

600,000 Russians Facing Death in State of Samara

Officials Unable to Keep Record of Burials—Estimate 140 to 200 Persons Die Of Starvation Daily.

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Samara, Aug. 27 (By Courier to Riga, Sept. 7.—Vladimir Sokolsky, the son of a village priest and now the communist governor of the state of Samara, says there are 600,000 starving peasants in the state, which is three times as large as Switzerland and of the 3,000,000 population only 500,000 live in towns. The rest are all agrarian.

"By starving peasants, I mean those actually possessing nothing to eat," said Sokolsky. "The live stock for shipping has long since been slaughtered and the breeding stock also. There have been many reports of cats and dogs being eaten in the towns and field rats in the rural districts. The peasants are also eating a kind of swamp root called 'usak,' which is like peas and which chemists say is not poisonous, but is not nourishing. There has been caused hundreds of deaths, particularly among the children."

The governor admitted that statistics on the cholera and typhus epidemic had not been kept. Deaths have come so fast that there has been no time for doctors to ascertain the cause. There has been no record kept of the burials. Staff men have been kept in the cemetery digging graves all the time, but they had to depend upon the town folk or the relatives of the dead to carry the bodies away. He said that as near as he could figure between 140 and 200 persons have been dying in the city of Samara every day since spring.

Pass 12 Funerals.

Leaving the white building, which serves as the governor's mansion, above the park on the banks of the Volga, we entered the city streets again, passing 12 funerals in a 15-minute walk. Plain wooden boxes were carried on a wagon drawn by dejected horses. The coffins were all open, with some one walking ahead of the horses carrying a coffin lid on his head. Small boxes, containing the bodies of babies and small children were simply carried under the arms of bare-headed peasants.

The changing back gradually to the old policy of private ownership and the operation of the small private stores now makes the past failures of the government all the more apparent, particularly in view of the fact that the change comes at a time when any other state in the world faced with the same crisis would change from private ownership to the immediate government confiscation of food supplies for feeding its starving millions.

It is a strange commentary on the present stage of so-called communism in Samara that hundreds are lying in the streets, slowly dying of starvation, while it is possible for one to walk into the principal restaurant and order a 70,000 rouble meal, consisting of cabbage soup, beef, potatoes, bread and butter, tea and white cakes with stewed fruit, or walk out with two pounds of the finest Russian caviar under my arm for the modest cost of 50,000 roubles or not quite \$1.50; which is much cheaper than it could have been obtained for before the war. And this in days of great hunger.

Orchestra in Park.

But one learns Russia by its contradictions. For instance, after dinner I went to the public park on the banks of the Volga at the end of the town. Sleeping on the ground or on the benches at night is prohibited the same as in America, only here in Samara the weary, hungry and sleepless ones stay outside the park, peering through the railings at the more or less happy scene under the electric lights. Under a big collection of arc lights a five-piece orchestra was playing selections from the Dollar Princess. The violinist and leader wore straw hats because the night was chilly. The man at the piano was in his shirt sleeves. The clarinet player wore a rough, much-patched corset-roy suit with a visored white hat of German band style. A woman in a red waist and blue skirt played a cello.

Soldiers and officers with their girls were sauntering through the paths, taking pains, proudly, not to salute or to recognize one another because that would be like the bourgeois armies. Waiters were serving tea, cigars and soda but no liquor, at tables near the orchestra and my communist guide proudly explained that the park was now being exploited by private interests who rent the place from the government.

Body of Suicide Found in Lonely Shack at Newcastle

Newcastle, Wyo., Sept. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of Wilford Forsythe, tool dresser in the oil fields, was found in a shack in a secluded part of the town. Autopsy revealed that death was caused by swallowing poison. At the coroner's inquest it was reported that Forsythe had been in a despondent state of mind for several months. Efforts are being made to locate relatives supposed to be living in Wisconsin.

Two Convicted of Murder

Tombstone, Ariz., Sept. 7.—Manuel Garcia and Jess Perez were found guilty of first degree murder for slaying Jess Fisher, foreman of the John Slaughter ranch on the Arizona-Sonora border, 18 miles east of Douglas, on May 4 last. Mr. Fisher was shot and killed while resisting an attempt to loot the stores on the Slaughter ranch.

Suicides Increase

Chicago, Sept. 7.—Suicide shows the largest per cent increase of any of the death causes listed in the city health department's eight months' report made public today. There were 215 suicides in Chicago this year, as compared to 138 last year, an increase of 67 per cent.

Former Omahan in U. S. After 17 Years in East



Judge Charles S. Lobinger of the United States court in Shanghai arrived in Seattle September 2 on the Admiral line. Silver State, the big 21,000-ton shipping board vessel which established a new American transpacific record on its maiden voyage under command of Capt. Edward P. Bartlett.

Judge Lobinger, who formerly lived in Omaha, said he had come home merely to spend a two months' leave. He expected, he said, to go at once to Washington and New York, and then visit Omaha.

Judge Lobinger went to the Philippines to accept a federal judicial appointment in 1904. He served as a judge in the islands 10 years and then was transferred to the court at Shanghai.

Hays Appeals to U. S. Business Men To "Carry On"

Postmaster General Says Less "Thou Shalt Not" And More "Come on, Let's Go" Spirit Needed.

Cleveland, Sept. 7.—Optimism, a prediction that prosperity is coming and an appeal to American business to "carry on" constituted the chief note of an address delivered by Postmaster General Hays to the National Association of Life Underwriters here. He also undertook to give an account of the stewardship of the administration of President Harding and told what he was trying to accomplish in his own department.

"Altogether," he said, "we look to the future with great hope. There is ahead, the greatest era of expansion and prosperity the world has ever seen. Every one knows this and the only question discussed is when it will start. We are not in a period of hard times coming. We are in a period of soft times going. Prosperity is coming—it's time to go out and meet it. I declare again, and shall continue to insist, that we have less 'thou shalt not' and more of 'come on, let's go.'"

Mr. Hays declared that in his many trips about the country he found everywhere the same evidence of hope. "It is a great country," he declared, "and it is all ahead of us."

U. S. Engineers Oppose Improvement of Hudson

Washington, Sept. 7.—The federal government would not be justified, at this time, in going to the expense of improving the Hudson river from its mouth north, 116 miles to Hudson, for the purpose of securing a channel depth of 30 feet, according to a report of army engineers sent to congress by Secretary Weeks.

The improvement would cost \$2,233,000 the report said, and is "desired chiefly with a view to the development of an extensive timber traffic from the Pacific coast via the Panama canal to Hudson, where a large lumber terminal is proposed."

Many Hungarians Captured In Clash With Austrians

Vienna, Sept. 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—Three thousand Hungarian insurgents on Monday, engaged the Austrians in an effort to capture the Austrian town of Kirckschlag. The engagement, which lasted eight hours, ended in the retirement of the Hungarians, who lost numerous prisoners. The Hungarian casualties are not known. The Austrian losses, two men killed and 20 wounded.

Both sides used hand grenades and machine guns.

First Shipment of American Food Arrives in Russia

Rica, Sept. 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—The American steamship Phoenix has taken into Petrograd, the first consignment of American food for the starving children of Russia, says a dispatch to the Latvian Telegraph agency from Moscow. The vessel sailed from Hamburg.

The American relief administration Monday sent its first train direct to Samara from Moscow.

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