

RUINED RUSSIAN CITY HAS HAD ENOUGH OF COMMUNISTIC THEORY

(By Associated Press)
ASTRAKHAN, Russia, Jan. 31.—Once prosperous but now ravaged by revolution, the situation of this city reminds the visitor of the condition of New Orleans after the Civil war. It is trying to regain its former prosperity but the process is slow. Even its position Astrakhan resembles New Orleans in some ways. The city is pitched on an island on a point where the Volga river divides into many smaller streams forming a delta that extends 60 miles to the Caspian sea.

The commerce of Astrakhan was once comparable with that of St. Louis, Memphis, or of New Orleans. It was rich in furs, in fish, in caviar and busy handling freight which traversed the Volga. There was once food for every mouth and clothes for every back, work aplenty for every man.

Weeks Remain.
Today are seen the wrecks wrought by combat, between the imperial and revolutionary forces, but no sympathy is expressed with Communism. "We have had enough," said one of the workmen who, together with thousands of his fellows and for 18 days, just after the Petrograd and Moscow risings in 1917, took to arms and besieged the Cossack troops and the wealthy people of the city, gathered in the Kremlin walls, in soldier barracks, and other points at the heart of the business district.

The immediate result of these 18 days of carnage was the destruction of the Duma buildings, the governor's house, the great bazaar, and several blocks of stores filled with drygoods and Persian and Turkestan carpets, silks and other fineries.

The ultimate result is indicated by the bare, fire-burned walls today standing gaunt and cheerless, with no work on the river and no food in the homes for these workmen. The people have little money to buy anything.

NATHAN STRAUS TRIES TO INSPIRE RICH MEN

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Nathan Straus, philanthropist, declared today, the seventy-fourth anniversary of his birth, that he had tried throughout life to inspire men of greater wealth to use their money for humanity rather than themselves.

He said his name had erroneously appeared in a recently published list of the country's richest men and regretted that he was not eligible to that class, because he'd like to have more money to spend for the benefit of mankind.

"During my whole life," he said, "I have maintained that wealth, whether moderate or great, creates an obligation upon the holder to use it for the benefit of mankind and I have lived up to that obligation myself, even beyond what I felt was just to myself and my family."

"I regret that my fortune is only moderate, because large wealth would enable me to give more. Others measure my fortune by what I give. I give what I can and not merely in proportion to what others who could do more are giving. I would be ashamed to adopt such a standard and ashamed to give what I now give if I had a considerable part of the wealth that is accredited to me."

Local Woman Presented In Columbus Recital

Mrs. Thomas Earl Zinkan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Geers, of this city, was presented in a piano recital before the Woman's club at Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 25. Her numbers included "Humoresque," by Rachmaninoff, and "Variations," Beethoven.

Mrs. Zinkan will sing Tuesday evening at a dinner which the Columbus Rotary club is giving.

AUTO PLUNGES OFF BRIDGE INTO RIVER; 5 MEN ESCAPE

HAMMOND, Ind., Jan. 31.—Five Hessville young men in a speeding automobile were precipitated 25 feet into the icebound Calumet river last night, when the auto broke through a guard rail on a bridge here, but though the car disappeared, the quintet were saved. None was seriously hurt.

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The City of Single Women

By FREDERICK J. HASKIN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—A new and interesting distinction has been conferred upon the Capital of the United States by the last census. It has been found that there is a larger proportion of unmarried women in the District of Columbia than in any of the states, and a much larger proportion than in most of the states.

More than half of the females in the District of Columbia over 15 years of age—53 per cent to be exact—are unmarried. The state of Massachusetts comes next in percentage of female single blessedness with 46.8 per cent. The percentage of married women rises as you go West, until in Wyoming 70.5 per cent of all the women who have passed 15 have husbands.

There has been a great deal written of late years about the tendency of women not to marry. Some contend that they don't marry because they can't, and others assert that they don't marry because they prefer to stay single. Well, here is a chance for some social investigator to study the single woman in her favorite American haunt. Incidentally, the women here come from all parts of the United States, and are of all classes, types, and ages. It would be a most interesting enterprise to study them. Before outlining its possibilities, let us see what the statistics show about marriage in general.

It shows that the proportion of married people in the total population has increased slightly, but steadily since 1890. This, according to the bureau itself, is more an illustration of the unreliability of statistics than on anything else. They say this apparent gain is due to the fact that the proportion of people over 15 and under 25 years of age in the total population has decreased about 6 per cent. Leave it to the statisticians what this has to do with the matter. The implication is that the proportion of people who marry remains about the same.

The proportion of those who have been divorced and have no remarriage shows a small but steady gain. In the agricultural West, the proportion of married people is generally larger than in the industrial East. The larger proportion of married women in some of the western states is due to the fact that there are more men out there in proportion to the women, but in some of the eastern states there is a smaller proportion of married men as well as of married women. In a word, it seems true that in industrial centers where jobs are to be had, people are less likely to marry than in agricultural regions. In this connection it should be remembered that in the East are great numbers of immigrants who arrive married, some bringing their wives and some leaving them behind.

A study of the native stock alone would in all probability show a larger percentage of unmarried persons in the industrial regions as compared with the agricultural.

Why They Refrain.
What is the reason for this falling off of marriage in the industrial centers? Doubtless one reason is found in the circumstances of the men. It is far easier to support a wife on a farm than in a city. A farmer literally must have a wife, and she is often one of the hardest-working and most useful domestic animals on the place. The city man can get along a good deal better without a wife. He can get his meals at cafes, he can find people to darn his socks and do his laundry work and clean up his room. Also he can find feminine companionship outside of marriage a good deal more easily in a large city than in a rural community. Hence the city man tends to pass up marriage more often than the country dweller.

But the refusal is not all on the man's side. If the country man needs a wife, the country woman has literally no occupation open to her except marriage. The city woman can get a job. The question is whether she really, in any considerable number of cases, takes the job from choice, or does she generally do so from necessity.

There is evidently a small but genuine revolt against matrimony in the larger cities of the country. The actual proportion of married persons has declined little if any so far, but this, as pointed out above, is partly due to the always-married immigrants pouring into those cities where the refusal of marriage is most common, and so offsetting it as far as figures show. Then, too, divorce is on the increase. In a word, more people stay out of marriage and more people get out than formerly. The interesting question is whether this revolt is chiefly feminine or chiefly masculine. Is it due chiefly to an increase of women who prefer to be free or to an increase of men who do not care to support a wife?

The Washington Spinster.
The case of Washington, the city of single women, would seem to be an argument for the view that the women are in revolt against marriage. It is certain that women come to Washington from all parts of the country for the purpose of getting jobs. It is also certain that Washington is known to women in all parts of the country as a place where husband-hunting is exceedingly poor. This is due in part to the large relative proportion of women in the population, and also in part to the fact that the types of men who make good husbands are not found here. The ideal husband is the prosperous business man. There is very little business in Washington. The place is populated by government clerks, politicians and newspaper men, who are three of the most ineffectual types on earth. In fact, personable men are so few in Washington that any man with a clean face and a dress suit can get into society as far as he is willing to go. There is a whole tribe here known as cake-eaters who subsist largely by going out to tea, lunch and dinner. These young gentlemen have established the curious but useful custom of letting the ladies pay the checks at cafes and other such

places where a tariff is charged for the entertainment.

The point is that women certainly do not come here for the purpose of finding husbands. Most of them know in advance that game of that kind is exceedingly scarce and wary and rather lean when caught, and those who do not know it in advance find it out soon after their arrival. Yet they come in droves and hang onto their jobs with that tenacity for which government office-holders are famous. Thousands of them came during the war, and when the cutting down of office forces began to take place after the armistice there was much weeping and gnashing of teeth among the fair ones who had come here to serve their country in her hour of need. One and all, they seemed to hate going back home.

It is not hard to understand why they like Washington. They have jobs which are not very hard and give them the necessities of life. Usually they do not live in well-chaperoned boarding houses, but club together and rent flats. They have a month of vacation a year. They enjoy a measure of freedom and independence which is known to few girls living at home with the folks, and to still fewer married women. All of them probably are willing to marry if a sufficiently brilliant offer comes along, but brilliant offers are few and freedom is sweet when once you are used to it. Probably the 53 per cent of Washington women who are unmarried includes a considerable number of that new type—the spinster-by-choice.

FIRE RUINS HISTORIC JAPANESE TEMPLE

(By Associated Press)

TOKIO, Jan. 31.—The Yankoji Temple, erected some 1,500 years ago, and one of the richest in historical relics in the empire, has been ruined by fire. The temple was located in the village of Sosa Hyogo prefecture, and in the feudal era was the object of personal devotion and worship by the successive emperors.

The amount of the damage has not been estimated as some of the relics destroyed by the fire were almost priceless. The government forest in the rear of the temple grounds was partially destroyed before the flames were finally placed under control.

The cause of the fire has been traced to a senior priest who is alleged to have committed the arson out of a desire to end his own life.

According to a story carried in the Jiji, the priest while burning incense before the altar, turned to a fellow priest and asked him to leave the world with him. The refusal of his friend to agree to his strange proposal threw him in such a fury that he at once snatched the incense box and threw it on the floor.

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ISLAND, NOW MECCA FOR RUM RUNNERS, SUBJECT OF LEGEND

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 31.—

Federal prohibition officials here interested in Bimini, the small British island 40 miles east of Miami, which, since the outlawing of John Barleycorn by the United States, has become a mecca for those whose thirst was not quenched by the eighteenth amendment and which also is said to be the source of much of the liquor smuggled into this country, have ascertained that Bimini was supposed to have been the site of the "fountain of youth" of which Ponce de Leon was in search when he discovered Florida.

Bimini is not a recently established institution, it has developed, for more than 400 years ago it figures in the news reports of the day by that name. Ponce de Leon heard of it while in Porto Rico in 1512, having been told by the Indians there "of an island called Bimini, where there was much gold, and treasure even more precious than gold—a fountain whose waters would make young-forever all mortals who should drink of it," as one chronicler puts it.

Running Over With Gold.
Ponce de Leon fitted out three small vessels at his own expense to go in search of the fountain. He left to the present generation the discovery of the gold and potent waters, however, for after cruising about the Bahamas during the winter of 1513 without sighting the island, he heard there was a land in the northwest, steered in that direction, and on Easter Sunday, March 27, landed on the beach a few miles north of where St. Augustine now stands.

Prohibition officials credit the Indians of Porto Rico with having known what they were talking about when they told Ponce de Leon what he would find at Bimini.

"Bimini is running over with gold these days," said one official, "and it is certain from the experience we have had with liquor runners the last year or two that the marvelous waters of the fountain still flow freely."

Textile manufacturing plants in North Carolina, now under operation represent an invested capital of more than \$200,000,000.

Harry Curtis, Centerville, Gets Six Months' Term

Harry Curtis, of Centerville, found guilty of assault by a jury Tuesday evening was sentenced to six months on the penal farm, and given a \$50 fine by Judge W. A. Bond Tuesday morning.

Curtis was tried Monday on a statutory charge. Attorney Beckett, who represented the state expressed himself as being well satisfied with the verdict.

Deny Right to Boost Gas Rate at Milroy

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 31.—Gas at 20 cents a thousand feet! That's the price at Milroy, Rush county, where a general increase has been denied by the Indiana public service commission. However, the commission's order doubled the rate charged stockholders in the company, which is a natural gas utility. Stockholders had been paying 10 cents a thousand feet. In its order the commission also found that the company "had been enjoying large dividends until the end of 1920" and a fair return on investment would be provided by the 20-cent rate.

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OHIO POLICE OFFICER SERVES FOR 25 YEARS

(By Associated Press)

SANDUSKY, O., Jan. 31.—Announcement that Chief of Police A. C. Weingates is to resign, effective April 1, means the termination of one of the longest careers as head of a police department, in an important city in the state. In April, Chief Weingates will have served 25 consecutive years, either as marshal or police chief. Chief Weingates has weathered many municipal storms in his quarter of a century of service. He was a city councilman back in 1897, when he first ran for the office of city marshal. He was elected and re-elected in 1899 and 1901. In 1902, when the new federal form of government abolished the office of marshal, he was appointed chief of police under Mayor Molter, who was elected in 1905, and re-elected in 1907.

In 1909, there was a big political turnover, the republicans electing a mayor for the first time in nearly 20 years. Although the incoming administration made almost a complete sweep in the police department, discharging practically all the officers

who had served under Chief Weingates, public sentiment was strong for the chief's retention, and he was not discharged.

In 1913 the city swung back into the Democratic column again. Again there was a big clean-up, but Chief Weingates stayed on. In 1916 almost the entire administration was changed when the city commission form of government went into effect. K. B. Ward, the first city manager, retained Chief Weingates, as did the three succeeding managers.

Chief Weingates is well known in this part of the country, and has been an active member for years of the Ohio Police association. He will receive a pension of \$85 a month on retirement.

CAPT. J. R. PRITCHARD DIES

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Capt. J. R. Pritchard, ex-commander of the Cunard Line fleet, is dead. He was the commander of the Mauretania on that vessel's maiden voyage from Liverpool to New York in 1907. He started his life at sea as a cabin boy.

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