

NEW ARISTOCRACY IN RUSSIA MAY END COMMUNISM

Human Yearning for Gews-
gaws Ignored by Soviet
Government.

This is the fourth of a series of ar-
ticles on Russia written by William
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MOSCOW (By Mail).—The streets of Moscow make you wonder.

In a shop window facing Red Square and just across from the Kremlin and the mausoleum of Lenin, daddy of proletarian rule in Russia, I saw a sable scarf priced \$35 rubles—\$470 in American money.

In another shop window, a hand-
some jewelry store in the fashion-
able shopping street of Kuznetsky
Most, were splendid diamonds and
other precious stones, but unpriced.
There was a comparatively simple
bracelet for \$200, watches at \$150,
platinum-and-gold meshbags at \$500
and thereabouts, platinum-and-gold
cigaret cases, diamond and ruby-
studded cigarette and cigar holders
and whatnot.

Oranges in the fruit shops were
30 cents a piece; grapes, 55 cents a
pound; figs of a very mediocre qual-
ity at 35 cents a pound; puny little
plums, sold on the curb by a little
old lady vender, at five for 6 cents.
Other things were at corresponding
prices.

High-Priced Autos

I saw Rolls Royces, Lincolns, Cad-
illac, Packards, Mercedes, Flats,
Daimlers and other high-priced cars
caring past street intersections,
sending pedestrians—men, women
and children—scurrying.

I could not help wondering who
was buying all these things—these
handsome furs, these diamonds,
these high-priced automobiles.

The maximum salary of a com-
munist party man is fixed at ap-
proximately \$115 a month. That
won't buy stable coats and Rolls
Royces and ruby-studded cigarette holders.

A New Aristocracy

Here you have a new aristocracy
springing up in Soviet Russia. Will
it not hasten the country's return to
normality? It is human for people
to want handsome things, particu-
larly the female of the species. If be-
longing to the communist party
means the other fellow and his wife
are going to ride in the swell cars
and wear diamonds, there's going
to be a lot of dissatisfied folks
among the communists. Bank on it.

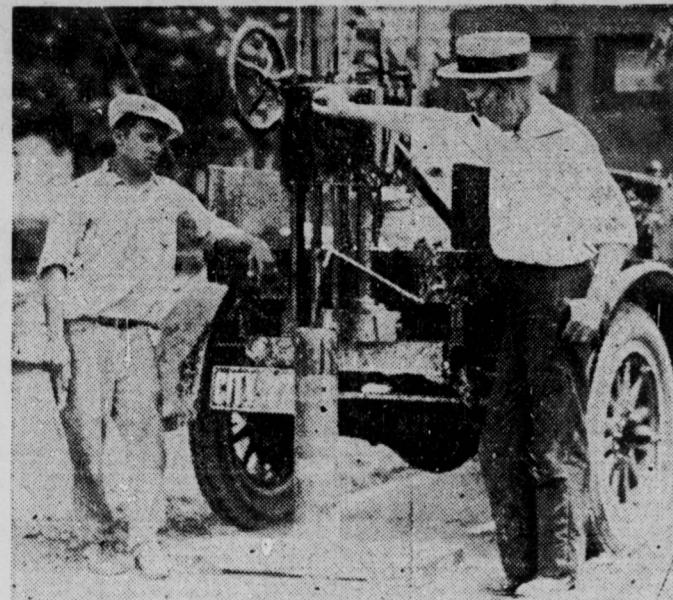
To my mind, the weakest part of
the whole Russian idea is that it
completely fails to take into account
the very human yearning for the
gewgaws of life. The highbrow may
call it a silly yearning, but it's
there and gnawing away at us just
the same.

'DEAD' YOUTH RETURNS

By United Press
LAWRENCEBURG, Ind., Aug. 26.—
Believed dead for two years, Wil-
liam Ellison was here today visiting
his parents.

Ellison disappeared from home
and a body later found in the Ohio
river was identified as that of the
missing Lawrenceburg youth. It
was buried in the Ellison family plot
here.

Coring Machine Tests Paving



John Gill and Alexander Moore, city engineer's office, using the new coring machine.

Like the dictaphone and figures,

the coring machine doesn't lie.

George G. Schmidt, city engi-
neer, has induced the board of

works to buy a coring machine,
to test all paving laid during the

present administration.

"If paving doesn't meet with

specifications, it's good-by for any

contractor in the future," Schmidt

said.

Picture shows two employees of

the city engineer's office testing

sidewalk paving on the south side

employ up to 100 workers, and un-
der special leasing or concession

agreements, industries up to any

size may do business as a private

concern.

These people are called "Nepmen,"

because born of the new economic

policy. Some of them, it is said,

are very prosperous. They cannot

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