

## FINISH PEOPLE SEE STARVATION

### Food Commissions Issue Appeal to Scandinavian Countries for Help in Time of Need.

Stockholm, Dec. 7.—The Helsingfors Newspaper Huvudstadsbladet reports that the Bolshevik government has issued an order that no freight cars, except military, shall be permitted to pass Bielo-Ostrov station from Russia. Among the trains already held are cars carrying 500 tons of grain.

Food conditions in Finland, which are most serious, have become much worse by the new order and by the plundering by Russian soldiers and Finnish Hooligans of other trains loaded with provisions. Forty tons of rice from Sweden were confiscated by Russian soldiers. The Bolshevik government promised Finland 16,000 tons of grain monthly. In November and so far in December only 700 tons have been received which is about three days' rations.

London, Dec. 6.—A number of Finnish food commissions issued through the Swedish press, appeal to the Scandinavian countries for help, according to an Exchange telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. They say the situation is desperate, that Finland is unable to save itself and that thousands of families must starve unless help arrives soon. It is reported from Haparanda, the dispatch adds, that Russian soldiers organized have seized large quantities of food and have completely cut off imports from Russia into Finland.

**Want America to Release Flour.**  
New York, Dec. 6.—Speedy death from hunger threatens a great part of the population of Finland unless they can obtain flour from the United States, asserts Dr. Kaarlo Ignatius, commissioner of the Finnish government for negotiating the release of foodstuffs by the United States government, in a statement to The Associated Press.

Dr. Ignatius said: "In regard to food supply, Finland is worse off than any of the European states whose sufferings have been brought before the American public. For months past, our people have been eating bread made out of flour mixed with pine bark and lichens; but even with this expedient we cannot hold out, as the flour reserve is exhausted, and even our hardy population cannot eat un-mixed bark.

"The sufferings endured in the summer were terrible; and since I left Finland in September they have become much worse. Nothing can save us except the prompt release by the American government of the flour which we have already ordered and paid for in the United States.

Finland has never been self-supporting as regards food. Her 3,500,000 people scattered over 373,000 square kilometers of territory, have depended largely upon foreign supplies of grain, in exchange for which they exported forestry products. Before the war we imported annually about 400,000 tons of breadstuffs; and of these about 50,000 tons came from the United States. The rest came from Russia. With war, the import from America ceased and as Russia's own food troubles grew and her railroad service became disorganized, the import from Russia ceased also. Then starvation began.

"All I want is the release of enough flour to save us from death and hunger. Privation we have stood and are willing to stand. We ask for this concession and we base our demand upon justice as regards the past and upon policy as regards the future.

"As regards the past, we are only asking for payment for services already rendered to the Allies. These services have been of great value. Finland loyally helped Russia as long as Russia was fighting and she is willing to help in future if Russia resumes fighting. During the war Finland has been absolutely loyal to the entente."

### Theater Collections Net Good Sum For Y. W. Fund

The collections taken by women at the different theaters during the Young Women's Christian association drive are as follows: Strand, \$192.65; Swan, \$168.82; Muse, \$41.05; Empress, \$204.84; South Side, \$54.38; Orpheum, \$110.21; Brandeis, \$68.41; Gaiety, \$60.10. Total, \$843.12.

Nurses raised the following amounts in different hospitals for the equipping of a nurses' rest hut in France: Methodist, \$507; Birch Knoll, \$185; Swedish Mission, \$105; Presbyterian, \$25; University, \$40; nurses' club, \$92.

### Aviators Most in Demand, Says Ensign Condict of Navy

Ensign Condict of the navy recruiting station says the greatest present need of the country is for men to join the aviation branch of the service. There is an immediate demand for mechanics for naval aviation which covers the following branches: Quartermasters, carpenter's mates, machinist's mates, blacksmiths and coppersmiths, second class. The main requirements for enlistment in any of these are American citizenship, intelligence and alertness and reputable character.

### Two Are Fined for Sale of Liquor to Soldiers

J. R. Fauster and his wife were fined \$100 and cost, each by Judge Munger in federal court when they pleaded guilty to the charge of selling liquor to a soldier in uniform. Emmett Lindsay was fined the same sum on the same charge. It is the established practice of the courts to let offenders off with a fine on the first offense. If brought up for repetitions of the crime they are sentenced to jail.

### Swiss Satisfied With U. S. Neutrality Declaration

Washington, Dec. 7.—Formal assurance by the United States of its intentions scrupulously to respect Swiss neutrality has given the keenest satisfaction in Switzerland, according to dispatches reaching Washington.

The declaration by the American government was regarded there as having completely neutralized the insidious efforts of German propagandists to lead the Swiss people to believe that the United States was planning to send troops through their country to attack the German flank.

## Girls Who Smuggled Their Father Out of Alsace to United States



(MISSSES JANET AND LYDIA BLUMENTHAL.)

These two girls were instrumental in saving their father, a former mayor of Colmar, in Alsace, from arrest if not death at the hands of the Germans. They have recently arrived in New York with their father, Daniel Blumenthal. The girls, on learning that their "dad" was to be arrested as a French sympathizer, smuggled him out of the town to a safe hiding place. They then returned to rescue

their male relative, whom they dressed as a girl. All eventually reached Switzerland and safety.

### 'New Bone Dry' Bill

Washington, Dec. 7.—Representative Randall of California today introduced a bill to make the national capital "bone dry." The recent prohibition law did not prohibit the importation of liquor for personal use.

## COUNTY'S BONDED DEBT IS GROWING

### State Auditor Smith Reports on Increase, as Shown by Papers Registered in His Office.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—State Auditor Smith's report showing the bonded indebtedness of the counties of Nebraska places Douglas county's at \$1,967,000 and Lancaster's at \$1,278,887. The total indebtedness is \$3,778,887, an increase of \$441,887 the past year. A year ago it was \$3,377,000.

Dodge, Pierce and Sarpy counties incurred bonded indebtedness the past year. Sixty-one counties have no bonded indebtedness. It is possible that some of the indebtedness of some of the counties listed may have been reduced the past year.

### Nebraska Lawyers Retained in Simmons Divorce Case

Chicago, Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska lawyers have been retained in a case here in which Mrs. Margaret E. Simmons is trying to have a decree of divorce granted Dr. George H. Simmons, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, set aside after it has stood for 25 years.

The decree was given in Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Simmons declares Dr. Simmons after their marriage forced her to become a drug addict, sent her to a sanitarium in Ohio and during her absence obtained a divorce by fraud. Dr. Simmons, who was married to his present wife in Lincoln five months after the decree of divorce, says the action is a frame-up by patent medicine concerns to discredit him, his journal and the American Medical Association.

John J. Ledwith of Lincoln and Albert S. Ritchie of Omaha are among counsel for Mrs. Simmons. They hold that because she was practically insane the statute of limitations cannot take effect.

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## Champion Steer Sells At \$2.10, Record Price

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7.—Merry Monarch, owned by Purdue university, grand champion steer of the National Livestock show this year, was sold for \$2.05 a pound to the American Short Horn Breeders' association today.

The association donated the animal, which weighed 1,610 pounds, to the American Red Cross, which resold it to Armour and Company for \$3,381.00, or \$2.10 a pound, a record price.

### Scarlet Fever in State Home.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Ten cases of scarlet fever and five of whooping cough have been quarantined at the Home for Dependent Children in Lincoln.

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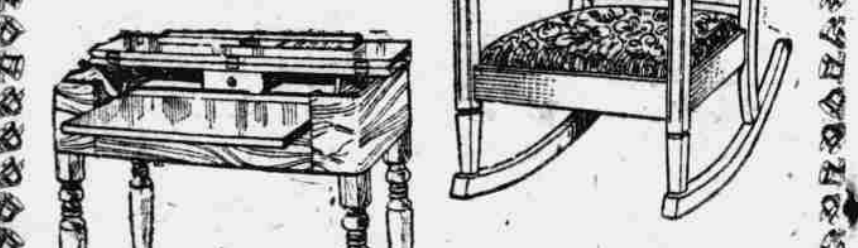
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# Can Russian Anarchists Make Peace With German Autocrats?

Just what word has passed between Berlin and Petrograd may never be known, nor are we advised as to the German government's precise attitude toward the Bolshevik and their peace advances. The Springfield Republican recalls the German propaganda for a "negotiated" peace; Lenine and Trotzky, it says, "are merely going on where German diplomacy left off. They are welcome Allies, and the only doubt entertained in Germany is as to whether they can 'deliver the goods.'"

For a full description of the complications in the Russian situation, you should read THE LITERARY DIGEST for December 8th. In this article the view-points of American and English editors are presented, and after reading it, you will be in a position to either agree or disagree with the Houston Chronicle when it says: "God knows the Bolsheviks are as dangerous to organized Government as are the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs, and probably more so."

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