

### REDS KEEP RELIEF INTENTIONS SECRET

#### Give No Hint if They Will Sell Crown Jewels and Help Feed People.

### BENEFACTORS CURIOUS

#### Would Like to Know What Was Done With Proceeds of Church Loot.

### REPORTED IN MUSEUM

#### Moscow Commission Figures on Grain to Export This Winter.

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Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. Moscow, Oct. 28.—Those who are responsible for foreign relief work in Russia, practical business men who are answerable in the first place to their own people, are asking themselves these questions:

1—Is the Soviet Government going to do anything in the way of buying grain abroad for the famine stricken districts by pledging the crown jewels now in the Kremlin?

2—Has the Soviet Government yet published the full account of how it has disposed of the nationalized church treasures seized last May to provide food for the starving.

Odds and ends of information bearing on these questions have appeared from time to time in the *Pravda* and the *Isvestia* it is true. The relief work has been told us the money realized from the sale of church treasures was utilized for the purchase of grain from Finland and elsewhere, but no complete, business like reports have yet appeared.

#### Business Questions Arise.

Relief work is primarily a humanitarian effort, but even humanitarian work must be run in a business like way, otherwise it leads to who'seasie graft and swindling. The Governments of Western Europe are so well aware of this that they insist that charities be registered and if they rely on public support they have to have their accounts audited regularly by chartered accountants in good standing, besides being carefully watched by official inspectors. As the Soviet Government has appealed to the Western nations for assistance in fighting the famine it must let the West know how it is fighting the famine itself.

Heated rhetoric may be good enough for the Russians but Englishmen and Americans prefer cold figures. The Soviet Government has made over \$1,000,000 by plundering the churches. It was a small sum to get at the cost of upsetting the whole organization of the orthodox church, depositing the patriarchs, provoking disturbances which led to loss of life and was followed by the execution of priests and the imprisonment of others, but with this aspect of the question the foreign relief organizations have nothing to do.

What they are concerned in are the steps which the Soviet Government is taking to purchase grain for the coming winter and thus lighten the pressure on the philanthropic public of England and America or at all events will show the public where it stands and of what proportion is the famine it has to cope with.

A statement in the *Pravda* said that all the valuable objects of historic interest taken from the Alexander Nevsky cathedral, the Kazan cathedral and other ecclesiastical establishments in Petrograd had been placed in a museum. This leads one to wonder why the Soviet declared war on the church and published insupportable newspaper attacks on Patriarch Tikhon for hesitating to exchange the treasures of the church for bread if all the Bolsheviks do with those treasures when they seize them is to put them in a museum. Besides, to be strictly fair to the Patriarch, he voluntarily offered the treasures of the Russian Relief Commission long before he was asked, and the quarrel ultimately forced upon him hinged solely on his refusal to contribute the chalices and other sacred objects actually used in the service, which were worth less than a hundredth part of the total available treasure.

#### Jewels Worth Billions.

However, that is not our affair. It is a matter for the Russians themselves. With crown jewels it is different. When Gov. Goodrich was here the Bolsheviks showed him the Kremlin jewels worth, according to their own estimate, 1,000,000,000 pounds sterling. Mr. Goodrich did not think the estimate too high.

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### FAVOR RESTITUTION TO HAPSBURG HEIRS

#### League Commission Said to Have Suggested Aid for Carl's Children.

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VIENNA, Oct. 28.—Information has reached here that the financial commission of the League of Nations, dealing with international credits for Austria, has requested the restitution of the late Emperor's private fortune to his heirs. Carl's property was confiscated by the republican regime of Austria, and the country's delegates to Geneva pointed out that Hungary also had confiscated Carl's property there, though the nation never had considered him the legitimate monarch, and as the Hapsburgs must be regarded as Hungarian citizens, the legal problem of their fortune would have to be solved there.

The Hungarians maintain that the Hapsburgs are Austrians as well as Hungarians, and that Austria, by confiscation, took the fortune of her own citizens. Hungary asks Austria to renounce her share of the confiscation, whereupon Hungary will be willing to do likewise.

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### MAY ASK AMERICAN TO RESCUE AUSTRIA

#### Financiers of Other Nations Decline to Undertake the Responsibility.

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Paris, Oct. 28.—It now seems almost certain that an American will be chosen as high commissioner for the financial restoration of Austria under the Geneva scheme. Owing to the opposition of the Italians the proposed candidates of French, Italian, Czech-Slovak and Swiss nationality have been eliminated and, as the Scandinavian nations cannot offer a really big financier, the choice has narrowed down to the Dutch and Belgian nominees—Mayor Zimmerman of Rotterdam and M. Janssen, head of a large Belgian banking group.

These two are understood to have declined to undertake the responsibility, and, according to information from well-wishers of Austria who are following the Geneva scheme closely, the diplomats are now trying to select a suitable commissioner from a list of American financiers likely to accept the appointment.

That bands of armed workers are holding weekly drills and maneuvers in the industrial suburbs of Vienna is the report circulated by the Christian Socialist Deputy Mataja. He says it is

### SPANIARDS FLEECE IN CUBA

#### Madrid Envoy Says Many Got No Pay for Work in Fields.

HAVANA, Oct. 28.—Better treatment for the thousands of seasonal Spanish workers in Cuban cane fields is being sought by the Spanish Minister, Alfredo Maiztegui, in negotiations with the Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor.

Secretary Pedro Betancourt has promised every assistance in remedying conditions complained of by the Minister, who asserted that thousands of his poor countrymen were not paid for their labor last year and had to appeal to charity for food and transportation back to Europe. In a lesser degree, he added, this has happened again at the close of the 1921-22 sugar cane harvest.

### LEAGUE COMMISSION SAID TO HAVE SUGGESTED AID FOR CARL'S CHILDREN

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### URGES COOPERATION TO HELP GERMANY PAY

#### Sir John Bradbury to Press for Budget Equilibrium.

LONDON, Oct. 28 (Associated Press).—Sir John Bradbury, British member of the Allied Reparations Commission, to-

day left London for Berlin, where he will press for more intimate cooperation between the commission and the German Government to secure budget equilibrium and stabilization of the mark.

The commission is going to Berlin with an open mind to see what the Germans can do to meet their obligations, it is declared. There are no acute differences of opinion between France and England, although there are varying standpoints as regards methods and what is possible in the way of payment by Germany. The commission does not contemplate a show of force.

Sir John expressed the opinion that German industrialists had adopted a line of their own, resulting in considerable profits, at least on paper, and that it was difficult to pull them up, but they were now getting alarmed and were beginning to favor the arresting of inflation.

### NORWEGIAN LIQUOR LAW

#### Restriction Laid on Quantity Small Craft May Carry.

CHRISTIANIA, Oct. 28.—The Norwegian Government, under laws recently enacted, may now seize vessels of less than 100 tons found within the common territorial frontier carrying liquor in excess of the actual requirements of those on board.

Application was made a short time ago in the case of the motor cutter *Lisbeth* of Cuxhaven, Germany. This boat was stopped off Risor by the custom authorities and found to have more than 300 quarts of liquor on board. The captain was fined, and the cutter and her cargo of spirits confiscated.

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