

Building Activity
in Moscow.RUSSIAN CAPITAL
CLEANING UP.

MOSCOW (Associated Press)—Moscow is beginning to show some building activity. After nearly six years, during which practically every private building and some public institutions were permitted to fall into disrepair, both the Soviet officials and the individuals are now in the midst of a repair campaign. The houses where most of the foreigners were housed, and where a nightmare of filth and lack of service had been a constant feature, are being renovated and are to be placed on a pre-revolution basis. Long accustomed to carrying their own water, brewing their own beer, and cooking their own food in their rooms, now are becoming accustomed again to the magic use of the electric button. Elevators are to be provided on the campaign against vermin is on in full swing.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

The repair of apartment buildings and detached dwellings, many of which have fallen into a state of unrepair that they have been abandoned entirely, the Soviet has decided to utilize private enterprise. Persons or corporations who will take over and repair these structures, are given ten-year free leases on them and are free to whom they please and for what sums they please. They may transfer their leases to other persons and in these houses no limit is placed upon the amount of space one person may occupy. Musicians who for the past three or four years have been huddled in tiny rooms allotted them by the Government, are gradually moving in to new quarters, if they have sufficient funds to repair them.

Examining Egyptian
Constitution.COUNTRY DIVIDED INTO TWO
CAMPS.

Cairo (Associated Press)—The signing of a Dutoir (constitution) by Egypt was necessary for the lifting of the British protectorate has been the paramount feature of Egyptian politics. The question as to who should frame the Dutoir, which has been under discussion in the native assembly since the first royal levee held by King Fuad at Abdin Palace, has divided the country politically into two diametrically opposed camps. The Nationalists who are adherents of Zaghloul Pasha, are demanding that the constitution be drawn up by a National Assembly elected by the people. The other camp, who are supporting the Government of Premier Sarwat Pasha, who have just won the day, have in favour of appointing a special commission for the task.

TWO CHAMBER PARLIAMENT.

The commission already appointed composed of 31 members under the leadership of Rushdy Pasha, former Minister. It is to draw up within three months a project for a constitution which will be thrashed out by the Egyptian Parliament which will have the right to amend it except in that which concerns the prerogatives of the throne. The Government project calls for a parliament to consist of two chambers: the members of the Lower House are to be elected by popular vote; the other half of the Senate is to be appointed by the Executive. The newspaper "Liberty," which is out of the Senate, being a proponent, "will be able to meet all the whims of the majority of the Nationalist representatives."

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International City.

PLANS PROPOSED BY BELGIAN
WILL BE COMPLETED.

BRUSSELS (Associated Press)—The striking idea of building an "international city" at the gates of Belgium which was first proposed by King Albert of the Belgians, in 1913, has been revived and it is now proposed to erect the city and improve it at the same time as the Brussels International Exposition in 1935. It is intended that the international city shall be a permanent institution where every country will have a building in which it will display not only its manufactures and products but examples of its art and progress of its social progress. These plans were first submitted to King Albert in 1913 by Hendrik C. Anderson, an American sculptor, formerly of New York, R. I., who then was living in Rome. Mr. Anderson was aided in preparing his plans for the city by Senator La Fontaine, of Belgium. The idea now has been adopted by the Union of International Associations which has its headquarters here and which has formulated the plan for the Belgian Government.

AT THE
MAJESTIC
THEATRE,
FRIDAY & SATURDAY.

Reminiscences.

"Yes Sir, its a small, small world after all" murmured Billy Clifton, the leading comedian of the Manhattan Musical Comedy Company, as he sank down on a property log in the Casino Theatre after one of his delightfully funny comedy scenes during the rehearsal of the company's first show. "Ten years ago while starring with the High Jinks show I stopped at the Lyric Theatre in New York to watch the performance of an actor named Willie, whose performance of Father Time in Everywoman, was the talk of Broadway. I decided that he would be an ideal type for my coming production 'The Rainbow Girl' in which I had a splendid run at the New Amsterdam Theatre, but later when I met Willie instead of meeting a man of sixty as I expected, I found him to be a boy still in his teens. Three years later I arranged to have him play opposite me in Dimples charming opera 'The Lilac Domino' and it was then that I taught him the very serious business of being funny, for after all there is no branch on the stage that calls for more earnest work than the comedy work. That was a great lesson. 'Billy Clifton smiled, as he thought of those days.' When we closed I vowed I would never play the show again unless Teddy Wilde was with me. A short time later I was asked to play it in London and remembering my promise I sent word to Teddy. Teddy was telling me the other day that after six months in the trenches overseas he finally managed to get to London to see the performance and as he sat in his mud stained uniform watching the performance that had once been ours he had his first touch of homesickness. Billy flicked the ashes from his cigarette, and here we are again, who can tell we may play the Domino for St. John's before we leave but just now we are mighty busy with 'Sweethearts.' Just then the stage manager called Clifton and Wilde for their comedy scene in the first act.

Ghoully Grafters.

HOW "SAVE THE CHILDREN
FUND" IS BEING USED.

Very grave charges are being made in the London newspapers respecting the handling of the "Save the Children Fund," which, as everybody knows, has to do with Russia's starving millions. The London "Daily Express" alleges that three Russians, unnamed, obtained the handling of 50 per cent of "Save the Children" orders between April and October, 1921, and steered this sum, which was enormous, to firms in which they were interested. Competitors for this business further allege that they were not asked to furnish quotations in respect to prices, etc. It is also charged that the publicity agent for the fund, an unnamed lawyer, received ten thousand pounds sterling for his work over a period of twenty months, which seems a tall amount to take from the starving Russian children. But there is worse yet for the "Daily Express" charges that this same man also receives a commission on all goods purchased as well as a commission on all gifts in kind. That is to say, if a charitable person sends in a pair of boots, their value is appraised and a percentage of their appraised value is taken from the

funds in hand and put into the pockets of this already overpaid buyer-publicity agent.

The "Daily Express" states that it has in its possession copies of the contracts under which these transactions take place, but unfortunately there is a deadly line of blanks covering the identity of the names. The only name mentioned by "The Express" is that of Lord Wearide who states that he has "well and truly served the fund," but who apparently has refused to give any information respecting the nebulous gentleman who is doing so well for himself.—Saturday Night, Toronto.

Wrangel Island;
Two of Them.

© In this discussion as to whether or not Wrangel Island is part and parcel of Canada, do not mix up your Wrangel Islands, for there are two of them. One up in the Arctic Seas, where Stefansson's expedition sought safety when the Karik went to pieces in 1913, and the other on the Pacific Coast about midway between Vancouver and Skagway. The latter has a dump of an American town, containing the remains of an old Russian fort, and a century or so ago was the scene of many a hard fought battle, sometimes between Russian settlers and Indians, and at other times between various Indian tribes that still inhabit that coast.

Text books tell us that Wrangel Island in the Arctic Ocean, off the north east coast of Siberia, has been known by various names. New Columbia for instance, and Long's Island, and that it was discovered by Long the explorer, although Wrangel made an expedition in search of it. Baron Wrangel was Governor of Alaska under the Russian regime, and it was back in 1834 that he locked horns with the Hudson's Bay Company, in which year Ogden and Anderson, representing the latter, started out to establish a post in the Russian hinterland drained by the Stikine river. The Baron, fearing this move would have a bad effect upon Russian trade, petitioned the Czar to rescind the privilege of navigating the Russian coast line, a concession granted some years previously to both Great Britain and the United States. This the Czar did, and Baron Wrangel proceeded to carry out the Czar's orders with an armed force.

In 1839, a convention met in London to consider the situation, and a treaty was patched up which was advantageous to both Russia and the Hudson's Bay Company. So much for the man for whom the two Wrangel Islands were named, and as for the Arctic Wrangel, it is described as "mainly of bare rocks which rise to a height of 2,000 feet." Apparently nothing to get excited about (or wrangle over) no matter who owns it.—Saturday Night, Toronto.

Japs Restored Church.

BERLIN.—Advice received here from the former German colony of Kichau, which was seized by Japan, state that the Japanese authorities have formally restored the German Lutheran Christ Church in Isington, the capital, to the local German consistory.

BEAUTIFUL
MAE MURRAY IN THE
"A. B. C.
OF LOVE."

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THE "MAJESTIC" ORCHESTRA!!

BUSTER
KEATON,
IN
'Hard Luck'
IT'S A BALL O' FUN.Chinese Public
Opinion Strong.BECOMING MORE SELF-ASSERTIVE
AND INDEPENDENT.

CHICAGO (Associated Press)—China is becoming more self-assertive and self-dependent since the early days of the Washington Conference, says Bishop Francis J. McConnell, resident Bishop of Pittsburgh of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who has been visiting in China recently. Bishop McConnell is a member of the Educational Commission of the Missions Board of America and Great Britain who were sent to China six months ago. His statement was made public by a Committee on Conservation and Advance of the Methodist Church here. "There are sure signs of the stirrings of a Chinese public opinion and of Chinese national sentiment in advance of anything yet observed there," the Bishop said. Speaking of the relations of the Japanese and Chinese, Bishop McConnell said: "The Japanese have made one notable failure and that is they have failed to make a friend of China. One does not have to be a Chinese city long to note the intensity of the enmity of the Chinese toward the Japanese. He is utterly blind who rates this enmity as of no practical consequences in view of Japanese superiority in arms."

Using the Boycott.

"The Chinese have found in the boycott a powerful weapon. With consummate genius for non-co-operation and passive resistance, China can free herself from all outside influence which she chooses to ban—when the time comes. And the time is coming soon in the years just ahead when China will inevitably come to a self-assertive, self-respecting independence of foreign nations. This is a plain-as-day fact that a stroller on Chinese streets cannot miss. 'I do not think there is danger of another Boxer uprising. At least if there is such a rising the weapons used will not be swords and guns.' Bishop McConnell said the presence of an ever growing liberal sentiment—not necessarily a liberal party—in Japan is not a myth. 'If Japan does not embark upon a career of imperialistic conquest of China in the next ten years it is not likely that she ever will,' he declared. 'By 1932 the democratic forces will probably be, if not irresistible at least so effective as to make it impossible for war plans to be carried through in the old high handed fashion.'

Britain Favors

"White Australia."

MELBOURNE.—The Imperial British government, as a matter of Empire concern, is favorably inclined toward Australia's "White Australia" policy, reports Sir James Connolly, Agent General for West Australia in London. Sir James states that the policy would help close the back door to the Australian continent, and especially to the unpopulated semi-tropical territories of Northern Australia. It is possible, Sir James said, that the Imperial government would aid in the scheme of building railways and roads and equipping 2,000 farms in the territory for occupation by emigrants from British lands.

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