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Bolsheviks Losing Ground Rapidly. Popular Hanover Youth Went Overseas With Grey Battalion.

STILL FOR ARMISTICE

Movement Is Not an Actual Turnover, But Gain for Right.

[Special to Advertiser by Arthur S. Draper.]

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Russia is certainly a land of dramatic surprises. Coincidentally with the acceptance by Germany and Austria of the Lenin armistice proposal, the latter government has been replaced by what is best described as a coalition government of Socialists of the Left, including moderate Bolsheviks. An authority on Russian affairs with whom I talked today does not interpret this turn of events as an actual defeat for Lenin, for his influence is still felt in the present government, but it is a sign his power is waning.

It is a sign he has carried events as far personally as he was capable through force of arms and disregard for the wishes of the people and now he has decided to slip out by compromise rather than fight to the bitter end, which my informant regarded as inevitable if he continued in power.

Notch Toward Right. Russia has moved one notch toward the right, but of course the country is still so far toward the left that there is no hope of anything at present except a continuation of the present policy of striving for immediate peace. The change was not exactly an overthrow of Lenin entirely. It was rather his compromise with those forces closest to his views with whom he is able to exert considerable influence, and who he decided it was better to have in power than to risk the rising wrath of the country.

Tide Against Bolsheviks. A few days ago it seemed the Bolsheviks were gaining power, and then it was not a case of the country's wrath rising against Lenin, but of more and more factions joining the Bolshevik ranks. Today there was a move in the other direction. Gen. Dukhomin, the real Russian commander-in-chief, telegraphed today announcing there is a growing feeling against the Bolsheviks in all parts of the army excepting the thoroughly-corrupted fifth army, and declaring the majority of the army would never consent to an armistice.

Gen. Dukhomin added that if Gen. Kryslenko has given orders for (Dukhomin's) arrest, it would be extremely interesting to see what would happen should the two meet.

The commander of the former Provisional Government in London expressed confidence Dukhomin would be victorious, but naturally it is by no means certain. He regards the present government merely as a temporary affair, which in turn will succumb to the real feeling of the country, and go under. I asked him whether Kerensky could ever come back.

Kerensky Will Come Back. "Yes," he replied. "It's certainly a possibility, almost a probability, although he will never return as premier. When a stable government is finally formed, it will not be in the least surprising to find Kerensky among the ministers, but he will be a changed man, a different Kerensky."

By the latter remark he meant Kerensky will only reappear when there is a Government powerful enough to combat all the fractious elements and that the former premier will then become a man of deeds rather than of words.

CRISIS THREATENING IN FOOD SITUATION, HANNA WARNS U.S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The New York Herald will tomorrow publish the following:

"Declaring the food situation desperate and urging the press throughout the United States to stand back of their food administrator, Herbert Hoover, W. J. Hanna, food administrator of the Vanderbilt Hotel today that unless every village, city and person in both countries practice strict economy for the next three months the Allies and the American soldiers in France will suffer from want of wheat."

THE WAR SEE-SAW



Miss Liberty (to Russia): "This isn't the way to win me. See how you have let poor Italy down!"—London Opinion.

ARCHBISHOP SPRATT TELLS CONGREGATION CHARGES ARE FALSE

Sister Mary Basil an Impossible Case.

COULD SUE NEWSPAPERS

If Attacks Persist, He May Ban Certain Sheets From Homes.

KINGSTON, Nov. 30.—Archbishop Spratt, on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of his consecration made a statement in St. Mary's Cathedral this morning in regard to the case of Sister Mary Basil, who sued him and other Roman Catholic defendants for \$25,000 for abduction and assault, and who was awarded \$25,000 by a jury. His grace declared that he did not come into the case to apologize for any fault or default.

"I stand here," he said, "to deny every charge that has been brought against me, fully conscious of the responsibility of such a declaration." For five years, he said, he endeavored to settle this difficulty, that was at present before the public mind, and causing so great a scandal, using every faculty of soul and body and every gift of nature and grace, but to no purpose.

An Impossible Case. The case became more and more hopeless and finally he came to the conclusion that it was an impossible one. Supported by a decree of the sacred congregations of a religious in Rome, dated April 9, 1905, declaring that in the removal of sisters from the order to other superiors of any community held this right independently of the bishop, he refused to have anything whatsoever to do with any action outside of the ordinary.

He was acting within his own right and could not safely do otherwise, as it would be a dangerous thing for a bishop to interfere with the rights of others. After mature deliberation he came to the conclusion that he had not the right to interfere, when he was assured that the proper legal procedure was being adopted.

Victim of Circumstances.

"You will further perceive," continued his grace, "that I have become the victim of circumstances. The name of the archbishop has been everywhere held up to scorn and obloquy by the press. His name has appeared in large type as the representative of guilt. He has been the mark for the shafts of prejudice and bigotry, for it is spoken, 'Strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock shall be dispersed.'"

He said that he had asked the plaintiff, what would he require to effect a settlement, and stated that if it were a monetary consideration, he was of the opinion it could be obtained. But he was told that the offer could not be considered, that there was no possibility of settling without recourse to law, as what was required was vindication by his proper authorities.

Now Before Rome.

"You will bear well in mind that the church is not responsible for the acts of individuals, only in so far as she approves them. This case has been investigated by a representative of the Holy See, who spent many days in this city and other parts of the archdiocese. It is at present before the highest ecclesiastical court in Rome. This is the only court that is competent to pass judgment on our actions in such matters. We are prepared to abide by the decision. As to the daily newspapers of the city, we feel that we have a very serious grievance against them. There is an opening for a libel suit in one case, and in the other there is an inflammatory article in the editorial column calling upon people of the city to rise and depose the administration, which, of course, includes the archbishop. Were I a vindictive man, I would appeal to the Catholic people of Kingston to take up arms against this extravagant malevolence towards their religion. But we must return good for evil, however by reason of our office; we must protect the interests of religion.

Class Them With "Menace." "We, therefore, take this opportunity to state that if this unfair, unjust, biased and bigoted attitude is persisted in, we will be obliged to have these papers classed with the 'Menace' and other anti-Catholic organs in the exercise of our episcopal office decree that they be excluded from every Catholic home in the archdiocese."

"Some persons may be anxious to hear why the archbishop did not give evidence during the trial in his own behalf. He was not subpoenaed by either party and his counsel would not permit him, on the contention that there was no evidence produced to implicate him."

Contrary to Sister Basil's report, the orphanage was declared by the archbishop to be a model institution. It was this report, it will be remembered, which, according to the plaintiff, led to the attempt to get rid of her by removing her to an insane asylum on the evening of September 14, 1916.

"This trouble," said his grace, "has not arisen from any weakness in the administration, but from a refusal to accept the law of obedience. For the preserving of the Catholic religion, especially in community life, we must insist on that form of obedience the church prescribes."

WHIG RESENTS THREAT.

KINGSTON, Nov. 30.—The Kingston Whig, in an editorial today, takes Archbishop Spratt to task for his threat to exclude the two Kingston dailies from Catholic homes in the diocese if they continue what he declares to be "an unfair, unjust, biased and bigoted attitude" in the Sister Mary Basil case. It reminds his grace that he is living in the 20th century and that his remarks can have no effect on what will be published in his columns. It concludes:

"The threat held out by his grace is unwarranted and unnecessary. This is still a free country, and the press cannot be muzzled."

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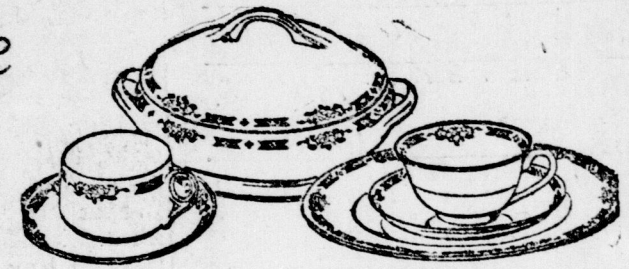
Other Indications of Early Relief in the Sugar Situation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The bulk of the new Cuban sugar crop will soon become available in the New York market under an agreement reached today at a conference of the Cuban sugar commission and the international sugar committee, fixing the base price at \$10.00 per hundred pounds.

This price represents \$4.50 per cwt. free on board at Cuban ports, plus an estimated 30 cents freight rate to New York. The actual price of the sugar at New York cannot be determined until the United States shipping bureau has fixed the freight rate, which it is expected to do within a few days. The \$4.50 to be paid in Cuba is the base on which it had been hoped an agreement could be made.

It was reported to the international sugar committee that American beet sugar is moving steadily and satisfactorily. Ohio refineries are said to be receiving about ten thousand tons daily. This will help relieve the situation materially.

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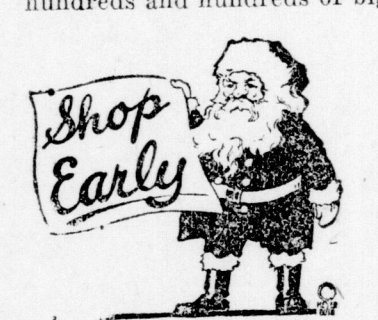
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Big opening special for men. 75 pairs Men's Boston Calf Lace Shoes, good strong soles, good fitters, and wear like iron; \$4.00 values. For \$2.98

Men's Good Serviceable Gun-metal Lace Shoes, Goodyear welted soles, English reed and rounding toes; \$6.00 value. For \$4.98

And look, men! The very latest English reed last, in mahogany and tobacco brown calfskin, with Aerie and Neolin soles; \$8.00 and \$7.00 lines \$6.45 and \$5.95

Men's Black Felt Slippers, with or without design on vamp, cosy and comfortable. For 98c

Men's Fancy Carpet Slippers, leather soles and heels; \$1.25 value. For 98c

Men's Black and Chocolate Alligator Slippers; \$2.50 value. For \$1.98

Men's Fine Black Kid House Gaiters, turn soles; \$3.50 value. For \$2.73

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Be sure and see our big range of Men's and Boys' Work Shoes and Gum Rubbers at big reductions.

125 pairs of Women's Tweed Slippers, leather soles and heels, Special sale 49c

Misses' and Children's Felt Slippers, a large assortment to choose from. Ranging in price 49c to \$1.19

Women's Cosy Felt Slippers, in colors of brown, blue, black, red and grey; \$1.25 value. For 98c

Women's Felt, Fur-Trimmed Julietts, in Oxford pink, Oxford grey and oyster shades, flexible soles and medium heels; \$2.00 values. For \$1.59

See our special line of Ladies' Fancy Felt Slippers, with flexible leather soles and heels; black, brown and grey. For \$1.48

Women's Black Felt Slippers with floral design on vamp, very pretty. A big bargain at 89c

Women's Fine Black, Brown and Red Kid Slippers, with pom-pom. Our special sale price \$1.48

Big Opening Special for the Ladies—250 pairs of Fine Kid High Lace Shoes, the very newest styles, and are worth \$5.00 a pair. Special price \$2.98

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Such a mere trifle as picking up one of the world and transferring it to another is no longer a problem for the movie men. "On the marshy soil of a movie man," (we quote the press agent thus far) there has been erected an Egyptian palace obelisk, pyramids and all the other Oriental trimmings required as a background for "Cleopatra," in which Theda Bara will shortly depart for the

delectation of her admirers, and, we are assured, give to the screen a vanguard such as never before was seen. It seems that the movies are in the trenches in more ways than one. It is said that much of the old exhibition film shipped to Scandinavian countries from America has been carried further into Germany, where the gun-cotton in the celluloid base is converted into high explosives for the battle front. In a permanent

consequence the United States Government has commanded that film worthless for exhibition purposes shall not be sold by anyone in this country, but stored away until after the war. "It's a pity the camera can't shoot nothing but film at some of the specimens that think they are actors," remarks Homer, Essary head carpenter. Taylor Holmes, stage star, is to appear in a permanent action in Essary's

pictures. His second production will be announced immediately after the release of his first, "Efficiency Edgar's Courtship." Jack Kerrigan is an expert horseman, but when the animal he was riding at Santa Barbara stepped into a hole, Jack kept on going, with the result that he is in a hospital waiting for a broken leg to knit sufficiently so he can get around again.

"Now, Mary," said a magazine writer in connection with his interview with little Mary McAllister, Essary's child star, "tell me a few little stories about your self."