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RUSSIAN PRESS NEVER SO FREE AS TODAY, BUT CENSORSHIP IS STILL STRICT ON WAR NEWS

All Despatches Sent Out of the Empire Are Now Uncensored, But Those Coming In Must Be Approved Before Publication---Severe Penalties Attached to Violators of This Rule.

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St. Petersburg, Dec. 13—Never before in the history of the empire has the Russian press enjoyed such liberty as it has today. It is not complete freedom; the censor's red pencil yet draws its forbidding line across statements which it is not wise or desirable that the people should know. But permission is tacitly granted to criticize military and naval organization and bureaucratic administration and the fear of punishment after publication no longer stays the adroit pen of the editor.

The policy of one man, Prince Svietopolk-Mirsky, minister of the interior, is responsible for this comparative liberty. Before he began the discharge of his present duties, the press was subjected to a close censorship. "You cannot appreciate," a journalistic friend said at the beginning of the war, "the restrictions under which we must write. We cannot discuss politics, we cannot expose abuses of administration, we cannot fix the responsibility for the war and the defeats our forces have suffered, we cannot say anything, in short, to which objection may be made by some one in authority. You have noticed the character of our papers. In their tone, they compare favorably, I think, with some of the best foreign journals, especially those published in Europe. It is true they are polemical, that they seem to discuss interminably matters of secondary importance, that they devote too much space to foreign affairs, and that they too vigorously attack foreign governments. These are the effects of the illiberal policy which the government has pursued. It has been the idea of the authorities that the press should have no other object than to make known to the people the acts and will of the autocratic power, to instruct them in all matters save that of liberty and self-government, and to amuse them by the publication of fiction and comic stories which are absolutely free from the pernicious doctrine of revolution. We believe we have another mission: That of making the government more liberal, more careful of the real interests of the people."

Troubles of a Newspaper.

The power of the press was significantly recognized by Emperor Nicholas at the outbreak of the war. In the face of the strong opposition of Monsier de Plevhe, minister of the interior, he adopted the advice of Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, and ordered the abolition of the censorship on all press despatches sent out of the empire. The only censorship applied since that time has been on messages filed in Manchuria. He also received in special audience the editors of the St. Petersburg daily papers, and spoke to them of the need of Russia for their pens. The adoption of Mr. Stone's advice was a concession to foreign opinion, which shows the weight his majesty attaches to it. The audience granted to the editors of the local papers emphasized his appreciation of the force the press has acquired in Russia. The censorship has not been lifted in the empire. Telegrams in regard to the movements of Russian ships and troops, which have been published abroad and sent to St. Petersburg, must first be submitted to the war commission, which does not always authorize reproduction. Often I have been with an editor, who was waiting patiently to hear from the commission. About the time the paper usually went to press, he evinced growing anxiety as to the intention of the commission. Would it permit the item to be published? Was it safe to run the risk of punishment and print it? Wasn't it better to leave a blank space, and then, if permission came at the last moment, to shove the type in place? These are some of the questions which flash through the mind of every managing editor. I have seen papers with a blank space in the midle of a page, and others which were "caviared," that is an item was published, which the censor considered objectionable, and, in order to avoid punishment, it was blacked out.

To avoid the disapproval or displeasure of the authorities, various expedients are resorted to, which excite admiration. Abuses in Russia are covertly attacked by sharply criticising similar abuses in other countries. If the authorities forbid the publication of an item, it sometimes happens that a paper will make a denial of it and thus convey the information to the public. Above all, however, Russian journalists rely upon the innuendo. It is a joy to read between the lines of what they write. The ideas are there, but they are so subtly expressed that it is quite impossible for the censor to place his finger upon a statement that should be struck out. Frequently, the censor gets around the corner by disapproving the entire article. "That is the heartbreaking feature of the censorship," said one writer, who had been informed that his matter could not be published. "I have devoted hours to that article, then I had to submit it to a censor, who knew little about the subject and cared less. That ignorant stupid is the person to say whether or not matter may be published."

In spite of the censorship, the press has retained its independence. There is none of that servility which one might naturally expect to develop under the conditions of publication. The greatest risks are oftentimes run in order to put views before the public, which the conscientious editor thinks it should know. Thus, after de Plevhe was assassinated, the Novoe Vremya, at St. Petersburg, boldly advocated the organization of a responsible cabinet, instead of a collection of ministers, each of whom was answerable only to the emperor. The authorities overlooked this violation of the censorship regulations.

A few months before, the Russ, another St. Petersburg journal, published a letter from a correspondent, in which it was stated that the students were less revolutionary than boyish, full of energy which had to find a vent. The street sale of the paper was stopped for a time. But the Russ is just as willing to make a publication if it will advantage the people as it was before punishment. In this strength of character lies the hope of the press. The penalties are severe. They include complete suppression, stoppage of street sales, prohibition to publish advertisements for a certain period, removal of the editor from control, banishment of the contributor. It is fair to say that the government acts only with the greatest reluctance. Rarely does it order total suppression; that is a destruction of property which no official desires. But certainly it is a mean little act to prevent street sales, or to forbid publication of advertisements. "We do not impose any punishment," said an official, "unless the true interests of the empire demand it. When we have to take action, we do so, at first, in the form of a warning. If a paper receives three warnings then it may be suppressed or otherwise punished."

Official supervision of the contents of the papers cannot prevent the growth of their circulation. The anxiety of the people of all classes to get news from the front has caused them to become eager purchasers. I have seen them crowding around newsboys, who have papers "hot off the press," and reading aloud the reports of military operations. In the provinces, little sheets, with the despatches printed on one side, are sold. The "yellow journal" has developed, as a result of this interest, the huge type over the wildest rumors being their prominent feature, as it is of papers of this class published in London and New York.

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Three Years Contract With Miners.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 28—(Special)—The grand sub-council of the P. W. A. met today at Glace Bay and adjourned late tonight without making any official notice as to whether they assent to the signing of the three year contract as recently proposed by the Dominion Coal Company.

It is, however, generally understood that they have agreed to have the contract brought into operation on the first of January and that the consent of the council to its terms will be forthcoming tomorrow.

MOUNT ALLISON COLLEGE CLASS LISTS CHRISTMAS, 1904

Logic—Class I: Turner, Dixon, Long, Colpitts, Evans, Whitemarsh, Oxley, Hockin. Class II: Davidson, Oulton, Tait, Colter, Steeves, Killam, Morris, Smith, Tilley, Swaine, Taylor. Passed: Wright, O'Brien, Fullerton, J. S. Tait, Woodbury, Broughton, Rackham, Hickson, Godfrey.

History of philosophy—Class I: L. Dixon, Howard. Class II: G. P. Tuttle, Bigney. Passed: Pepper, Stebbings, McQuaid.

Medical history—Class I: Howard, Tuttle. Class II: Davidson, Chapman, Oulton, Hicks, Stebbings. Passed: Rackham, Peters.

Roman history (freshman)—Class I: Smiley (Hills, Thomas), (Black, Lawrence), Purdy, Dixon. Class II: Smith. Passed: Davis (Gates, Nase, Steeves), Evans, (Harper, Jakeman, Morris, McDonald, Oulton).

Roman history—(Sophomore)—Class I: (Bigney, Evans), Bullock, Whitemarsh, (McLean, Oulton), Outerbridge, Tuttle). Class II: (Atkinson, Black), (Bell, Hallett, McLatchey), Patterson, Seller, Templeman), (Atkinson, Colpitts), (Wheeler, Steeves).

Freshman Latin—Class I: Thomas, (Cochrane, Hills, Smiley). Class II: Dixon (Black, Lay), (Lawrence, Oxley), Dixon, Templeman, (Purdy, Davis). Passed: Oulton, Evans, Beal, (Dixon, Nase), Smith, Bailey, Morris, (Harper, McDonald).

Sophomore Latin—Class II: Smith, Leer, Colpitts, Patterson, Whitemarsh, (Atkinson, Bullock), Outerbridge. Passed: Tuttle, (McLatchy, Steeves), Seller, (Black, Mack), Fullerton, McLean, Swaine, Wheeler, Atkinson, E. S., Wood.

Advanced Latin—Class I: Dixon, Turner, Long. Class II: Colter, Killam, Hickson, Hockin. Passed: Motyer, Tait, Tuttle, Taylor.

Freshman Greek—Class I: Day. Class II: Patterson, Colpitts, Lawson, Cochrane, Davis. Passed: Beal, Irish.

Sophomore Greek—Class I: Day, White, Marsh,. Class II: Outerbridge, Wright. Passed: Atkinson, Tilley (Morris, Swaine).

Advanced Greek—Class I: Rogers, Dixon, Turner, Day. Passed: Seller.

Constitutional history—Class I: Long, Whitemarsh. Class II: Swaine, Black, Steeves, Fullerton, Tilley. Passed: Pepper, Wheeler, DeLong.

Christian evidences—Class I: Worrell, Broughton, Evans. Class II: Tuttle, (Knapp, MacArthur), Godfrey, Oulton, Dixon, (Howard, Lawson), (Hockin, Read), (Hicks, McFadzen, McQuaid). Passed: Motyer, Rackham, Peters.

Ethics—Class I: Dixon, Worrell, Broughton, Howard, Godfrey, Read. Class II: Lawson (Evans, Knapp, (Hockin, Hicks, McQuade, McFadzen, Oulton), (Rackham, Motyer, MacArthur), Colter, Tuttle, Smith. Passed: Wright.

Hebrew A—Class I: Colpitts. Class II: Outerbridge, Wright. Passed: Rackham.

Hebrew B—Class II: Pepper.

Hebrew C—Class I: Mack, Hennigar. Class II: Seller.

Physics—Class I: (Irish, Thomas) Folkins, B. Russell, Killam, Cutton, Dowell. Class II: McDonald, Borden, Whitman, Cochrane, Dixon, Purdy, North, Gregg, Hills, Schaefer, B. W. Russell, Bulmer, Davis, McAlpine, Russell, Nase, Morris, Black. Passed: Beals, Eaton, Layton, Winemark, Smith, Jost, McSweny, Doe, Peters, (Steeves, Thomas), Gates, Jakeman, Beer.

Biology—Class I: Long, Bigney, Turner, Thomas, Swaine, Lay. Class II: Colpitts, Hicks, MacArthur, Patterson, Steeves, Fullerton, Tilley, Wright, Taylor, Jean Lay. Passed: Outerbridge, O'Brien, Hickson, Doe, Tait, Stebbings, Mosher.

Geology—Class I: Swaine. ClassII: Peters, Hickson, Black, Tait, Knapp.

Minerology—Class I: T. Oulton. Passed: McQuaid.

Senior mathematics—Class I: Dixon, L., Read, H. W., Worrill, S. Class II: Moyter, A., Killam, Evans, G., Colpitts, G.

Junior mathematics—Class I: Read, H. W., Hockin, C. Class II: Clindinin, Atkinson, H. C., McDonald.

Sophomore mathematics—Class I: Clindinin, McDonald, W. W., Smiley, Outerbridge, Black, Harold, Mack, Bullock, A. Class II: Atkinson, H. C., Atkinson, E. S., Patterson, G. S., Teer, Bailey, Lawrence, K., Oulton, McLatchey, J., Smith, M., Flewellyn, Maclean A., Seller. Passed: Tuttle, A. S., Bell, R., Black, Y., Chapman, Templeman, Harper, Hallett, Jakeman.

Freshman mathematics—Class I: Dowell, Killam, D., Thomas, W, Whitman, Dixon, M., Sutherland. Class II: Folkins, S., Jost, Irish, Borden, McAlpine, (Cochrane, F., Gates W.), Evans, L., Davis, (Morris and Russell, B.), Oulton, J., Nase, Smith, R., North, Gregg, Dixon, E., Purdy Eaton McDonald, C., McSweeney, Beals, Beal. Passed: Schafer, Smith, S., Bulmer, A., Thomas, R. B., Layton, Russell, A., Beer, (Russell, B. W., and Gates.)

Advanced German—Class I: Rogers, Bigney, E., Evans, G.

Sophomore German—Class I: Osley, G. Class II: Oulton, T., MacArthur, E., Maclean, A.

Freshman German—Class I: Oxley, G., Thomas, W., Colter J. Class II: Wheeler, Ralph, Peters, M., Wright, Black V., Knapp, V. Passed: Deinstadt, N., Bell, R.

Advanced English—Class I: Worrell, Howard, (Dixon, N., and Long), Oxley, G., Turner, W. Class II: Lawson, M., Whitemarsh, Black, Harold, Colter, J., Killam, N., Evans, G., MacArthur, E., (Colpitts and Knapp V.), (Swaine and Tait, H.), Tuttle, P., (Oulton, T., and Rackham), (Stebbings and Wright). Passed: Taylor, Chapman, Smith, A., Fullerton, Tait, S., Davidson.

Sophomore English—Class I: Lay, L., (Dixon, M., and Smiley), Clindinin, Lay, J., Whitemarsh, (Black, Harold and Palmer H.), (Hearty, D., and Smith, M.), (Patterson and Robertson, L.) Class II: Mack, Whitemarsh, M., MacArthur, M., (Fraser, B., and McDonald, W.), Lawrence, K., Weatherspoon, E., Seller, Maclean, N., (Carter, A., and Outerbridge), (Bailey and Tait, H.), McLatchey, J., Oulton, J., Bulock, A., Bell R., Pickup, H. Passed: Richardson, V., (Baird, K., and Wood H.), Bentley, M., Gaety, W., Atkinson, E., Templeman, (Llewellyn and Woodbury, G.), Jakeman, DeLong, (G. Dixon and Atkinson, H.), (Harper and Doe, E.)

Freshman English—Class I: Hills, E., (Irish and Thomas, W.), Cochrane, F., MacArthur, M., Ingersoll, Folkins, S., Jardine. Class II: McDonald, W., Cowie, A., Davis, Schafer, (Cutten and Dixon, E.), Gregg, Whitman, Westmorland, (Deane, Dowell, Russell, A.), (Purdy, Russell, B.), (Bulmer, A., Miller., Russell, B. W.), Sutherland, Morris, W. J., McSweeney. Passed: Killam, D., Smith, R., (Ayers and Layton, Jos), (Beer and Borden), Whitemark, McAlpine, (Beal, Horace Black, Wright, W. J.), Dayton, Nase, Peters, C., McDonald, North, Steeves, Gates, R. Thomas Johnson.

Advanced French—Class I: MacArthur, E. Class II: Lawson, M., Rogers, G., Colter, J., Osley, G., Oulton, Knapp, V. Passed: Killam, G., Steeves, Black, V., Hickson, Wood, H., Evans.

Sophomore French—Class I: Hills, E. Class II: Black, H., Bullock, A., Bigney, E., Dixon, M., Richardson, V., Patterson. Passed: Teer Killam, G., Templeman, McLatchy, J., Harper, Atkinson, E., Fullerton.

Freshman French—Class I: Worrell, Bigney, E., Pickup, Class II: Hillett, R., Carter, Smiley, Borden, G., Bailey, Lawrence, K., Borden, E., Baird, K., Dixon, E., Purdy, Hallett, C. Passed: Killam, D., Nase, Harnett, McAlpine, Smith, R., North, Gates, McSweeney.

Chemistry—Class I: (MacDonald, W. W., and Thomas, W.), Clindinin, Turner, Smiley, Oxley, G., Lawrence, K. Class II: Mack, C., Outerbridge, Patterson, Seller, Outerbridge, M., Wheeler, Cutten, McLatchy, J., Whitemarsh, Maclean, N., Black, H. C. Passed: Tuttle, N. S., Jakeman, Llewellyn, Smith, M., Bell, Atkinson, H., Mosher.

Engineering Department.

Descriptive geometry, 1st year—Class I: Read, Cutten, Hockin, Clindinin, Dowell, Bunell, B., Killam, G., Llewellyn. Class II: Bailey, Hicks, H., Russell, A. H., Black, H., Schafer, Smith, Russell, B. W., Doe A., Dayton.

Descriptive geometry, 2nd year—Class I: Clindinin, Sutherland. Class II: McDonald, W., McFadzen, Moyer.

Carpentry and wood turning, 2nd year—Class II: Read, Clindinin, Hicks, Killam, G., Bailey, Doe.

Carpentry and wood turning, 1st year—Class II: Cutten, Jost, Russell, B., (Hockin and Black, H.), Russell, Llewellyn, (Dowell and Smith, R.), Russell, Teed, Schafer.

Lettering—Class I: Bailey, Read, Cutten, (Llewellyn and Russell, B.) Class II: Clindinin, Sutherland, Schafer, Russell, A. H., Killam, C., (Dayton, Hicks, Russell, B. W.), Dowell, Black, H., Thomas, (Doe, Peters.)

Class Lists—Theological Department.

Systematic theology—Class I: Westmoreland Broughton, Godfrey. Class II: Ayers, Tilley, (Miller, Deane), (Wright, Oulton), Morris.

Historical theology, senior—Class I: Broughton, O'Brien, Godfrey, Wright, Pepper.

Hermeneutics—Class I: Hennigar, Westmoreland. Class II: Ayres, Marr, Dean, Miller, Morris.

New Testament, introduction—Class I: (Hennigar, Irish), Miller, (Dean, Marr), Morris. Class II: Ayres, Westmoreland.

Old Testament, introduction—Class I: Hennigar, Irish, Pepper, Marr, Westmoreland. Class II: Miller, Ayres, Deane, Morris.

Greek Testament, senior—Class I: (Hennigar, Mack), Tuttle, Stebbings. Class II: Pepper. Passed: Broughton.

Greek Testament, junior—Class I: Whitemarsh. Class II: Mack, Wright, Miller, Broughton, O'Brien. Passed: Tilley, (Ayers, Morris), Godfrey.

Church history, senior—Class I: Broughton, Godfrey, O'Brien, Wright, Marr.

Church history, junior—Class I: Miller, Dean. Class II: Westmoreland, Ayres, Tilley, Morris.

English Bible—Class I: Hennigar, Whitemarsh. Class II: Miller, (Marr, Ayres), Morris. Passed: Wright.

Church polity and discipline—Class I: Hennigar. Class II: Ayers, Broughton, O'Brien, Godfrey, Pepper, Marr, Wright.

Homiletics, senior—Class I: Broughton, Hennigar, Godfrey. Class II: Pepper, Marr, Wright.

Homiletics, junior—Class I: Morris, Westmoreland, Dean, Miller.

Voice culture—Class I: Westmoreland. Class II: Ayers, (Dean, Miller, Morris), Layton, Irish.

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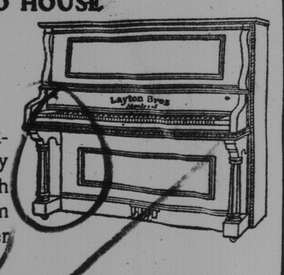

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I. C. R. Slow Moving Hay Now.

Ottawa, Dec. 28—Complaints are reaching the Railway Commission that parties in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, who want to purchase hay on account of the shortage in the crop last year, cannot get a supply over the Intercolonial. The commission has no control over the government road, but the matter was referred to the railway department and the answer was that there was a scarcity of cars on the I. C. R.

Fowls must have a variety of food to do well. No one grain will long be relished by the fowls if made an exclusive diet.

DRUNKS CUT OFF FROM OLD REFUGE

Confirmed Topers Resorting to Bellevue Hospital for Sobering-off Purposes Will Be Arrested.

New York, Dec. 26—Arrest, instead of a comfortable cot, will be the lot after January 1, of the several thousand habitual or occasional drunkards who in the course of a year seek Bellevue Hospital for treatment and use the institution as a handy place to sleep off their sprees.

Preliminary announcement of the new scheme of decreasing the list of alcoholic patients carried with it a statement that a detail of police will be on duty day and night at the hospital. When a drunkard appears as a candidate for the alcoholic ward his pedigree will be examined. If found to be an old customer he will be arrested and taken in charge by the city police department.

By these methods the officials of Bellevue hope to reduce the constant overcrowding in the alcoholic department. There are often 70 patients there and only space for 29 cots.

Nova Scotia Schooner Damaged.

Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 28—The British schooner King of Avon, Captain Morris, bound from Nova Scotia for Alexandria (Va.), with a cargo of rock plaster, put into this port today in distress. She encountered a severe gale on Dec. 20, and put into Bermuda for repairs. The vessel sailed from Nova Scotia Nov. 21.

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