

RUSSIA ALLOWS FEW IMPORTS EXCEPT FRENCH FACE POWDER DEMANDED BY MOSCOW WOMEN

Home Made Rouge and Soap Are Used—Merchandise Supply Is Inadequate For All Buyers—City Is More Nearly Normal Than Leningrad

Living conditions in Moscow are far more normal than in Leningrad, according to Mrs. R. F. McWilliams of Winnipeg, who in the following article describes the first month she spent in the city. She speaks of the surprise with which Moscow received reports from the outside world of a counter-revolution against the Soviet regime.

By MRS. R. F. McWILLIAMS
Moscow, August 20.—Certainly Moscow is different from Leningrad, but like everything else we have yet met in Russia, different in another way than we had been led to expect.

To begin with, where Leningrad was as in a dream, Moscow was pulsing with life. People on the street moved alertly as though they were intent upon the business in hand. Moreover they were a somewhat different looking people in that there were not nearly so many of the heavy peasant type. Nor is one so conscious of the gaps between different elements of the population.

Here also is much greater prosperity than in Leningrad. Though the larger number of men still wear blouses, we begin to see that it is in some degree because the blouse is the fashion, or perhaps, because it is safer, being the insignia of the proletariat. Lawyers, for instance wear the blouse when they go into court.

But there are blouses and blouses. In Leningrad they were mostly of dark grey or blue or brown and of a rather coarse cotton material. Here many are of white duck, or a wonderful heavy linen, and I have even seen those of silk. Moreover they are well cut and in some cases embroidered, and we were told that the embroidered blouse is the latest extravagance of the more successful Moscow man.

Many Nattily Attired
Many men also dress precisely as men in the same relative positions would dress in London, or Toronto, and I have even observed that the trousers are kept freshly pressed, and that occasionally ties and handkerchiefs match. Though the same unshaven appearance is general, the men here are, with that exception, well groomed, this applying pretty generally to all grades of prosperity except the actual beggars of whom there are hundreds, and the vagrant children who are the saddest sight in all Russia.

Quite as much as the men, the women here are well dressed, though on the whole the dress is relatively simpler than at home. In the bank to which we went to-day, the women clerks and cashiers wore on the whole dressed just about as such business women would be in Canada. On the day I visited the hairdressers I found that five men were being kept overly busy shampooing and marcelling with three women did manures. We begin also to see jewelry which was quite absent in Leningrad.

Everywhere, too in this city are signs of reconstruction. Buildings are being done over or built new. Roads are being repaired. So also, to our surprise, are churches. In the case of those churches which have been declared museums, the restoration is being done by the government, and in other cases the money is being supplied by the adherents of those churches, for there are still many people going to church in Russia.

Not Enough Merchandise
Perhaps in nothing must one change one's preconceived notions of Russia more than in the matter of cleanliness. We had expected scarcely to be able to walk the streets without discomfort. As a matter of fact Moscow streets are clean and well kept. The electric cars are clean and there is a very up to the moment bus service out to the suburbs. The same observations apply to the hotels, the

which had been commended by the Russian representatives in Canada. There were most cordially received and given permission to inspect whatever we wished in the city.

So far as we were able to judge very carefully, there was not the least attempt to shepherd us or watch us. Not once was it suggested to us that something else was preferable to the thing we asked to see. Not once was any regret shown that we did not follow out suggestions which we very frequently did not. Only once were we made to keep off the sidewalk in front of a building. This was done by a non-military guard who seemed to get quite excited. After quite a little searching of maps and giving of descriptions, it was discovered that we had been in front of the building in which are the crown jewels of Russia. Yes, they are still there. We did not see them, but we talked to people who had seen them within the last ten days.

In the end we were forced to believe that the young Russian was right who said to us, "you can say and do anything you like in this country, but one thing. You must not criticize the government." As we have never thought it wise or tactful to criticize the government of any country we were visiting—not at any rate until we were out of the country—we did not discover what might happen to one in Russia who did undertake to criticize.

Don't Know If Mail Censored
One thing we shall not discover until we reach Canada. Before we went into Russia we were told no letters or postcards would come out. Our Finnish friends were sure that no card mailed to them would arrive because of a misleading and malicious nature in the mail boxes. And these had been ordered by a prominent Ku Klux Klan official in London, and distributed from the London Liberal headquarters.

He also charges that whispers had been spread around that he was a prominent official in the Klan himself, and concludes his statement by saying: "It may have been a wonderful achievement to marshal the forces of the Knights of Columbus and the Ku Klux Klan behind the Grit candidate, but the word 'clean' is hardly applicable to the process."

Neither here nor in Leningrad have we been able to see any sign of the

revolution reported just as we entered Russia. Soldiers there are in plenty but they never seem to be armed, nor to be conducting themselves in any fashion which would describe as military. Much amusement was caused among the English and Americans staying in our hotel by the arrival yesterday of a London newspaper which had it in maps showing the routes by which the troops were marching from Leningrad and Moscow, to put down the insurrection in the south. Everyone agrees that they have not seen a sign of the movement of troops and that they have been assured on all sides that there is no revolution in Russia at the moment.

Certain it is that no one who wants to see Russia need stay at home for the difficulties of travel or for lack of good hotels. And one may travel if he is willing to follow the Russian rules of eating, for about the same sum as one requires for travel in Canada.

SUTHERLAND BLAMES K.K.K.
Tory Candidate Charges Misleading Literature Distributed
Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 20.—Hon. Donald Sutherland, the defeated Conservative candidate in South Oxford, has issued a statement in which he strongly condemned alleged tactics of the Liberals in the riding in the federal election. He asserts that the Ku Klux Klan and the Knights of Columbus had combined to defeat him, and charges that on the eve of the election a fleet of cars from London had gone over the riding, and placed election cards of a misleading and malicious nature in the mail boxes. And these had been ordered by a prominent Ku Klux Klan official in London, and distributed from the London Liberal headquarters.

KIWANIS CLUB WARNED AGAINST "AGITATORS"

International Trustee Says U.S. People Are Misled by Propaganda

Expression of warning to beware of the "agitator" on both sides of the border, was made by Michael A. Gorman, of Michigan, international trustee of the Kiwanis Club, in addressing the convention of the Ontario-Quebec district clubs at the dinner at the King Edward hotel last night.

Nearly 600 delegates from all parts of Ontario and Quebec took part in the day's proceedings, at which the Toronto Riverdale Club were hosts. At the conclusion of the dinner the "Governor's Ball" was held in the Crystal ballroom.

Mr. Gorman declared that the United States would have been in the League of Nations to-day if, immediately after the close of the war, a vote of the American people had been taken on the question. He said that political agitators had by spreading propaganda, misled the people into an attitude of suspicion and aloofness in regard to the league.

Past District Governor Blake Halliday declared that there was a very serious misunderstanding of the British Empire among the people of the United States. The trouble was due, he suggested, to faulty histories of the American revolution. Canada, he declared, would always remain an integral part of the empire. He declared that a Kiwanis mission was to interpret the real status of Canada's place in this "League of Nations."

Presentation was made by District Lieutenant-Governor Cockburn of a silver tea service, and a basket of flowers to Governor and Mrs. J. S. Higman, of Ottawa, as a token of appreciation on the part of the delegates. It was announced that at the close of the "Theatre and Stunts" at Ford's Hall this evening a dance would be held in the Blue Room at Sunnyside, beginning at 11:30.

JUVENILE COURT DESCRIBED
Under the auspices of the Donlands United Church Young People's League a meeting was held last evening when R. G. Hoeking of the juvenile court gave an interesting address on the subject of "Delinquent Children."

OBITUARY

W. G. H. Ewing Dead
William George Henry Ewing, who died Sunday night at his home, 211 Shaw street, was one of the best known yachting enthusiasts of Ontario, being a former commodore of the Queen City Yacht Club, of which he was one of the pioneer members. For several years he has been a member of the council of the Lake Racing Association. Deceased, who was in his 58th year, was born in St. Catharines, son of a veteran of the Fenian Raid. When but five years of age the family moved to Toronto. For a quarter of a century he resided in Shaw street. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Violet, and one brother, Richard, residing at 22 Acet Mitchell, Bellwoods avenue, Mrs. Charles Moir, Sellers avenue, and Mrs. Alfred Saunders, Wychwood avenue. His yacht, The Viking, a thirty-six foot sloop-rigged cruising yacht, is well known on the lakes, having been sailed by Mr. Ewing since 1916.

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ANNOUNCE ROYAL ROMANCE

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Brussels, Sept. 21. (U.P.)—Betrothal of Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium and Princess Astrid, niece of the king of Sweden, was officially announced to-day.

VERY FEW R. R. ACCIDENTS
Ottawa, Sept. 20. — For each billion miles traveled by passengers on Canadian railways in 1925, 17 passengers were killed and 128.5 passengers were injured. This statement, illustrative of the safety of travel on Canadian railways, is contained in the summary report on steam railways just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

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