

RUSSIAN GROUP AT GENOA ATTRACTING MORE THAN LITTLE PUBLIC INTEREST

Russians Are Meeting for the First Time Since 1917 With
Representatives of the Rest of Europe—Much Worried
Over Their Safety While in Attendance at Conference.

Genoa, April 9.—None of the more than 1,000 persons who will sit as delegates, advisors and experts in the Genoa Economic Conference which opens here tomorrow will command greater public interest than the small group of men representing Russia. While prominent statesmen, diplomats and political leaders of almost every other European country are well known to the average reader for the reason that they have participated in numerous assemblies and conferences since the Versailles deliberations, the Russians are meeting for the first time since 1917 with representatives of the rest of Europe.

The All-Russian Central Executive Committee, meeting late in January, elected a state of 15 prominent Soviet statesmen headed by Premier Lenin, giving them full plenipotentiary powers in all matters affecting Russia to come before the conference. Responsibility for this delegation fell upon Vice-Chairman George Chicherin, Bolshevik Foreign Minister, however, when it was decided that Lenin was too ill to leave Moscow. It also was said that fear of assassination if he left Russia played an important part in keeping the Bolshevik premier within his own domain.

Concern over their personal safety also was displayed by other members of the delegation, particularly when they reached Rome. Late in March and learned that the Italian government had assigned them to a villa at Rapallo, 35 miles out of Genoa. Chicherin issued a statement criticizing the Italians for thus isolating the Russians and calling attention to "the daily gunshots of 35 miles" which the delegates would have to run in motor cars under conditions "especially convenient for assassination."

While the Italian government did not make formal answer to several notes of protest to the Rapallo incident, it was explained to the Russians that Italy was having trouble with her own radicals and feared the presence of such prominent representatives of Bolshevistic principles might foment renewed anarchistic activities. The section around Genoa and Milan, it was recalled, had been a hotbed of anarchy when labor uprisings resulted in the taking over of much of the nation's industry by the workers. Chicherin stands foremost above his colleagues of the Russian delegation as a statesman. He is a man more than 60 years of age, and began his diplomatic career during the Czarist regime. He was in England when the Bolshevik revolution started Europe but returned to Russia in answer to an urgent call from Lenin, who promptly set upon him as likely material for important diplomatic work then in hand.

Next to Chicherin, perhaps the most important member of the group is Leonard Kravtsov, Bolshevik Minister of Foreign Trade, who was opposed to Bolshevism in 1917, but joined the Communist party after Lenin's victory. His first assignment, that of organizing the transportation systems of Russia, ended in utter failure but his efforts along other lines, particularly in securing a trade agreement with England, were more successful. He is 45 years old, an electrical engineer by profession and has been referred to as the only real business man in the Soviet government.

Adolph Joffe, "signer of peace treaties," headed the Soviet delegation which carried on the long peace negotiations with Poland during the fall and winter of 1919-21. He goes to Genoa as Premier of Soviet Turkestan. He was born in the Crimea, of Jewish parents, 45 years ago. His father accumulated a fortune as carrier of the mails in road wagons before the days of railroads.

Dr. Jacob Janson, who will represent the Far Eastern Republic, is a Lettish obedient to the central executive committee. He was sent to Chita to replace M. Kerasnchakov after the latter had been there six months and developed tendencies which the Soviet government considered too independent and also too favorable to the United States. He formerly resided in New York under the name of Tobinson.

Alexander Shliapnikov, Soviet Commissioner of Labor and an old leader of the Petrograd labor movement, is a metal worker, and one of the three trade union leaders appointed to the delegation. He is well known in Russia for his position as leader of the workers' opposition which nearly caused a split in the Communist party in 1920. Twice he has been given minor positions in the Murmansk district and at Gorny in order to keep him away from Moscow. Following his trade of metal worker, he lived in the United States, London and Sweden, returning to Russia some time during the war.

Christian Rakovsky, president of the Ukraine Republic, a Rumanian Jew, was expelled from his country as a Socialist agitator and went to Russia in time to join the 1917 uprising. He speaks several languages, including French, German, Turkish and Russian. He is regarded as intelligent, ambitious and cultured.

M. Narmonoff, president of the Soviet Azerbaijan Republic, will represent the four Caucasus republics. He is a Tartar Mussulman, 55 years old and very popular at home. Until 40 years of age he was a country school teacher and then studied medicine at the University of Odessa. His entrance into politics was as a leader of the Persian revolution of 1908-09. He endeavored himself to the people of the Azerbaijan republic when he repeatedly refused to sign warrants for the 5,000 or 6,000 sentences of death carried by the Cheka at Baku after the Azerbaijan republic was taken back into Soviet Russia more than a year ago.

The delegation is completed by M. Litvinov, Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs; M. Vorovsky, Soviet representative in Rome; M. Mdivani, representing Soviet Georgia; M. Bekzadian, representing Soviet Armenia; M. Hadjiev, representing Soviet Kokhar; M. Roudstuck and M. Salronoff, trade union leaders.

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Would Establish Raja Yoga School On Wisingo

Has Evoked Storm of Protest
from School Council of
Wisingo Parish.

Stockholm, April 8.—(Special).—Announcement that Mrs. Katherine Tingley, theosophist leader, of Point Loma, Calif., intended to establish a Raja Yoga school on the island of Wisingo, in Lake Vattern, one of the beautiful spots of Sweden, has evoked a protest from the school council of Wisingo parish.

The council adopted a report stating that Mrs. Tingley's project was "a movement to spread and implant the ideas of theosophy, diametrically opposed to the Christian foundation on which the Swedish school system is still based."

The council added that the community of Wisingo had no sympathy for Mrs. Tingley's reported project and that reports of her presence in Sweden to prepare for the establishment of the Raja Yoga school "had aroused a general feeling of apprehension."

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JAPAN DECIDES NOT TO PRESS CLEAR CLAIM

Fails to Use Siberian Battle as
Excuse — Chita's Reply
Gives Hope.

Tokio, April 8.—The clash between the Japanese and Red troops in Siberia, predicted by Colonel Uryeda to your correspondent, occurred Sunday, as already cabled. Thirty hours after the clash occurred Far Eastern republic delegates at Bairen conference handed the Japanese delegates their reply to the Japanese demands, which has been forwarded to Tokyo and is now before the Cabinet and Diplomatic Advisory Board. The reply is reported to be more conciliatory and promising than previously expected. It was learned from the Foreign office that Japan will not draw from any part of Siberia the successful conclusion of the Dairen conference, but that such a conclusion in the near future is probable. Apparently Japan desired to evacuate the Vladivostok area, but is unwilling to do so until a satisfactory device has been achieved, such as a Dairen settlement. Japan's failure to press Sunday's battle seems to be part of this policy.

Washington, April 8.—The declaration that the clash between Japanese and Chita forces in the vicinity of Vladivostok was the outcome of a deliberate policy of Japan which presages an advance in Siberia was made yesterday in a formal statement issued by the special trade delegation of the Far Eastern republic to the United States.

"The Japanese are trying to represent the Government of the Far Eastern republic as the aggressor and the Japanese as innocent victims of a 'sudden attack,'" the statement said. "The Japanese do not mention that the troops of the republic are operating upon their own territory and are only pursuing the bandits whom the Japanese armed and permitted to pass in the same territory in order to attack the peaceful population."

Such exposures show that when the Japanese were setting out to start some new trouble in Siberia they have announced the coming withdrawal of their troops. The action of the Japanese since the Washington Conference, such as the arming of bandits and insistent demands for special rights, prove this statement.

Tokio, April 8.—An official despatch from Vladivostok to the Japanese War Office today stated that the commander of the Chita army in Siberia, granted the commander of the Japanese carried at Spassk, about one hundred miles north of Vladivostok, on April 2, that the Chita forces intended to occupy a line within the neutral territory and to continue a further advance southward. The Japanese commander ignored the note.

It was unofficially reported today that the Japanese general staff had issued instructions to the commander of the Japanese army in Vladivostok to take whatever action it was considered necessary for the preservation of the prestige of the army and to regulate the Chita forces if they continued their challenging attitude.

Nova Scotia To Have Large Number of Fishing Vessels

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Already Sailed for the Fish-
ing Banks.

Halifax, N. S., April 8.—(By Canadian Press).—Nova Scotia will have a larger number of deep fishing vessels engaged in the spring fishing this year than in any spring since the war, and leaders in the fishing industry anticipate a season of great activity. The fishing season was one of the first to go to pieces, when the cycle of business depression set in, but it is now well on the road to recovery, and the activity everywhere manifest in this industry is giving an impetus to all kinds of business throughout the province.

Scores of schooners have already sailed for the fishing banks and others are being fitted out as fast as possible. The well known racer Bluebonnet was one of the first to sail. To the spring fishing Lunenburg, which for some years past has had numbers of grand bankers lying idle, will send out practically every vessel of its big fleet, which is not away on a trading voyage. And whether or not the spring trip is a success, the indications are that every vessel suitable for the fishing will be pressed into service for the summer trip to the Grand Banks. Much ice has been reported on some of the fishing banks this spring, but in spite of that the fishing skippers have been eager to make an early start.

According to prominent fish merchants here the fish markets are in a position to absorb a big catch this year. Very few dealers have stocks of any importance on their hands, and for the past two months prices have been increasing, though usually at this season of the year the tendency of prices is to decline. There does not appear to be any noticeable increase in the consumption of fish, as might be expected during the period of general business depression, though fish was the first food stuff to drop to the low price level. The present favorable market conditions are attributed to the fact that last year the production was comparatively small, and available stocks are now smaller than at any time for years. A big catch this year will be necessary to meet

Russia's Newly Rich Hard Bit By Income Taxes

One of the Principal Aims of
the Tax is for Schools Up-
keep.

Moscow, April 8.—(Special).—Russia's newly rich speculators, merchants and others able to buy sweetmeats, wine, and silks and patrons of high-class restaurants have begun to pay a large proportion of their money to the government in the shape of a luxury tax. One of the principal aims of the tax is to provide for the upkeep of schools. "We must remain true to our principles, to take from the rich to maintain the poor," Commissar of Education Lunacharsky said.

Lunacharsky declared Russian teachers were too poorly paid. "If villages can maintain churches, they must be made to maintain schools," he said.

CAN START LIQUOR FOR U. S. ANYWAY

Havana, April 8.—It is not an offense to place alcoholic liquor aboard a vessel bound for the United States. The Court of instruction today ordered the release of seven men arrested last week while attempting to turn over 125 bottles of whiskey to a member of the crew of the steamer Monterey, bound for New York, while the vessel lay at anchor in the harbor.

Chief of the Customs Service Byron today recommended the confiscation of liquor found on board the small American steamer Monterey, which arrived here last week. The report also asked the imposition of a fine of \$8,000. Byron said the vessel had been declared "in ballast" when she arrived in port on the way from Nassau to Mexico, but that the list of the ship's stores showed that she had on board 1,000 cases of whiskey and gin supposedly the property of three passengers but carried as part of the crew.

Sir Arthur Balfour, His Coat of Arms And "Supporters"

London.—(Special).—Now that Arthur James Balfour, who was head of the British delegation to the Washington Conference on the limitation of armaments, has been made Sir Arthur Balfour and a Knight of the Garter, he becomes entitled to the addition of "supporters" to his coat of arms. These "supporters" generally take the form of some heraldic animals supporting the shield on each side and may only be used by the royal family and the most exalted orders of knighthood.

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