

CZAR'S JEWELS IN U. S. HANDS

Sent to Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, Bolshevik Envoy, by Soviet Government.

FOUND ON A SWEDISH SAILOR

Precious Stones, Supposed to Have Formed Part of Famous Jewels of Russian Royal Family, Unearthed by Federal Officers.

Washington.—Traffic by bolshevist agents in precious stones, supposed to have formed part of the famous jewels of the Russian royal family, has been unearthing by federal authorities.

The 131 diamonds found on Nells Jacobson, a Swedish sailor, by customs officials in New York July 23, it became known, were inclosed in a package addressed to "Comrade Martens." Using this as a lead, federal officials began an investigation which they declare has definitely connected Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled soviet ambassador to the United States, with the traffic.

Disclosure of the fact that the package was intended for soviet agents in this country was withheld by customs authorities when Jacobson was arrested, although the details as to the seizure of the jewels themselves were then made public.

Identifies Martens' Aid.

Jacobson, officials say, identified during the course of the investigation a photograph of Santeri Nuorteva, former secretary of Martens, as a person to whom previous packages had been delivered.

Introduction of the alleged incriminating evidence of the traffic in precious stones between soviet representatives in this country and abroad at the last hearing in the last deportation proceedings against Martens resulted in postponement of further hearings to enable the self-styled ambassador to obtain evidence, if possible, in refutation of the charges.

Counsel for Martens already has asked that the government commission be sent to Stockholm to investigate the system in which he is accused of being implicated.

Perfect Courier System.

Began six months ago, the smuggling is described by government officials as the most perfectly organized courier service between bolshevist agents abroad and in the United States that has been discovered.

Inclosed about the diamonds taken from the possession of the Swedish sailor Jacobson, whom officials exonerated from any complicity in the illegal proceedings, was a quantity of communist literature, including an "appeal of the executive committee of the

men, whose ankle was swelling enormously.

Motorists Startled by Cigarette-Smoking Snake

Motoring near Bellefonte, Pa., a party of motorists were confronted by a huge blacksnake coiled in the middle of the road, smoking a cigarette. They rubbed their eyes to make sure they were not seeing things when they heard laughing nearby and several young men stepped from the bushes. They were members of Prof. J. A. Ferguson's class of foresters from the Pennsylvania State college, who were camping nearby and had killed the snake and put the cigarette in its mouth to see what would happen when the first man who came along would discover it.

Girls Help at Threshing.
Petersburg, Ind.—Owing to the scarcity of labor in the vicinity of Ottwell, Olive Rhoades, winner of the plowing contest at Oakland City, called five of her girl friends to help Peter Himesl, owner of the largest farming interests in Pike county, to thresh his wheat crop. Besides Miss Rhoades, Louis Clark, Verda Dempsey, Maude and Helen Harris and Edna Gray assisted Mr. Himesl. The girls helped load and unload the wheat wagons and also drove the wagons from the field to the threshing machine.

SUPER-CANNON WAS CLUMSY

Giant Gun Used for Long-Distance Shelling of Paris No New Invention.

MADE FROM WORNOUT GUNS

Was 122 Feet Long, Weighed 318,000 Pounds and Throw Projectile Weighing 264 Pounds a Distance of 75 Miles.

Paris.—The super-cannon with which the Germans began shelling Paris, March 23, 1918, was just pieces of old, wornout guns put together, instead of a startling new invention, according to American army officers, who were permitted recently by the Germans to visit some of their huge armories.

It was actually just a neat bit of patchwork that startled the world when the terrific explosions began detonating in the streets of the city of

Paris, although the verdict at that time was unanimous that the Germans had invented a marvelous new cannon.

Naval Gun Was Foundation.
To begin on the super-cannon, the Germans took a wornout 15-inch naval gun, 56 feet in length. It was bored out and a very heavy tube with an inside diameter of 8.3 inches was inserted, with about 40 feet of it projecting beyond the end of the original gun. Over that another hoop was shrunk and locked to the forward hoop. There also was a patch of 19.7 feet, which was attached at the muzzle of the gun.

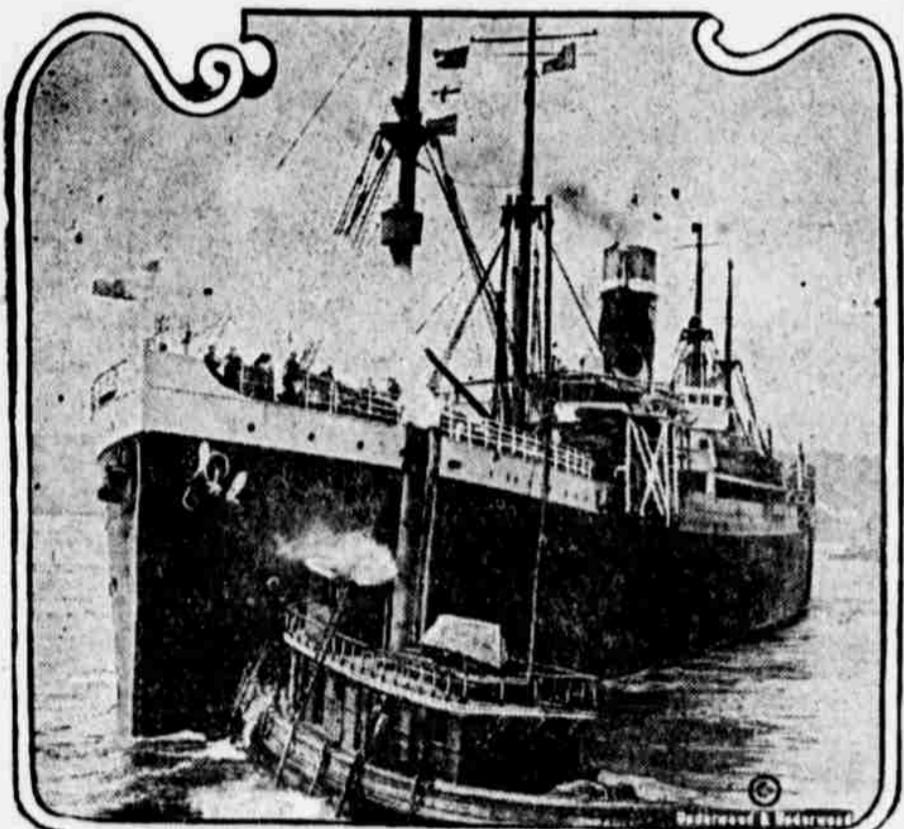
The bore of the gun was treated to a uniform rifling, the lanes and grooves which impart a rotary motion to the projectile. The six-meter section of the gun at the muzzle, however, was unrifled, probably designed to steady the projectile and defeat its slight tendency to "tumble" or yaw and fail to travel directly to its mark. Such "tumbling" is caused by the conflict of two forces, one spinning the projectile to the right, the other sending it forward. Such a force had to be obviated as the shell had to travel upward 24 miles on its arc in order to cover the horizontal distance of 75 miles.

Clever Expedient to Prolong Life.
The life of the giant gun, which was 318,000 pounds in weight and 322 feet long, under the heavy pressure of its high velocity projectile was very limited. But when the Germans found the span of the gun amounted to only 50 pounds they hit upon a clever expedient. They bored out the 21-centimeter tube, which was very thick, to 24 centimeters, and later to 26 centimeters, giving it just so much more life at each caliber, with only a change to larger ammunition required. The shell hurled by the cannon weighed 264 pounds and was 19 inches in length.

Catch Blue Lobster Off Shore of Massachusetts

Nantucket, Mass.—Capt. Sylvain of the steamboat Sankaty was presented with a rarity—a blue lobster. A fisherman brought him ashore, much elated over his rare find, and handed him over with some pomp and ceremony. The freak was a deep, rich navy-blue in color, instead of the customary green, but, boiled, he turned red, just the same as his ordinary brother.

First American Ship to Bremen



The U. S. S. Susquehanna, which sailed from New York with 1,800 passengers for Bremen and Danzig, the first passenger liner to sail under the American flag to these ports, and the first ship of the United States Mail Steamship company to be placed in commission.

YANKEES IN DANGER

Many Have Close Calls in the Turkish War Zone.

Bullets of Bandits, British and Greeks Keep Americans on the Jump.

Constantinople.—Many Americans have had narrow escapes in the fighting which British and Greek troops have kept up for several weeks with the bandits which are harassing the eastern shore of the Bosphorus. Belkis, a summer place ten miles north of this city reached by hourly ferry service, has been the chief center of the fights between bands of adherents of Mustapha Kemal Pasha, nationalist leader, and the British-Greek soldiers operating under the artillery protection of British warships.

An American oil company is erecting two great steel tanks at Belkis,

fighting in Anatolia from making a survey of the famous battle fields of Caesar, south of Samos. Professor Kelsey has been in Turkey for many weeks investigating old manuscripts and studying ruins of the Roman civilization.

He hoped to make the trip from Samos to Zile, about which one of Caesar's best-known campaigns was waged, and had made all arrangements for motor transportation. But the unsettled political conditions and the activities of the various bands forced him to abandon the expedition.

Choked Girl by "God's Orders."
Moss Point, Miss.—Louis Smith, shipyard worker, killed his four-year-old daughter, Lula, by strangling her to death. Passers-by, witnessing the tragedy from a distance, held him until he was placed under arrest.

Smith told the officers that he had been ordered by God to kill his daughter, and now that he had carried out God's wish, he was ready to die himself. The man is believed to be mentally deranged.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

SCORES OF EVENTS COVERED

After two hours' deliberation a jury in the district court at Fremont found John Olson, Omaha contractor, guilty of an attempt to murder Harry B. Lucken at the latter's home at Fremont, May 12. The case has attracted wide attention over the state. Shortly after the verdict was rendered Mrs. Florence Olson, the defendant's wife, filed a suit for damages of \$25,000 against Mrs. Lucken, on the grounds of alienation of her husband's affections.

Secretary of State Ansherry has been notified by Secretary of State Colby, that equal suffrage is now effective through its ratification by the Tennessee legislature two weeks ago. This message is an official certificate, attesting the fact that three-fourths of all the states have ratified the nineteenth amendment to the federal constitution.

Saunders county hog raisers carried off high honors at the State Fair. Bert O. Lyman of Cedar Bluffs, breeder of Chester White hogs, won eighteen ribbons, including Junior champion sow, Harry Woodworth of Wahoo, breeder of the same strain, won eleven ribbons, including second on senior yearling boar and second futurity litter.

Evidence that land values in eastern Nebraska have more than doubled in the past six years is shown in Saunders county sales. During the first two months of 1914 twenty farms in the county, consisting of 1,330 acres, sold for an average of \$114.30 an acre, while twelve farms consisting of 1,629 acres sold for an average of \$233.60 an acre during the first sixty days of 1920.

Mildred Curd, 13 months old, of Lincoln, was declared grand champion baby girl of Nebraska and Joseph Bixby, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Bixby of Geneva, grand champion baby boy at the better babies show at the State Fair. Mildred Curd scored 100 per cent, being the first baby to show such a record at the fair. Joseph Bixby's score was 95.

Only a killing frost can prevent Nebraska from having a record corn crop this year, according to the September 1 report of the state agricultural department, whose estimate places production at 243,714,000 bushels, or 50,531,000 more than last year.

Cass county school exhibits were awarded the highest rank of any on collective work at the State Fair. Cass pupils also carried off twelve individual first prizes and numerous seconds and thirds. Plattsburgh schools led the state in penmanship.

A uniform course of study, the first of its kind ever compiled, has been printed by the state superintendent's office for the use of normal training by the Boys and Girls club at the state fair. One hundred and fifty boys and girls entered pigs in the exhibit.

Grain buyers at Fairbury do not complain of a car shortage at this time. The present prices offered for wheat are about \$2.25 a bushel and many farmers, it is said, are holding for higher prices.

Nearly \$500,000 has been taken in benevolent collections by Nebraska Methodist churches during the last year, the treasurer reported to the state conference at Omaha.

Charles Erickson, Merrick county farmer, raised 817 bushels of oats on a tract of less than eight acres, or 102 bushels to the acre. He sowed less than ten bushels of seed.

The 1920 State Fair was the most successful in history in point of attendance and gate receipts. Attendance totaled 270,664, while receipts amounted to approximately \$160,000.

Records for land in Saunders county were shattered the other day when W. J. Magher, living four miles southeast of Morse Bluff, sold his 240 acre farm for \$102,000 or \$425 an acre.

Sidney's baseball team won a silver trophy cup and \$2,500 in prizes at the Baseball Post tourney at Denver. The states of Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota were represented.

Governor McElveen has appointed Miss Eva Armstrong of Wilsonville, represent Nebraska at the Texas Cotton Palace exposition at Waco, Tex. Miss Armstrong is a school teacher.

Fifty dollars in prizes was awarded seven residents of Grand Island by the Chamber of Commerce, winners in the contest for the best lawns, flower beds and gardens in the city.

Mrs. Gus Hanika and her 2-year-old child of Stella were killed when a car in which the family was riding went over an embankment near Shubert.

Petitions are being circulated in Franklin county asking for the removal of the county seat from Bloomington to Franklin.

Good roads enthusiasts of the eastern end of the state declare Sarpy county highways are the best in Nebraska.

Plans are being rapidly perfected for a home harvest festival at Sidney September 28 to 30.

Contract has been let for paving a number of blocks at Pawnee City.

Robbers seem to regard the main oil filling station of the Standard Oil company at Lincoln as "easy pickings." In the course of two weeks the station has been burglarized twice, the first haul being \$1,500 made by a lone bandit and the second \$2,500.

Ill health is the attributed cause of Frank J. Richards, formerly manager of the Lincoln hotel and president of the Lincoln Commercial Club, taking his own life. He was found dead in the kitchen of his home at Lincoln where he had secluded himself and turned on the gas.

Ministers of Hastings have announced that they plan to wage a campaign against the movement for Sunday theaters in the city.

Attendance at the State Fair at Lincoln, Omaha Day, Thursday, totaled 68,400, it being the largest single day crowd of the 1920 exposition.

Witnesses of the accident at the state fair when a racing automobile plowed through a crowd eight deep express the opinion that it was a miracle many were not killed. Total casualties were six injured, two seriously.

Jefferson county farmers estimate their corn will yield about seventy-five bushels to the acre.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 26

REVIEW: SAUL, DAVID AND SOLOMON COMPARED.

SELECTION FOR READING—Psalm 72; GOLDEN TEXT—Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart—I Sam. 16:7.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Stories About David; JUNIOR TOPIC—Three Kings and How They Ruled.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Three Kings and Their Attitude Toward the Lord.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Faults and Excellencies of Saul, David and Solomon.

It was the lesson committee's thought that the three kings of the united kingdom should be compared, but that would necessitate going back about half way into the preceding quarter, and since the time for review is so short, it would hardly be wise for any but the adult classes to go back of the present quarter's lessons. If in the adult classes this should be done, the review should be rapid and confined to:

1. The character of the king.
2. The chief events of his reign.
3. His success or failure, as the case may be, and the reason therefor.
4. Lessons taught us.

The better method for most teachers and classes will be to let the lessons center in the two outstanding personalities of David and Solomon, both as a mental discipline and as a spiritual message. A good way is to get the pupil to grasp the main facts of each lesson and then state its leading lesson.

Lesson for July 4. David's zeal for God and faith in God made him courageous to meet Goliath. His good sense caused him to discard Saul's armor and use his own gifts. He went forth in the name of the Lord of hosts that all the world might know that there was a God in Israel.

Lesson for July 11. The friendship between Jonathan and David was based on genuine love. Because of this love Jonathan waived his personal rights to David, as token of which he gave David his court robe and equipment. Truly "Love seeketh not her own."

Lesson for July 18. David's regard for Saul was due to the fact that God's anointing oil had been placed upon him. The one upon whom God has placed his Spirit should be revered, not because of what he is himself, but because of God's gift upon him.

Lesson for July 25. David's behavior through the period of civil war between the houses of Saul and David won the confidence of all the tribes, so that they came to Hebron and made him their king.

Lesson for August 1. The great lesson needed to be learned by all men is God's holiness. His name and institutions should be reverenced. Ignorance or thoughtlessness will not save a man from the penalty of violating God's laws.

Lesson for August 8. Justice and judgment were executed unto all the people when David was established king. This is typical of the time when Christ, David's Son, shall reign in righteousness over all the earth.

Lesson for August 15. David's sorrows were occasioned by his sins. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap."

Lesson for August 22. Despite the awfulness of our sins, true penitence and confession will bring pardon.

Lesson for August 29. Because Solomon put wisdom to do God's will first, God gave him honor and riches in abundance. "Him that honoreth me, I will honor."

Lesson for September 5. A house is made sacred only as God's presence sanctifies it. It was not Solomon's words or his prayer that dedicated the temple; it was the manifestation of a divine presence.

Lesson for September 12. God's gifts to Solomon made him to be great before the world. His fame gave him an unique opportunity to witness of God to the nations of the world.

Lesson for September 19. Those who heed the advice of a father will escape all the sorrows and miseries of a drunkard.

The Hardest Labor.

Ceasing from labor, as labor, is not the point of Sunday observances; it is ceasing from the labor of the world, to labor for God, to do his work, which is the highest labor and the hardest labor; giving God a tithe of the work, the first fruits of our time, as a mark of respect and allegiance which we owe to him.—W. C. E. Newbold.

True Gentleness.

True gentleness is founded on a sense of what we owe to him who made us, and to the common nature which we all share. It arises from reflections on our own failings and wants, and from just views of the condition and duty of men. It is native feeling heightened and improved by principle.

Politeness.