

STARVATION HAS MADE RUSSIANS MENTAL DEFECTS

Strain of Hardships Makes Russ Nation Lose Its Mental Balance, Says Writer.

London, June 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—Physically normal persons no longer are to be found in Petrograd nor in all Russia, says T. H. Hesse, a well-known Moscow journalist and member of the second duma, who has arrived in Copenhagen after a long stay in Petrograd.

The mental state produced by starvation, disease and nervous strain, he says, forces Russians to lose their mental balance.

"Their mental condition so changes their appearance that often one cannot recognize one's nearest friend. I remember the impression I had when I met the well-known lawyer, Rajeffski. At first I did not recognize him. Soon afterward I learned that he had hanged himself.

"Similar things happen daily. I think it is to be wondered that such suicides do not become general. In all the streets one meets still well dressed people, men and women, begging. There they stand, some of them with their heads down, dumb as if turned to stone; other times they repeat, 'I am dying. Give me something to eat.'

"Even if one has sufficient money to pay the enormous prices one may make acquaintance with starvation," wrote Mr. Hesse to the Copenhagen Politiken. "One has to get hold of a seller and persuade him to sell by treating him to some coffee, giving him the place of honor and so on. Money does not tempt him. He can always get money. He needs it only in order to continue his trade, or to buy luxuries such as sable fur coats, gold ornaments or gems. It is not the seller who looks for a buyer, but just the contrary.

"Not rarely mothers are seen (who have left at home their underfed sick children) pleading with a milkwoman to yield up half a bottle of milk at quite a shameless sum and it may happen that the milkwoman suddenly becomes capricious and does not even answer the unhappy child.

"Add to this terrible typhus and smallpox epidemics, against which there is not the slightest possibility of protection. Remarkably enough the cholera epidemic that flourished last summer ceased suddenly as if by a whim of nature. But now the typhus and smallpox epidemics are developing more and more seriously.

The government has no means to check them. The government cannot even procure wood enough for coffins nor transport to the cemeteries. The survivors must wait days before they can bury the dead.

"It is obvious that people under such conditions, with such superhuman efforts of energy demanded of them cannot continue to keep their mental balance."

United War Veterans to Have 4,000,000 Members

St. Louis, Mo., June 22.—Lieut. Col. Eric F. Wood, secretary of the temporary committee of the American Legion of the United War Veterans' association, has completed plans for the national caucus of the war veterans to arrange for a convention to be held here. The caucus will convene May 8 and adjourn May 10.

Twelve hundred delegates are expected to attend the caucus when arrangements will be made for the formation of an organization whose contemplated membership totals more than 4,000,000. Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt and Lieut. Col. Bennett C. Clark will be chairmen of the meeting.

Seas Aid Library to Make "Ma" Holmes Doubly Happy

Her Husband and Son Are Snatched From the Jaws of Death and She Realizes Her Life's Dream—Plenty of Books.

New York, June 22.—All day long Ma Holmes sat in the front parlor of her cottage and looked out to sea. Fifty yards away the waves hurled themselves furiously upon fringe of ugly rocks. Lifting her eyes to the horizon, Ma Holmes watched the whitecaps snatch at the sky. Fear came into her heart, for somewhere there on the restless deep a frail craft scudded under bare poles, and in that craft were Ma Holmes' husband and son.

Night came and with it rain. Ma Holmes lit an oil lamp and placed it in the window. Then throwing a sou'wester over her head she ran out, and for an hour she passed from house to house, stopping only for a moment at each cottage, but in that moment giving comfort and good cheer to other women who, like herself, waited for their men.

Men Came Home. At last Ma Holmes reached her home. The rain had ceased. She went to her room and looked at the clock. It was midnight. Her men should have come home yesterday! Were they safe or had the sea called her children for all time? Ma Holmes did not know and could not wait. Through the long hours of the night she sat beside the lighted lamp. Her fears tormented her. If only she had something to read something to occupy her mind! But in Ma Holmes' cottage was no book. And indeed, if at any time this little island off the coast of Maine had been forced to "render unto Caesar the things that were Caesar's" it could not have produced more than six books.

So, with "midnight in her heart," Ma Holmes watched and waited. . . . One o'clock. . . . Two o'clock. . . . Three o'clock. . . . The night seemed interminable, and Ma Holmes could but sit in her chair, with her hands folded in her lap, and struggle with black thoughts. At last dawn and the sun and a quiet day, and by noon the little ships came sailing in, and women ran to the shore and waded in to their waists and met their men, and most of them forgot their fears. Only Ma Holmes did not forget. The terrors of that night and the club rights like that before could not so easily be forgotten, and that summer when visitors chanced upon the little island and brought with them books to read, Ma Holmes confided her wish for books of her own.

Promised Library. "And you shall have them," said one to whom Ma Holmes opened her heart. "You shall have a traveling library from the Church Periodical club." Ma Holmes smiled and forgot the promise with the passing of the visitors, forgot it until there arrived for her a box which she opened and found to contain books. What happened then may best be described by Ma Holmes in this letter to Miss E. K. Chamberlayne, director of traveling libraries of the Church Periodical club. "That beautiful library landed in the middle of the kitchen floor after 10 o'clock last night. How can I thank you enough? There were books in that library that I have wanted all my life to read and never could get. Big son promptly selected 'The Sky Pilot,' went to bed and read himself to sleep. Pa followed his example, with a 'History of America and Its People,' and still I sat on the floor and went over the books one by one. The room grew cold. I roused up to replenish the fire and put more oil in the lamp. Then I went back to those books. At last pa appeared to build the kitchen fire and asked sternly why I hadn't come to bed all night. 'You ask me to tell you what we

think of the library and I can't. You would not believe me, for you cannot know what books mean to the women here. I thank you for them and for myself." And so it came to pass that Ma Holmes, who never had a book of her own, came to be a librarian; for since that day Ma Holmes has taken care of the library and given out the books among her neighbors and seen that they were returned, so that they might always be in circulation. Nor is that all, for the work Ma Holmes was doing came to the notice of the bishop of that diocese of the Protestant Episcopal church, and he visited her island, and as a result there has been built a community house, so that the keen edge of loneliness has been taken off the lives of these fisher folk.

Campaign Needs Funds. Now the sending out of traveling libraries is one important work of the Church Periodical club. At present 254 cases of books are touring the country, reaching just such remote places as the island where Ma Holmes lives, and it is to strengthen and increase just such features of its work that the Protestant Episcopal church is conducting the nation-wide campaign.

At present the Church Periodical club is handicapped for lack of funds. The nation-wide campaign hopes to raise those funds and also to interest churchmen and women, so that they may donate libraries like that which reached Ma Holmes.

Schoolboy, 31, Charges Vet Called Him Slacker

Portland, Me., June 22.—By far the oddest case heard in the municipal court here for many years George A. Emery, an 80-year-old civil war veteran, was the defendant on the charge of heckling Charles W. Barker, the 31-year-old junior of the Gray High school, as a "slacker."

The "schoolboy," who stands six feet high, accused the old veteran of continually annoying him by the stigma whenever and whatever they chanced to meet.

Mimic Aerial Battle Proves Too Realistic

Crawfordsville, Ind., June 22.—Aviators from the Rantoul, Ill., ground school staged a "mimic aerial battle" here in the interest of a campaign for recruits for the flying service. But the battle was too realistic for Crawfordsville Masons, holding initiatory exercises. A fire extinguisher tore loose from one of the planes and dropped through the roof of the Masonic temple.

Classed as Deserter; Had Served Two Years

Junction City, Kan., June 22.—After serving in the United States army for over two years, half of the time overseas, Gene L. Asher returned here with an honorable army discharge to find himself listed by the draft board as a deserter. Gene enlisted a couple of days after war was declared. Failure to answer his questionnaire, due to his being in the army, and the misspelling of his name, caused the dual army record to be made. It will be righted.

Suicide at School

Prince Albert, Sask.—Leaving a note stating that he could not bear the humiliation after being discovered in a fraud at school 16 years old, Fremont F. Boyer committed suicide by taking strychnine.

SCHUYLER MILL SENDS FLOUR TO ENTIRE WORLD

Fertility of Nebraska Farms Advertised by Ideal Product of Largest Concern In State.

Puritan flour, made in Nebraska's largest and most complete mill, has been one of the best publicity agents that the state has enjoyed. It is a long cry from the primitive mill erected in 1870 to the modern milling plant of today, yet the Schuyler mills still carry the same business spirit of optimism and progress that made it possible for a mill to be installed 50 years ago.

Then, as now, the men behind the movement were such ardent believers in the future of the state that they risked all in a venture which was the forerunner of today's large industry. Today the Schuyler mill is considered by millers to be the last word in a successfully balanced plant, where mistakes cannot occur.

This plant has made the name of Nebraska wheat famous as far east as the Alleghenies, and south to the gulf points. At the present time the Wells-Abbott-Niemen concern considers the world its field, carrying the slogan of good Nebraska wheat to the far ends of the earth.

There is perhaps no one firm in Nebraska which has done so much for the state in a publicity way as this concern. It carries in its modern plant a miniature mill, bakery, laboratory, and an experimental department manned by the best brains that American universities can supply.

This equipment, backed by ample capital, has placed Nebraska wheat and flour high in the world's markets and carried to the four winds the story of Nebraska's greatness as a producing state.

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Dodge County Farms for Sale

160 acres, fairly improved, 6 miles southwest of Hooper. A very choice piece of land and one of the best farms in the county, for sale. The price is \$300 per acre, \$18,000 cash, balance at 5%, or \$30,000 at 5%, optional any year. This is a mighty fine place and worth the money.

235 acres, 4 miles from Hooper. Good improvements and a fine stock and grain farm. Good pasture and hay. The terms are very easy on this, the owner will carry back \$40,000 for 10 years at 5% optional any year.

240 acres, 4 1/2 miles from Uehling. Well improved and a fine farm. This place has good hay and pasture and is in a neighborhood where there is no land for sale. Price is \$300 per acre, and the owner will carry back on the farm \$50,000 for 10 years at 5%, optional any interest day.

160 acres, 5 1/2 miles from Hooper. Fair improvements. All on Maple Creek bottom and every foot good land. The price is \$280 per acre, and it's worth it. The terms are very easy. The owner will carry back on the land \$26,000 for ten years at 5 1/2%.

160 acres of fine land, 5 miles south of Uehling and about 3 1/2 miles from Winslow. Dandy land and some very good hay and pasture. This is a mighty good farm. No improvements. The price is \$235 per acre, and there is \$14,000 at 6% for 20 years, optional at any time without notice.

160 acres of rolling land with fair improvements, 7 miles south of Scribner, at \$150 per acre, on easy terms. This is a bargain and if not sold by July 1st, the prices goes to \$175. While this is rolling, it is a mighty good farm, and considering the prices land is selling for, it is a real bargain.

160 acres, 3 miles from Winslow and 5 miles from Hooper. Small improvements. About 125 acres of very excellent land, balance rolling to rough. There is about 20 acres of fine pasture. The price is only \$175 per acre, and can arrange terms for half at 5 1/2%. This place is worth the money, and I believe will sell soon for \$200 per acre.

80 acres, 6 miles from Ames. Rolling, with a fair set of improvements. Some very good pasture and a nice orchard. This is a fine little 80, and is worth more money. The price is \$200, and this price will go up July 1st to \$225. The terms are very easy.

80 acres on the bottom, about 6 miles northwest of Ames. All good, smooth land and all under cultivation. This is good and the price is \$200 per acre, and of this \$6,000 can run for 5 years at 5 1/2%.

288 acres, right up to the town of Crowell, Neb. The buildings are in town and adjoining, and consist of a large house, a good, big barn and a new double corn crib. Then there are some other buildings and hog barns. This land is all on the Elkhorn bottom and some of it is cut up by the Elkhorn river. There is some very excellent land and some very good pasture. This is a mighty good farm to make money on, and it is priced right. While it is what you would call choice, the price is about half of what other land is selling for. The terms are very exceptionally easy. The owner will accept a cash payment of \$10,000, and will carry the balance at 5% for a term of years, with a payment of \$1,000 on principal every year. The price is \$50,000. The place is right up to town and very convenient to shipping point, and will make the purchaser money.

480 acres, about 20 miles out, with some very fine valley land and some sand hill pasture. This is priced at \$40 per acre, and is a dandy little ranch, and will pay more on the investment than any other cheap land I know of. The terms are half cash and the balance at 6%. There is a small set of fair improvements on this and it is ready to move onto.

WHEELER COUNTY RANCH GRAZING AND HAY LANDS

480 acres of the very best land in the Valley, 16 miles from Petersburg and about 1 mile from school. Every foot of the best kind of grass and pasture. The pasture is all blue grass and white clover and will pasture more head to the acre than anything I know of in the country. There is a flowing well and a nice four-room house, good barn, garage, corncrib, cement cave, and it is all fenced and cross-fenced with a good fence. There is about 200 acres in pasture and the balance is excellent hay, red top, clover and timothy. This is a real place and will make the purchaser real money. The price of this is \$85 per acre, and one-half of this can run at 6% for a term of years. It looks cheap to me at \$100 per acre, and if located near here, would bring \$300 per acre. To appreciate this land you should see how it looks in August when our pastures are getting short. This is all low bottom land and the pastures do not burn out during the hot weather. It is the best small ranch and will handle more cattle than anything I know of anywhere.

This land is about 100 to 125 miles from Hooper, and I make the trip up there and back in one day. Better join me and see some of this Wheeler County land. You'll find it much better than you expect.

Bernard Monnich THE LAND MAN Hooper - - - Nebraska

Twentieth Annual Statement for the Year Ending December 31, 1918.

Nebraska National Insurance Company LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Table with columns for Balance January 1, 1918, Income 1918, Gross Premiums, Losses Paid, Dividends to Policyholders, Salaries Officers and Clerks, Paid for Liberty Bonds, Special Agents, Printing, Postage, Taxes, State Ins. Dept. fees, legal and other expenses, Total disbursements, Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1918, Total.

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Government (Liberty) Bonds, Cash, Agents' balances, Bills receivable, Accrued interest, Furniture and fixtures, Supplies and maps. Liabilities include Losses in process of adjustment, Legal reserve Nebraska Standard on unexpired risks, Commission and other charges, Due for re-insurance, Deduct assets not admitted, Net surplus to policyholders.

Comparative Statement of Assets and Surplus for Each \$1,000.00 of Insurance in Force with the Largest Fire Insurance Companies Doing Business in America

Table comparing assets for each \$1,000 of insurance in force for various companies: Nebraska National, Aetna of Hartford, American of New Jersey, Continental of New York, Fidelity Phoenix of New York, Great American of New York, Hartford of Hartford, Conn., Home Ins. of New York, Ins. Co. of North America, Pa., National Fire of Hartford, St. Paul F. M. of St. Paul.

INCREASE IN 1918—Premium Income increased 338%. Increase in Surplus to Policyholders 220%. Increase in Reserve for Policyholders 348%.

Nearly One Million Dollars in Losses Paid Policyholders, and One-fourth Million Dollars Saved in Premiums, Compared to Eastern Companies' Rates.

As the Nebraska National's business increases, additional capital is being put into the Cash Capital and Guarantee Fund. \$50,000.00 additional Guarantee Fund Certificates are now offered to investors, 10% annual interest is being paid on the Guarantee Fund Certificates, and 20% annual return profits are being paid policyholders on Fire and Tornado Insurance Risks written at Nebraska Inspection Bureau Advisory estimate rates.

Remember it costs no more to insure your property in the Nebraska National than in any other responsible company and you share in the profits. Insures all classes of Town and Farm Property including Automobiles, and Hail Insurance on Growing Crops.

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