# RUSSIAN FAMINE IS WIDESPREAD

Prisoners Straggling Back Find Fatherland Greatly Changed Since War.

### MAKE BREAD OUT OF STRAW

Returning Soldiers Tell Tales of Pith ful Suffering From Hunger in Villages Through Which

They Passed. With the American Forces in North Russia.-Russian soldiers returning from Germany to their homes in northern Russia find their fatherland vastly changed since they went to war. Scores of these soldiers are passing through the bolshevik lines and making their way to the American and other allied outposts.

They tell tales of pitiful suffering from hunger in the villages through which they passed. One of them, F. Evlampieff of Archangel, thus describes his experiences:

Famine Reigns at Petrograd. "At Petrograd we were sent to barracks, where a bolshevik officer started to read us the soviet program. The prisoners protested. 'Give us first something to eat, and then read us your program,' they cried. Then the commissar gave up trying to read the program, saying we were not fit elements for propaganda, and left us. Each of us received 25 rubles in advance on his salary.

"Famine was reigning in Petrograd. The first category (working people of bolshevik sympathies) received one pound of oats daily. The second category received one-half pound. The citizens grind the oats in coffee mills to make flour for bread. For Christmas the Petrograd inhabitants received two potatoes for each person. A slice of bread is sold for 25 rubles. There was no tobacco. People smoked cabbage and nettle.

Wait for Bread Two Days.

"The situation at Vologda was the same as in Petrograd. It was famine, and the population stood in line for bread sometimes two days. There was no private commerce. The shops were empty.'

On his way from Vologda toward Archangel a commissar tried to coax Evlamples into serving in the red army, and on his refusal sent him back to Vologda. A peasant hid him in a load of hay and carried him to his uncle's home in Torozk. In all the villages he passed through, he said, there was famine. The peasants cut straw, cook it and make bread. Eventually, after a long journey on foot through the snow, Evlampleff reached his home.

When such prisoners reach the territory of the provisional government of the north they are cared for as well as possible. Many of them voluntarily have joined the white guard army because of their hatred of the bolshevikt.

#### BOYS ATE 1,460 PANCAKES

One Hundred and Twenty Lads Exhausted Salvation Army Cooks.

One hundred and twenty boys ate 1,460 pancakes in establishing a new record for food consumption at the Salvation Army home at Lytton, Cal. Each cake was one-half inch thick, spread with sirup and large enough to cover a dinner plate.

The lads procured the feast by clearing an orchard of prunings. Five cooks almost dropped from exhaustion in an attempt to supply the food. The youngsters averaged 13 pancakes each. The fewest any boy consumed was eight; one lad tucked away 17.

No casualties have been reported as a result of the feast.

#### URGES MERCHANTS TO KEEP BOOKS TO CALCULATE TAXES

Washington, May 14,-Retail merchants were urged by internal rev enue Commissioner Roper in a letter made public yesterday to install business accounting systems to enable them to calculate accurately their income taxes. Explaining that the \$3,000,000,000 revenue bill pending in congress means an average tax of \$76 for every man, women, and child in the nation, Commissioner Roper said every merchant should study the income tax law and regulation and see to it that his accounts are kept in a manner that will enable him to determine his net income for taxation purposes.

The above news item should convince all of the need of correct system of keeping records.

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ing is that of ratifying a sale of the company's plant as entered into by the Board of Directors. Also that the necessary steps and

proceedings be had so that the cor-

poration may be dissolved.

C. W. BRANDBORG.

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Secretar

#### **AMERICAN BOXERS** WIN LONDON CASH

By Don M. Chamberlain, (United Press correspondent.) London. (By Mail.)—American boxers are reaping a harvest in dol-lars and popularity in Great Britain and simultaneously boosting the prestige of American boxers.

Eddie McGoorty leads in the mut-ter of coin-gathering, the St. Paul, Minn., man having engaged in sev eral bouts which are estimated to have netted him around twelve thousand dollars. His last bout, May 12th, with Harry Reeve, at the National Sporting club, was for an \$8,

000 purse.

Joe Lynch, the New York bantam, is believed to have cleaned up be-tween five and ten thousand. Augie Ratner, middle-weight, also of New York, has profited to the extent of several thousand dollars, while Eddie Shevlin, the American navy boxer, has added considerable to his bank-roll.

If the success of McGoorty, Lynch and Ratner here is any basis for comparison of American and British fighters. Americans have the edge. All three have met and beaten the British champions of their weights. McGoorty and Ratner have both defeated Boy McCormick, the British light-heavy-weight holder of the Lord Lonsdale championship belt.

Lynch holds a twenty round deci-sion over Tommy Noble, the British

bantam champion. Shevlin has not fared so well. He has lost two decisions to Britishers, but his gameness has earned him a lot of commendations and prospects of future lucrative matches.

Terry Martin of Providence, R. 1., is another Yankee scrapper, who is faring well over here. Martin, whose manager is Bob Warner, the Boston ice skater, got a bad start at Liverpool, when he lost to Joe Symonds ex-bantam champion of Britain, on a foul, but he made up for it in the first week of May by walloping the tar out of Chris Langdon, a Welshman, at the National Sporting club. Martin is being press-agented' for a match with Noble or Jimmy Wilde, but his chances are not considered exceedingly bright against the lat-Wilde will be a hard man to get into a ring with an American, after his nearly fatal experience with Lynch, unless he is offered an easymark or a healthy bank-roll.

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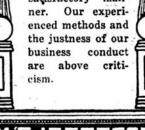
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