RUSSIA'S LEADERS GROPING BLINDLY JUST NOW

RUSSIA HAS OVERDOSE OF SOCIALIST REFORM IDEAS

Charles R. Crane of American Commission to that Country Describes Russia as Facing a Long Period of Trial and Inner Chaos.

NO IMMEDIATE PROSPECT OF CLEARING UP SITUATION SATISFACTORILY

Says United States Can Do Much and Must Do Much to Get Nation on Its Feet and Enable It to Resume Proper Participation in the World Struggle.

Stockholm, Sept. 25.—Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, a member of the American commission to Russia, who spent two days in Stockholm, en route from Petrograd to England and France describes Russia as facing a long period of trial and inner chaos, and to be suffering from an overdose of exaggerated modernism in socialist reform ideas. Russia's many leaders, he declares, are groping blindly for egress from the present troubles but are inspired by a sincere desire and intent to find a satisfactory solution and to bring Russia to her proper place among her present allies.

Little Hope For Betterment.

Mr. Crane sees no immediate prospect of a clarification of the situation. He thinks some time may elapse before Russia gets on her feet again and takes any vigorous part in the prosecution of the war, but he believes much can be done, and must be done, by America to help her regain her footing and assist her towards reaching a position whence a move can be made forward toward the goal which these leaders have in view.

Mr. Crane remained in Russia after the departure of the rest of the Elihu Root commission, studying development and conditions and conferring with the present leaders. He was in Petrograd when the struggle between Premier Kerensky and General Korniloff came to a head, saw the outcome and effects of that conflict, and, therefore, is able to picture the Russia of today, which is not the Russia of yesterday and far less the Russia of the days of the Root commission.

The process of tearing down and of discard, Mr. Crane believes, has not yet come to a pause. Some time may elapse before a positive reconstructive progress can begin to show results, but he sees no reason to lose hope in Russia.

PROTOPOPOFF REFUSES TO COMPLAIN

(Continued from page 1)

The Fallen Protopopoff.

Convinced that he would not be allowed to touch upon politics, the Associated Press correspondent inquired of M. Protopopoff regarding the treatment the former minister was receiving and as to whether he had any complaints to make.

"Why ask me a question which answers itself?" replied M. Protopopoff. "How could I make complaints."

"I have no complaints of any kind," answered M. Protopopoff, and he continued: "Would any of you Americans complain if they knew they were desperate criminals?"

"I supply the evidence myself, I am guilty of the most awful crime of not understanding the spirit of my age."

REICHSTAG'S PEACE MOVE CRITICISED

National Liberal Party of Germany Adopts New Platform—Says Germany's Future Must Be Founded on Germany's Might.

Berlin, Monday, Sept. 24, via London, Sept. 25.—The central governing committee of the National Liberal party in general session yesterday adopted a resolution outlining the attitude of the party in regard to current foreign and domestic issues. In the new platform, which was adopted unanimously, the Reichstag's peace resolution of June 19 is roundly scored as inimical to Germany's future development. The resolution continues:

"Germany's future security cannot rest on international treaties alone. It must be founded on German might and strength. Without ample war indemnities, Germany would not be protected against future menace and our political and economic development would be retarded by decades.

Military Situation.

"The military situation gives us the surety that Germany's borders are receiving ample protection and that our economic future as a result is fully safeguarded."

The resolution opposes the introduction of a parliamentary system, but calls for confidential and intimate cooperation between the government and the Reichstag. It also opposes the broaching of the Alsace-Lorraine problem, either now or at the time of the peace negotiations. The familiar criticism of President Wilson is contained in the resolution.

Addressing the committee, Dr. Gustav Strausmann stated that in the present excellent military and political situation Germany was prepared to begin peace negotiations. The submarine, he asserted, was the deciding weapon. At the outset of the war, British tonnage compared with Germany in the ratio of five to one. England was now compelled, he said, to carry on the war with stop watch in hand. Her rank as a maritime nation had been shattered and if she decided to go on, the U-boat would force her to make peace.

IS MISTAKEN FOR MOOSE AND KILLED

Joachim Daigle of St. Charles, Kent Co., Victim—Samuel Kingston Held—Fatality in Victoria County.

Special to The Standard.

Richibucto, Sept. 25—Shot and instantly killed was the fate of Joachim Daigle of St. Charles who was hunting last evening in the Kouchibouguac woods near the Halfway house on the Richibucto-Chatham road. The man who fired the fatal shot is Samuel Kingston of Kouchibouguac. It appears that two parties, Joseph Daigle and Joachim Daigle, brothers, and Samuel Kingston and Thomas Graham, a brother-in-law, were out hunting big game between six and seven o'clock. As Kingston and Graham were passing along the road they saw what they took to be a moose going through the second growth bushes. Here Kingston fired and Joachim Daigle fell dead, shot through the neck.

At the time the Daigle brothers were together walking, one behind the other. Joseph was in the lead and the first intimation he had of other hunters was a flash and the report of a gun.

Shouted Warning.

He shouted to warn parties, being unaware at first that his brother in the rear had been shot. Observing that his brother had apparently stopped he turned around and was horrified to see him lying on the ground.

He hastened to his side only to find he had been instantly killed. When Kingston and Graham learned what had happened they were horror stricken.

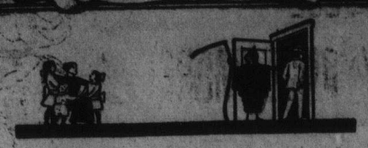
The shooting took place near the old Flanagan place along the road leading from Richibucto to Chatham, about sixteen miles from Richibucto.

The tragedy has cast a deep gloom over Kouchibouguac where Kingston lives and St. Charles, the home of the victim.

Joachim Daigle was a married man about 36 years old. He leaves a wife and five children. He was the son of Joseph Daigle of St. Charles. Kingston is about 35 years old and married. All parties are much respected and much sympathy is felt for all concerned in the shocking fatality. Kent county has not had a similar fatality for some years. Last year three men met death in Westmorland during the hunting season. The last victim was Joseph B. Bernard near Canaan. Dr. Girvan, Coroner of Rexton, has empanelled a jury and will hold an inquest tomorrow. Daigle's body has been removed to his home at St. Charles.

The death of Joachim Daigle in Kent County is the second fatality which has occurred among hunters since the season opened. Percy Gillies of Arthurette, Victoria County, shot and killed himself in some way while hunting alone in the woods near his home. The lad was fourteen years of age and was the son of C. S. Gillies.

FIRST AND PARAMOUNT: ABSOLUTE SECURITY TO POLICYHOLDERS



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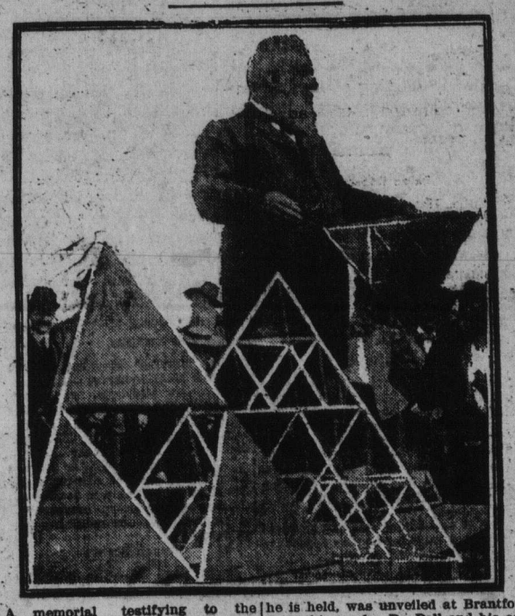

A memorial testifying to the achievements of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, and to the wide esteem in which he is held, was unveiled at Brantford, Ont., this week. Dr. Bell and his estimable wife are summer residents of Baddeck, C. B.

Memories
of "the nicest cup of tea I ever tasted"—

KING COLE ORANGE PEKOE
The "Extra" in Choice Tea

WORLD RECORDS ARE HUNG UP AT COLUMBUS

Miss Bertha Dillon Wins Futurity, Trotting Fastest Three Heats for Three Year Olds—Equals World Trotting Record for Age.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 25—One of the richest cards of the present Grand Circuit meeting was raced here today and before the $17,000 in stake purses was entirely distributed, the spectators saw two new world's records hung up. Miss Bertha Dillon, owned by A. B. Coxe, of Paoli, Penna., won the American Horse breeders futurity for three year old trotters in the fastest three heats raced by the horses of her age and any sex.

She also equalled the world's three year old trotting record of 2.03½, now jointly held by Peter Volo and herself and broke the three year trotting filly record made here last week by The Real Lady at 2.04¼. Miss Bertha Dillon trotted the last half of her great mile in 59½ second, considerably slowed up, so far ahead was she from the nearest competitor.

Early Dreams, winner of the Hoster Columbus stake last week repeated today in the Buckeye, 2.12 trot purse $5,000 and reduced the mark for that stake from 2.05¼ to 2.04¼.

The Savoy, favored to capture the Board of Trade 2.06, $8,000, dropped the first heat to Colleen before he squared away and won as pleased.

Straightaway had the better of Busy's Lassie in the deciding heat of the Jefferson Chambers of Commerce 2.09 trot and won handily.

CANADIAN STEEL AS AFFECTED BY U. S. LIST

Montreal, Sept. 25.—There was considerable interest in the street today as to how prices fixed in the United States for steel and steel products would influence the Canadian market.

An impression prevailed in some quarters that on broad general conditions the Canadian market would have to conform to the reduced American level, it having been considered as an established fact that prices in the larger market created a basis for this in the Dominion.

It was claimed, however, in quarters where the matter was under discussion that war time conditions alter circumstances. While the new rates apply to purchases in the United States by the Allies as well as domestic consumers there it was not believed that this would apply to Canadian buyers unless material was imported under special license for government requirements in connection with war supplies. It was considered that Canadian steel market would continue on its own bottom for domestic requirements.

Large interests in Canadian steel corporations were averse to discussing the situation.

HOPEWELL HILL

A basket social and entertainment will be held in the public hall, Harvey on Saturday evening, Sept. 29th by the pupils of the day school. The proceeds will be devoted to repairs on the interior of the school building.

George Hamilton, who has been residing in the west for some years, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Norman Barkhouse.

The election of county councillors for the parish of Hopewell will be held in the Public Hall, Hopewell Hill, on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd at 9 a. m.

Miss Marilla Hoar of Allison and cousin, Mr. Hoar, of the west, are spending a week with relatives in the county.

Cranberry picking is about finished on the Shepody marshes. The crop was about half damaged by the heavy early frost.

QUOTATIONS IN THE ST. JOHN MARKET

Groceries.			
Sugar, standard	$9.35	@	$9.30
Rice	8.00	"	8.10
Tapioca	0.17	"	0.18
Beans—			
Yellow-eyed	8.25	"	8.50
White	9.25	"	9.50
Herring, kippered	0.00	"	7.00
Cream of Tartar	0.58	"	0.60
Currants, cleaned	0.20	"	0.21
Molasses	0.76	"	0.77
Peas, split, bags	10.50	"	11.00
Barley, pot, bags	5.75	"	6.00
Cornmeal, gran.	0.00	"	13.50
Raisins—			
Choice, seeded	0.12	"	0.12¼
Fancy, seeded	0.12½	"	0.12¾
Salt, Liverpool, per sack, ex store	1.75	"	1.80
Soda, bicarb.	4.10	"	4.15
Flours.			
Manitoba	0.00	"	12.55
Ontario	0.00	"	11.95
Oatmeal, standard (No quotation).	0.00	"	0.00
Oatmeal, rolled	0.00	"	10.25
Canned Goods.			
Corn, per doz.	2.25	"	2.30
Beans—			
Baked	2.40	"	2.75
String	2.25	"	2.30
Beef—			
Corned 1s	3.00	"	3.50
Corned 2s	7.00	"	9.00
Pineapple—			
Sliced	3.15	"	3.20
Peas	2.00	"	3.00
Peaches, 2s	3.15	"	2.20
Plums, Lombard	1.30	"	1.35
Raspberries	3.00	"	3.05
Salmon—(Per case).			
Pinks	none		
Cohoes	none		
Clams	6.35	"	6.75
Oysters—(Per doz.)			
1s	1.75	"	1.80
2s	2.75	"	2.80
Tomatoes	2.50	"	2.55
Strawberries	3.00	"	3.05
Fish.			
Cod—			
Medium	9.50	"	9.75
Finnan haddies	0.00	"	0.12
Herring—			
Loc. Manan, 30lb.	3.25	"	3.50
Haddock	0.00	"	0.10
Halibut	0.00	"	0.18
Provisions.			
Pork, Am. clear	56.00	"	58.00
Beef, Am. plate	38.00	"	39.00
Lard, pure	0.27½	"	0.28
Lard, comp., tubs	0.21¾	"	0.22
Meats, Etc.			
Beef—			
Western	0.00	"	0.17
Country	0.10	"	0.13
Butchers'	0.10	"	0.15
Eggs, case	0.42	"	0.44
Eggs, fresh	0.00	"	0.50
Spring lamb	0.18	"	0.22
Pork	0.19	"	0.21
Veal	0.14	"	0.17
Mutton	0.12	"	0.15
Butter—			
Tub	0.42	"	0.45
Roll	0.47	"	0.50
Chicken	0.32	"	0.35
Fowl	0.25	"	0.28
New Potatoes, bushel	0.00	"	1.50
Fruits, Etc.			
Almonds	0.21	"	0.22
Bananas	2.50	"	3.50
Walnuts	0.18	"	0.19
Dates, new	0.13	"	0.15
Filberts	0.20	"	0.22
Lemons	6.50	"	7.00
Calif. Oranges	4.00	"	5.00
Canadian Onions, bags	3.00	"	3.25
Peanuts, roasted	0.18	"	0.20
Oats, Feed, Etc.			
Oats, per bushel	0.85	"	0.86
Oats, car lots, bushel	0.84	"	0.85
Bran, car lots, bags	42.00	"	43.00
Hay, car lots, ton	14.50	"	16.00
Middlings, small lots	48.00	"	50.00
Oils, Etc.			
Lard Oil	0.00	"	2.40
*Royalite	0.00	"	0.18
*Premier motor gasoline	0.00	"	0.34
*Palacine	0.00	"	0.31
Turpentine	0.00	"	0.61
*—By barrel, $3.00 charged.			
Hides, Skins, Etc.			
Hides, green	0.17	"	0.18
Hides, salted	0.18	"	0.19
Calfskins	0.00	"	0.25
Lambskins	1.75	"	2.00
Wool, washed	0.78	"	0.80
Wool, unwashed	0.58	"	0.60
Tallow	0.10	"	0.12
Moose Hides	0.00	"	0.05
Deer Skins	0.00	"	0.10

WEEK-END SALE OF
Fall Weight Overcoats
Friday and Saturday Only

A clearance of odd coats, broken lots, and others that have been carried over.

Blacks — Plain and silk front; Gray Cheviots and Worsteds; S. B. Tweed Overcoats and Slip-Ons.

Regular Prices $12.50 to $25
SALE PRICES
$10, $12.50, $15, $18

The cloths in these represent values that cannot be procured today to sell at the original prices.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.
Open Saturday Evenings.

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Moderate winds, mostly westerly; fair and a little higher temperature.

New England—Fair Wednesday and Thursday, gentle to moderate winds, mostly south.

Toronto, Sept. 25.—A few scattered showers have occurred today in Manitoba and rain has fallen along the Nova Scotia coast. Otherwise the weather in Canada has been fine.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

August Phases of the Moon

Full moon	3rd	1hr. 11m.	a.m.
Last quarter	9th	3hr. 56m.	p.m.
New moon	17th	3hr. 21m.	p.m.
First quarter	25th	3hr. 8m.	p.m.

Date		D. of W.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	H. Water a.m.	H. Water p.m.	L. Water a.m.	L. Water p.m.
26	Wd	6.20	6.09	7.12	19.28	0.39	13.10
27	Thu	6.21	6.07	8.14	20.26	1.46	14.18
28	Fri	6.22	6.05	9.10	21.30	2.53	15.28
29	Sat	6.24	6.03	10.01	22.21	3.51	16.18
30	Sun	6.26	6.02	10.50	23.11	4.44	17.10

Armstrong's Crossing, Sept. 24.—The hall at Armstrong's Corner was filled on Sunday when a memorial service in honor of Francis Kenneth Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods, of this place, who was killed early last spring while serving king and country in France, was held. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Prescott, Anglican clergyman, who was assisted by Rev. Mr. Chapman, Methodist clergyman.

Rev. Mr. Prescott, who comes from Newfoundland, has taken up his duties as rector of the parish of Petersville and is being warmly welcomed to his new charge.

The many friends of William J. Smith, who was operated on last week by Dr. A. A. Lewin, of Welsford and Dr. J. A. Caswell, of Gagetown, for appendicitis, will be glad to hear that he is improving.

FURTHER T

FRENCH FORCES REPULSE THE ENEMY ONCE M

Germans Again Use Liquid Fire in Attack French Lines in Beaumont Region Nor Verdun—Teutons Hard Pressed in Vicin St. Julien.

Paris, Sept. 25.—Liquid fire was used by the Germans in an attack on the French lines in the Beaumont region north of Verdun last night. The French, however, repulsed the assault with heavy losses to the Germans. The war office so announced today.

The bombardment that has been in progress on the east bank of the Meuse, in the neighborhood of Chaume Wood, was kept up by the German guns during the night.

Checked Attacks.

The statement follows:

"There was active artillery fighting on the Aisne front, in the sectors of Hurtebise and south of Jauvincourt. We checked surprise attacks on our small advanced posts east of Teton and north of Hill 304. On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), the enemy continued the bombardment in the region north of Chaume Wood, and renewed his attacks on our trenches near Beaumont. Notwithstanding the intensive employment of liquid flame throwers, he was repulsed with heavy losses without obtaining any advantage.

"In the Vosges there w scitering patrols. Three Ge planes were brought down by our pilots."

Huns Hard Pressed

London, Sept. 25.—(Mon zette cable)—An Amsterdam says that when the British on Wednesday near St. Julie part of the garrison east o coast was obliged to hu Zeebrugge, Heyst and Lis Bruges. The Green Jaegers ed in North Flanders, had ju from Menin, and were obli turn to the front immediate teen-year-old youths from t recruiting depot were drawn on to fill gaps in which suffered severely.

The German Statem

Berlin, via London, Sept supplementary statement headquarters last evening "There has been lively activity in Flanders and on ern bank of the Meuse. In there has been nothing ance."

MONCTON RAIDS THE WET BELT OF SHEDIAC

All Hotels and Restaurants Visited and Liquor Seized—Police of City Go Over Heads of Town Authorities.

Moncton, Sept. 25.—Armed with eight search warrants, a squad of Moncton police, this morning, acting as county constables, took automobiles and went to Shediac, sixteen miles from here, where the Scott Act is supposed to be in operation. They raided all the hotels and restaurants and found liquor in seven of the eight places.

This, valued at $1,000, was placed in the automobiles and brought back to Moncton for confiscation under the law. Scott Act prosecutions will be entered against all the places affected. The police state that it will require a special train to bring all the liquor stored in Shediac. It is estimated that the present quantity stored there is valued at about $10,000.

Were More or Less Prepared.

Special to The Standard.

Shediac, Sept. 25.—The raid on the liquor sellers of Shediac by the Moncton police was not entirely unexpected. Shediac dealers have occasionally been prosecuted and fined in Moncton, but aside from the temperance question the action of the Moncton authorities is not generally endorsed here and is regarded by many as an attempt by the police of that city and certain others there to dictate to this town.

Shediac is an incorporated town, with mayor and aldermen and has a police department of its own. It is admitted by the officials that the Scott Act has not been enforced here, but the liquor traffic has been more or less regulated.

The Moncton officials state that a number of Monctonians have been in the habit of getting their liquor supplies here and that today's raid was a well meant effort to cut off the source of supply and was not to override the town officials of Shediac. Under the law anyone in any part of the county can prosecute in any other section. It is regarded here as decidedly doubtful, however, if Moncton can stop the sale of liquor in Shediac under the Canada Temperance Act.

Five Fined $325.

Moncton, Sept. 25.—A squad of Moncton police, headed by Sgts. Belliveau and Webb, visited Shediac town today and armed with search warrants raided some eight places where liquor was suspected of being sold. The police returned to Moncton with about a thousand dollars worth of liquor and this afternoon five persons were summoned before Police Magistrate Steeves and fined as follows: Harry Brown, Weldon House, $50; Phil Melanson, $50; Paul Burke, $75; Augustine Leger, $75; Maurice Gallant, $75; total, $325. The seized liquor is still in possession of Chief Rideout at the city lockup.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday a sixteen year old girl pleaded not guilty to stealing a valuable pendant from Mrs. F. H. Neve, West St. John. After some evidence had been taken the prisoner was sent up for trial.

James Peters was fined $20 for assaulting Mrs. Ada Simms.

James O'Brien appeared on a charge of conveying liquor, the property of Mitchell Bernstein, from the latter's office to his rooms. Hearing was postponed until today.

INTERESTING NEWS OF NEW BRUNSW

Provincial Soldiers Ga Wounded—St. Joh Wounded, Not Dea ported.

Ralph Dobson Gass

Mrs. George Tood of Wes has received word that he Ralph B. Dobson, has been admitted to a hospital in Fr enlisted in St. John in Jan in the Siege Battery and th Quebec and then to the fro twenty-one years of age. son of Mr. and Mrs. Bent Dover, N. B.

Severely Wounded

W. A. Saunders, 90 Wall cently informed that his so Saunders, had been woun received the following note chaplain of No. 7 Casualt Station, dated September 4: I am sorry to tell you tha William has been rather wounded in the arm and is in this hospital. He wil send his love and ask y worry. He will be sent to pital as soon as he gets fit With much sympathy in yo Yours sincerely, C. J. HORSLEY

Not Dead But Woun

Word has been receive Alfred Martin, 61 Erin stree husband, who was recentl killed on August 16, has suffering from a gunshot wo hand and is now sufficiently to enable him to return to Frank Martin of Amherst is men's father, and tried to front with his sons, but w down on reaching England one other brother, Pte. Fr at the front with an Am talion.

Home From Far E

Dr. Vernon Coffyn of Ba merly of Canterbury, is re his home on leave after period of service with the peditionary force in Mesopo saw much service along the with General Maude's force

Long Service Meda

The Canada Gazette cont of the award of the colonia forces long service medal William E. Farrell and S Jones of the 71st York Re Farrell belongs to Mary Sergt. Jones to Fredericton listed in the militia in 1896

Awarded Military Cr

Word has reached Sac Lieutenant Robert Pattison the past year in France awarded the military cross ery on the field of battle 15. Mr. Foster was born in being the son of the late Foster. Two brothers, Me and Gerald Foster, enliste both lieutenants.

MARINE NOT

SERIOUS MENAC

A serious menace to na reported by the captain of arriving at Portland on Th sighting wreckage of a sunk er two miles south of the C buoy. The captain state two masts from the sun were sticking out of the w up, one twenty feet and nineteen feet. Between the was a mass of wreckage, deck timbers and a vesse held to the wreck by the r wreck is probably the schoo Saunders, stone laden, fro to Providence, which was s