

THE STORY OF A PILE OF GOLD

Great Sum Once Held in Russian Treasury

How it Dwindled Under Changing Rule in Unhappy Country—Tale Told to Paris Newspaper.

London, Nov. 12.—(By Canadian Press)—The special correspondent of the Paris Times has written an interesting story about the golden hoard of Imperial Russia from the lips of M. Novitsky, ex-permanent secretary to the Czar's minister of finance.

It appears that in 1914 Russia held the biggest gold reserve in the world—100 millions sterling. To meet interest accounts the minister of finance sent to England, after war had broken out, about ten millions sterling. Part of this sum was lost at sea, several of the boats carrying it having been sunk by the Germans in the Baltic. This route was afterwards given up, and Russian gold was sent over the long road of the Trans-Siberian Railway. At Vladivostok Japanese cruisers took it to Vancouver, whence it was taken to New York and London.

The total of these exportations M. Novitsky values at sixty-eight millions sterling. Besides this a half million was sent to Stockholm just before the revolution. That left in Russia, allowing for increases from the output of Siberian mines—nine millions sterling—about 100 millions sterling. Part of it fell into the hands of M. Kerensky, by far the larger part was seized by the Bolsheviks.

The Bolsheviks had to pay to Germany by the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk 640 millions of gold rubles. This part of the Russian hoard was afterwards surrendered by Germany into the custody of France at the armistice, and now lies, or did lie, at the Banque de France. The remaining portion of the treasure held by the Soviets was increased by the capture of part of M. Kerensky's share. First stored by the Bolsheviks at Petrograd, it was transferred to Moscow, where it was split up into two parts, one going to Samara and the other to Kazan.

Koltchak now enters on the scene as the owner of this enormous treasure. He seized in the sack of Samara some 300,000 lbs of gold, roughly sixty-eight million sterling. He had a special train followed by his changing fortune wherever he went—to Samara, to Ufa, and after many adventures and vicissitudes, to Omsk. Koltchak sent fourteen million sterling to the Anglo-American syndicate at Hong Kong, via Vladivostok, to buy arms and munitions. On the way two millions sterling of this disappeared.

From this moment the hoard begins to melt quickly. When Koltchak fled from Omsk he had no more than forty-four million sterling. The gold train took fire, and the escort rushed among the burning carriages, breaking some of the cases with crowbars and loading their pockets, their blouses and their boots with the coins and ingots. Time pressed, and though Bolshevik cavalry was in full pursuit, Czech cavalry who already held Koltchak, approached to save the train, but though Bolsheviks were before them, and mowed down the looters with machine guns, millions of gold rubles were found to be missing. When the bodies of the "gold drunk" had been stripped and the broken cases counted hot search was made, and it is still being made, for the stolen rubles among Siberian peasants along the Trans-Siberian railway.

Such, says the Manchester Guardian's correspondent, are some of the adventures of the greatest amount of precious metal ever amassed in one place since written history began.

TO LEAD NEW YORK POLICE IN WAR ON DRUGS

Criminologist Made Special Deputy Commissioner to Direct Picked Force.

Dr. Carleton Simon, alienist and criminologist, has been appointed a Special Police Commissioner in charge of drug cases by Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright of New York. Dr. Simon, who for the last eighteen months has examined many cases for the Narcotic Drug Control Commission, will serve without pay. He said that it was planned to have a special force under him, although the number had not yet been determined.

Commissioner Enright in announcing the appointment declared that the drug evil had assumed alarming proportions since prohibition went into effect, and that drugs were to a great degree responsible for much of "the worry of the Police Department." He said that within the last few months many thousands of drug addicts from all parts of the country had gathered in New York City and that there were now 40,000 drug users here who have never registered as the State law requires. Of the habitual criminals 40 per cent are drug addicts, Commissioner Enright estimated.

"Dr. Simon has shown a marvellous knowledge and insight into the mentality and lives of these unfortunates," said the Police Commissioner. "Aside from this he has been working with the New York City Police Department for the last two years upon cases requiring criminological experience and I know that he is peculiarly constituted to fill this position as no other man in New York could fill it and that he is efficient, willing in his zeal and will prove a tremendous factor in our efforts to reduce crime."

Dr. Simon is 49 years old. He was born in this city and for twenty-six years has been a practicing physician here. He discovered the sleep centre in the brain for which he was made an honorary member of the French Psychological Society. He has been a medical and insanity expert in many criminal and civil cases, including the Garrabrant, Borts, Morrison, Glidensuppe and Molneux murder trials. George Francis Train on his death bed will send his brain to Dr. Simon. He has made extensive experiments on the effects of smoking cigarettes by children and criminals.

During the last few years, Dr. Simon conducted a number of investigations, of which the best known is that of Espy, a condemned murderer, who communicated by prearranged signals showing him to be conscious after he had been hanged. He is the authority of many medical books.

Dr. Simons said last night that the Police Department was determined to stop the illicit sale of drugs and thus force the 40,000 or more secret drug users to register, both for their own protection and for the protection of society.

"Since the advent of prohibition," he said, "the habit-forming drug evil has assumed greater proportions than ever before. High faculties of mind, reason and character are being destroyed, and the person becomes irresponsible for his acts. Habit-forming drugs have the power of destroying the mental freedom of the individual and of dimming his distinction between right and wrong. The person who, before prohibition, perverted his mental faculties by the use of liquor has turned to cocaine and other drugs. If the police can end the illicit traffic in drugs they will go far to eliminate one of the most frequent causes of crime."

THE GROWING DOLLAR

(Brocton, Mass., Times.)

The dollar grows larger every day, its purchasing power increases. There is no doubt about it now. Sugar has already come down. Abundant crops are having their desirable effect upon other food-stuffs. Clothing, hats, shoes, automobiles, all are cheaper. Freer freight movement and a decrease in labor unrest are helping in every section of the land. And there is no reason to fear that this sudden and widespread reduction in costs holds danger of business disaster. Price shrinkage, in reality, indicates nothing more nor less than the dollar's gain in purchasing power. Not wages, but what wages will buy, determines living standards. Dollars saved in the war years increase in buying power—in actual value—with every day, and dollars saved now will buy more five years hence if the present trend of business holds. Every dollar saved, of course, works not only for its owner, but also for the whole community, and for the business by which its owner lives. Thrift is more than good personal policy, intelligent selfishness. It is the soundest of national policies. When one considers that, after the Civil War, it was 1875 before prices reached their normal level again, the possible advantages of thrift might now become apparent. After all, work and economy are the foundation of well-being, whether one means the well-being of the state or of the individual.



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NEW YORK HOMES STIRRED BY A BOMB THREAT

Telephone Warning to Home of Elihu Root—Police Guard 5th Avenue Block.

The fashionable apartment house at 998 Fifth Avenue, on the northeast corner of Eighty-first Street, in which are the homes of George Vanderbilt, Elihu Root and fifteen other prominent families, was closely guarded by police and detectives of the East Eighty-eighth Street station the other night, says the New York Times, as the result of a bomb threat received by Miss Sara Lucia, the telephone operator.

Miss Lucia said the threat was spoken by a woman over the telephone, who asked if Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt were home. She was informed they were still at their country estate.

"Well, it's a good thing they are not home," the unidentified woman's voice replied. "When they come back they will have no home. We are going to blow up the building tonight." With that she hung up.

After trying vainly to trace the call Miss Lucia called A. C. Moberg, superintendent of the building, who immediately got into touch with Police Headquarters. A few minutes later Detectives Harry Sommers and Al Thomas and a squad of patrolmen from the East Eighty-eighth Street Station reached the apartment house.

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BLAMING THE OTHER FELLOW

(New York Evening Post.)

Retailers and jobbers continue to call one another names. The jobbers appear to have started it, and the retailers are retorting with "You're another." For several weeks jobbers have been complaining vociferously over returns and cancellations, and they have followed this up with sharp criticisms of the retailers for holding out against a falling market and thereby causing the slump in fall buying. For a time the retailers remained silent under this tongue lashing, but now the worm has turned. If some of their number have violated their contracts, they say, it is no more than the jobbers were doing during the period of rising prices. They charge that in past months manufacturers and jobbers frequently broke their part of the contract by refusing to fill orders when prices rose and selling goods at the advanced quotation to other dealers. They also accuse the manufacturers and jobbers of having circulated untrue reports concerning unproductive and scarcity, and allege that it was their reliance on these stories that caused them to stock up with the expensive goods that are now proving a source of embarrassment.

The unstable conditions of the last few weeks have put both sides in a bad humor, and each is seeking to saddle the troubles on the other.

She Let The Cat Out.

Little Eleanor gazed long and thoughtfully at the young man who was calling on her grown-up sister, Kate.

"May I climb up on your knee, Mr. Greene?"

"Yes, of course, dear!" smiled the young man who wanted to make a hit with the family. "Want to pull my hair—eh?"

"No, I want to see if I can find that word."

"Word? What word?" asked the puzzled visitor.

"I heard our Kate say this morning that if ever a man had the word 'idiot' written all over his face, it was you."

the station and instructed each one to be especially alert during the night.

The apartment house is ten stories high and occupies three-quarters of the block. The Superintendent declined to give the names of all the tenants and would not say whether they had been told of the threat.

Advertisement for Birks watches featuring an image of a watch and the text "On cloudy days" and "Guaranteed of Course".

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