# **ESCAPE HORRORS** OF BOLSHEVISM

Canadian Mining Engineer and Wife Tell of Days of Terror in Nikolaievsk.

Americans and British In Siberlan Mining Camps Have Miraculous Escapes From Massacre-Rescued by Chinese Gunboat.

Seattle, Wash .- With harrowing experiences and tales of terror, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Barker of Vancouver, B. C., arrived here, after three years amid the Bolsheviki of eastern Russia. For two months, as prisoners of the Bolshevist leader Ghiroloff and his wife, Nina, they lived in hourly peril of their lives, and were finally rescued, with sixteen other foreigners, by a Chinese gunboat.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker set sail for Vladivostok in the latter part of March, 1917. They arrived in Nikolalevsk in June of the same year, and soon after Mr. Barker assumed the position of assistant manager of a mining camp in the Orsk gold fields belonging to a British company 60 miles from Nikolaievsk.

Nikolalevsk is a far cry from Petrograd, so the overthrow of the czar made little difference in the daily life at the mining camp on the Amur. In October, 1918, Admiral Kolchak took over the administration of that section, and soon after a Japanese garrison quietly took possession of Nikolaievsk. According to Mrs. Barker, it was after the overthrow of Kolchak that trouble began. One day Ghiroloff appeared at the head of a band of Bolsheviki and unceremoniously took over the mines. At the same time Reds overran Nikolalevsk territory. Reign of terror ensued, during which no one's life was safe.

### Work of Vengeance.

In March last an arrangement was concluded between the Japanese garrison and the Reds, whereby the latter were to hand over their arms for one day, on which the Bolsheviki proposed to hold funeral services for their fallen soldiers. The day was set, but instead of fulfilling their part of the agreement the Japanese surrounded the headquarters of the Reds 24 hours before the exercises were to have been held and wiped out the entire headquarters staff of the Bol-

Next day the enraged Reds began their work of vengeance. Streets were strewn with bodies of slain Japanese.

Mrs. Barker said several attempts on their lives actually occurred, despite the fact that her husband

was operating dredges under penalty of being shot for disobedience if he refused. On May 18 it was planned to massacre the entire Barker family. Kamanov, a Russian, who was the hills. at heart no Boshevist sympathizer, frustrated this plan by placing an armed guard around the house.

Jailed for Wearing Collar. The Reds continued their raign of wife vied with each other in their diabolical plots and cruelty. A Mr. Dyer, an American manager of a gold plant, nearly became a victim because he insisted on wearing a white stiff collar. Dyer was thrown into jail. while the council quarreled among themselves as to whether he should be killed slowly in the public market a dilapidated Japanese freighter. place or shot outright by his wife. Dyer's life hung in the balance for

valled upon Ghiroloff to release his

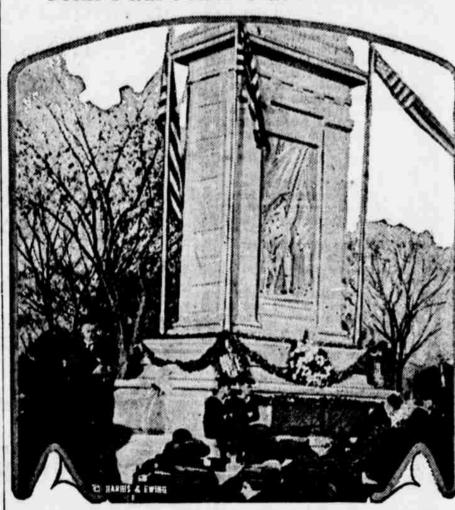
Lives Threatened Many Times. Time and again thereafter Mr. Barker said their lives were threatened. On May 23 the Bolsheviki decided to kill or torture every soul in the village. They had learned of the advance of Japanese troops, with reinforcements. The Bolsheviki burned the city to the ground, and then, destroying the mining camps, fled into

At this junction the commander of a Chinese gunboat, "hich had been icebound in the Amur river during the winter demanded that the foreigners be delivered to him. While the merciless terror. Ghiroloff and his baggage and few valuables of the foreigners were being loaded into open boats three Bolshevist cutters came alongside and opened fire. A vigorous engagement followed. Luckily for the fugitives the Chinese were victorious

The Chinese succeeded in landing the refugees at an obscure port, however, from which they soon left in

They learned later that the Bolsheviki had returned to the city after the three days, while his wife was on the gunboat had left, had killed all the point of collapse. Then the remain- remaining Russian children at the ing officials of the mine went in a mines, and carried off their mothers body to Red headquarters and pre- as slaves into the woods.

# John Paul Jones Statue Unveiled



Assistant Secretary of the Navy Gordon Woodbury speaking at the unveiling of a tablet on the John Paul Jones statue, Potomac park, Washington. Hundreds of people, including government officials, diplomats and naval officers stationed in Washington, paid tribute to the founder of the American navy. The event marked the 145th anniversary of the founding of the United States navy.

# China Is to Have New Money Plan

Foreign Banks in the Republic curred when he carried Amoy money Heretofore in Control of Her Currency.

## MAKE PROFITS IN EXCHANGE

Charge Commissions Whenever the Coins of One City Are Changed for Those of Another—Americans Interesting Experience.

New York .- The new currency system that is to be introduced in China in the near future will make a considerable difference to the foreign banks, mostly British, which have had control of the money circulated in the country for the last 50 years. Practically the only money made by the Chinese government was the "cash." as it was called, a brass coin with a hole in the center so that it could be carried on a string by the poorer classes, and valued at 1,000 to the Mexican dollar.

The system of exchange and commission by which the foreign banks were able to pay their stockholders from 40 to 50 per cent, with occasional handsome bonuses, was very simple. The nominal money in China was taels made of silver and shaped like a tiny wooden shoe. As taels were not in circulation in the country they were changed into Mexican dollars, so that the bank drew two commissions in cashing a draft or a letter of credit. one for changing it into taels and another for changing from taels into dol-

### Marking the Dollars.

Each port and city of any importance had its own particular manner of marking Mexican dollars except Hongkong and Shanghal, where they were circulated intact. At Foochow the dollar had a hole punched through the middle; at Amoy a piece was clipped from the side and it was known as a "chop" dollar, and at Swatow a stamp was made in the middle of the coin. These dollars were only good for their face value at the port or city to which they belonged, and socal currency, and the same thing oc- it's life.

to Swatow. No matter how often the Mexican dollar had to be changed the banks got their commission and the traveler paid.

A New York business man tested the plan by changing a \$20 bib into Mexican dollars in Hongkong and then exchanging the money for local currency at each port going up the coast, and visiting Peking and Tientsin, Amoy. Swatow, Foochow and other places en route. By the time he reached Shanghat he had nothing left of his \$20 bill, and had not spent a cent of it. The banks had taken it all in commissions on exchange.

Handled by Chinamen.

Before the war the Mexican dollar was worth 53 to 55 cents in China. and at present, on account of the rise in the price of silver, the American dollar is worth about 90 cents in Hong-

### SAVING AN OLD TREE



trees in the United States, both located in the White House grounds, is "sick" person taking a Foochow dollar to from rot at the ripe old age of forty-Amoy would have to pay a commission five years. J. Rebaume, the White at the bank to have it exchanged for House tree doctor, is trying to save traveled all over the world on exhibit

### Fish Seven Inches Deep on Shore After High Tide

Scituate, Mass .- Residents of the South Shore caught large quantities of fish without net. line or balt when thousands of sperling and smelts were left by the tide on the beaches after immense schools had been driven ashore by larger fish. In many places the fish were seven inches deep. They were quite fresh and edible, and people came with wagons and automobiles to gather them.

kong and Shanghai in the local cur-

Cash transactions in the banks throughout China are all handled by Chinamen, called compradores, who are bonded in amounts varying from \$100,000 to \$250,000, according to the status of the house and the amount of financial business transacted. The clerks, usually sent out from London, examine the drafts, checks or letters presented at the counter in the bank and, after initialing them for payment, the compradores hand out the money. On account of the "chit" system, which means credit until the first of the month, the employees of the banks are usually in debt to the compradores, and in many cases when the time comes, at the end of five years' continuous service, to go home on six months' leave at full pay, the clerk is not able to go because he owes too much to the compradore and has to use his vacation money to pay his

debts. The Chinese compradores are welleducated men and speak English fluently. They gaze with surprise at a stranger who may address them in the old-fashioned pidgeon English. After a moment's pause the compradores will explain, "Pardon me; I do not quite grasp your meaning. Do you wish to change some money?" Then the traveler, realizing that he has been "stung" by the hotel clerk who told him to talk that way, replies: "Oh, yes, please. I wish to draw some money upon my letter of credit," and the incident closes.

World's Fattest Woman Dies.

Bristol, Eng.-Lucy Moore, 43 years old, reputed to be the heaviest woman in the world, died of cancer here. She weighed about 600 pounds and had

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

### OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

The annual state corn show will be held by the Nebraska Crop Growers' Association in Lincoln during the week of Organized Agriculture, Jan- I uary 3 to 7. Twenty-four premiums are offered in each of the eastern section of the state, the western section, trophies are offered for the best ex- Governor: 9,600 hibits. The premium list may be obtained of the secretary, P. H. Stewart, University Farm, Lincoln.

Of the forty-six states co-operating with the United States department of agriculture in the "Better Sires-Better Stock" campaign, Nebraska stands second in point of progress made the first year. More than 300 farmers in this state replaced their scrub sires with pure-breds and officially enrolled as breeders of improved live stock,

Bitting Norman, post of Beatrice American Legion, cleared \$360 on the production, "Ching Chong," presented last week at the Gilbert theater. The funds will be used in improving the clubrooms of the post.

Hogs sold for a lower price at the Omaha stock yards last week than at any time since January 15, 1917, when the average was \$9.86 per bundred pounds. The general yard average was given as \$9.80.

A subscription amounting to severa hundred dollars has been raised for Henry Utesh of Columbus, whose home Evans and contents was destroyed by fire last week. His loss was complete, with no insurance.

An agricultural inspection bureau, connected with the state agricultural department at Lincoln, probably will be started in Omaha January 1, according to Secretary of Agriculture Stuhr.

to have a fireproof addition, to cost \$200,000. When completed, it will have accommodations for 200 patients, and will be one of the largest in the

Milo Steenlik of Crete, was fatally injured when he attempted to drive his auto around another, running into a buggy and forcing the tongue entirely through his body.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carey, of Beatrice, celebrated their golden wedding United States that day for a load of anniversary in the presence of their hogs at the Omaha market. Mr. Rutseven children, 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

about 1,000 tons of sugar beets in the cents higher than at Kansas City, 40 fields about Gibbon yet to be dug and cents higher than at St. Joseph and hauled. Operations were halted by 25 cents higher than at Sioux City. the recent cold spell.

bushels, respectively.

The new Lutheran hospital in South Beatrice, was dedicated last week. The building cost about \$140,000, and is said to be one of the finest of the kind in the state.

The Scottsbluff Chamber of Commerce has asked the county commissioners to purchase bloodhounds to be used in emergency in tracking crim-

Counterfeit \$10 bank notes of a crude sort are in circulation over the state and authorities have issued a warning to be on the lookout for them.

The quarries on the Platte river. near Louisville, operated by the Kiewit brothers of Omaha, have practically shut down for the winter.

Twelve young men and one young woman passed examination and were admitted to practice at the bar of Nebraska, at Lincoln last week. At a special election to decide the

location of the county seat in Thomas county, Thedford won over Seneca, A short course in poultry manage-

ment will be given by the college of agriculture at Lincoln January 10 to 15 inclusive. Nebraska ranks comparatively low

in the milk producing states, but stands fourth in butter output. A Ladies' Auxiliary to the American

Legion Post has been organized at Dr. T. H. Line has been appointed

pension surgeon at Central City. Fremont has organized a Kiwanis club with over fifty members.

Olaf Olson, Lincoln's new fire chief, appointed to take the place of Chief Sommer, killed in an automobile accident while going to a fire a couple of months ago, arrived from the Panama

with the fire department at Cristobal. Preparation of a complete state budget embracing all departments, institutions and enterprises of the state of Nebraska, as well as public and semi-public activities supported by it in whole or in part, has been commenced by Finance Secretary P. F. bross, as provided for by the code

Victor Stamm of Hoskins, lost his life when a horse he was riding ran his foot caught in a stirrup, and he was dragged to death.

law and the amended constitution.

Hubbell is incorporating a community association to look after the recreation, amusement and anything pertaining to the public welfare of Hubbell and community.

More progress has been made in the dairy industry in Nebraska during the past two years than during any ten years' period previously, according to J. E. Palm, secretary of the State Dairymen's association.

## Official Count On State Ballot,

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Leo Rutjen of Tilden, had the distinction last Tuesday of receiving the highest price paid anywhere in the jen received \$10.50 a hundred pounds for his hogs, which was 25 cents high-It is estimated that there are still er than the top price at Chicago, 30

Nebraska live stock men, who will Theo. M. Osterman, of Central City, meet at Lincoln during the week of state representative, is claiming a rec- Organized Agriculture, are planning ord yield of corn this year. Three a practical and interesting program, large fields are averaging 80, 85 and 90 according to Secretary M. B. Posson of he Nebraska Improved Live Stock Breeders' association, under whose auspices the meetings will be staged. A bandit killed at Fremont last

week, following the hold-up of the College Book store and a gun battle with the police, has been identified as Earnest A. Guest, a deserter from Troop I, 15th Cavalry of Ft. Russell at Cheyenne, Wyo.

Nathaniel Vandorn died at Stromsburg, November 20, within fourteen days of what would have been his hundredth birthday. He was born in 1820 in Richmond county, Ohio, and in 1880 settled on a farm in Polk county. Nebraska.

Twenty neighbors of Oscar Groth, south of Blair, met last week and gathered his corn crop. Groth's 8year-old son died a few weeks ago, and since then another son was badly injured when he was thrown from a

One White Leghorn hen laid 268 eggs during the first year of the egg laying contest being conducted by the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station at Lincoln. This is about 200 eggs more than the average hen lays.

D. Harris Cook of Plattsmouth, a student at Northwestern university at Chicago, is dead as the result of heart trouble following an initiation and banquet of one of the fraternitles connected with the university.

Norval Clark of Seward made the best record in club activities and club work of any boy in the state and was awarded a free trip to the Interna-

tional livestock show at Chicago, Nebraska is doing her part to relieve the school teacher shortage in the country. There are approximately 4,000 young people of the state studying to be teachers at the 215 Normal zone, where he has been connected training high schools, according to State Superintendent of Instruction Matzen.

state Fire Marshal Hartford has drawn up a complaint with the county attorney of Platte county, charging that a fire of mysterious origin that destroyed a stock of general merchandise in a building at Duncan a month ago, was deliberately started with felonlous intention,

"Better Speech for Better Americans" is the slogan adopted for Betaway. Young Stamm was thrown, ter Speech week, which will be observed in Columbus under auspices of the city schools from December 6 to 10.

Farmers of Nebraska are the owners of over 200,000 pounds of wool which is lying in storage warehouses at Lincoln. The wool was "pooled" during June, July and August of this year by farmers' co-operative organizations throughout the state and shipped to that place for storage when market conditions were not such as to make selling advisable.

### IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

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### LESSON FOR DECEMBER 12

WHAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE.

LBSSON TEXT-Matt 12:44-50 GOLDEN TEXT-The kingdom of heaven is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Hely Ghost.—Rom. 14:17. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL — Mark

PRIMARY TOPIC - Sowing in Good

JUNIOR TOPIC-Short Stories That Je-INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC -Christ's Joy of Finding the Lost, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC

### -The Supreme Importance of Christ's Sacrifice for the Lost. 4. The Parable of the Hid Treasure

(v. 44). The common interpretation of this parable that Christ is the hid treasure for which the sinner must give up everything in order to buy salvation is false, for the following reasons:

1. Christ is not hidden in a field, but has been lifted up and made a spectacle to the world.

2. Nobody has ever been obliged to buy the world in order to get Christ. 3. Salvation cannot be purchased,

for it is God's free and gracious gift. 4. No warrant is ever held out to a man to conceal his religion after he

has obtained it. In order to find ground that is safe and that we may appreciate its beauty and symmetry let us break up the parable into its component parts:

1. The field. This is the world (v.

2. The treasure. In Psalm 135:4 we are told that Israel, the chosen people, is His treasure. The same truth is set forth in different places and ways (Deut. 7:6-8; 14:2; 26:18; 32: 8, 9). The kingdom of heaven as to its true relation and bearing is now hidden. Christ was primarily sent to the Jews; it was for their sake, the hid treasure, that He bought the field.

3. The purchaser—the Son of God (John 3:16).

4. The purchase price. This was the precious blood of Jesus Christ. God's beloved Son, which is worth infinitely more than silver and gold and the treasures of earth (I Pet. 1:13, 19: Isa. 53).

II. The Parable of the Merchantman Seeking Pearls (vv. 45, 46).

The view that this merchantman represents the sinner seeking salvation is contrary to the whole teaching of Scripture. This would make the sinner to be seeking for Christ, while Christ is as indifferent as a lifeless pearl. The whole burden of revelation is that man, since the fall of Adam in the garden of Eden, has been hid away from God, and that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all actively

engaged in seeking for lost men. 1. The merchantman. He is without question Christ. He is actively engaged in the search for pearls. In this search he discovers one pearl of

great price. 2. The purchase price. The merchantman sold all-impoverished himself in order to buy the pearl. Christ impoverished Himself (Phil. 2:6-8) to purchase the one pearl of great price by His own precious blood (I Pet. 1:18, 19; Eph. 5:25). Salvation is without money and without price.

3. The pearl of great price. This is the church. Christ, the merchantman, will find other pearls of great value, but the peerless gem set above all others will be the chruch which He has purchased with His own blood. This truth is to harmony with the general teaching of Scripture, which sets forth the different bodies of the redeemed.

III. The Parable of the Dragnet (vv. 47-50). This parable gives us a picture of the consummation of the kingdom.

Note the parts of the parable: 1. The sea. This word when used in a figurative sense denotes peoples or multitudes (Dan. 7:3; Rev. 17:15). This means, then, that out of this world shall be gathered a multitude of

people, good and bad. 2. The dragnet. The word "net" is properly translated dragnet. The dragnet cast into the sec, then, means the preaching of the Gospel in this age.

3. The dragnet drawn to the shore when full. This means that when God's purpose is made full regarding the preaching of the Gospel in this age, account will be taken of the results.

4. Assortment made by the angels, In the day of this accounting the angels will be the agents which shall separate the saved from the unsaved.

5. The destiny of the bad fish. The angels which are sent forth shall sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire, where there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

# Can Be No Comparison.

There can be no comparison made between the intrinsic values of the human soul, and the world. The one is immortal, everlasting; the other is corruptible, transitory. The one has been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus; the other even now groans for redemption. The one is made in the image and after the likeness of God; the other but imperfectly reflects, as in a mirror, the wonderful majesty and power of God .- Hev. Hen-Lowndes Drew.