

SAYS RUSSIAN SITUATION IS CLEARING UP

Former Prime Minister Claims New Russia Will Look to America in Its Reconstruction.

WILL ASK FOR CHARITY Two Million Refugees Scattered Throughout Europe Now Eager to Return and Aid Country.

The following article is the first of a series being written for the United Press by men prominent in European affairs. Because of the unsettled conditions in Russia and other European countries, these articles, which will be published by the Missouriian, are expected to be of much interest.

By PRINCE G. LYOFF (Former Prime Minister of Russia) (Written for the United Press)

PARIS, May 2.—I believe that the situation in Russia is now rapidly clearing and that the time is not far distant when we Russians shall keep our vast country again at work, helping in the reorganization of the world. Thousands of Russians everywhere, exiles as well as those at home, are bending all their energies to a single end without regard for political creed. We all realize, I think, that at a time as portentous as this, all haggling over differences of politics must cease if we do not wish to obscure our aim. It is a time when the world needs Russia, and when Russia needs the world.

News which I receive from the interior of Russia is encouraging. Thinking men are doing their utmost. In many cases, no doubt, their zeal is a poor guide for their efforts, but there is encouragement in the fact that at least they are trying for the achievement of the same ends. The result will surely be good.

My message to Americans at the present moment is to urge them to study Russia, to get better acquainted with its possibilities, to cherish the friendship which already exists between the two peoples, to continue the bonds of sympathy and faith and goodwill.

TO DEPEND ON AMERICA

Then when the time comes, as come it will ere long, we shall count on America to help gloriously as she always has helped those who struggle valiantly for the right. The New Russia will need many things from America—it will need great gifts of charity, it will need the utmost credits of American banking groups, it will need American brains and energy and organizing ability.

Study the Russian character, and you will learn to love the Russian. He has his faults, but he has great virtues as well. And they are the faults and virtues of a virile race which seeks and is worthy of your friendship and help.

I am chairman of the Committee of Russian Zemstvos and Towns for the Relief of Russian Refugees. Our organization is a continuation of a movement started early in the war to aid our soldiers. The organization now embraces all the leaders among the two million Russian refugees who are scattered throughout Europe. We do not concern ourselves with politics, for we are composed of men of all parties and all schools of political thought.

We have been watching events in Petrograd and have been hoping that some opportunity would come which would enable us to help the thousands who are suffering from hunger and disease and privation there. Our resources are limited, but we are ready to go with help and counsel wherever we can do good and whenever the necessity arises. No one can predict when that will be, but we are organized so that we can do emergency relief instantly. We have been taking care of refugees in Europe for so long a time that we can cope intelligently with any new problem.

Most of the refugees wish to return to Russia. They will do so with the first opportunity and with one idea only—to help build up their country in the best and most efficacious way which offers.

TRIBUTES RED CROSS

In our work for the Russian refugees during the past two years, we have had enormous assistance from America through the Red Cross, which has furnished medical supplies, food and clothing. Workshops throughout Europe are giving employment to Russian men and women, and the materials used in these

workshops are largely American. The finished articles are again used for relief purposes. At our headquarters in Paris there is a steady file of men and women, often with children, asking for food, clothing, money, or frequently only for advice.

Perhaps the greatest problem which the outside world must solve, is the exact method which shall be used in helping Russia. The Russian psychology is perhaps a little intricate, and only Russians can deal with it successfully and efficiently. A certain freedom must be accorded to Russians to administer the capital which will be invested in Russia by other nationalities.

Russia is normally the world's greatest producer of foodstuffs and raw materials. She is also the world's most important consumer of manufactured goods and a potential market with unlimited possibilities. The method employed by the American Red Cross in its work for Russians has been ideal—ways and means have been largely in the hands of Russian men and women, while the American organization has stood behind and supervised the distribution of its relief materials.

PLAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I hope that when Russia seeks economic aid there will be a repetition of this attitude and spirit. It was the American way in old Russia, and it was one reason why America won such a large place in the hearts of the Russian people. The American is "always a good mixer," and he is usually very sympathetic, very adaptable, and very anxious to see that everybody gets a "square deal."

The New Russia, which I believe will come into being very soon, will undertake a strong economic advance almost immediately. The New Russia will aim to develop its farming possibilities at once, and for that it will need a whole new equipment of farming machinery.

The things which New Russia will need for her economic reconstruction will come mainly from America or from Germany. But all Russians would prefer American goods and American co-operation. The American government is the model for the governments of all the new republics of the world, and it becomes thereby, whether or not it wishes, a sort of godfather to these new republics.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

H. L. Wilson of Columbia went to St. Louis last Saturday.

J. H. Crews went to Moberly this morning on a short business trip.

L. E. Hill of Columbia is in Jefferson City Saturday.

Mrs. W. M. Burnett left Saturday for a visit in Kansas City, Kan.

A. L. Phillips, of Columbia, left for Tipton, Mo., Saturday afternoon.

C. R. Wayne of Sturgeon spent the morning in Columbia.

Miss Elmer Kelley, a student in Stephens College, spent the week-end in Jefferson City.

Miss Gladys Taylor went to Mexico this morning where she will attend Hardin College.

Overton Nichols, who has been visiting his sister here, returned to his home in Hallsville this morning.

Mrs. J. M. Rowland went to Stephens today, where she will spend several days visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Conley.

Floyd Barnes, who has been visiting his mother here, returned to his home in Sturgeon today.

W. K. Frobenberger left this morning on a business trip to St. Louis, where he will spend several months.

T. M. Maugs and his son went to St. Louis today, where they will stay several days.

Miss Virgie Pauley, 512 Hollis-street, went to Moberly Saturday to visit friends.

Mrs. M. J. Green, 1316 Anthony street, went to Laddonia Saturday to visit her sister.

Mrs. Lee Forbis returned Saturday to her home in St. Louis after spending several days with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Martha Moore and Mrs. Leta Fairbairn left today for Perry, Mo., with Mrs. Effie Hanger of that town, who has been visiting in Columbia.

James Cooney left for McBain Saturday to visit his sister. He will stay there probably a week, then he will go to Kansas City.

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High Rent of Last Three Years Is Expected to Take a Slump

Rents in this city, according to Columbia landlords, are gradually returning to normalcy, and it is expected that the decrease in rents the enrollment in the University for the fall term will increase accordingly.

Real estate men in this city took an unusual increase about 1917, during the time of the World War and, from then until the present time, rental property has not only been abnormal in price, but very scarce as well. That rent in Columbia has been abnormal for the last three years may explain to a certain extent why the University enrollment has not increased as much as it might have. Not only has it been practically impossible to rent houses in this city for the last three years, but it has been equally hard for students in the University to secure rooms at a low price.

This problem is a problem which real estate men have been unable to solve for some time. It is hoped that, with the return to normalcy of the rental property, houses and rooms may once more be available at normal prices. For the

last three years building has been on a slump here. Practically no houses have been built for investment, and very few for residence purposes. This is due, it is said, to the fact that building material has been high, and this condition has been prevalent throughout the United States as well as in Columbia.

Real estate men and others hope, however, that building material will decrease in price during the coming year and building will again be on the upward grade.

Due to the fact that Columbia is a university town, room rent is probably of as much importance as house rent, and the former has been unusually high, for three years, as house rent or the price of building material.

Because of the high cost of building material, the high wages which have been demanded by servants and the high cost of food supplies, the landlords in Columbia have been forced to increase the room rent, but with the gradual decrease of all these things, rents in Columbia are expected to drop back to normalcy.

KANSAS CITY TO GIVE GOOD ROADS PRIZES

To Be 2 Awards—Best-Maintained Highway by Nov. 1 Receives \$300—Second Gets \$200.

TO DECIDE BY BALLOT Maintenance and Improvement Deciding Factors—Money to Patrolmen and Workers.

The directors of the Good Roads Association of Greater Kansas City announce they will award \$500 in cash prizes for the best-maintained roads across any counties on the main traveled highways radiating from Greater Kansas City a distance of 100 miles, a \$300, and the second, \$200, for the best-maintained road during the present season ending November 1. The money will be paid to the road workers or patrolmen who are responsible for the good roads. A chassis will be awarded for the worst road. J. Frank Smith, manager of the association, will supervise the contest. Ballots and report cards on the condition of the roads will soon be prepared and supplied to the hotels, garages, newspapers, chambers of commerce, and other public places in Greater Kansas City and the various towns along all these highways, so that all users of the roads may have a chance to cast their votes in the contest.

"Within the 100-mile circle about Greater Kansas City," Mr. Smith says, "there are 241,000 automobiles and trucks. Assuming that each of these vehicles will travel 2,000 miles per year over the public highways, it means that the roads within this circle will carry 482,000,000 miles of traffic during the

contest. "The aim of the Good Roads Association of Greater Kansas City is to co-operate with the people within its trade territory in financing and constructing 365-day roads as rapidly as possible."

Abstract Co. Management Changes. The Bayless Abstract Co. is being taken over today by E. L. Eatheron and William L. Scott, who bought the company from W. K. Bayless. Mr. Eatheron, who will be manager, is moving here from Mexico. Mr. Scott will move to Columbia next fall with his family.

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At the end of twenty-five years on the rotation field at the Agricultural Experiment Station all plots were carefully sampled and the soil analyzed. Little difference was found in the amounts of phosphorus and potassium in the soil of different lots. Very significant differences were found, however, in the nitrogen supply of soils that had been handled with different cropping systems for a quarter of a century.

"Corn, the only cultivated crop included in these experiments, was the most exhaustive of soil nitrogen, due to two causes. Corn is a gross feeder and uses much nitrogen; but more important is the fact that corn ground lies bare throughout the season giving every opportunity for leaching and washing. The process of cultivation hastens decomposition of the organic matter by repeatedly turning the soil over, stirring air into it and thus hastening oxidation or decomposition," the report of R. R. Hudson and C. A. Helm says.

"Wheat and oats are much alike in their drain on the soil nitrogen, being cultivated only when seeded. Wheat plots are shown to contain a little more nitrogen than oats plots, which is due to the fact that winter wheat partly covers the ground during the winter and gives less chance for the leaching away of plant food.

"Sod crops, are the most important of all from a soil saving and soil building point of view. They include: clovers, alfalfa, timothy, and pasture grasses. These crops cover the ground through the winter, reduce soil washing and fill the soil with masses of roots which later decompose and increase the supply of organic matter. There are various legumes which do not belong to the class of sod crops but which have a value as nitrogen crops. In this group are soybeans, cowpeas, and Canada field peas.

"Any rotation to be satisfactory must include at least one legume. Generally it should contain one or more sod crops as well as a cultivated crop which serves to keep the soil clean. On soils that are rolling or occupy steep slopes, sod crops are more imperative because they are effective in the prevention of soil washing and erosion."

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The big or little company—which? WHEN the talk turns to where should a fellow start work, a question arises on which college men naturally take sides. "You'll be buried in the big company," say some. "Everything is red tape and departments working against each other." "Your little company never gets you anywhere," others assert. "The bigger the company the bigger your opportunity." And that seems true—but in a different sense. Not physical size but bigness of purpose should be our standard for judging an industrial organization just as it is for judging a man. Where will you find this company with a vision? Whether its plant covers a hundred acres or is only a dingy shop up three flights is on the face of it no indication of what you want to know—is such and such a company more concerned with developing men and ideas than boosting profits at the expense of service? You must look deeper. What is the organization's standing in the industry? What do its customers say? What do its competitors say? There are industries and there are companies which offer you every opportunity to grow. Spiritually they are as big and broad as the earnest man hopes to build himself. If you are that kind of man you will be satisfied with a company of no lower standards. Conversely, if you are working for such a big-souled company, the very fact will argue that you yourself are a man worth while. For in business as in social life a man is known by the company he picks. The electrical industry needs men who can see far and think straight. Western Electric Company An organization which holds for its ideal the hope that it may measure up to the aspirations of those who work in it.