

Says Russian Life Better Than That In Canada

Vancouver Labor Representatives Who Have Returned From That Country Compare Conditions.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 31—"You can reverse the opinions on Russia ex-

actly get a true picture of things pressed in the capitalistic press and there".

That was the reaction of three Vancouver trades and labor representatives who returned from a three-months' tour of Soviet Russia as guests of the trade unions of the Soviet.

They were: Pete Munro, representing the Street and Electric Railway-men's union; T. Russell, representing Vancouver District Waterfront Workers' union; and M. McKinnon, Lumber Workers' industrial union.

They were met at the C. P. R. station by a crowd of about 1,500 friends of the Soviet union and sympathizers with the Russian form of government.

As the delegates passed through the massed ranks in the station rotunda they were greeted with vociferous cheers and the singing of the "Red Flag".

In a brief interview they intimated that conditions in Russia were greatly different from pictures which have been painted of starvation and desolation rampant there.

The docks at Leningrad were piled high with cargo, every imaginable commodity, they found when they landed. That was typical of Russia they said. Everybody seemed to be happily at work building factories, homes, and railroads, with the most modern equipment and fitting them with all modern conveniences.

Describing the Moscow subway, Mr. Russell said it is better than any he ever saw. One train a minute will run over it, each train of six to eight cars, each car accommodating 200 passengers. The latest safety devices have been installed.

Longshoremen working on general cargo put in a seven-hour day, and wheat trimmers work six hours a day. All equipment, such as goggles, respirators, aprons, etc., are supplied. They are all covered by social insurance, get two weeks holiday with pay, and are looked after in sanitariums if they become sick without the loss of their pay.

Visited Coal Mines

Mr. Russell described the Seafarers' club at Odessa, typical of all the Russian seaports. A former princely palace, it has been fitted up for its use, and contains reading, lounge and dining rooms, auditorium and dance hall.

They visited the Gorlooke coal mines, said to have been the dirtiest place in Russia under the Czars, with two-room mud houses for the miners, who slept on shelves between shifts. The miners in those days were given free vodka, then paid, and afterwards sold more vodka to get their pay away from them, they were told.

The Gorlooke they say was vastly different, with modern homes for the workers and a huge tiled dining

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SAYS RED ARMY HAS INCREASED

Moscow, Jan. 31—Mikhail Tchu-

The Lieutenant-Governor

It looks as if there was to be a hold-up, this week in the appointment of the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick.

There is no doubt that Hon. Dr. Murray MacLaren, P. P., for Saint John, and former Minister of Pensions, will be the new lieutenant-governor. But according to a Canadian Press despatch from Ottawa last night no actual appointment has yet been made. This no doubt will take place on Saturday. It is now said that the new lieutenant-governor will be sworn in at Ottawa after his appointment. This would save the trouble of sending the Clerk of the Crown here from Ottawa.

This is an unusual procedure and it takes place because Hon. Dr. MacLaren is at Ottawa at this time.

A curious situation was said to have arisen as to who would be the administrator of the Province from now until the new lieutenant-governor is sworn in. Lieutenant-Governor McLean's term expires today. Tomorrow he will not, it was said, be the lieutenant-governor. In the case of a lapse owing to death or other cause, or of the absence from the Province of the lieutenant-governor, the Chief Justice of the Province assumes the office of administrator. In this case there is a coincidence, as Sir Douglas Hazen, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, has resigned his position, and the administrator would therefore be Honorable Chief Justice J. H. Barry of this city. BUT THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT STATES THAT THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR SHALL REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED. As Lieutenant-Governor McLean has held the office this seems to fit in with the conditions and, according to the B.N.A. Act, he will hold the office until his successor is appointed.

The Daily Mail extends to the new lieutenant-governor a hearty welcome to the capital city of the province. Colonel MacLaren follows a long line of brilliant and popular men who have since Confederation filled the high office of the King's representative in their native province.

It is unfortunate that New Brunswick is the only province in the Dominion of Canada where the lieutenant-governor does not reside at the capital.

The conditions under which the disbursement of the income from the proceeds of the sale of Old Government House might be interesting just now. It shows just how the proceeds may be used and how they may not be used.

By Act, Statutes, New Brunswick, 1920, Chapter 64, Minister of Lands and Mines was authorized to sell Government House premises, or part or parts thereof, for such price as determined by the Lieutenant-Governor and Council, and, by Section 2, the proceeds thereof "shall not be otherwise used or applied than in or towards providing a suitable residence for the Lieutenant-Governor in the City of Fredericton; and in the meantime, and until said proceeds are appropriated for such purpose, the same shall be placed on deposit at interest, to the credit of a special account in a chartered bank, etc.

By Act, Statutes 1921, Chapter 4, after setting out in the preamble a comprehensive history of the title to the property, by Section 1, the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council is authorized to sell a portion of the said lands and premises to the Department of Militia and Defence in Canada, the necessary conveyance thereof to be executed by the Minister of Lands and Mines.

Section 2 of the Act provides:— "The proceeds of such sale shall be deemed a trust fund and shall not be otherwise used or applied than in or towards providing a suitable residence for the Lieutenant-Governor, as may be determined by the Legislature, at such time as it may be deemed desirable to erect or purchase a building for the purpose, and in the meantime and until the said proceeds are applied to such purpose, the sum shall be placed on deposit at interest to the credit of a special account in a chartered bank to be named by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, and until it is decided by the Legislature to erect or purchase such building as a residence for the Lieutenant-Governor, and such residence has been so provided, the annual interest upon such trust fund or any part thereof may, upon vote of the Legislature, in the event of the Lieutenant-Governor establishing an official residence in the City of Fredericton, be paid to the Lieutenant-Governor for the time being and applied by him toward maintaining such official residence and for the upkeep of such residence and grounds, provided, however, that such residence shall be approved by the Committee of Council as being suitable for the purpose of a Government House for the time being, and the maintenance and upkeep thereof shall also be approved by the Committee of Council."

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STRANGE MALADY INVADES HOSPITAL

Teaneck, N. J., Jan. 31—The strange malady which mysteriously invaded Holy Name Hospital to claim the lives of nine new-born babies and to place another close to death today continued to keep medical science 'guessing in the dark."

Dr. William H. Park of the Willard Parker Hospital, New York, who has been attempting with others to isolate the disease, admitted today the investigation had disclosed nothing to indicate the nature of the illness.

Symptoms of the disease have in many respects resembled those of intestinal influenza and some physicians have been tempted to believe the sickness which has caused the deaths of the infants was closely related to this malady. Dr. Parks, however, declared

SNOWDEN BACKS LLOYD GEORGE

London, Jan. 31—Lady Snowden today confirmed her husband's association with Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George in the campaign for a "New Deal" in Great Britain.

In a speech at the National Liberal Club, the wife of the former chancellor of the exchequer gave high praise to Lloyd George as "the only man who had the boldness to come forward with a constructive and dynamic plan in the face of the inactivity and mediocrity" of the national government.

The theory of intestinal influenza "is nothing more than guessing in the dark."

The obstetrical ward was closed as a result of the epidemic.

MOTHER PLACES DAUGHTER'S HAND ON RED HOT STOVE

Was Cross at Little Tot and Administers Cruel Punishment—Goes To Jail.

New York, Jan. 31—Sadistic tortures she inflicted on her 9-year-old daughter for pilfering 25 cents to buy candy and a 3-cent ring sent Marion Murray Crampton, 30, of Bayonne, N. J., to the Hudson County Penitentiary for ninety days.

"This is the most ghastly case of cruelty that ever has come before me," Recorded Horace J. Robertson said as he looked down on the defiant mother and her tearful child, Marian, whose hand was placed on a hot stove as a punishment.

Three livid welts stood out on the child's left leg. These were inflicted with a heated iron when the dark-haired child screamed with pain and began to cry.

The mother, astonished that any attention was paid to her methods of punishment, had said:

"I did it and I'll do it again. What are you going to do about it?"

The torture took place last Dec. 12. On that day, the mother said she missed a quarter from her purse.

The child denied taking the money until her mother snatched up her left hand and saw a cheap ring glittering on it.

Enraged by this proof of a fib, she snatched the hand and pressed it on the red-hot top of the kitchen stove.

WOULD DIVIDE UP WORLD MARKETS

U. S. Govt. Leaders Say "Stop-Gap" Trade Expedients Exhausted

Washington, Jan. 30—United States government spokesmen called for an end to "stop-gap" trade expedients today and for the creation of an international board which would divide up world markets among producing nations.

Henry Wallace, secretary of agriculture, told the Senate agriculture committee during a conference to consider methods of regaining world trade that the country had reached the end of the period when trade could be continued by "stop-gap" expedients. He called the gold policy such an expedient.

From the head of the commerce department, Daniel Roper, came a recommendation that an international board be set up with power to allocate markets and compel member nations to stick by their quotas. He mentioned cotton in particular.

Wallace said to increase exports, the United States must buy more from foreign countries, must use foreign shipping lines more, or must send more tourists to Europe. He insisted the United States must buy from foreign nations if it expected them to have the money to buy from this country.

Silver Fox Pelt Market Strong

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 31—Advice from London and Paris on fur sales yesterday indicated that the market for all kinds of silver pelts continues strong, demand brisk and prices holding firm.

The Charlottetown Fur Exporting Company disposed of a very fine specimen during the week from the ranch of Lieutenant-Colonel F. G. Andrew of East Royalty, P. E. I. It brought the handsome price of £40.

Colonel U. G. Dawson, of Charlottetown, who appraised it before exporting, said the skin was one of the finest he had seen, being about two-thirds silver of sparkling color, good size, and possessing an abundance of fur.

One and Half Million Workers are Under Insurance Act

G. F. G. BRIDGES IS NEW PRESIDENT

Moncton Branch of Canadian Legion Elects; Good Year Reported

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 31—G. F. G. Bridges was last night named president of the Moncton branch of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League. R. L. Algie was elected first vice-president, and H. M. Price, second. The retiring president, Major R. C. MacDonald, was named honorary president; Dr. A. T. McLean, was elected permanent secretary-treasurer and Rev. J. J. Alexander re-named chaplain.

Members of the executive are J. D. MacBeath, G. O. Price, T. H. O'Brien, C. W. Smallwood, C. S. G. Rogers, Dr. D. J. McLean, H. D. Lockhart, and R. C. MacDonald, the past presidents, as well as A. D. Ferguson, W. J. White, George Rawlins, Frank Bell, J. W. Coles, William Coles, John Malenfant, J. R. Fear, A. C. Stokes, J. P. Bourgeois, George Soper A. A. Leaman W. Gunn, J. A. Blanchard, J. S. Henderson, O. H. Wilker, T. G. McLellan. Dr. George Lyons, A. S. Gunn, L. T. Tingley and Dr. G. O. Taylor. Reports showed the organization in good standing and that the branch had been exceptionally active during the year.

ADOLF HITLER DECLARES MUCH ACCOMPLISHED

Berlin, Jan. 31—Adolf Hitler raised his arm in Nazi salute today and assured an acclaiming nation two-thirds of his pledges have been fulfilled since he became Germany's leader.

As the second year of his rule closed, he declared he was well ahead of the schedule. "In the first half of the four-year period, which I asked the nation to give me to develop my working plan, more than two-thirds of what I promised has been carried out. No democratic government in the world can submit itself with greater confidence and hope to a national vote than can the National Socialist government of Germany."

BENNETT AND HULL JOINT SPEAKERS

New York, Jan. 31—Prime Minister R. B. Bennett and the United States Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, will be the chief speakers at the annual dinner of the Canadian Society of New York here Feb. 16, it was announced today.

Other guests will be the South African minister, Ralph William Close, the Irish Free State minister, Michael MacWhite, and the Canadian minister, Hon. W. D. Herridge.

Judge Crocket Ill

Ottawa, Jan. 31—The opening of the supreme court of Canada fixed for Feb. 5 may be postponed for a few days it was learned today. Mr. Justice O. S. Crocket and Mr. Justice T. Rinfret are both confined to their homes by illness although the condition of neither jurist is considered serious.

Mr. Justice F. J. Hughes is expected to retire soon but he will likely remain on the bench until after the court opens in order to give judgments on some of the cases he heard.

Dominion Will Pay Sum of \$15,000,000 Yearly—Nearly Hundred Million Dollar Fund Will Be Available.

Ottawa, Jan. 31—Actuarial figures compiled for the nine years between 1922 and 1930 were studied yesterday as observers reached the conclusion the number of workers coming under provisions of Prime Minister R. B. Bennett's unemployment and social insurance bill would be about 1,500,000 a figure the prime minister mentioned himself last night.

Actuarial figures indicated the average number of workers employed during those nine years was 1,600,833, of whom 1,125,689 were working full-time. On the basis of these figures the prime minister, estimating "for the sake of argument" the average weekly payment of workers and employers to the insurance fund at 20 cents, said the government's one-sixth share of the total contributions would be about \$300,000 a week or about \$15,000,000 a year.

On the same basis, it was estimated the total weekly contribution would be about \$1,800,000 a week or \$93,600,000 a year, leaving the latter amount available for distribution at the end of the first year of the scheme's operation.

One problem the government will face in setting up the machinery for its unemployment insurance legislation will be selection of personnel for the commission to administer the act, the advisory committee and boards of referees.

Equal Representation

Labor and employers will be represented equally on all bodies and selection of these representatives will have to be made after consultation with the classes concerned. It is understood the consultation will be so far as possible with responsible executives of the organizations of labor and industry concerned.

All appointments will be made by the Governor-in-Council. In the case of boards of referees panels will be drawn up in every district. Personnel will be drawn from them as and when required. Also in each district one person shall be named as chairman to act whenever a board of referees is required to function.

Only the unemployment and social insurance commission will work full time and at fixed salaries. The advisory committee and referees will act when required and will receive compensation and expenses.

To Utilize Offices

The scheme will be administered through a commission which will utilize the present Employment Service offices for local administration. The Employment Service will also be extended. The commission will co-operate in the relief of unemployment but relief will still remain the responsibility of the provinces and the municipalities, with the federal government, according to the prime minister, continuing to contribute for relief.

Application of the unemployment insurance legislation to the so-called "white collar" class will be on exactly the same basis as to those who perform manual labor or trades according to the available interpretations of the bill. A clause directed particularly toward office workers, however, provides that once the employee has reached a salary of \$2,000 annually, or more, he is automatically excluded from further benefits.

But if a man who attains a salary of \$2,000 annually, has previously been in an insurable class and has paid into the fund 5000 weekly contributions, he remains an insured worker regardless of any other provisions of the bill.