

YEARS NEEDED TO RESTORE RAILWAYS THROUGH RUSSIA

Washington Official Report Says Complete Economic Reconstruction Is Only Hope.

Washington, April 24.—There is no apparent improvement in the transportation situation in Russia. Latest reports received by Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, are to the effect that the breakdown which became apparent when American relief supplies piled up in Russian ports last winter is still the most serious factor in the Russian problem.

Mr. Hoover, as chairman of the Relief Administration, yesterday received a report from the A. Wilkinson, who has just returned from a survey made for the relief administration, in which it was declared that the only hope for Russia lies in complete economic reconstruction. According to this report, the transportation system is being utilized to its limit in carrying food supplies, and, with the result that all the supplies furnished can probably be utilized before the autumn harvest. It is pointed out, however, that it may be years before normal conditions will return.

TAXES SO HIGH RUSSIANS ARE FORCED TO SECRET TRADE

By Edwin W. Mullinger.
Moscow, (by mail).—A back-door commerce, carried on through the back doors of private houses, has begun to flourish in Moscow on account of the crushing heavy overhead costs, taxes, rent, license fees, etc., connected with legitimate stores, with conventional front doors and official show windows.

Already this official kind of trade has reached such proportions that in some instances it successfully competes with the regular stores. Some of the "back-door" establishments have larger and finer stocks, accumulated by combing the markets, than the front-window stores.

The choicest millinery shop in Moscow, many art and antique stores, and the best drug stores are of this character.

They do not advertise, of course. Their trade comes by the friend-quietly-tell-friend route. But in Moscow, probably the greatest whispering-about-city in the world, this method is effective.

In company with Russian friends, I have visited four or five of these stores.

To reach the millinery shop, we left our sleigh in the courtyard of an immense white house which must have been the residence of a former nobleman. We turned into a tiny door, into a dark passage. My guide led me up two flights and down two more. We literally fell into a lighted, narrow corridor. We entered a room. The milliner herself opened the door. The general impression of the store was that of a family store in a middle-class western home in the United States.

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STRIKERS CONTINUE TO OCCUPY HOUSES OWNED BY COAL BARONS



Typical West Virginia mining settlement where miners still live in company houses.

Lloyd George Has His Back To The Wall At Genoa

British Premier Has Failed to Charm Tchitcherine, Soviet Delegate.

Genoa, April 20.—For the first time at any conference, Lloyd George has his back to the wall and is fighting. He came to Genoa with a double project; one of getting Russia back into the European family, in the interests of British business, and two, his non-aggression pact. The second could not be presented until the former was accomplished, and the event then required the most delicate handling in the air and chances are it may stay there.

As a matter of fact, the first week of the Genoa conference has resulted in absolutely nothing so far as the Allies are concerned. Lloyd George has failed to charm Tchitcherine as he has done everyone else, and the Russian delegation has calmly informed the conference that it might mark time. Then Lloyd George attempted similar action in refusing to have Commission No. 1 called to order before the Russian delegation.

Those who believe in the restoration of Russia as necessary for Europe's welfare, but who do not agree with the French attitude at the conference and contend that Premier Poincaré's direction by long distance telephone is exceedingly harmful to the process of the gathering.

There is also some sentiment in these quarters that France has chosen the "isolation" and "cooperation," and that if she chooses the former course it will be her own fault. It is significant that that portion of all questions, are beginning to be asked, are beginning to be asked, are beginning to be asked.

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TROTSKY DENOUNCES "CAPITALIST FRANCE"

Says Refusal to Discuss Disarmament Shows Policy to be Weak.

Genoa, April 20.—Leon Trotsky, as Soviet Commissar for War, has issued the following order to the Red army and navy:

"In the Genoa conference representatives of Russia's workers and peasants are negotiating with the bourgeois States for the establishment of peaceful relations, particularly through regular trading relations."

"The question of disarmament, raised by Foreign Commissar Tchitcherine, has been declared out of order. Tchitcherine's proposal means that we sincerely want peace, if those attacking us will disarm. Capitalist France's refusal to discuss the proposal shows that the capitalist countries, and primarily triumphant France, desires to keep a powerful weapon for the suppression of the weak and unarmed nations. We desire that the nations of Europe will force the militant bourgeois rulers to heed demands for peace."

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Opinion In Ireland Turning Against Secession Forces

Seizure of Buildings Prevents Courts Functioning in Name of Provisional Government.

London, April 19.—It is reported that public opinion in Ireland is becoming increasingly irritated at the secessionists' threatening attitude.

This is a strong factor in favor of the Provisional Government and the Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, and it strengthens the hopes that the resumed conference on Wednesday may achieve an agreement between Arthur Griffith, Mr. Collins and Eamon de Valera, which would leave clear the issue between the Dail Eireann leaders and the supporters of a military dictatorship.

Meanwhile the seizure of Four Courts has completely prevented the functioning of the courts in the name of the Provisional Government and the South and West of Ireland are wholly dependent on Republican courts, this being no doubt part of the object of the secessionists in seizing the buildings.

The Four Courts are being increasingly strongly barricaded and Kilmaham Gao is also capable of easy defense.

The Provisional Government gives no indication of its ultimate policy, but appears determined to exercise a very minimum of force in meeting the provocations of the secessionists, and is equally determined not to call upon the secessionists for assistance.

On their side the secessionists are reported to be cocksure, but there is reason to believe that their equipment is inferior to that of the government forces.

Mr. de Valera's Easter manifesto to the Irish people is as indefinite as it is rhetorical, and it does not clear up the question of his connection with the Provisional Government.

Mr. O'Connor, commander of the secessionist forces. It does not, however, indicate any extreme anxiety on his part seriously to consummate peace, the possibilities of which he and Mr. Griffith and others were exploring in the conference on Thursday.

Reports from Ireland indicate that Mr. Griffith held his Slipe meeting without any untoward happenings, although it had been proclaimed by the Republican secessionists. In Dublin Mr. O'Connor's activities included the seizure of Kilmaham Gao, where Parnell and other Irish leaders in the past had been imprisoned, and a march through Dublin by the secessionist troops supported by a procession of girls and boys.

Another Woman To Stand Trial On Murder Charge

Makes the Third Case of Kind to be Before New York Courts Recently.

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It is the case of Mrs. Lillian Ratner, who shot Dr. Abraham Glickstein, Brooklyn physician, to death in his office last December. It follows closely on the heels of the trial of Miss Olivia M. F. Stone graduate nurse, who recently was acquitted of a charge of murdering Ellis G. Kinkaid, former corporation counsel of Cincinnati, in Brooklyn last fall.

Indeed, the cases have points of similarity. In both cases, the defendants have told a tale of betrayal at the hand of the man they killed. In both cases of insanity was made or indicated. In both cases a triangle existed.

A call mate of Miss Stone's in the Raymond street jail, Mrs. Ratner followed closely every move in the Kinkaid case, and at night the two women would sit up late chatting over details of the trial.

Another point at which the cases cross was made shortly after the acquittal of Miss Stone, when Mrs. Anna Glickstein, physician's widow, pleaded to her death from a window in her home.

"Any woman can commit murder now," Mrs. Glickstein said before she killed herself.

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