

Russian Nobles Now Work Hard

Refugees, Impoverished by the Bolsheviks, Help Each Other in Warsaw.

MME. LUBINOFF IS LEADER

Conducts Relief and Commands Admirals, Generals and Governors—Peel Potatoes and Chop Wood in Poland for a Living.

Warsaw.—Driven from palace to hotel, some of the members of the aristocracy of old Russia now are peeling potatoes or chopping wood here for a living.

Five thousand men and women and children, some of whose resounding titles once brought them homage of courtiers, are clustered here after having fled to Poland before the Bolsheviks. Helping them to help themselves is Mme. Ludmila Lubinoff, herself a refugee, though born a princess of one of the oldest Russian houses and the wife of the former civil governor of Warsaw.

This remarkable woman is conducting soup kitchens, sewing rooms and workshops for members of her unhappy class, and taking orders from her men who once commanded the armed forces of the Russian emperor. On her staff are admirals, generals, governors, mayors and members of the old Petrograd court, while her husband has laid aside his gubernatorial duties to become her secretary.

A Woman of Action.

A beautiful woman, she hides the tragedy of her life under an optimism that is an example to the unhappy folk to whom she ministers. A woman of action, too, for she escaped from Petrograd with her two sons after freeing her husband from the fortress of Peter and Paul and arming him with a fictitious passport that enabled him to flee to Warsaw. Here the family was reunited.

Selling virtually all she possessed to aid her fellow countrymen, Mme. Lubinoff organized the Warsaw branch of the Russian Red Cross, which is being aided by the American organization.

Sparing not herself, Mme. Lubinoff has not spared the colony of refugees which included many of the former Russian nobility. In the soup kitchen and wood yard, which she has established in a Russian orthodox church at 5 Podwala—a squalid property placed at her disposal—are working men and women of title at tasks which once servants performed for them.

In the dingy little courtyard General Oblonsky, formerly architect at the Russian court, chops wood for a living with several officers of the crack imperial guards, one of whom has lost his reason and must be watched. In a small and dirty building Prince Meshchersky, who was master of ceremonies at the imperial court, peels potatoes for his daily bread.

Nobility as Servants.

In the crowded rooms the meals are served by women of the Russian nobility—Princess Rukoff, widow of Admiral Rukoff, who was executed by the Bolsheviks; Princess Ouchtomsky, whose husband was reputed one of the richest men in Petrograd and is now cashier in the next room at 4,000 Polish marks a month, the equivalent of \$4 today, and Mme. Koudravatsky, widow of the vice mayor of Petrograd, who was put to death by the Red revolutionists.

Colonel Kesselhoff of the Imperial Russian Guards runs errands for Mme. Lubinoff, and refugees who collapse from exhaustion while waiting for their food are attended by Mlle. Caragostoff, a former wealthy resident of Petrograd, now a nurse.

Working in an American Red Cross warehouse are twenty officers of the Imperial Guards regiment headed by M. Riekshensky, a lawyer of Kieff, who arrived in the Polish capital

without underclothing or footwear. He said his sister had been killed by the Bolsheviks and that the capital of the Ukraine had become a city of the dead.

Mme. Lubinoff boasts a storehouse about the size of an American housewife's pantry, which is in charge of Michael Shramchenko, the son of the governor of Tcherikoff, who was killed by the Bolsheviks. The assistant storekeeper is Victor Borsenko, who was governor of Novgorod.

3,700 CHINESE WORK ROADS

Employed in Railway Construction, Relief Body Reports—Town's Girls Sold.

Pekin.—The engineering department of the American Red Cross famine relief organization reports that up to the end of December, 3,700 Chinese had been employed in railroad construction.

The men are in charge of division engineers—sergeants from the Pekin guard, who have as assistants privates from the guard.

The line under construction extends from Tehchow to Lintsing on the Chih-Shantung border.

In one district a census of families showed that before relief arrived all girls between nine and fourteen years of age in two villages had been sold.

A shipment of foodstuffs brought by the United States transport Merritt was moved from Chingwangtso to Tehchow with little delay.

OIL HAS MADE HER RICH



Twenty-one years ago Miss Ella Tarrant became owner of a 200-acre farm near Bowling Green, Ky., willed to her by an old lady whom she had nursed for some years. For 21 years Miss Tarrant and her family made a bare living raising tobacco and corn. Not long ago oil was discovered on the farm. Today Miss Tarrant's income from the many wells which have been drilled is about \$100 a day.

NEWS OF STATE TERSELY TOLD

Recent Happenings in Nebraska Given in Brief Items For Busy Readers.

Omaha police recently arrested 50 automobile speeders in one day.

The Ord Retail Dealers' association has designated April 6 as Bargain day.

The new \$500,000 public school building at Blue Springs was dedicated last week.

The state Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in Omaha April 13 and 14.

James S. Ewart, a prominent grain man of Lincoln, is dead from a stroke of apoplexy.

A lodge of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen has been organized at Superior with a charter membership of 75.

A Rebekah lodge has been organized at Liberty, with a charter membership of forty-two.

The census shows there are sixteen persons to every square mile of territory in Nebraska.

Tornado winds last week caused considerable damage to a number of towns over the state.

The state legislature is making plans to finish up its work and adjourn about April 15.

Nearly fifty were baptized and 125 received into the Methodist church at Sydney Easter Sunday.

Rev. Charles Savidge, the Omaha "Marrying Parson," has just performed his 5,000th ceremony.

Eighty converts were baptized in the river at Taylor as the result of the revival meetings just closed by congregational church there.

The nineteenth child has just been born to Mr. and Mrs. George Knapper, living on a farm near Salem.

Rev. W. L. Bright, pastor of the First Lutheran church of Nebraska City, has tendered his resignation.

Dean J. A. Tancock, former pastor of Trinity cathedral at Omaha, is now pastor of a church at San Francisco.

Odd Fellows of the state will celebrate at Omaha April 30, the 102d anniversary of the founding of that order.

Eggs have dropped at Callaway from 19 cents to 11 cents per dozen, and local dealers expect them to go lower.

A temporary water famine is feared at Callaway. Mains have burst and it will be several days before repairs can be made.

The Murdoch electric light system has begun serving patrons. The power is brought from Omaha on a high tension line.

Ravenna is having a siege of scarlet fever, three or four cases having been reported and quarantined within the past week.

The body of C. Ruben, an Omaha grocer, was found lying in a pool of blood in the rear of his store, with his throat slashed.

At the collection taken up at St. Michael's church of Spaulding for the relief of the suffering people of Ireland \$1,000 was raised.

The 18th annual convention of the Second district, Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, will meet in Omaha at the Y. W. C. A. April 13.

On account of the difference in price of 4 to 8 cents in favor of Callaway, a large amount of wheat and corn is being hauled to that point from other towns.

With the present plenitude of labor, the Union Stock Yards company of Omaha tells the railway commission it will now be able to provide full crews on switch engines.

Superintendent Fred D. Schneider, who has had charge of the Cedar Rapids school for the last three years, has been elected to head the Loup City Schools for next year.

At the Northwestern Nebraska Basketball tournament at Chadron, at which sixteen counties were represented, Alliance won first place, Chadron second and Long Pine third.

Automobile thieves, who had stolen a machine from George Hoover of Elk-horn, finally abandoned it near Fremont, after stripping it of everything but the engine, body and wheels.

The Rev. Louis E. Humphrey, for the past three years pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Litchfield, has resigned to take up work in the presbytery of Boulder, in Colorado.

Anstey is to have an open air picture show this summer. Roy Patterson, former owner of the Sun theater, which burned to the ground, will be the promoter.

Test borings to determine the nature of the soil structure for the new Nebraska capitol have been made at the four corners of the proposed building, to a depth of over 100 feet.

Following the discovery of \$5 counterfeit dollars in a park at Omaha, secret service operatives and police are endeavoring to find a band of counterfeiters believed to be operating in that city.

Superintendent J. R. Armstrong of the Wayne public schools has tendered his resignation to take effect at the close of the present school year.

The Randolph Community club has taken over the management of the local band, will hire a competent instructor, and expects to have shortly one of the best musical organizations in northeastern Nebraska.

Leon Clark of the McCook Equity Creamery department had a narrow escape from death when he used a gallon of gasoline to start a fire thinking it was lubricating oil. He was badly burned on the hands and body.

Teumseh will make efforts to secure a part or all of its water supply from artesian wells.

Dalton has voted \$21,000 bonds for the erection of a electric transmission line from Sydney to that place.

Joseph Hirsch, a farmer living near Ravenna, dropped dead on his front porch. He had been in apparent good health.

The 50th anniversary of the arrival of the Soldiers' Free Homestead colony at Gibbon will be celebrated April 7.

The district convention of the I. O. O. F., held at David City last week, was one of the most successful held in recent years.

The ninth annual spring meeting of Nebraska live stock feeders will be held at the College of Agriculture, at Lincoln, April 15.

While watching for a street car, Helen Farr, a 13-year-old Omaha girl, had two braids of hair clipped from her head by some miscreant.

Eleven of the corps of sixteen teachers in the West Point city schools have declined the appointment. The prevailing low salaries is apparently the cause.

As a result of the joint efforts of the community club and the city council, Madison will have a tourist park, equipped to take care of the needs of autoists.

Hundreds of dollars' worth of feed was destroyed when the barn on the Calvin Duncan farm, near Wynmore, was struck by lightning and totally destroyed.

According to figures just made public by the State Department of Trade, bank deposits in the state have fallen off over \$13,000,000 in the four months ending February 25.

Two-thirds of the herd of Short-horns on the Bowman ranch near Beatrice, have been found to be tubercular, as result of an investigation conducted by a local veterinarian.

Gus Hyers, state sheriff, has offered a reward of \$200 for information leading to the arrest of F. H. Claridge, missing president of the defunct Banking House of Castetter of Blair.

Platte county is now equipped to do its own road building, through the purchase of one of the big grading outfits operated by the state department of public works last year.

H. M. Wells, who has gone into the poultry business near Auburn, probably has the largest incubator in the state. The incubator is built in sections and has a total capacity of 7,500 eggs.

Reduction of the number of Nebraska's judicial districts from eighteen to nine with two additional judges allowed for each district, has received the approval of the lower legislative branch.

Stock to the extent of \$100,000 will be subscribed by Omaha Jews for the purpose of establishing an Omaha colony in the heart of Palestine, under the direction of the Zion commonwealth.

There are nearly 1,000 colonies of bees in Douglas county, according to H. C. Cook, president of the Douglas County Honey Producers' association, and the number is constantly on the increase.

The increase in parcel post business at Wynmore has necessitated the employment of an additional carrier for city delivery, and whose work will be confined entirely to the delivery of parcel post packages.

The fourteenth annual encampment of the United Spanish War veterans, department of Nebraska, will convene at Lincoln, on June 12, 13 and 14. This encampment will be a reunion of all Spanish war veterans.

Will Reed Dumroy, dramatic editor and newspaper man, a former Lincoln boy and university graduate, is dead in Chicago, supposedly of alcohol poisoning, caused by "moonshine" whisky taken to secure relief for a cold.

It is estimated that farmers of Cheyenne county spent nearly a million dollars last year in various kinds of worthless stocks. The county farm bureau will endeavor to protect them against a repetition of the experience.

For the first time in the history of Gage county women assessors will participate in the annual assessment campaign which opened April 1. Mrs. Verna Pugsley and Mrs. W. W. Duncan of Beatrice are the first of their sex to be appointed as precinct assessors.

The first carload of cattle and hogs to be sent by a charitable institution in Nebraska, was received at the South Omaha stock yards last week from the Old Fellows state home at York.

The hogs, which, with the cattle, had been raised by the institution, topped the market.

The Bloomfield band which has been disorganized for several seasons, is to be again brought to life, with a membership of about twenty pieces.

A petition with 225 signatures asking that the Sunday movie question be put on the ballot at the spring election has been filed with the city clerk of Hastings.

Deputy Sheriff Tolles Wintersteen of Fremont narrowly escaped death when he sunk in quicksand to his armpits in the Platte river, while searching the river banks and islands for illicit whisky stills. He was rescued by companions.

The annual encampment of the State G. A. R. and its allied organizations and auxiliaries, will be held at Hastings May 23, 24 and 25.

The Chadron Rotary club is planning to send a bridal couple to the international Rotary meet at Edinburgh, Scotland, this summer if couples with matrimonial intentions will take members into their confidence.

Nebraska has 427 different varieties of birds, Texas and California alone having more, according to Dr. Solon Towne of the Omaha Audubon society. Most birds from the north pass through this state on their way south.

HIT AT TAX DODGERS

NEW LAW PROVIDES HEAVY PENALTY FOR PERSONS FAILING TO REPORT PROPERTY

ABETTERS IN SAME CLASS

Anyone Assisting Taxpayers to Dodge Payment in Same Class As Evaders and Subject to the Same Penalties

Lincoln.—Individuals, firms, or corporations which counsel, aid or abet taxpayers in evading the proposed tax on intangibles—money, credits, stock, notes or bonds—are to be meted out the precise penalties that the law provides for the tax evader himself.

This amendment was offered on the floor of the senate by Senator John W. Cooper, of Douglas, heretofore an antagonist to the revised revenue bill. The revenue committee endorsed the amendment, and the senate committee of the whole approved it.

This was the only amendment of consequence that the revenue committee permitted to get into the bill, outside of committee amendments added from day to day.

A committee amendment was added to the bill making it unlawful for county boards, city councils or other tax-collecting bodies, to levy a tax of more than 20 per cent of the levy on actual valuation. Levies provided in the statutes prior to 1921 are on the basis of assessed valuation, or one-fifth actual value. This amendment is to make the levies conform.

About the only feature of the new law that did not stir up protest was the section providing for finding the value of franchises, and taxing them as tangible property. In fixing this value the assessors must consider market value of the stock, dividends and surplus indebtedness, cost and period of the franchise and capitalization of the company. Heretofore franchises have not been taxed.

In the class subject to this franchise tax the proposed law includes street railways, water works, electric light and gas plants, mines, express, telephone and telegraph companies and pipe lines, including companies piping steam heat.

Approve Anti-Picketing Bill

Prohibition of picketing by strikers to persuade men at work to quit their jobs is favored by the Nebraska house of representatives, but it wants no industrial commission to handle labor disputes and restrain profiteering practices in trade.

The Randall bill making it a violation of law to interfere with any person in the exercise of his right to work, by talking to him against his will, following him from place to place and using abusive language or other means of intimidation, was approved for passage.

But the Epperson bill to establish an industrial commission was indefinitely postponed.

Governor Signs Several Bills

Governor McKelvie has signed the standard loaf bread bill, also the following other bills:

S. F. 61—Raising salary of court reporters from \$2,000 to \$2,500 a year.

H. R. 411—Lincoln consolidation bill.

H. R. 240—Incorporation of American Legion and Greek letter societies.

H. R. 164—Raising interest on \$5,000,000 Omaha school bonds and permitting the state below par.

H. R. 440—State hail insurance bill, with emergency clause.

H. R. 273—Requiring organizers of insurance to be qualified in experience and to publish notices of incorporation.

Excavating for New Capitol Base

A huge motorized shovel belonging to the state highway department is excavating at the capitol grounds for a test to be made of the ability of the sandstone stratum under the grounds to bear up the proposed new state capitol.

The shovel will dig a hole about fifteen feet in diameter and from twenty to thirty feet deep, the depth at which the sandstone starts.

It is understood to be the plan to impose on a given area of the sandstone a weight equivalent to the proportionate weight of the new building on that area, to determine its supporting character.

To Hasten Adjournment

All house bills not reported out for the sifting file in the lower legislative chamber are now dead by virtue of a motion which Representative Axtell presented and the house adopted.

While approving this plan to hasten final adjournment, the house refused to overturn its rules by limiting debate on bills hereafter to five minutes for each speaker.

Governor's Veto is Sustained

Different factional groups in the representative diet split up on the question of passing over Governor McKelvie's veto the Moseley bill governing appointments to fill vacancies for United States senator, state senators and representatives. By 70 votes to 26, the veto was sustained.

Prohibition Bill Reported Out

The house judiciary committee has reported out S. F. 185, prohibition enforcement measure which applies certain provisions of the Volstead act to the state law. The act makes it unlawful to advertise any and all devices, preparations and formulas for the purpose of manufacturing intoxicants. It is declared unlawful to manufacture intoxicants or maintain a still for the manufacture of alcohol or whisky or mash.

The bill provides for a fine of from \$500 to \$5,000 for offenders.

RULER IS VICTIM OF ROYAL FLUSH

Amar Alayam, Tribal King of Armenia, Lands in Jail in Minneapolis.

POKER GAME HIS UNDOING

Seeks to Rally His Tribesmen to Reclaim Heritage of His Fathers—Turns to Gambling to Supply Necessary Funds.

Minneapolis.—Amar Alayam, by right of birth a tribal king of Armenia, is a prisoner in the Hennepin county jail, held there on the charge of giving a worthless \$50 check to redeem his losses at poker and afraid to summon his clansmen to his aid for fear they would repudiate the leadership of a man in a felon's cell.

At least such was the story told by Alayam to Floyd B. Olson, county attorney, from whom he besought a recommendation of probation that he might once more rally his tribesmen and seek with them to regain the heritage of his fathers.

Ten years ago Alayam, according to the story he told Mr. Olson, became the king of his tribe in Armenia upon the death of his father, Abu Alayam. Abu had been a strong ruler. He had amassed lands and fortune. During his lifetime he had held at bay the emissaries of the Turkish sultans who had sought to despoil his lands. Upon his death the Turks came.

Looted by Turks. Alayam was but a youth of twenty-two at that time. Marauding Turks, backed by the power of the Sultan, seized upon the richest of his inheritance. It was useless to resist their strength by force. For money they promised to release the farms of his fathers, so, gathering about fifty of his young men, Alayam came to America, the land of fabled fortunes.

After the custom of the Armenian immigrants, Alayam was spokesman for his tribesmen in the new land. It

Year's Round of Red Tape All for Six Mills

Nuremberg.—An automobile carrying the license No. 11 B 488 passed through the town of Schwabach last November without paying the toll of 40 pfennigs (normally eight cents, but at the present rate of exchange three-fifths of one cent).

Unable to ascertain who owned the car, the Schwabach police chief reported to the German ministry of the interior, which turned the matter over to the Bavarian foreign minister. Then the report went through Munich police department, the Schwabach board of aldermen, and a score of hands to the agricultural council of the Palatinate, which found that the automobile belonged to the state of Bavaria and therefore was not subject to the Schwabach municipal toll.

On January 20, last, the Schwabach town government was informed of the result of an investigation that had lasted more than one year. And all about 40 pfennigs.

was through him that they hired out for various occupations. A tithe of their wages they gave to Alayam, who hoarded the money that he might go back to ransom his kingdom from the Turks.

Almost enough money was raised to accomplish the purpose when the world war came. Upon the heels of news of the war came tidings of the ravishing of Armenia by the Turks. Tales of the suffering of his countrymen caused Alayam to abandon his dream of going back to his kingdom. The money saved for that purpose he sent overseas, a contribution to the Armenian relief funds. Many of his colonists returned to enlist as soldiers to fight against the Turks. The rest were scattered.

Still the ones who remained continued to give a part of their wages to Alayam and he stayed on in this country, feeling that the money he could raise here would be of more value to his countrymen than his presence in Armenia as a common soldier.

Turns to Gambling. The end of the war was also the end of Alayam's resources. So many of his colonists had gone back to Armenia that the contributions of the remaining were scarcely enough to afford their chief a living. Desperate at the thought that return to his fatherland might never be realized, Alayam began to gamble, seeking, he told Mr. Olson, to multiply the tithe of his colonists into the fortune he needed.

But instead of winning Alayam lost. With money gone he gave a worthless check for \$50 for a last stack of chips and those, too, were lost. Alayam was arrested.

In his plea to the county attorney Alayam begged for a recommendation of probation. He could call his followers together then, he said, and would depart with them for their old home in Armenia. Even without money Alayam was confident he could rally his father's tribesmen and, with the power of Turkey weakened, regain again his heritage.

Mississippi Wild Man and His Wife



Albert Parsens, the "wild man" of the Loaf river bottoms, Mississippi, his fifty-year-old wife, whom he says he caught in a bear trap 23 years ago, and his two-year-old baby girl, who strayed to civilization, like people of another age. They had been driven out of their home, a shack on a strip of land in an isolated section, by high water.