

## RUSSIA BANKS GOLD TO OPEN TRADE CREDITS

\$200,000,000 Is Deposited in Copenhagen Institutions by Soviet Government.

## COMMERCE IS LIMITED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Russian soviet government has just deposited two hundred millions in gold with banks in Copenhagen for the purpose of establishing trade credits with the United States and other countries according to information received today by the State Department from its agents abroad.

The only hope for a Russian commerce of any volume, experts here assert, lies in the possibility of utilizing this gold as a credit nucleus for a three-cornered trade by which Lenin may sell his surplus wheat and raw materials to Scandinavia and Great Britain and buy American manufactured products with the proceeds.

According to official reports to the department, Russia at present has practically nothing in the way of raw materials which the United States needs. She has some Siberian wheat, a small quantity of furs and bristles and a considerable surplus of flax. America has need of Russian wheat and the flax is not suitable for American manufacture. American importers would be glad enough to get the furs and bristles, but the amount of these commodities is said to be too small to form any considerable volume of trade.

If Russia is to develop the trade to which her vast natural resources entitle her, experts say, she must permit foreign capital to exploit her stores of coal, iron, oil, lumber and minerals. The world-wide shortage of print paper, American capitalists are considering with interest the possibilities of the wood pulp industry in Russia. Basic opposition to sovietism to capital of any kind and especially to foreign capital, however, has operated to discourage foreign investment.

**SUPPLY OF GOLD.** The total value of gold at the disposal of the soviet government is approximately five hundred million, according to latest official estimates received here. Of this amount two hundred millions is the gold confiscated from the Romanian government and now stored in Moscow. It is a sooty-colored metal containing almost every sort of gold coin in the world. Reports indicate that it will be held intact to be used as a political weapon against Romania.

The remaining three hundred millions consists chiefly of Russian coins and gold bullion, confiscated when use of money was forbidden by official decree of the soviet. Through the use of its strict limits on movement of money to transactions with foreign nations, a system of tokens has lately sprung up within the soviet which differs but little from the normal money exchange.

Lenin is reported to be experiencing difficulty with this new medium of exchange because of a tendency on the part of sovietists to hoard and barter the tokens. A famous opera singer, for example, refused to accept tokens and about the time the normal sugar ration, and when official exception was made in his favor, hoarded his sugar tokens and used them to purchase other luxuries.

### ILLINOIS WOMAN DIES.

**NOBLESVILLE.** Ind., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Sarah Paddock, 88, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Sutton, near this city. Mrs. Paddock lived at Thawville, Ill., and came here last August to visit her daughter. She had been here only a few days when she was taken sick. Besides Mrs. Sutton, Bert Paddock and Mrs. Mallissa Couturier, both of Thawville, survive.

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## Gas Rate Question

### Why the Gas Company Must Have More Money

Since 1916 the equipment of the company has been falling behind the demands of the town. In 1918 an enlargement of one of the plants was undertaken. The company sold \$1,500,000 of short-term 7% bonds for \$1,400,000. The improvements at that time actually cost \$1,620,000, but many important parts had to be trimmed down so severely on account of lack of funds that undue demands are now made on them and frequent interruptions and breakdowns occur. Many other improvements are urgently needed unless we are to fall behind the requirements of our consumers. One of the most important of these (although by no means the only one which is urgently needed) is a gas storage holder, which will cost over \$500,000. We have been endeavoring to build this ever since early in 1916, but have not been able to do so. We can not undertake it without new financing. The holder itself can yield no revenue to pay the \$50,000 or more per year which it will cost in interest and maintenance charges. With this additional storage capacity no short period of excessive consumption or plant disability could affect the gas service at all. To get this holder completed by next Christmas, construction must begin early in the coming year.

This is only an illustration of what we have in mind when we say that the improvement of gas producing facilities and the ordinary extensions of gas mains will require an investment of \$3,000,000 in the next three years. Besides which we must retire the short-term bonds which we issued in 1918.

All surplus earnings of the good months of 1920 have already been absorbed in improvements to our plants and distribution system. In order to prepare as well as possible for the present winter we have not even reserved funds for payment of the 7% bonds, which mature next May. With the declining business which we are now experiencing, we cannot hope for earnings from which we can take care of further improvements. Our policy henceforward must be one of rigid retrenchment until there is more revenue in sight.

The company may be able to stand still—to mark time and take care of the business it now has. The city cannot afford to have this happen. It takes time to construct extensive equipment, especially when it must be done while operation is going on. The longer we postpone beginning, the more extensive and costly must be the retrenchments. And the greater becomes the danger of interruption to gas service. The public should not be deceived by the good service which we are now rendering. This is due to the mild weather and the general slowing down of business. We can do no more than we have already done for this winter. But there are other winters coming and there is an increasing demand for gas. At the end of 1914 we had 53,000 consumers. Today we have 65,380. And the average demands of our consumers are increasing.

How the raising of new capital to meet these requirements is related to our operating earnings will be explained in our next statement.

## Citizens Gas Company

### DOROTHY HAS DANCING MOVIE ROLE

In 'A Romantic Adventure'—Field Minstrels Tonight

Dorothy Dalton has a dancing movie role in "A Romantic Adventure." In her new photoplay, "A Romantic Adventure," which may be seen at the Alhambra today, Friday and Saturday, Dorothy Dalton is cast as a vivacious dancing girl from the sunny South who takes Broadway by storm. Then at the behest of a greedy mother and a blackmailing theatrical agent she goes to Monte Carlo to achieve a titled marriage. But dramatic happenings frustrate this and Dorothy ends up in the end, Miss Dalton's dancing as the Queen of the Carnival, and later as the star of the picture. Charles Meredith is the leading man, the cast also including Eddie Lang, Augusta Anderson and Robert Schaefer.

"A Romantic Adventure" is an adaptation of a story, "A W Inter City Favorite," written by Charles Belmont Davis, brother of the late Richard Harding Davis.

A Universal comedy and the Fox News

1920 Per Cent to Be Paid in Milton Bank Case

Special to The Times.

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 23.—Following the report of Claude S. Kitterman, receiver of the Milton Farmers Bank, Judge W. A. Bond of the Wayne Circuit Court has ordered the payment of compensation amounting to 20 per cent of the total.

All the Christmas dainties to be sold

will be made by members of the Girl Scout troops, and friends of hundreds of girls throughout the city are urged to place orders for the Christmas dainties made with Mrs. H. G. Bosler of Irvington, who can be reached by telephone at Irvington 4056.

The actual sale booths of the association

will be located in two places in the city, 437 North Pennsylvania and stand 432 in the city market. Orders for Christmas dainties—particularly hard candies and similar decorative "sweets"—may be telephoned at once to Mrs. Bosler, according to announcement today from Mrs. Alfred Lauter, chairman of the Christmas sale committee. Such orders will then be filled by the girl scouts throughout the city and any orders for more than five pounds will be made before Wednesday evening will be delivered. Mrs. Bosler has announced.

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### XMAS SALE MONEY FOR SCOUT MOVE

Girls Plan to Establish Headquarters in Indianapolis.

The Christmas sale committee of the Girl Scout Association of Indianapolis has completed arrangements for the sale of Christmas candles, cakes, pastries and other "goodies." The proceeds of the sales are to be used by the association to establish an Indianapolis headquarters of the Girl Scout movement and placing a director in charge of the future development of the Scout movement in Marion County.

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"The necessity of Indianapolis citizens

to realize the opportunity for splendid service of Christmas to the Girl Scout movement is imperative," Mrs. Lauter said today, "if this nation-wide movement is to be of any benefit to the young womanhood of this community. We hope that Indianapolis will respond to this Christmas sale."

19 SOFT DRINK SELLERS CAUGHT

Logansport Men Held for Dry Law Violations.

Special to The Times.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 23.—Nineteen local soft drink parlor proprietors were placed under arrest here Wednesday on charges of violating the Federal prohibition law.

Raids were made on twenty-four different places in a search which revealed

large quantities of bottled goods labeled "bitters" which is known to contain large quantities of alcohol.

The men placed under arrest, it is stated, had purchased from a wholesale house unusual quantities of the "bitters" which they sold over the counter at 15 and 25 cents a drink.

The accused men hold Federal permits, it is reported, licensing them to sell the bitters and all pleaded not guilty to the charges at the preliminary hearing. All were released on bond, and will fight the case.

The five dealers who escaped arrest

when the raid was made by the officers had been tipped off and none of the conviction could be found in their places of business.

For each death the parents seek \$10,000

damages, and the fourth complaint de-

mands \$350 for the destruction of the automobile in which the three were rid-

ing. The railroad employees are charged

with not sounding a whistle or bell for

the street crossing as they entered the

city. Violation of a city ordinance, which makes it unlawful for trains to exceed

fifteen miles an hour, is charged.

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## Efficiency at the Throttle

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The Company has studied the needs of the motorist at first hand, and has developed Red Crown, its motor gasoline, to a point where it meets exactly the needs of the automobile engine operating under conditions obtaining in the Middle West.

The efficiency of Red Crown symbolizes the spirit which animates the Company as a whole in its endeavor to render an intelligent, efficient service to the public generally.

The tremendous increase in the number of automobiles and trucks from 1,253,000 in 1914 to 7,459,507 in August, 1920, has made more apparent than ever the absolute necessity of a comprehensive, dependable system of distribution.

The development of such a system has changed from something merely desirable to something vitally necessary. The best gasoline in the world is useless if you cannot get it when you want it.

Every step from refining to final delivery is of such importance to the Standard Oil Company (Indiana) that its interest never abates until its gasoline is delivering maximum motor mileage; until its lubricating oils are helping do the work of the world to the satisfaction of the ultimate consumer.

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