

Omahan Tells of Thrilling Personal Experiences With Brutal Cossack Command During Siberian Occupation

Entire Austrian Band Compelled to Walk Plank—Innocents Line Up Against Wall and Shot by Dozens

Dr. Frank C. Secor of Omaha an Eye-Witness to Atrocities of Major Kalimkoff at Khabarovsk, 700 Miles From Vladivostok—Amusing Side to Siberian Life Is Hard Work of Russian Aristocrat—He Rises at Noon, Opens Store From 1 to 4, Goes to Dinner and Eats From 5 to 10, Dresses Lavishly and Attends Cabaret at 2 A. M., Then Back Home to Sleep Until Noon—Everybody Lazy, and Nobody Works When There Is Anything to Eat, or On a Holiday, With 150 Holidays Every Year, or Three Per Week.

The withdrawal of American and Japanese troops from Siberia recently has been a subject of considerable comment in the press dispatches. It will be recalled that the American troops were sent to this far-away land during 1918 to aid the Russians in the organization of their defenses against the bolshevik forces and to back up the Czechoslovak army.

A recent dispatch from Tokio reads: "The council is reported to have reversed the cabinet decision not to interfere further in the internal affairs of Siberia and to adhere strictly to the government's declaration made when it entered into its agreement with America in 1918."

Had Three Governments.

The situation in Siberia during 1918 was confused, there being three anti-bolshevik governments, all professing friendship with the allies and co-operating with the Czechoslovak army, at that time estimated to be 100,000 strong. One of these so-called government headquarters in Siberia was located in Vladivostok, another at Omsk and the third at Harbin.

Just what the situation will be when the American and Japanese troops shall have been withdrawn seems to be a matter of conjecture. A recent news report from Washington stated:

Dr. Frank C. Secor, 1908 Sahler street, is watching the shifting scenes in Siberia with considerable interest, for he recently returned from that country, where he served with the American forces as a lieutenant. Aside from his military experience, he gained much interesting knowledge of everyday affairs of these people, who were on the "ragged edge" of existence when he was there. The doctor took many photographs while in Siberia and has loaned a few for the benefit of Bee readers.

A picture is reproduced herewith of Major Kalimkoff, who commanded a battalion of Cossacks at Khabarovsk, which is about 700 miles from Vladivostok, on the Siberian railroad. Kalimkoff was under General Semenov and was of the old Cossack guards. He practiced such cruelties at Khabarovsk and vicinity that even his own men mutinied and he was forced to leave "between two days" with a personal guard of about 50 of his men.

Killed Entire Orchestra.

"There was a large Austrian prison camp at Khabarovsk and I remember that an Austrian orchestra frequently came into the town to play for the people. They were fine musicians," said Dr. Secor. "It was charged that Kalimkoff forced every member of that orchestra to walk a gangplank overlooking the river and all were shot. He killed many innocent people on the charge that they were bolsheviks. As the commanding officer in Khabarovsk, Kalimkoff was supported by the Americans and Japanese until his acts became intolerable. He was

atrocious. He was in command of about 800 Cossacks who mutined when their pay had lapsed for three or four months and their rations consisted of soup three times a day. The mutineers went to the Americans for protection."

Omahan Tells Story.

Dr. Secor told the following little story in connection with his experiences and observations while in Siberia:

"Vladivostok, Siberia, is the base of supply for the American expeditionary forces as well as for the allied armies in the far east. The city is cosmopolitan, with a population of about 90,000 representing nearly every nation in the world. It is situated on the best natural harbor of its kind, transports being able to dock within 30 feet from the shore at any point of the harbor. It is well fortified and considered impregnable from a military standpoint. This was confirmed during the Russo-Japanese war. In that time the Japanese cruisers laid in wait outside of the harbor for months without an opportunity to attack the city.



Major Kalimkoff
COSSACK OFFICER - SIBERIA

and order are maintained by the military representatives of the allies. Food is limited, but can be obtained, providing the people are willing to pay exorbitant prices. Chinese pheasants, \$2 to \$3 each; pork chops, \$2; two eggs, 15 cents. The lower class of people satisfy their hunger with bread and tea, which can be obtained at reasonable prices. A large loaf of bread costs 10 to 15 cents.

Flatten Tin Cans.

"The dwellings of the poor are built of logs and covered with battered tin cans picked out of refuse heaps. These houses have one or two rooms and shelter families of eight to 10 children. Others that are more helpless are contented to live in caves. Work is considered a folly and they exert themselves only to subsist. Many pretend to



Mayor of Khabarovsk

be beggars. The so-called aristocratic Russian will dress lavishly, attend the exclusive entertainment—the cabaret—which opens at 2 a. m., or retires and sleeps till noon, opens his place of business at 1 p. m., closes it at 4 p. m., and attends a social affair at 6 p. m., which consists of a 12 to 14-course dinner, and he consumes three to four hours while eating and drinking.



Beggars—Khabarovsk—Siberia

which are frequent, sometimes three a week. A Russian year has more than 150 holidays.

"Public places and certain localities are very unsanitary. Sewerage systems are practically unknown and water cannot be used for drinking, without being sterilized and it is unobtainable in public places. Wearing apparel of the better materials is worn exclusively by the favored few. The peasants wear castoff clothing, patched with different-colored materials, their limbs frequently wrapped in gunny-sack fabric as substitutes for shoes and stockings.

Slaughter of Innocents.

"Khabarovsk, a city of about 40,000 people, where I was stationed, is situated at the junction of the Amur and Ussuri rivers, and is about 700 miles northwest of Vladivostok. This city was in the path of the retreating bolsheviks and was captured by the Japanese, Cossack and American armies. It was at this place where Kalimkoff, the notorious marauder, proved to have bolshevik ideas, by killing his innocent prisoners without a trial. He would line his victims to meet their fate at the hands of a firing squad. His actions were brought to a stop by our commander, which caused comments among the Russians in the vicinity, and also among the Japanese army. Kalimkoff's soldiers finally mutinied, killing some of his staff officers. They raised his ammunition stores and carried away most of his supplies, Kalimkoff fleeing from the city with a few of his men.



Dr. F. C. Secor (Omaha)

Although the misery and suffering to which they had been subjected was depicted on their faces.

"I spent three months with the Austro-Hungarian prisoners, of which we had charge. More than 8,000 of these victims were in confinement there for five years. They related stories of almost unbelievable misery. The Russians sent them back of the lines and finally they fell into the hands of the bolshevik. Then they were recaptured by the Russians, who finally turned the half-starved and poorly-clad victims over to us."

Lower Standard of Morality Noticed Among Modern Women by Many Eager to Defend Feminine Failings

More Self-Discipline and Originality Needed—Should Be Good Mixers Without Being Mixed—Elizabeth Sanford Pays High Tribute to A. K.'s "Heart Beats"—Dance Halls Are Seriously Attacked—Charge Mothers More Interested in Affairs of Nation Than of Home—Denounce Desire to Be on Equal Footing With Men.

Out jump defenders of the gentler sex! And yet, careful perusal of the expressions of these defenders, will reveal an insinuation that they too, realize the tendency of modern woman to "slip" away from her old-time, secluded life, where she was protected by modesty and high walls of convention, into a broader and freer life, where she declares herself on an equal footing with man.

Times Have Changed.

"I think that the 'standard of conduct' of the majority of our women is being greatly lowered. In fact, to my estimation it has been lowered more in the past 20 years than it has been in the last two centuries.

while the nurse stays at home with the children. The washboard and ironing board is a thing of the past. Now the family washing is sent to the laundry and the "old man" with his "\$25 per week" is the family bank. The husband cannot afford the frills that his wife craves. What happens?

Beauty of Face and Form.

"The wife goes out and works in an office factory to earn the money that will buy her the unnecessary luxuries that she looks forward to. Here at work she becomes acquainted with men, just 'friends,' is she slipping?

and show the women of their world a little more courtesy, reverence and devotion. A girl admires a fine, manly man as much as ever.

Most Becoming Clothes.

"Not all the women dress indecently. If women dress sensibly their clothes have never been so becoming as they are today.

A Tribute to "A. K."

"Women do not belong to the weaker sex. In just so far as moral courage is greater than physical courage and spiritual strength greater than physical strength, woman is greater than man.

Demand Equal Footing.

"Women want to be on an equal footing with men. They want to do a man's work, they want to vote, they want to smoke, they are willing to take the responsibility of men. No wonder they are slipping. Becoming 'babe' with their brothers in stores, factories, mills, steel plants, and other manual labor, where they are not supposed to be found. They should be at home where they belong and not upon the streets the greater part of the hours of the day.

Shocked and Astonished.

"Being one of 'our women of today' and having thought a great deal about the question I take up the cudgels in defense of my sex.

"Because a woman feels her physical weakness, she is driven to God for strength of all kinds and He never fails any individual who throws the burden upon Him.

"I do not blame women entirely, but the friction caused by women becoming 'pals' with their brothers in the industries is bound to bring evil. Few are the women that one sees plainly dressed without the frills, paint and powder. The school girls of today are likewise tempted by the powder and paint. A pretty, innocent looking girl is a thing of the past.

Becoming "Pals" Helps.

"Becoming pals with their brothers does not undermine their morals. It is good for them for in becoming pals to their brothers, they learn not to become silly, empty headed flirts with other boys.

"Our young men are just as ready to worship the same kind of a woman as they worshipped 20 years ago whenever they pass the occasional pedestal upon which she is perched. Not so 'occasional' either.

The Heavens In February

By WILLIAM F. RIGGE.

The present month enjoys the privilege, which is rare for February, of having five Sundays. This happens once every 28 years when the first day falls on a Sunday, and the year is a leap year. This occurred only three times during the last century, in 1824, 1852 and 1880, and will happen only three times during the present century, in 1920, 1948 and 1976. The long interval of 40 years from 1880 to 1920 is due to the fact that 1900 was not a leap year, so that the ordinary solar cycle of 28 years had to be readjusted.

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are above the horizon more and more every night after that at that time.

The moon is in conjunction with Jupiter on the 3d, with Saturn on the 5th, with Mars on the 9th, and with Venus on the 10th.

MOON'S PHASES:

Full moon on the 4th, 2:43 a. m.
First quarter on the 11th, 5:49 p. m.
Last quarter on the 18th, 8:55 p. m.
New moon on the 19th, 8:35 p. m.

Americanism Depends Upon Liberal Child Education

Communities Must Be Faithful to Demands of Child Welfare, Declares Primary Supervisor of Council Bluffs Schools—Burden Must Not Be Unloaded Upon a Selected Group.

Problems confronting boards of education and school teachers, and the future outlook of education, are discussed by Edith Whitcomb, primary supervisor of the Council Bluffs schools, because of her belief that the average citizen has but a very superficial knowledge of the conditions in the schools of his community.

"One hears continually today of the crying need for education," says Miss Whitcomb. "More schools, better equipment, special instructors, are being demanded everywhere until the casual onlooker wonders what has caused all this agitation and why the school of his day does not suffice for the new generation. The answer to these questions lies in a survey of the place in our social, political, economic and religious life during the last two decades. Most of these sweeping changes fell within the span of those now living, and history does not record a revolution so extensive and complete.

"In the days of our grandmothers, the home was the center of all forms of industry, occupation, culture and communication. Clothing was not only made in the home but often the raw material was produced on the farm. Lumber, furniture, lights, foods, etc., were products of the home or vicinity and the entire industrial process of production stood revealed to the children.

"Each Home a Unit.

"Population was largely scattered and there was comparatively little intercourse with the outside world. Adequate methods of transportation and communication were very limited, books and newspapers were scarce, and each home was primarily an independent unit wherein experience and observation were excellent teachers. There remained for the public schools only instruction in the three R's, reading, writing and arithmetic, a responsibility easily assumed by every person sufficiently versatile in those three subjects, be he minister, lawyer or farmer. The school years were short and the school period covered only a few years.

Vanilla Extract Not an Intoxicating Beverage

Larned, Kan., Jan. 31.—According to a ruling here vanilla extract is not intoxicating, and its sale as a beverage is within the law.

"SARAH R. MILLIGASS,"
"Scribner, Neb."

The Alley Garage



LOOKS LIKE IT'LL LAST ALL DAY

WISH I HAD SOME NEW CURTAINS

LET'S RIDE THE STREET CAR ALL QUARTER

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT, MACK?

MY CAR'LL BE RIGHT, BUT I DON'T LIKE TO LEAVE IT IN THE STREET ALL DAY

I HATE STREET CARS

IF I WAS NOT BRAID OF BETTER WATER IN MY CARBURETOR, I WOULDN' RESIST A MOMENT

LET THE MEN MEND THEIR WAYS