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OUR TRADE WITH RUSSIA

One of the principal arguments advanced by the United States against the Soviet government of Russia is that such recognition would lead to increased trade with that country. A good many have been convinced by this argument. But let us look at the facts as stated in an official report just made public by the Soviet government itself.

Before the war American trade was about \$8,000,000,000 annually. Last year it reached a total of \$110,000,000, of which \$6,177,000 represented Russian purchases in the United States. The United States does not appear to have been the largest foreign buyer first. In the last two years Russian imports from the United States increased 50 per cent, while those from England decreased 55 per cent.

The reasons for most recognition of Soviet Russia by the United States are not far to seek. The war did not, to this country, amounting to more than \$300,000,000, besides which \$40,000,000 worth of American property was confiscated during the war; also, the dissemination of Communistic propaganda in the United States is looked upon with alarm by our people.

Whenever the Soviets showed a disposition to treat the United States fairly and stop trying to undermine our national Communistic agitation, it will be time to talk of recognition. In the meantime our trade with that country is not being hindered, as the official figures above quoted conclusively show.

RURAL HOME COMFORTS

Recently an editorial writer pointed out that farm people move to the cities and towns in order to enjoy "comforts of life denied the rural citizen." While this is true to a certain extent, there are few of the comforts of life which might not be enjoyed by the rural population.

Modern appliances for the home are available for the farm as well as the city, and in most cases at no greater cost. For it must be remembered that city folks do not have running water, labor-saving devices, telephones, radios and the like without paying for them.

One of the most important movements now under way, with a view to greater rural comfort, is that of rural electrification. Which has already brought central station services to millions of farms. It is being extended to the extent that it will be co-operating with the electrical companies, agricultural colleges and the farmers themselves. There is no reason why it may not be brought to a large majority of all farms in the most remote sections, within a few years.

Compared with conditions which existed in the past, farm life of today is on a much higher plane, so far as conveniences and comforts are concerned. With the continued development of labor-saving machinery and devices the cost of household drudgery, further improvement is bound to be even more rapid in the future.

POSTOFFICE SHAKE-UP

Postmaster General Brown has set for himself the task of putting the postoffice department on a more business-like basis, according to reports from Washington, and a general shake-up of bureaus heads is the first step to be taken, since the present officials will be ousted and replaced by men considered more capable.

The new head of the department believes that by eliminating some of the bureaucratic methods which have grown up in the postal system may be made more self-sustaining, and at the same time render better service to the public.

He has undertaken to fill a large size order, but the postmaster will wish his success in his endeavors. The country publishers and printers of the country would appreciate it if he would include in his program some means of getting the government out of the envelope-pricing business, which is manifestly carried on at a loss.

GEN. HARBORD SPEAKS OUT

Declaring that the prevailing tendency to regulate the lives of citizens by General commissions is unconstitutional, Major General James G. Harbord, president of the Radio Corporation of America, in a recent address declared the intolerable growth of bureaus and official meddling on the part of government agencies.

He pointed out that 34 independent commissions for the regulation of this and that have been set up by Congress at a cost of more than \$200,000,000 a year. These bodies, he said, have no legislative or executive functions, partaking of the character of all three. Once established, these commissions continually seek and appropriate to themselves more and more power to regulate the lives of citizens.

As an indication of the futility, as well as the manifest injustice, of these inquisitorial agencies, General Harbord quotes the Federal Trade Commission's decision that 50 per cent of its complaints are finally dismissed by the commission itself as unfounded, while in the remaining cases; more than 60 per cent of its decisions have been thrown out by the courts.

BECK ON CENSORSHIP

Congressman James M. Beck of Pennsylvania, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution in Washington, has made a scathing attack upon the tendency to censorship, which he termed a political instrument of suppression "that hinders the very name of freedom."

He referred particularly to censorship of the press, and of the film, and of the King of Kings," which a munitions corporation board in Memphis prevented being shown in that city, although the picture was approved by important religious bodies, and is considered by the public generally as one of the greatest pieces of drama of all time.

The theater owner appealed to the circuit court, which decided in favor of the picture. Then the censor took the case to the appellate division, which ruled that the censorship should stand, also declaring that the lower court had no right to rule on the picture at all.

The state supreme court upheld this ruling.

If such censorship is permitted to be exercised by government, we may expect to see freedom of speech and of the press seriously attacked. Even though liberty is sometimes abused, the abuses may be corrected without striking at the foundations of liberty itself.

HINDENBURG

If Field Marshal Paul Von Hindenburg had died 10 years ago, he would have gone down in history as the embodiment of ruthless militarism. During the War he was considered to be an uncompromising advocate of the war, and the man who would make the world safe for democracy.

When he was elected president of the German Republic in 1925, it was feared by many that this was a step toward a return to militarism. But, although he was supported by the monarchs and defeated a Republican candidate, he soon became a strong and consistent supporter of the Republic. His entire career has been for peace and the rehabilitation of his country.

A few days ago President Von Hindenburg died, leaving his gifts amounting to approximately \$100,000 to the Paul Hindenburg Fund, to be given by the German people, in his name, to the presidency. The gifts will make a short end to the memory of war and widows.

The grim old warrior, now 82, showed himself not only a true patriot, but a man of great personal magnetism. It is good for Germany and for the world that Paul Von Hindenburg was spared beyond the allotted three score and ten years.

D. Farrington, geologist of the Field Museum in Chicago, declared that owing to the lighter air on the moon a man could jump 36 feet with ease. Maybe there is where good pedestrains go when they die.

There are a good many spiritual officials, but P. J. McAluliffe, chief of police of Weston, Mass., goes them one better. But an invalid, he has performed the duties of his office successfully for 50 years while bedfast at his home. He refuses to take pay for his services.

People appreciate things that cost them something, says Rev. H. D. Tucker of the Ashbury Methodist church, El Paso, Tex. To test his theory he has offered for sale season tickets to the weekly prayer meetings of his church.

Church News

SUNDAY, May 12, 8 a. m. and 11 a. m. Breakfast for Miss.

TUESDAY, May 14, 7 to 8 p. m. Devotion in honor of the Sacred Heart First Friday of each month. Mass. 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, May 15, 7 to 8 p. m. Confession by appointment.

REV. JOHN A. DEFLY, Pastor

ST. JAMES (EPISCOPAL) CHURCH

Worship and Study Series, Sunday

8:30 a. m., Holy Communion.

10:30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Benediction of the Sacrament.

9:45 a. m., Church school.

Services are held on regular Standard time.

REV. S. R. S. GREEN, Rector

FISHER CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sunday service, 8:30 a. m. Church school, 12 noon.

Wednesday evening service, 8:30 p. m. Reading room and lending library open noon to 8 p. m.

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TUBBY



What Would Be Mean



'Round the World With Bubby Squirrel



Marine Item
What did the seafaring man say when he asked his wife what she could bring him something else? She said, "Bring me an island."

Young Ideas At Least
In the way they are, most
marriage proposals must feel younger
than they look.

Foolish Questions

He: "May I kiss you?"

She: "Heaven! Another amateur!"

A Telephone Age

FOUR THOUSAND persons—scientists, mathematicians, technicians and their assistants—in the Bell Telephone Laboratories are constantly studying the human voice and human speech.

They study your telephone service and how to make it better. They serve especially to extend its use and its accuracy and its usefulness. In all of these things they have succeeded beyond the most sanguine hopes of a few years ago.

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