

Today

Lenin Is Dead. Unique in History. The Czar Exiled His Thought. His Thought Ended the Czars. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Lenin is dead. The all-Russian soviet announces it officially. This time Lenin is really dead.

History will call him a man remarkable and great-great in power, in persistence, great in extraordinary success. Never has that success been paralleled in all the world's history.

What man except Lenin can you mention, a theorist and dreamer for years, that ever lived to put his theories into practice, with them governing a great nation?

Plato dreamed and wrote of his model republic. The world reads "The Republic" still. It never existed, never could exist.

The world reads Moore's "Utopia." It's only a name in a book, a name well concocted of two Greek words, meaning "not" and "place" or no place. Never have the Utopians of philosophy and literature been made part of real life, before Lenin. They appear in Scandinavian, Celtic and Arab traditions. Some dreamed of ancient earthly paradise, which they called "Atlantis," a land out in the Atlantic. Columbus and other explorers ended that idea.

Rousseau, Hobbes, Charles Fourier, great intellectual geniuses, dozens of the great and small have imagined their "perfect government."

Among them all, Lenin, now dead and gone to his place in history, is the only one that tried to try his dream in practice. He imposed his will and theories on 125,000,000 human beings, overturned a throne, killing its possessors, took every foot of land in a nation greater in area than the United States from the nobility that owned it and gave it to the peasants.

That strange man Lenin with the concentrated, determined face, whose brother was knouted to death by order of the czar, who lived to kill a czar, will stand out in the world's history when today's pigmies who think themselves giants shall be forgotten.

The Lenin dream will not be permanent, of course. As DeMandeville wrote his "Fable of the Bees" to illustrate the downfall of an artificially manufactured ideal commonwealth, so some writer of the future will write the downfall of Lenin's Marxian-Communist-Bolshevik Utopia.

Human beings are not fit for communism, while selfishness, individual greed exist within them as the mainsprings of their activity.

Individuals will not be ready for freedom from the lash until necessity, as long as that lash is the only power that will drive them to work.

The old ruling impulses, self-preservation, reproduction and ambition, nature's three driving powers, will rule again in Russia as everywhere. Intelligence at the top will take more than its share. Dull minds in at the bottom will do more than their share of the hard work.

Society also is an evolution. You can no more invent and create new government or society than you could invent or create a new kind of human being.

Each must grow.

But apart from that Lenin stands out as the first man that ever made of a government theory an actual living government. Most marvelous of all, he has kept it going, sick or well, year after year, while in all other European countries, except Germany, various governments rose and fell—autocracy of the old school seizing government in Italy and Spain while the new autocracy held Russia.

Lenin's power was in his absolute honesty, sincerity, devotion to his own convictions.

One hundred and twenty millions of Russians mourn his death. They trusted him, and they could trust him.

Farm Federation

O. K.'s Bank Loans

Coolidge Heeded Advice of Bureau Chiefs in Message to Congress.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—President Coolidge's message to congress today relative to loans for relief of farmers was declared at the headquarters of the American Farm Bureau federation tonight to be in harmony with recommendations telegraphed to the president by the executive committee of the federation. The recommendations were said to have been telegraphed last night and were as follows:

"In approving the Norbeck-Burtwell bill providing loans through a revolving fund of \$20,000,000 for the refinancing of agriculture where needed, as in the northwest, we desire it to be so amended that the other groups, such as the present creditors, transportation systems, and other local business interests to be referred to join with and share the responsibilities with the farmers in order to secure the benefits offered by the bill."

The bill referred to provides for the loaning of money to assist farmers in conversion of their farms on the basis of diversified farming.

Lester Clary Improved. Lester Clary, 13 son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Clary, 1924 South Tenth street, who was injured Tuesday when he ran in front of a street car at Tenth and Hickory streets, is reported improved at St. Joseph hospital.

Coolidge Asks Congress for Farm Relief

In Special Message Urges Refunding of Past Indebtedness and Financial Assistance.

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and some by private interests, were outlined by President Coolidge today in a special message to congress.

The steps include: The refunding of the pressing past due indebtedness of the farmer in the territories most seriously affected.

Financial assistance through a federal agency to enable wheat farmers to make the change from a single crop system to diversified farming.

The restoration, wherever it would be helpful, of the impaired capital of banking institutions in the distressed sections.

The creation by private capital of a substantial financing corporation to assist in the plan of reorganization.

The extension of the time the War Finance corporation can make loans.

Mr. Coolidge told congress that these were measures "by which, without undue alarm or agitation, but nevertheless promptly and effectively, we can bring to bear on a serious though happily, a localized emergency, every resource of the federal government and all assistance which the business and farming community can render."

"The economic condition in certain wheat growing sections of the northwest," the president said at the outset of his message, "is reaching an acute stage that requires organized co-operation on the part of the federal government and the local institutions of that territory for its solution."

Calling attention to the mention he made of this situation in his message to congress in December, he continued:

"Great numbers of individual farmers are so involved in debt both on mortgages and to merchants and banks that they are unable to preserve the equity of their property. They are unable to undertake the diversification of farming that is fundamentally necessary for sound agricultural reconstruction of the area. They are unable to meet their obligations and there has been involved the entire mercantile and banking fabric of these regions."

"Not only have there been large numbers of foreclosures on actual farms, but there are great numbers of farmers who are contemplating in possession on sufferance from their creditors."

"There have been large and increasing bank failures. Bills have been introduced providing for the lending by the federal government of monies directly to the farmers for purposes of assisting them in conversion of their farms on the basis of diversified farming. I am heartily in favor of these bills but they do not and will not compass the entire problem."

"Many of the farmers are, however, in such jeopardy from their creditors that even with this assistance, there is no assurance that they would have a sufficient period in which to work out the necessary conversion of their methods and it would be useless to give to this group such governmental assistance if it is to be only for purposes of immediate seizure by the creditors."

"Such legislation therefore will be of little avail unless arrangements have been effected between the farmer and his creditors, or the funding of past due indebtedness and interest by similar means, so that the loans will inure to the benefit of the farmer himself, instead of merely to the benefit of his creditors. If such arrangements can be made, the farmer can be given the opportunity to work his way out of the present difficulties. If they are not made, it is difficult to see how he can benefit from the plan."

"In addition to legislation of this character, coupled with the agreements which I have mentioned looking to the refunding of past due indebtedness, it is necessary to consider whether any steps can be taken to bring financial help to certain limited areas of the northwest in which embarrasments and failures among country banks have added to the hardships of the farmers. The war finance corporation is still functioning but its authority to make new loans expires March 31 of this year. I recommend that congress extend until December 31, 1924, the time during which loans can be made by the corporation and grant some extension of the period for which loans heretofore made can be renewed."

"It appears to me that it is essential that the large business concerns such as transportation, the more stable banks, not only in this territory, but in adjoining states, who necessarily benefit from the prosperity of these areas, should in their own interest extend a very large measure of aid in remedy of this situation, and that creditors even further aided such as our insurance companies and others should co-operate fully."

"In those agricultural sections in which numerous bank failures have contributed to the distressful conditions, it must be recognized, however, that there is a distinct limit to the scope of the assistance which the federal government can render. Government agencies cannot properly make loans upon insecure collateral or to banking institutions whose capital is impaired. In certain sections a more drastic remedy may be necessary. It may be necessary, on a well organized and extensive scale, to provide systematically for the restoration or strengthening of the capital resources of the country banks and financing institutions necessary to the proper service of the farmer."

"It may be found to be advisable to create new financing institutions, such as have been organized with great success in the livestock territory to co-operate with the war finance corporation. The government cannot supply banking capital, nor can it organize loan companies, but it can properly call upon those large concerns, the railroads, the mercantile establishments, the agricultural supply houses and all those large business establishments whose welfare is immediately connected with the welfare of the farmer. It can ask them, in their own interest, as well as in the interest of the country, to co-operate with federal agencies in attacking the problem in a large way."

"I have therefore directed the secretary of commerce and agriculture and the managing director of the war finance corporation to confer with representatives of the interested groups to devise a practical plan of action."

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Kernel of Corn Removed From Baby's Lung in Omaha Without Employing X-Ray, Knife or Anaesthetic



Robert Laudon and his mother. DEWELL PHOTO

Robert Laudon, 15-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Laudon, North Platte, Neb., is going home Wednesday with his mother, fully recovered from a painful operation to remove a kernel of corn from his left lung.

An Omaha surgeon removed the kernel last Friday with a bronchoscope and forceps. No anesthetic could be given.

Location of the corn was not known because X-ray reveals only metals as foreign objects. First attempt to locate the kernel last Tuesday at Methodist hospital was unsuccessful.

All this time the baby had a temperature of 102 because of inflammation of the windpipe and lungs.

After twice putting the tube down the baby's throat the kernel was seen at the end of the bronchoscope where a tiny electric bulb is located.

When the kernel was seen the surgeon inserted a long pair of forceps in the bronchoscope and grasped it. Because of the size of the kernel it was impossible to draw the corn through the tube, so bronchoscope, forceps and kernel all were withdrawn at the same time.

"Robert suffered a great deal but he is getting along fine now," said the mother yesterday.

It was a wonderful operation. We knew the baby had swallowed the corn for he was in pain one evening after playing with kernels of corn on the floor. It was difficult for him to breathe. The kernel of corn first went to the right lung, and then worked to the left. I brought him to Omaha in my arms with little hope of his recovery. But we are going home today with Robert as sound in health as ever."

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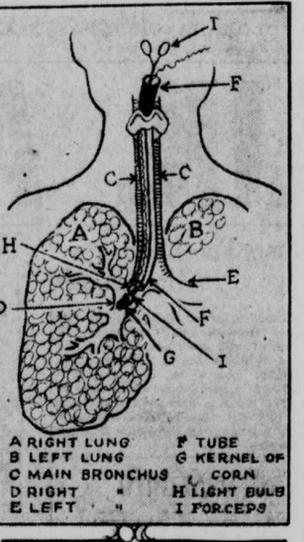


Diagram illustrating the surgical approach to removing a kernel of corn from the lung.

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C. L. Allen Leads Association of State Millers

Nebraska Body Endorses Waterway Project and Mellon Tax Reduction Plan—Seeks Rate Cut.

C. L. Allen, manager of Black Brothers Milling company, was elected president of the Nebraska Millers association at its convention yesterday in Hotel Fontenelle.

Others elected were E. K. Blackburn, vice president, Omaha; J. N. Campbell, secretary-treasurer, Fort A. Johnson; was chosen director for one year and Ernest Myers and John Wagner were held over one year. J. E. Jacobson, J. A. Emerson and C. E. Dinmore were elected directors for the two-year term.

Resolution endorsing the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway project was adopted and its building urged for the earliest possible date.

Other resolutions follow: "Whereas, the revenues collected by the federal government are now more than \$100,000,000 in excess of needs, and whereas, the agricultural interests of the country are crippled by the excessive tariff on foreign wheat, therefore:

"Resolved: That the Nebraska Millers association approve the Mellon tax plan. We especially ask that rates on telephone and telegraph messages be reduced as an unnecessary and unjust restriction in the business world."

"Resolved further: That the millers promptly and vigorously urge upon their representatives in congress the immediate passage of the Vested Debitors' Bill.

"Resolved further: That to meet the emergency of the threatened loss of the four trade in Cuba, we earnestly request the federal tariff commission to enter into a reciprocal agreement with Cuban representatives, now in Washington, whereby the tariff on imports of Cuban sugar be reduced and a larger sale of our mill products in Cuba secured. This action being necessary in order to put our mills on a parity with those of Canada in competition for the four trade of Cuba."

"Resolved further: That we give our support, as far as possible to all the plans suggested by the National Association for eliminating the evil trade practices which have so demoralized and injured the milling industry during the last year of intensive competition."

"Resolved further: That we hold to the principle of most better wheat to the acre, and to the practice of diversification of crops to maintain soil fertility, but we are against continued artificial agitation for the reduction of wheat acreage in this hard winter wheat area because of the superior qualities of the hard winter wheat of Nebraska."

"Resolved further: That we tender a vote of thanks to the courteous and extended hospitality of the Hotel Fontenelle, the Banquet Room, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and to the speakers, who have taken part in the program."

J. E. Jacobson, Lexington; G. H. Leeters, North Bend, and J. C. Roush, Omaha, Ia., made up the resolutions committee.

C. V. Topping, secretary of the Southwestern Millers' League, spoke on reduction of freight rates so that the central association may be served as cheaply from Nebraska and points west as from Minneapolis mill.

The speaker also asked a reduction on flour being shipped to Portland, Ore., to enlarge the opening made by the growing oriental trade. The rate now is 75 cents.

Railroads Favorable. "Railroads are inclined to accept

the reduction," said Mr. Topping, "because they now are forced to carry empty cars west to take care of the fruit growers. They might just as well be carrying our flour with them."

A reduction of the tariff on sugar from \$1.76 to \$1 was advocated. This was urged, said the speaker, to put the United States on a parity with Canada in competing for Cuban flour trade. Cuba, he said, in return for the reduction of Canadian tariff on sugar, buys almost entirely of Canadian flour.

Outlook Bad in East. A. R. Kinney, president of the Nebraska Consolidated Mills company, who is returning from a meeting in Chicago and a visit to New York, stated that the milling outlook in Chicago is bad, due to the low quoted prices. The condition in the central west, he said, is little better, because of the poor market.

Chauncy Abbott, just back from Europe, sounded a hopeful note when he stated that the American commercialist should feel confidence in America. To prove this he cited conditions in Europe.

The general sentiment of the millers is one of hopefulness for 1924 because of the fact that there is not the surplus grain on hand that there was at the beginning of 1923. They also will cut down production until the market becomes steady.

Omahan Killed When Hit by Train

Allen Dild, 50, Struck by Burlington Train—Neighbor Identifies Body.

Allen Dild, 50, 1234 1/2 South Fifteenth street, was struck by Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train No. 38, eastbound, at Fifteenth and Marcy streets yesterday at 2:30 and was instantly killed.

He is married, but has no children. Identification was made by F. A. Austin, who lives in the same house. Only witness to the accident, so far as police have been able to discover, was Louis Hague, 2024 Vinton street.

Moses O'Brien of Omaha to Head Nebraska Pioneers

Lincoln, Jan. 23.—Moses P. O'Brien of Omaha today was elected president of the Nebraska Territorial Pioneers, who are in convention here.

T. H. Robbitt of Lincoln was chosen first vice president; Mrs. R. H. Blain of Lincoln, second vice president, and Mrs. Minnie P. Knott of Lincoln, secretary-treasurer.

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