

Food for the Strong, Let the Weak Die, Law of Communists

PRISONERS OF SOVIETS PERISHING

Man Just Released Tells of Horror of Russian Jails

SEATTLE, Aug. 12.—America would cooperate to effect the release of soviet prisoners of war, declared a spokesman of the American Red Cross today.

"Prison conditions are unspeakable," declared Kilpatrick, "and the prisoners are wretchedly ill. Their existence is a torment." Kilpatrick, whose home is in Columbus, Ala., spoke for the other five whose release was brought about by Secretary Hoover as a condition for the famine relief services.

"Every man who is taken to the camps to die if quick relief is not sent into Russia," he said. "Communist leaders urge food shall go only to the fittest—that the weak shall be allowed to perish."

"That is what is apt to happen, too, if the soviet leaders are allowed to control the distribution of American supplies." Kilpatrick agreed with the others that it was not the drought which brought on the famine, but resentment against the soviet confiscation of crops in preceding years.

SHOWN INTO FILTHY, CROWDED PRISONS

"I have been in prison since October 28, last year," Kilpatrick said. "I was thrown into a filthy prison where we were crowded in regardless of sanitary conditions, let alone comfort. A careful farmer would not have herded his sheep into a place such as we men of all nationalities were compelled to occupy."

"We got some water to drink, but we feared it, and especially when some of the men became ill. Our food ration was the absolute minimum of sporadic bread. I had only two baths while in Russia."

DEATHS WERE DAILY OCCURRENCES

"Early this spring I was transferred to Tscheka—the worst prison of all."

"Medieval dungeons could have been no worse than those damp cells we occupied deep down under the earth. Fifty of us were cramped into that airless and lightless room. There was no room to stretch out to sleep."

"I finally fell so seriously ill that I was removed to a hospital. Five of the prison doctors issued orders for my removal and each time there was a delay."

"But I was taken out and sent to

Death Car Driver Now Being Sought

DONALD F. HOSSMAN, the driver of the jitney bus that fatally injured Trygve Kloek, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kloek, 124 N. 75th st., is being searched for by city detectives since a coroner's jury fixed the blame of the killing on him.

The child was struck by Hossman August 1. Funeral services were to be held this afternoon at the Rafferty undertaking parlors.

Want Am. Legion's Charter Repealed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Repeal of the federal charter of the American Legion yesterday was asked of congress by the Private Soldiers' and Sailors' legion on the grounds that it has "incited lawlessness."

A hospital. Except that it was clean and there was sunlight and fresh air, there was little improvement.

CAN HARDLY DESCRIBE REAL HORROR

"Then, on August 1, I was suddenly released from custody. No one told me why, but my treatment improved everywhere. Finally I was placed in a first-class railway carriage and taken to Petrograd, where I spent two days without food except what the Czechoslovakian Red Cross could furnish. Then came the trip with these men across the border and our freedom here.

"I can hardly tell the real horror of conditions in Russia. 'Hospital' refuse to take patients unless the patients supply their own food. The nurses and attendants are so starved that they are unable to perform their work properly."

Denies Russia in Weakened Condition

RIGA, Aug. 12.—Russia is perfectly willing to permit all Americans to leave the country, M. Litvinoff, soviet emissary, declared today.

He scorned the idea that his government had been weakened by the food crisis.

"The soviets are neither weakened nor strengthened by the famine," he said. Litvinoff described the soviet efforts to combat the famine. Special trains are running thru the drought district, he said, conveying children to the more prosperous regions of Siberia, Turkistan and Tula, where the peasants "willingly receive them."

All transportation is dedicated now to relief work, Litvinoff said. Stories that millions are fleeing the famine region are exaggerations, he declared.

"Possibly there are hundreds of thousands of refugees," he said. "Settlers in newly opened regions along the Volga started the moving back to their original homes when the drought ruined their crops. As they fell back, they carried other settlers with them in panic."

"There are 15,000,000 persons involved in the famine."

FIND KENNEDY DEATH GUN?

Stock of Weapons on Beach—Burch Blameless, Says Girl

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12.—Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, indicted with Arthur C. Burch for the murder of John Belton Kennedy, today placed all her hopes in the man who she "always respected even when her heart was elsewhere"—her divorced husband, who is speeding here from Chicago to assist her.

Mrs. Obenchain, on the verge of collapse from her harrowing experience, revealed for the first time why she sent for Burch to come to Los Angeles before the tragedy.

"The poor boy—he had nothing to do with it," she murmured. "I brought him into all this trouble and I will clear him if I can. Arthur Burch came here because I sent for him. I asked him in the spirit of friendship—to help him in business after he had failed in the East. In

simulations of a three-cornered affair involving myself, Belton and Burch are false—as history fails at anything else that has been said since Belton was shot down that night in the dark little plex.

"Burch has been working for a motion picture firm in the East and he had written me that it was about to fail. I urged him to come West, where I believed conditions would be much more favorable for his endeavors."

"He had nothing to do with the murder—the whole case is simply a terrible coincidence."

She was confident that her divorced husband, Ralph R. Obenchain,

who is coming to her help, will win her freedom. She said she held unbounded faith that he will save her from "unfortunate consequences in this terrible murder."

Both Madalynne and Burch refused to testify when brought before the grand jury, which returned indictments against them. Twenty-five witnesses were called to testify against them.

William Wylie, a roofing contractor, today turned over to the authorities the stock of a 12 gauge shotgun which he said he found on the beach near Santa Monica on Saturday.

It is thought to be part of the instrument with which Kennedy was killed near by Beverly Glen, Friday at midnight.

Kennedy's assassin is believed to have rushed in an automobile from Beverly Glen to Santa Monica immediately after the murder, thrown the gun in the ocean and speeded on to Los Angeles.

The speedometer on a for-hire automobile which Dick Parsons, garage man, testified that he had rented to Arthur C. Burch on the night of the tragedy, registered 41 miles, the exact distance from Los Angeles to Beverly Glen and return via Santa Monica.

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Colma, spent last night in a prison cell.

Police of San Francisco and District Attorney Swart of San Mateo county, declared he will be charged with murder.

But despite the fact that the authorities claim to have found around him a light drawn web of circumstantial evidence, Hightower probably will claim and receive the \$3,000 reward offered for the finding of the body, the district attorney's office said. He fulfilled the conditions of the reward and if it is paid at all, he is the man to receive it, it was declared.

So the picture of a man defending himself on a charge of murder with the reward money paid for the solution of the crime, was in prospect today.

Hightower slept well last night in a heavily guarded cell. At 6 p. m. all elevators in the jail were stopped. Guards were placed at every door and police lines thrown around the buildings. False rumors that Hightower had confessed caused officers to fear an attempt at violence against him.

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where is heard a chant of sincere tribute to the superiority of the Portland camp over any other in the United States.

"The information bureau established last Monday at the park by the Chamber of Commerce is proving very popular. Road maps have been set up, and information of all sorts is furnished to tourists by David S. Stearns.

"The average stay of a tourist at the camp is five days, according to Stearns. Few tourists are going North from here, and side trips to Oregon beaches and Southern Oregon seem the most popular jaunts."

Following are some of the reports on travel in other parts of the state as gathered by The Star:

YAKIMA—Orpheus G. Coote, commercial club secretary, says: "The number of visitors to our city this summer is about 25 per cent greater than last, which was the best up to that time. So far this season there have been about 2,000 transient cars stop in Yakima."

CHERIALIS—"I feel safe in saying that tourist travel this year up to the present time is 10 per cent greater than it was for the same period last year," says T. J. O'Connor, executive secretary of the Citizens' club.

EVERETT—"Just about the same as it was last year," says C. E. Sprague, acting secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

HOQUIAM—"There is no question that up to date a greater number have visited Lake Quinault and the ocean beaches. This spring the cit-

MAHONEY TRUNK REWARD SOUGHT

Mrs. J. N. Barnett to Fight Till She Gets It

The hope of that \$2,000 reward for the Mahoney trunk is sticking with Mrs. J. N. Barnett, 3213 Fuhrman st., who notified The Star and caused this newspaper to call for the police.

"What's mine is mine," Mrs. Barnett said Friday, "and I'm going to fight until I get it, even tho a lot of people seem to be trying to crowd me out. If the county commissioners didn't intend to give that reward to the person who first discovered the trunk, then they shouldn't have offered it."

Mrs. Barnett explained that her house overlooks the spot where the "mystery box" first bobbed up from the bottom of the lake.

"I saw the thing floating at 1 p. m.," she declares. "I said to myself, 'That's the Mahoney trunk.' I knew it was by the looks of it, and by the fact that it was near where the discovery was expected."

"I tried to get a boat so that I might row out to it, but I failed. 'So I sat by my window, watching my find and scheming to get it out of the water."

"Finally, at 4 p. m. I called The Star. After that the commotion grew in the neighborhood and I had no chance."

"But I found the trunk and I want my \$2,000, if I have to get a lawyer to make them listen."

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