

SOVIET RULERS GREAT BOON TO PEASANT CLASS

(By Associated Press)
Moscow, Nov. 4.—The Russian peasants have fared best under Soviet rule, despite the fact that the government laid stress on the betterment of the condition of the city workmen and communists, who are mostly city and town workers.

Except in the famine areas where over 20,000,000 are necessitous peasants, the farming population has kept the pot boiling and managed to eat much more regularly than the city men. The great majority of the metropolitan population has returned to the land.

The Bolshevik prevention of free interior trade has starved the cities whose people had to go to the country for food carrying with them their personal belongings which they traded for potatoes and flour. As a consequence the thrifty farmers have become wealthy.

As wealth goes in the villages they have hoarded rubles, household articles and wearing apparel which the city folk have brought in exchange for bread.

The peasant women also have taken on the fashions of their city sisters, struggling in vain to make themselves grand dames. With three cows, a litter of pigs, a flock of chickens and a potato patch, the peasant woman had the most desired commodities in Russia and she exchanged flour, vegetables and meat for the trappings of city life. Humble cabins are filled with gaudy tapestries, gilt furniture, pianos, musical instruments, Dresden china, hideous marble and bronze ornaments, silver dishes, opera coats and shoes.

The rugged peasant girls with broad shoulders, muscular arms and large feet, which is the result of years of ploughing and hoeing and woodchopping, present a strange appearance in their tiny aigretted hats, short skirts and slippers which the village shoemakers have fashioned after the Parisian models for feet only accustomed to the boulevards.

Investigation seems to show that the peasants are generally pleased with the government's new system of taxation whereby the farmers must surrender a fixed percentage of their crops in taxes, for they are finding it far preferable to the old requisition system. They are not resisting it to any considerable extent and seem confident that only a fixed amount will be taken.

The present system of free trade reminds them of old times and they are generally showing satisfaction. The government seems to be gradually winning them over in a half-hearted way.

Meantime the government finds its pet proteges—the city workmen—are faring worse and worse and they

Skippers Content These Days to Get Jobs of Any Kind

(By Associated Press)
New York, Nov. 4.—Four captains on one ship, each of them qualified by experience and license to navigate unlimited tonnage in any waters, but three of them serving as mates, is not an uncommon occurrence now, due to the low tide of world ocean commerce.

On a ship which recently sailed from New York for a round trip voyage to the West Indies, the master thereof had under him as mates two men under whom he had formerly worked when conditions were reversed. His third mate, during the war, commanded an American ship which made numerous trips through the war zone carrying supplies for the American army in France.

It is to the lasting credit to these American masters, ship owners say, that they accept reduced rank cheerfully and in their service they render a very high degree of allegiance and obedience to the officers temporarily above them. This applies not only to their periods of actual duty but to the traditional sea discipline when off watch.

The laying up of one ship after another until practically one half of America's post-war fleet of commerce carriers has been relegated to a quiet anchorage awaiting return of normalcy in world commerce, has put thousands of good American seamen "on the beach" as they term it. Officers suffer with the firemen and the sailors in the enforced idleness. Club rooms of association of officers are always well filled now by licensed men awaiting a possible opening on some ship. When a call for an officer comes in, it is tendered to the man understood to be most in need of the work, and by him it is cheerfully accepted regardless of the rank it carries.

The records show that but comparatively few are in actual financial distress through enforced idleness. A man who has reached the bridge through long years of hard work has generally learned to be thrifty and in the good years to lay aside something for the lean ones.

Hundreds of American captains are now scattered all over the New England and eastern states doing a period of shore duty on farms which

seem much disgruntled. Free trade is of no assistance as the people are lacking the money to buy. In addition the government is unloading the responsibility for the feeding of the workmen.

The outcome of the complete monopolization of trade is probably wholly different than the party leadership intended and the party are now finding it difficult to explain their good intentions to the industrialists whose families lack food and clothing.

Sternberg Admits He Conspired for Overthrow Soviet

(By Associated Press)
Petrograd, Nov. 4.—Baron Michel Ungern-Sternberg, former anti-Bolshevik leader in Siberia, who was sentenced and shot at Novo Nikolaevsk in September for cooperation with Colonel Semonoff in an attempt to overthrow the Far Eastern republic, met his death calmly.

When he appeared before the military court martial which condemned him, he wore a yellow Mongol robe upon the shoulders of which were the epaulettes of a general. He admitted all the charges against him, except the one that he was cooperating with Japan.

In a low, calm voice he replied to all questions asked by the court-martial. He modestly related the romantic career he has had since he began working with Semonoff to combat Bolshevik control of Central Siberia and told of their agreement with the Putuktu of Mongolia, at Urga, whereby an autonomous state was to be maintained much as it was under the old Russian empire.

But the Mongols tired of the agreement with Semonoff and his Cossack bands, who were finally forced to move across into Siberia to get food. There the troops Baron Ungern-Sternberg was commanding met overwhelming forces from the Far Eastern republic's army and he was captured.

De Valera seems determined to acquaint the world with every phrase of the Irish situation.

they purchased as a safe harbor in which to weather the stormy seas of old age. Generous to the last degree, these men keep track and aid their less fortunate associates.

Sailors, deck hands, fire room forces and stewards to the number of thousands are sharing with the officers the effect of the shipping depression. Many of them have been forced to depend on their unions and semi-charitable institutions for keep

Young Davidson Prefers Politics to Banking Life

Locust Valley, N. Y., Nov. 4.—Frederick Trubee Davidson, son of Henry P. Davidson, Morgan partner, prefers votes to dollars.

He is going to follow his preference by entering the political arena instead of the banking fraternity of Wall street. His first step comes Nov. 8, when he hopes to be elected member of Asesembly from the Second district of Nassau county and take the seat formerly occupied by Theodore Roosevelt, now assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Davidson hopes this election, if it comes out his way, will prove the first milestone in a lifelong career in politics.

"I have always wanted to go into politics," said Davidson in outlining his ambitions. "Back in 1914, when I entered Yale, I began to pick out subjects I knew would be good training for me. When I took up the study of law at Columbia, I had no intention of practicing, but wanted to obtain a groundwork for an experience in politics."

By way of a starter, he went to the Republican National Convention as secretary to Herbert Parsons and later to Charles D. Hilles. Now he is getting acquainted with district leaders and asserts that, if he is elected to the assembly, he hopes to stay there for several terms, "to get right close to the people." He disclaims any desire for a senatorial toga.

According to tradition, the senior Mr. Davidson should violently oppose his son's political ambitions and seek to chase him along the trail of the elusive dollar. But he is doing nothing of the kind, and is sympathetically following his son's candidacy.

Another of young Davidson's supporters is his wife, who was Miss Dorothy Peabody, daughter of the Rev. Endicott Peabody, headmaster of Groton, where Davidson went to school.

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