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ARISTOCRATS OF RUSSIA PEDDLERS

Once Haughty Officers of Old Regime Are Now Penniless in Turkish Capital.

ONE TRAGEDY OF GREAT WAR

Every Street in Constantinople Is Crowded With Refugees From Russia—Wives and Daughters in Menial Occupations.

Constantinople.—When Russia was a mighty nation under her czars it was the Slav dream to march into Constantinople.

Well, the Russians in their thousands have reached this city, but their presence means not a triumph, but one of the great tragedies of the aftermath of the war.

The allies, and especially France, backed and financed a number of attempts on the part of Russia to break down the Bolshevik government and substitute one that would do business with western Europe.

The last of these mercenary armies was the one led by General Wrangel, who at one time was master of the Crimea.

But just as soon as the Bolsheviks secured peace with Poland, they smashed Wrangel to smithereens. The Crimea witnessed one of the greatest scrambles in history.

Soldiers and their leaders, civilians and their wives and families, clamored for ships to take them away before the avenging Bolsheviks came in.

The vessels which were finally supplied for the refugees were jammed beyond human endurance.

Filled With Refugees. Thousands of the survivors of this page of recent history were brought to Constantinople.

Every street in Constantinople is crowded with them. Near this city you may see broad-faced Mongolians and Kalmyk Tartars, who were once in Wrangel's army, working on the railway tracks.

In the city itself the Russians have largely turned to peddling.

Their wives and sisters and daughters have taken to waiting in little restaurants or washing dishes or scrubbing floors or doing family washing.

Many have been forced by sheer want into immorality.

And there are thousands who have no visible means of support. They sell nothing. They do not work. They simply walk the streets aimlessly.

Many of them have shirts, but no coats. If you see them with coats buttoned up to the neck, you may know that they have neither shirt nor undershirt underneath. In this blazing hot oriental weather many of them go about with great, long, heavy castrack coats whose collars and sleeves are trimmed with thick astrachan.

Shift for Themselves. Men who were once officers in the czar's army and later in Wrangel's forces still go about with their epaulettes on shoulders. Often one has a wicked-looking Russian officer's dagger at his side.

It would seem that with this great influx of one-time soldiers of adventure, made desperate by want, there would be a great increase of petty crimes. But the 2,500 Turkish police have held crime in check.

For a considerable period the French authorities undertook to feed the 100,000 Russian refugees, the only stipulation being that they should seek work to make themselves self-supporting. But work was the very thing that the great majority of them did not want.

They seemed to think the allies were under some sort of obligation to maintain them in idleness. The result was that the French felt compelled to withdraw all assistance and allow them to shift for themselves.—Milton Bronner, in Chicago Post.

PUBLIC KISSING ON WANE

People of Asia Minor Change Age-Old Custom of Showing Affection, Esteem or Reverence.

Angora.—The age-old custom of men publicly kissing other men as a mark of affection, esteem or reverence, is passing in Asia Minor.

As in the French army, high officers or generals of the Turk nationalist army kiss men whom they decorate or wish to commend. Gen. Ismet Pasha, in reviewing infantry, often walks up to some stalwart soldier, slaps him on the shoulder and kisses him on both cheeks as a mark of public approval. The correspondent has seen a high officer kneel and kiss the hands of Gen. Moudhifine Bey, the former teacher of the younger officer.

But in general, as a custom of the people, of friends meeting and embracing after long separation, kissing is a thing of the past.

Tense Moments in Fox Special.



'SHAME'—WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION

Here is reflected one of a hundred tense moments in the Fox super-special production 'Shame', to be released in mid-October. The scene is between husband and wife, John Gilbert, who appears as a husband, has recently been made a star by William Fox—largely because of his splendid work in 'Shame'. Doris P. Owen plays the role of the wife.

HERE'S ODD FREAK OF NATURE

So Far as Known, Twin Tree Is the Only One of Its Kind in the World.

One of the most remarkable freaks of nature, if such it is, ever discovered is a twin tree, an oak and elm grown together, which is found on the island occupied by the United States arsenal at Rock Island, Ill. The island in question is formed by two branches of the Mississippi river and embraces some two hundred acres. It is covered with a luxuriant growth of oak elm and various other species of trees, but the twin tree is the only one of its kind on the island, or anywhere else in the world, as far as is known. By some curious phenomenon, the trunks of the trees, which apparently were growing side by side when saplings, have merged into a single bole to a height of seven or eight feet. At this height the individual trunks separate, each bearing its own peculiar bark formation and foliage whereas the joint trunk seems to be a blend of both elm and oak bark. It has been estimated that the twin tree is over a hundred years old, and it is possible that the Indians who once camped on the island may have had something to do, either by accident or design, with the peculiar formation.

Cat Followed Mistress

A New Brunswick reader sends the Montreal Herald an account of a very faithful cat. "When a very small girl," she writes, "I was given a tortoiseshell kitten, of which I made a very great pet and which grew to miss me when I went out of the house. Last year I left my old home for a home of my own and as the cat was now more than twenty years old, I left it in the old home, as I did not think she would fancy a change. But one day I was surprised to see puss leap in at the open window. Purring joyously she jumped up into my lap to be petted as usual. Then she crawled under the stove and took up her abode with us."

MILITANT MARY

Just when you're gloating over what a sport you are, all TOLD Some Auntie visits you and makes you feel JUST EIGHT YEARS OLD!

The time for a "back to the farm" movement is when the farmers are in greatest need of labor.

Possibly the first move toward obtaining a naval holiday must be to disarm suspicion.

If women were as narrow as their skirts they would not get very far in politics.

The Scrap Book

LITTLE CALL FOR DEDUCTION

Victor's Request Made All Things Clear to the Mind of the Monarch of Detectives.

Shattered Homes was smoking his fourth ounce of strong tobacco since breakfast. Suddenly the cut glass inkwell on his desk quivered and danced, and the great detective gazed earnestly into it. Then he pressed an electric button in the arm of his chair, and his mysterious Chinese servant appeared in the doorway.



"You called, Excellent One?" Shattered Homes nodded.

"A man is at the door," he explained. "He is partly bald, squints, and is very fond of dogs. Show him in!" A minute later the man so minutely described by the great detective rushed into the room.

"You are the famous Shattered Homes! You must find her! You will find her!" he cried. Shattered Homes wiped his fountain pen upon his favorite black cat. "But tell me who she is!" he ordered.

"I want her back," sobbed the visitor. "She is my mother-in-law!" Shattered Homes went to the telephone.

"Hello! I want 0033, please. Is that Dotyville asylum? Good! Has one of your patients escaped? I thought so! Send a cab round to the house of Shattered Homes, will you?" Then the great detective went out to lunch.—London Tit-Bits.

Only a Toy Doll.

Watash, Ind.—Every time the automobile driven by Edward Reyburn, mail transfer clerk of Peru, hit a bump between the railroad station and the Peru post office some nights ago, a faint cry of "Mamma, mamma" reached Reyburn's ears. He looked back several times, but he was unable to see anyone. At the post office the mail sacks were taken in the office and when one of the sacks was placed on the floor the cry, "Mamma, mamma" came again. C. J. Johnson, clerk on duty, aided by Reyburn, quickly tore the sack open to find that the "baby" was a toy doll, which, when pressed, would cry, "Mamma, mamma."

Italy Electrifies Railroads.

Rome.—The Italian state railways are bit by bit being electrified. Every now and then the government under takes to add 300 or 400 miles of electrification to the system. By the end of 1922, there will be more than 2,000 miles of electrified state railways in Italy. This is expected to reduce the coal consumption of the railroads by about one-third.

WISCONSIN GIRL DEFIES HANDICAP

Develops System of Conversing With Others Not Equaled Even by Helen Keller.

IS BOTH BLIND AND DEAF

By Placing Her Fingers on Vocal Cords of a Person She Can Tell What Is Being Said Before Words Are Actually Spoken.

Janesville, Wis.—Overcoming the handicap of both blindness and deafness in a manner which has astonished all medical authorities, who have heard of it, Miss Wileta Huggins, sixteen years old, a student of the Wisconsin School for the Blind at Janesville, has learned to listen to the conversation of others through the medium of placing a finger on the vocal cords of the person with whom she is talking.

Denied the power to see or hear, this girl has acquired through practice senses so keen, so accurate and so marvelous that she is believed to have a system of understanding which has never been equaled even by Helen Keller, famous blind girl.

Wileta, through some strange and unexplainable sense, can tell who is in a room with her or in adjoining room, if she has known the person for but a short time.

Converses With Two at Once.

Through this strange means of conversation, Wileta may carry on a conversation with two people at the same time simply by placing any finger of one hand on the vocal cords and feeling by the vibrations just what is being said before the words are actually spoken.

She is of normal build for a girl of sixteen years, robust and has a habit of covering her eyes. Unless she studied her eyes they would not



Wileta Huggins Conversing With a Friend.

readily note her great affliction as she walks with as steady a gait as a normal person would. Upon entering a room where there are visitors she will walk without faltering up to J. T. Hooper, superintendent of the school.

Wileta is unable herself to understand or explain the reason for her strange method of hearing. It just came to her; this is her only explanation. She has been at the school for six years.

May Develop New Method.

During her first year at school Wileta was not a very diligent student and was especially backward in studying the point system of reading. She mastered the reading system, however, knowing that it was only a matter of time when she would be unable to see.

The achievements of Wileta Huggins are attracting such wide attention that one of the large women's magazines of the country contains an interview with her and a story of her success. It is the opinion of psychologists that a new method of teaching the deaf will be developed as a result of the tests which have been made on Wileta Huggins.

Strange Beast.

Detroit, Mich.—A little animal, at first thought to be the "missing link" was captured recently in the wooded portion of Berkeley, Cal. It had a face like a man, a tail like that of a squirrel, hands resembling those of a human being and jabbered a distinctive lingo. It is about a foot tall and dark brown. University of California scientists will be asked to define its species.

CHIC FROCK OF WHITE CREPE



This very pretty frock of white crepe is embroidered in most winsome flowers and is an outfit that is sure to appeal to many women.

KEEP SEWING BASKET HANDY

Convenience Should Be Available in Bedroom, Sewing and Sitting Rooms as Time-Saver.

Keep a completely stocked sewing basket in bedroom, sewing room and sitting room. In this way many quick stitches can be taken, which would not have been taken if everything had to be hunted up.

In the sitting room basket, keep a piece of pickup work and when an unexpected caller comes, this can be worked on, when one would not feel at liberty to take time to hunt up the things. Also keep a sewing bag ready with a piece of work and necessary threads, etc., so that when you go out to call or visit there is always some thing ready to take with you. This is a little extra expense to begin with, as it requires four pairs of scissors and four thimbles, but it amply repays in the end in the extra amount of work done.

Skirt Trimming.

If there is any sort of trimming on a dress it is to be found on the skirt. The most attractive afternoon gowns are often made in somber colors, very smartly cut and absolutely plain. Of course it takes an expert to make a simple frock look elegant, as cutting is a real art.

Snake Kills Dog.

San Francisco, Cal.—Dog fanciers of San Francisco learned of the death in Alexandria, La., of Blimer Bingo, champion Alredale, who won many blue ribbons at local bench shows. Blimer Bingo, owned by Dr. W. C. Billings, formerly of the government health service in San Francisco, was killed by a diamond-head moccasin snake in the grounds of the Billings home. The dog killed the snake, but was fatally bitten, and died a few hours later.

Mystery That Will Never Be Solved.

Alexandria, Ind.—The old dog of the Herman Harris family gets an extra large bone these days and there's a good reason. Mrs. Harris lost a roll containing \$105. She thought she had dropped it out of her automobile. Two days later the dog turned up with the money in his mouth. Where he got it is a mystery.

Immigrant families from South America are bringing in great rolls of money, sometimes hundreds of thousands of dollars. One suspects that they intend to rent a flat.

Heavenly Dust Cloud of Vast Bulk Is Found

London.—Dr. A. Pannekeek, a Dutch scientist, has been demonstrating the existence of an inconceivably vast object in the heavens. Its mass, he says, is 20,000,000,000 times greater than that of the sun. He calls it a celestial gas or dust cloud. Doctor Pannekeek says this huge body is situated in the constellation of Taurus and his estimate of its size is greater than many estimates of the combined mass of the whole universe itself.

GOBS APPLAUD BULL

American Sailors Witness Exhibition of Portugal's Sport.

More a Display of Good Horsemanship and Skillful Feints Than Cruel Sport as in Spain.

Lisbon.—Sailors of the American warships who were entertained in this city when the American squadron visited Portugal the other day, saw a Portuguese bullfight and justly cheered for one of the bulls.

A Portuguese bullfight is more a display of splendid horsemanship and skillful feints than a cruel sport, such as the Spanish bullfight. There is no bloodshed. The bulls are merely eased by the bullfighters and others, who pierce their hides with their tormenting darts. The horns of the bulls are covered with leather balls, so that they can do no great damage and the proof of the skill of the horseman is never to let his horse get touched by them.

After that a group of peasants wearing green-and-red caps advance into the ring and each tries to throw himself on the bull, either between his horns or on his neck, and to cling here despite the frantic attempts of the animal. If one succeeds in clinging on, the other peasants rush up and hang onto the bull until he is reduced to impotence.

The American boys cheered all this with great enthusiasm, but the real outbreak came when one bull leaped after one of his tormentors over a wooden partition and into a group of bullfighters, scattering them right and left.

Roars of laughter filled the enormous circus and a thundering cheer and cries of "bull, bull, bull" burst from the throats of the Americans.

The bullfighters fled in disorder while the amphitheater resounded with the laughter and cheers of the Americans.

NEW TURK STAMPS VALUABLE

Nationalist Issue Many New Forms—Plan Complete New Issue of Its Own.

Angora.—The nationalist government has given a new interest to Turkish stamp collections. It has not only issued, at various times, small quantities of stamps of a temporary kind, but it has also surcharged with its name various sets of revenue and postage stamps printed originally by the imperial Ottoman government at Constantinople.

It has lately arranged to have printed in Italy a complete set of new stamps of its own, thereby making more valuable the temporary and surcharged stamps used during the past two years. The surcharged stamps have in several cases been surcharged with the lettering upside down.

Lieutenant Commander Robert Dunn, intelligence officer at the American embassy, Constantinople, and owner of the largest collection of purely Turkish stamps, has during his various trips to the interior formed a large collection of nationalist stamps, some of which he estimates in value from \$50 to \$100 each.

England claims that the bobbed-hair craze there was inflicted upon her by America. If that is true, let her make her claim for indemnity reasonable and we will try to get congress to pay it.

There is no use getting mad at the hot weather, but he is a rarely patient man who doesn't get mad at it anyway.

CROSBY'S KIDS

THE IDEAL BOY

MOTHER, WOULD YOU MIND BRINGING UP THE CASTOR OIL?

Wm. D. Crosby