

## MANY MIRACLES AT TEMPLEMORE

Its Fame Exceeded Only by Lourdes — Pilgrims in Thousands.

Templemore, County Tipperary, Ireland, Aug. 29.—Tens of thousands of the faithful are still flocking to the small Tipperary town to gain religious and physical balm from the wonder-working statues belonging to James Walsh, the former Cistercian novice, who has conferred upon Templemore a fame that is exceeded only by Lourdes.

The statues have been placed in a flower-bedecked yard on the premises of Timothy Dwan, Walsh's uncle. The yard overlooks the market place and Battery Park. Here thousands of the afflicted gather, bearing crucifixes and rosaries.

While waiting for admission to the yard by two and threes, the whole congregation, as though moved by a single devout impulse, periodically sinks silently to its knees and, with twitching lips, offers prayer to the Virgin Mary, imploring her to vouchsafe a continuance of the miraculous healing.

Moving through the throng are men and women who claim to have been mysteriously cured by the saint's intervention. Dan Egan, the local harness-maker, is striding about like a fit, sound man, after being crippled for five years with sciatic rheumatism.

A milliner, almost crazed by nervous disorders, was cured after a magic crucifix was laid on her brow. The most wonderful case is that of Martin Monahan. His story has gone throughout Ireland, and is bringing more people there in every conceivable kind of conveyances from Fords to the backs of asses. Monahan was discharged from the army two years ago, suffering from a broken left knee.

"When I heard of the miracles," he tells the story, "I limped across the square to the house. Walsh took me by the stairs and lifted me up to the crucifix. It was bleeding. He rubbed my bare knee against it. I was in great pain. He prayed over me and ordered me to pray. We left the room together. Then before I left the house I felt a sudden shock. All pain left me. I ran quickly back to my home. I was not lame. I have not been lame since."

Edward Gleeson, a young soldier who was blinded, was admitted Thursday. He was seated at a table. A woman held a crucifix over his eyes. The others in the room sank to their knees and prayed. After a few moments of prayer Gleeson began to see dimly. He did not recover the normal use of his eyes.

A peasant woman walked fifty miles with an imbecile son thirteen years old. She touched his head to the statue of the Virgin. Mrs. Dwan offered a prayer. The couple went away. On their way home they met other pilgrims coming to the shrine. To these the mother related that her son's mind was clearing.

Walsh a Frail Youth.

Walsh, whose visits started the pilgrimages, is a frail youth. He has convincing sincerity and seems one manifestly destined to a religious vocation. "As I lay in bed one night," he tells his story, "I saw a dazzling object in the darkness. It was shaped like a communion particle. The letters I. H. S. stood out distinctly in the centre."

Thereafter, he related, the Virgin frequently appeared to him, sometimes at his house and sometimes beside the road. The pilgrims to the place of miracles, from all stations in life, business and professional men, as well as peasants. Almost every describable human ailment is represented, from warps and chronic tuberculosis to club foot.

Every inch of space in the town has been converted into lodgings for the cure-seeking pilgrims. The pilgrims are not all disabled. Many are youths imbued with a religious and patriotic exaltation. They come to Templemore to invoke divine and saintly aid in the fight for Irish independence.

## GENERAL WRANGEL

Picked by France to Conquer Bolshevism — Was Mining Engineer When He Enlisted as Private.

(Toronto Mail and Empire)

France has picked Peter Wrangel as the Russian white hope. He is expected to do what Kerensky, Kornilov, Kolchak and Denikin have failed to do. France believes that he can conquer Bolshevism and restore Russia to her place among the respectable nations of the earth. It is a tremendous task, and of Wrangel's capacity we know nothing. All we know of him is his military record, which is first class. But he ought not to lack for shrewd advisers who understand the Russian character, and the scheme of land ownership which has been put forth in his name is said to appeal strongly to the Russian peasants. Wrangel is no military adventurer like Villa, hiding from government troops and moving stealthily hither and yon. He is at the head of a well organized army, supported by a well organized state. His authority extends over millions of Russians and many thousands of square miles of territory. In south-eastern Russia he has as much authority as Trotsky has in Moscow. All the Cossacks are with him. If Wrangel cannot conquer the rest of

Russia, at least Bolshevik Russia is likely to have a tough job in conquering him.

A Brilliant Soldier.

Wrangel is a Russian from the Baltic provinces. That is to say he is of German descent, which is something of a handicap with the Russian peasant, for hatred of Germany is still strong in Russia. Wrangel was educated as a mining engineer and enlisted as a private in a Guards Regiment. He was promoted to a lieutenancy but left the army in a year to practice his profession. When the war broke out with Japan he re-enlisted.

He was twice promoted for gallantry. At the end of the war he entered the General Staff Academy, from which he later graduated with honors, and at the beginning of the Great War he was a captain in command of a cavalry squadron. He presently had occasion to greatly distinguish himself and was awarded the highest Russian military decoration, the Cross of St. George, and was promoted to be a colonel. Shortly afterward he was appointed aide to the Czar, afterwards being placed in command of the first train-Battal Cossack Regiment. For capturing an entire enemy battalion he was made Major-General.

Leader of Anti-Bolsheviks.

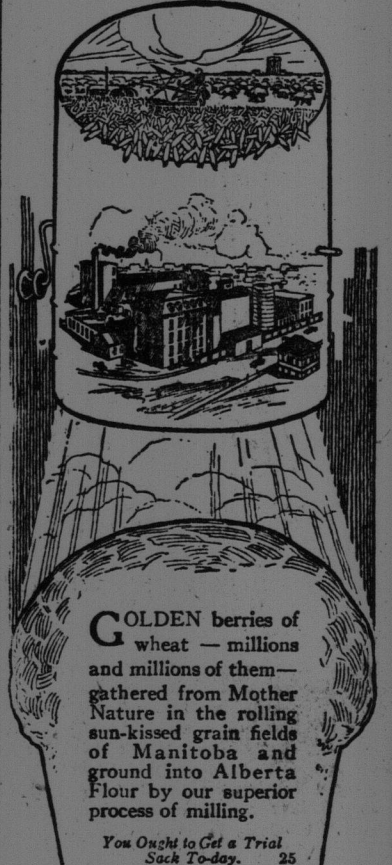
As divisional commander he continued with the army until the revolution, which completely undermined the moral of his men. Then, like many other Russian officers, he fled to the Caucasus. Here he was arrested by the Bolsheviks and narrowly escaped death. He and his fellow-officers never became reconciled to Bolshevik rule and planned how they might emancipate the country from it. Some of them desired that the monarchy should be restored. Kolchak was suspected of having this motive, and this is one of the reasons why he failed. Wrangel, however, does not want to see Caesars back again. He realizes that this is an impossible dream, but he is bitterly opposed to communism, and when the opposition to Lenin and Trotsky was organized in the Caucasus he immediately applied for command, and in 1918 was given a brigade under General Erel. When his chief fell ill Wrangel succeeded to the command and under his brilliant generalship liberated the whole of the North Caucasus and the Terek State. He was rewarded by promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-General and was given chief command of the Caucasian army.

The Southeastern Union.

At that time Gen. Denikin was in command of the anti-Bolshevik army and there is reason to believe that Gen. Wrangel was one of those who plotted his downfall. They defend themselves from this ugly charge by declaring that Denikin was betraying the whole movement and that he had to be disposed before Bolshevism could be successfully combated. At any rate, Wrangel was given the post formerly held by Denikin, who fled to London, where he remains as a refugee. Behind Gen. Wrangel and his growing volunteer army, composed chiefly of Cossacks and of veterans in the great war, stands what remains of the "Southeastern Union," composed of the Don, Kuban and Terek provinces and the mountain tribes of the Caucasus. The failure of the Provisional Government and for some time was able to resist all Bolshevik attempts to exercise authority. The president of the union is V. A. Kharlamov, who was deputy of the Don Cossacks in all four Dumas, and was made president of the Cossack "Kraia" or Parliament after Wrangel had liberated the Don province.

Cossacks Not Communists.

Kharlamov says that the Soviet system can only be accepted by the Cos-



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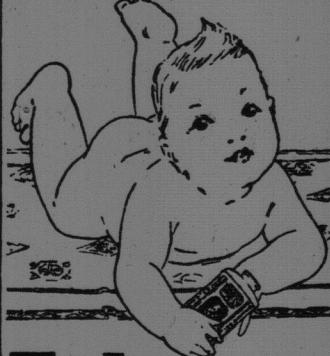
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sacks if forced upon them. They are individualists and have no use for communism. Each man wants his own land, and the great majority of Cossacks are thrifty farmers. Gen. Wrangel's policy is to confirm each owner in the land he already occupies, but to break up large holdings and distribute them among the needy. As his armies advance forward into new territory land courts are set up and the peasants are given the title and deed to the land they occupy. In return for this they are obliged to pay the government one-fifth of the annual harvest for twenty-five years. With this sum the government will reimburse



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the former owners. Gen. Wrangel is operating in some of the richest districts of Russia, and the Soviet Government has officially admitted that each of his successes, "even the most modest ones, deprives Soviet Russia of great quantities of grain, coal and oil and spells a spread of starvation, destitution, lack of fuel and destruction of the transport." At present Gen. Wrangel appears to be making rapid progress. His real test will come when the Russian-Polish war is broken off, and Trotsky is able to concentrate all his military strength against this brilliant leader from the south.

Tribute to Bruce Caldwell.

Chatham World;—Col. Caldwell had many farm friends on the Miramichi, and had many yachting trips with the Messrs. Miller and Mr. Stewart. He was a whole-souled, red-blooded, enthusiastic man, who worked or played with a will. He was our Mr. Stewart's first caller at the Waldorf Hotel, London, and a few days later, at a dinner given by the paymaster-general, he had his seat changed so that he might sit beside his Chatham friend. A bright, breezy, energetic man of great executive ability, with apparently many years of useful

ness before him, when he entered the "low green tent whose curtains never outward swings."

One of Sackville's Needs.

Post;—The Mt. Allison authorities are again faced with a problem of finding accommodation for all the students who are anxious to attend these well known institutions. Today they are advertising for rooms for sixty Ladies' College students, and unless outside accommodation can be secured these young ladies will have to be turned away from Mt. Allison altogether.

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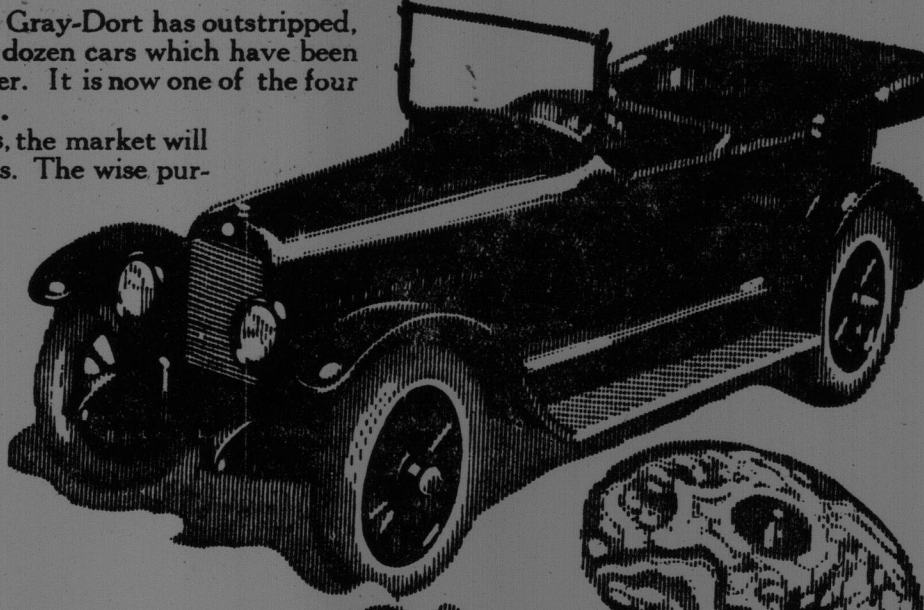
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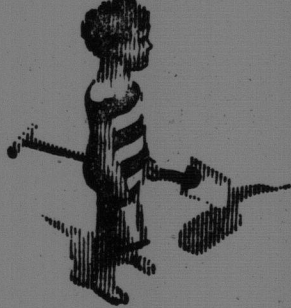


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