrich Sale

The first session of the Adam-Ehrich sale of paintings at the Anderson Galleries last night involved the disposal of seventy-three canvases, thirty-two of which were by the Belgian painter Armand Jamar, by a total of \$3,337. The principal painting sold was the "Maternal Love," which M. Knoedler bought for \$475. Dusen Brothers also made a purchase, paying \$200 for the portrait of Lord Tennyson by Benjamin F. Reinhardt. W. A. Willingham purchased the fine, "Month of the Scheidt," by Clara for \$340, and J. C. Willeber paid \$100 for the landscape by Ferdinand Monechabon. The sale will be concluded this evening, when many portrait paintings from the English schools belonging to the Ehrich gallery and other specimens from the Francois Adam collection, of Alberta, will be offered.

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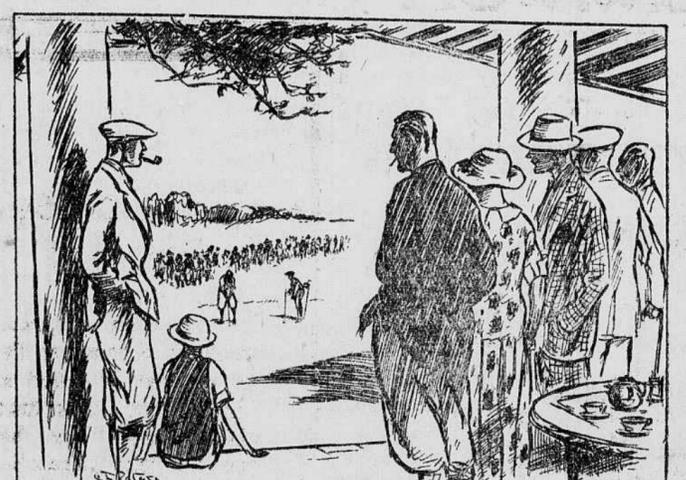
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Ardley Club, Ardley-on-the-Hudson, N.Y.	Glen Ridge Country Club.....Glen Ridge, N.J.	Scarsdale Golf Club.....Hartsdale, N.Y.
Allerton Country Club.....Mamaroneck, N.Y.	Grand Mere Golf Club.....Grand Mere, Quebec, Canada	S. F. G.....Lafayette, Ind.
Altoona Cricket Club.....Altoona, Pa.	Hackensack Golf Club.....Hackensack, N.J.	Shackamaxon Country Club.....Westfield, N.J.
American Golf Assn. of Advertising Interests.....City	Harvard Club.....Harvard, Mass.	Shorewood Farms Corp.....Dunkirk, N.Y.
Americus Golf Club.....Americus, Ga.	Hattiesburg Country Club, Hattiesburg, Miss.	Sivany Country Club, Mount Vernon, N.Y.
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Belleclair Golf & Country Club.....Bay Side, L.I.	Hudson River Country Club, Yonkers, N.Y.	Sound Beach Golf & Country Club.....Sound Beach, Conn.
Blind Brook Club.....Port Chester, N.Y.	Huntington Valley Hunt.....Netherfield, Pa.	Sound View Golf Club.....Great Neck, L.I.
Cameo Brook Country Club.....Summit, N.J.	Inwood Country Club.....Inwood, L.I.	St. Albans Golf Club.....St. Albans, L.I.
Casino Club.....City	Jackson Heights Golf Club, Elmhurst, L.I.	Sunningdale Country Club, Scarsdale, N.Y.
Centenary Collegiate Institute.....Hackettstown, N.J.	Knickerbocker Country Club.....Englewood, N.J.	The Tin Whistle.....Pinehurst, N.C.
Cherry Valley Club.....Garden City, L.I.	Lake George Club.....Lake George, N.Y.	Upper Montclair Country Club.....Upper Montclair, N.J.
Dunbarton Tennis Club, Washington, D.C.	Lake Placid Club.....Lake Placid, N.Y.	West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills, L.I.
Dutchess Golf & Country Club.....Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	Madison Golf Club.....Madison, N.Y.	Wheatley Hills Golf Club.....East Williston, L.I.
Engineers Country Club.....Roslyn, L.I.	Malba Field and Marine Club, Malba, L.I.	Woodmere Club.....Woodmere, L.I.
Englewood Field Club.....Englewood, N.J.	Manhattan Golf Club.....Pelham Bay, N.Y.	Woodway Country Club, Springdale, Conn.
Englewood Golf Club.....Englewood, N.J.	Metropolitan Advertising Golf Club.....City	
	Mount Vernon Country Club.....Mount Vernon, N.Y.	
	New York Athletic Club.....City	
	New York Lawn Tennis Assn.....City	
	New York Paper Trade Golf Assn.....City	
	North Jersey Country Club.....Warren Point, N.J.	
	Oakland Golf Club.....Flushing, L.I.	
	Pomok Country Club.....Flushing, L.I.	
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