

Criminals Murdering a Great Nation.

Crime in Progress in Russia Not Equalled Since World's Beginning.

"Dmitri Merezhkovski, regarded by many Russians as their greatest living novelist, is among those who believe the destruction of the Bolshevik rule to be the indispensable prelude to effective relief of the frightful famine on the Volga," says the Telegraph's Berlin correspondent.

"His views on this subject are set out in a letter to Gerhardt Hauptmann. It was through the appeal by Maxim Gorki to Germany's leading dramatist, and the latter's sympathetic answer that the attention of the general public was first called to the urgent needs of the famishing millions in South-Eastern Russia. That is why Merezhkovski addresses himself to Hauptmann with his flaming protest.

"How," he asks, "can you believe in Gorki's sincerity?" Only by the fact that "Russia to-day is separated from the rest of humanity by a gulf similar to that which divides this world from the next" can he explain Hauptmann's failure to "comprehend that Gorki is not the friend but the enemy, the secret, cunning, hypocritical, but the worst enemy of the Russian people."

"For what is the true meaning of that which is happening in Russia to-day?

Immeasurable!

"It is so immeasurable that no political, historical, social, or moral standard can be applicable to it. To measure this meaning another and greater standard, a religious one, must be applied. Are we not perhaps perishing so unintelligibly because we have lost the deepest religious significance of that which is happening? Our religious support, the heavenly foundation! Until we have found it again we shall not be saved.

"But before the religious significance of the events is considered we must think of their simple, practical meaning.

"And first the truth must be told. The annihilation of these millions does not horrify us more than all else that has been and is happening in Russia. Nothing is any longer able to horrify the Russians. The cup is full to overflowing; whatever may still be poured into it only runs over the brim. Yes, nothing more can horrify us, for the most terrible is already behind us.

"But it is not only the Bolsheviks whom Merezhkovski includes in his fierce indictment.

"What the Russian murderers began the others have completed. Lenin laid the noose round the neck of the Russian people, and the other nations and the whole of humanity have shown themselves in the Russian tragedy de-

void of conscience. That is the most terrible thing of all.

Hiding the Truth.

"The writer then comes to the main purpose of his letter. "Before the Soviet power is overthrown the millions of perishing people can be just as little saved as a hanged man before his neck is freed from the noose. Only the respectability of appearances can be maintained. When the Crucified said to a sponge with vinegar, 'put it on hyssop, and reached it to him. Appearances will be preserved: the sponge of vinegar will be held out. Gorki will come along, shed a few shameless tears, utter a few more platitudes, and all these tears and platitudes will be shown in the world, in a film. Everything will be done to hide the truth."

"But it is too late. The truth can no longer be hidden. The truth, however, is that not only are these millions of Russians dying of hunger, but also the whole Russian nation with them. Yes, the whole. A crime is in progress such as has never been since the beginning of the world. A handful of criminals is murdering the great nation, and all the other nations wash their hands or help the murderers."

"The victim cannot be rescued till the dagger has been torn from the murderer's hand. Murdering a Nation. "But hunger is the dagger in the hands of the Bolsheviks. They need hunger as a murderer his dagger. They maintain themselves by hunger. They murder, outrage and rule only through hunger. They give their own people to eat and keep all others on the verge of death by starvation. They lead them by hunger as an ox is led with an iron ring through his nose—that is the whole secret of their power, and it is so simple. For that reason they will never renounce hunger, the instrument of their might. One thing more should never be forgotten. The ruthless will remain ruthless to the end. To believe in their improvement in their 'evolution,' one must really be mad, as all Europe has gone mad.

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The Smile of Lenin.

"Do you not see, Herr Hauptmann, behind the shameless tears and platitudes of Gorki, the calm smile of Lenin? He had no pity for the millions who have already perished; he will have no pity for these. The whole question is whether he needs their destruction. Apparently he now needs the threat, the ghastliness of annihilation as an instrument of an extortion directed against the whole world. He knows that if anything is to be done it will be only so little that it will just be enough to allow him to keep his own people going and rule the others by hunger, to lead the ox by an iron ring. "The 'guarantees,' too, trouble him little. He has no fear of guarantees, for in any case they cannot be fulfilled. But if this trick does not succeed,

Hidden Treasures of the Old Buccaneers.

That very useful island, where Dumas' famous hero, Monte Cristo, found fabulous wealth, had its position only in the celebrated author's imagination.

What would he have written had he known that the real thing was then in existence, and within easy reach of those who liked to look for it? An Englishman, in the year of Dumas' death, filled his pockets from one of the many hoards there, in the last seventy years, at least twenty-nine known expeditions have visited this treasure-strawed locality; and more than one have returned with retrieved riches.

Pacific Phantoms. The island is to be investigated again by a party made up, not of hard-boiled treasure-seekers or amateur diggers, but of ex-British and United States naval officers, assisted by others with an intimate knowledge of mining. Hitherto operations have been on primitive lines, or, at the best, with spades and explosives. This new party, with a substantial financial backing, proposes to make full use of up to date scientific and mining engineering appliances, and to provide for a long stay.

Some of the "dumps" which have so long defied discovery may be brought to light. Real Treasure Island is no barren, sterile spot. Early last century it had a solitary settler, and before that others. What became of them neither history nor tradition hints, but if ghosts haunt any spot ought to be this romantic island. Wild pig, and goats, doves, and other native fauna are in abundance; and the shore waters swarm with fish and sharks.

They who, two centuries or so ago, set up their palisades and brushwood huts, dug wells, and made use of the island for obtaining fresh stores of water and food, were, like others who followed them, keen judges of a handy and comfortable rendezvous. Whether in the East or the West Pacific, the Black Flag pirates had the knack of choosing a pleasing base for drinking and murder.

Since these bold, bad men of the seventeenth century hid their valuables and specie, down to as late as 1835, many millions worth of treasure have been hidden for safety on Cocos Island. Among the principal hoards is that of pirate Bonito. This Spanish tradition says, hid over 1,000,000 pounds of gold and silver in coinage, ingots, jewels, and plate, obtained from rifled merchantmen and looted towns. Yellow Jack claimed him suddenly at Panama, and he, with his dying breath, divulged to his chief officers the whereabouts of the "dump." Before the vessel set sail, both of them were killed in a drunken fray, and all knowledge of the treasure was lost.

Caches of Gold. Plans and documents indicating another great cache came into the possession of two English women, two years before the war, and their treasure hunt on the Cocos lasted for seven weeks. The expedition discovered the well-defined rocks which are supposed to indicate the treasure-cave's entrance; also the creek, the waterfall, and several other marks of location; but unfortunately the face of the cliff had slid down over the mouth of the cavern.

There are thousands of tons of debris to be removed before the cache can be reached, but the proposed expedition of treasure-hunters, something to go on with, the previous party having left enough evidence of the site of their labours.

The wealthiest of all the Cocos hoards is, undoubtedly, that of the Peruvians millions, hidden in 1855; and it is interesting to note that as late as 1913, the Panama authorities heard that a United States steamer had left the island with a large quantity of treasure-trove aboard. Later on, collectors in the United States of America were finding that golden pieces of the early Peruvian Republic were not so very rare.

Undoubtedly these coins came from either the 1855 cache, or from the smaller sum secreted on the Cocos ten years earlier by the defuncting heads of a revolutionary junta in Peru, two of whom met unknown deaths, on board their vessel, the third being killed at Valparaiso.

Lost Landmarks. In 1855 the Peruvians, hard pressed by Chile's troops, sent the contents of the national till on board the U.S.A. barque Mary Dyer, lying in Callao Roads. Her hands, three nights later, while the mate was on shore owing to the skipper's sudden and strange death, slipped anchor, and escaped to sea before the forts could hold up the vessel.

When she was captured a few weeks later by a Peruvian warship, the national riches had disappeared. Three of the crew escaped being hanged at the yard-arm—two seamen who promised to reveal the cache, and another Thomson, who had been seriously unwell at the time and in his bunk. Subsequently the two seamen, on trying to prove that the treasure was hidden on one of the Galapagos, were shot as liars.

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A similar difference holds good with that still more swollen conception, the trillion. In England a trillion means a million billions, and is shown by the figure one followed by eighteen ciphers, thus: 1,000,000,000,000,000,000.

In France and America, where it indicates but a beggarly thousand billions, it has but twelve ciphers to its credit. It is, in fact, but the equal of our billion.

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