

SECRET PRESS IN RUSSIA

Men and Women Striving for Freedom of Speech

LAND AND LIBERTY

Secretly Conducted Press in the World—Workers are in Fact Prisoners—Mystery and Involuntary Secrecy Govern the Whole Working of the Affairs.

It is now eight and twenty years since a Jewish conspirator Aaron undelevic by name, a native of Vilna in Lithuania, came forward and assured the organization to which he belonged that if they could find the means he would find the press, and would, moreover, set up in St. Petersburg. A sum of money was provided, and from broad Aaron smuggled into St. Petersburg all the necessary plant. Then a set to work to learn the compositor's art (just as, in the first days of the Propaganda, young nobles taught themselves a trade in order to go down "among the people"), and in 1877 the first "free" printing office worthy of the name was established in the heart and center of spydom.

This clandestine press is clandestine in everything. It is the most secretly conducted press in the world. There is no editorial office, with an editor in a snug inner chamber, receiving the visits of contributors, discussing the articles for the next issue. A mystery and inviolate secrecy govern the whole working of the affair. The editor himself may, or may not, know the persons who are responsible for the mechanical production of the paper; he seldom, however, knows the place at which it is reduced. A confidential messenger comes to a given spot on a given day to receive manuscripts from the editor's hand; he comes again to deliver the proofs, and the rendezvous is never twice the same. The contributors are known probably to some extent the editor. In a word, recantations, the most minute and extraordinary, must be observed if the secret press is successfully to baffle the everlasting efforts of the police to unmask it.

Stepniak tells us that during the time he was one of the editors of Land and Liberty he was taken once, and once only, to the printing office. An important piece of news had been inserted in the number that was about to be issued, and he made his way to the office in one of the central streets of the city. The Chief of Police had declared that this office could not possibly be in St. Petersburg, "because otherwise he would have discovered it." Stepniak found the people of the office, and the women who helped them, and managed for them, living in almost absolute durance.

In five rooms, including a little kitchen, four conspirators were installed; two men and two women. Maria Kriloff, who passed as mistress of the house, a woman of about 55, had devoted her life to the cause; she had been transported to Siberia and had escaped.

These four brought out the Narodnaia Volia, which the head of the police declared could not be produced in St. Petersburg.

The dvornik had to be hoodwinked from day to day.

Maria Kriloff went upon the bold plan of sending for him at any and every hour, and conducting him through all the five rooms, under the pretense of hunting for a troublesome rat. They learned in this way how to dispose of the plant at from five to ten minutes' notice. At night, behind a double curtain of canvas, sealed across the window, the type was set. In the strangling monotony of this existence, the workers tasted only one excitement, but that was a lull and an hourly one, the likelihood of discovery and arrest. So very present was this danger that it passed into a joke, and the ladies used to speculate at their meager evening meal whether they would be changed or transported to Siberia.

The expected happened at last at the office of the Narodnaia Volia. One night the police came down on it. What they had reckoned on as easy seizure transformed itself into a four hours' siege and battle. Maria Kriloff drew on the gendarmes with her revolver, and to a challenge of this sort the response is always prompt and merciless in St. Petersburg. The office was riddled with bullets, but for four hours the conspirators kept their stand. The survivor was "The Bird," who blew his brains out when the game was up. He has transmitted no name to posterity; he is among the Russian terrorists who have elected to be nothing but a memory. But while there are such to choose from the clandestine press is inviolate.—St. Louis Republic.

Richest of the Aborigines.

Though the American Indian is dying out, what is left of the race manages to be comfortable. The Osages of Oklahoma are among the richest people in the world. The average bank deposit of every member of the tribe is \$4,644 bringing in 5 per cent. per annum, while the land owned by each family is worth \$11,500. The total red population of North America now amounts to some 400,000, of whom about 100,000 are in Canada and 30,000 in Alaska. During the last twenty years the United States Government has purchased from the Indians more than 6,000 square miles of land for which it has paid over \$300,000,000.

NOT A MILITARY COUNTRY.

Uncle Sam's Officers Prefer the Plain Citizens' Dress.

Although a great many of the 4,000 commissioned officers of the United States army are stationed at ten or twelve forts, posts and arsenals in and about this city, and scores of officers from neighboring parts of the Department of the East from time to time visit the headquarters on Governors Island, an army officer in uniform is a rare sight in town, says the New York Sun.

Within the enclosure of any of the forts you will see plenty of gold lace when officers are on duty, but the moment an officer makes ready to leave the reservation for any ordinary errand not actually requiring uniform he dons citizens' clothes. Even down at the big and externally gloomy Army Building citizens' dress is the rule and uniforms are the exception.

What is true of the army is equally true of the navy. You often see Jack ashore in his comfortable blouse and wide trousers, for the regulations require him to travel thus attired. But of the several hundred naval officers almost always in this port one rarely shows himself in uniform to the everyday citizen.

Dozens of naval officers dine nightly with friends ashore at private houses or at public resorts but they are never suspected for what they really are, so studiously do they conform to the fashions of civilian dress.

Alone, walking the streets, or riding with private citizens in a public vehicle, he is the object of a curiosity that is pretty sure to make him uncomfortable. The vain youngster who by accident is tempted to appear alone in uniform with the hope of tasting notoriety is unlikely to repeat the experiment, and it is the unwritten etiquette of mess and ward-room never unnecessarily to wear uniform in public.

Municipal Child Rearing.

The town of Huddersfield, England, which stands in the front rank of the cities that have adopted the plan of public utilities owned and controlled by the municipal authorities, has recently taken a further step, and provided for child rearing under official direction. Realizing that a large part of the death rate among the poor was of infants under one year of age, owing to insufficient or untimely care and nourishment, the Mayor of the city offered a bonus of \$4 to every child born in one of the districts that should attain the age of twelve months. This offer, which is to hold good during the term of the present incumbent's mayoralty, led the local health authorities to consider whether steps could not be taken toward saving the lives of infants.

Accordingly they decided to offer a reward of one shilling to the first person who should inform the medical officer of the birth of a child within forty-eight hours of its occurrence. The mother is then to be visited by physicians and women health visitors, who will instruct her as to the best methods of feeding, washing and clothing the child, while, in addition, detailed instructions are to be prepared and printed for general distribution.

The health visitors will also examine the homes of the mothers and factories and other places where women are employed, and cases where deaths of children under one year have occurred will be investigated. Furthermore, a year's experiment will be undertaken with a day nursery where children will be cared for, and sterilized milk will be supplied for the babies. Huddersfield is a manufacturing town, and the authorities consider that its present strength can best be preserved through maintaining its native labor. They therefore believe that if the infant mortality is reduced to a minimum a large majority of the children would grow to manhood and womanhood. The experiment is interesting.—Harper's Weekly.

The Desired Answer.

The boy's father has two hobbies, brevity and politeness. "If you pass your mid-year's telegraph me the word, 'Yes.'" "If you don't pass, wire 'No.'" "I'll know enough then," said the father. But he forgot his own instructions, so when the son passed and telegraphed home "Yes," the father puzzled a while and finally replied, "Yes, what?" At midnight he was called out of bed to get this answer, "Yes, Sir!"

No Need to Wait.

He—Upon my word, you grow prettier every day.
She—Just now I am living on brown bread and water to improve my complexion.
He—How long can you keep that up?
She—Oh! indefinitely.
He—Then let's get married.—Tit-Bits.

Osterized, Not Ossified.

"My dear, I never could stand that slow butler of yours. And he is so thin he makes me think of the ossified man at the circus."
"Oh, that is not the trouble with him. He is a clever fellow with a scientific mind, but since his fortieth birthday, recently, he has been Osterized."

Getting Her Own Back.

Husband (time 1 A.M.)—I shay, m'dear, I (hie) didn't 'spect to 'f you (hie) sittin' up for me.
Wife (calmly)—Oh! that's all right, old boy. I only got in myself about five minutes ago.—Pick-Me-Up.

A NEW ANAESTHETIC.

It Lasts Ninety Minutes and Produces Numbness Only.

"Chlorhydrate of Dimethylamino benzoylpentanol." Such is the awe inspiring title of the latest anaesthetic. In order not to unduly alarm his patients, Dr. Fourneau, its French discoverer, has renamed it "Stovaline."

It is injected into the spinal fluid, and within five minutes produces complete anaesthesia in the body below the point of injection. The patient, however, does not lose consciousness. Its effects last for an hour and a half, and no unpleasant results have yet been observed, though it has been tried for some time in more than one Paris hospital.

English doctors are reluctant to experiment with it. "Once you have injected your 'Stovaline' into the spine," said a prominent F. R. C. S. yesterday, "you have no more control over it, but with gaseous anaesthetic it is possible to stop the administration before the danger point is reached. As the quantity needed of any anaesthetic varies with the individual patient, the importance of this control may be easily realized."

"In addition, there is always a danger of septic poisoning in hypodermic injections, and in this form of injection—into the spinal fluid—the consequences would be most dangerous."—London Mail.

Building up a Flock of Fowls.

Begin by killing every rooster on the place. Then decide upon some breed which will best meet the requirements and purchase from a reliable breeder roosters of this breed getting one cock for every fifteen or twenty hens in the flock. Then buy a setting of eggs of this breed, being careful however to see that these are unrelated to the roosters purchased. Set these eggs under a good mother hen and at the end of a year kill or sell off all the original roosters, replacing them with those resulting from the setting of eggs. At the end of the second year kill or sell the males and repeat the operation each year, never keeping them more than one year and never buying a rooster related to the hens.

Do not forget to kill or dispose of the pullets hatched from the setting of purebred eggs, as they are of course related to the roosters of the same hatch and their retention would defeat the end sought. As rapidly as possible kill or sell off all the original scrub hens and thereafter always dispose of the older members of the flock.

Value of an Education.

The value of a thorough education fitting a young man for his life work is no longer a debatable question. The recent report of the United States Bureau of Education shows that a boy with a common school education has practically one chance in 9,000 of general recognition as a successful man in some department of human endeavor and usefulness. A high school education increases his chances of such success by about twenty-two times, while a college education gives a young man about ten times the probability of success and advancement possessed by the high school graduate, or about two hundred times the opportunity open to a boy with only a common school education.—Scientific American.

Sport in the Alps.

Switzerland is far from being the sportsman's paradise that it once was, but the best of what is left can undoubtedly be procured in the Grisons. There were issued in the canton last year 2,293 shooting licenses, and among the game bagged were 1,178 chamois, 172 buck, 29 stags, 1,887 moorfowl, 110 vultures, 3,561 hares and 4,634 rabbits.

Shotgun For Left Eyed Persons.

A shotgun recently manufactured by a Connecticut firm was a special order for a man who uses his left eye to aim with, the right being sightless. The stock and lower frame of the gun were twisted so that he may shoot without discomfort. The gun is the third made for this man in the last twenty-five years.—Exchange.

At the Hub.

A New Yorker was visiting in Boston. Seeing a parrot in a cage, he asked:
"Does Polly want a cracker?"
"I require no sustenance from you whatever," replied the Back Bay bird, with hauteur.—Yonkers Statesman.

Keep Cheese Covered.

Always keep cheese well covered in a cheese dish, or it will become dry and tasteless. If the cheese is wrapped in a cloth moistened with vinegar it will keep beautifully moist and retain its flavor longer.

Cleaning White Enamel.

Wash it occasionally with warm water and white castile soap, dry it and apply a little whiting with a flannel cloth, slightly dampened. When dry, wipe off the whiting and polish with a soft cloth or chamois.

Throw Him Over.

Gertrude—What are you giving Hortense for a wedding present?
Babette—Why, er—I'm giving her the groom.—Detroit Free Press.

Mother.

Photographs of Mother never have been idle when they were taken natural, because she seems to ken.—Aitchison Globe.

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Their Disposition to Live Near the Coast Line.

In the Philippines the density of population is sixty-seven to the square mile in the United States it is twenty-six to the square mile. The inhabitants of the Philippines are usually found on or near the coast, except in the Island of Luzon, where about half the people live in the two rich valleys in the interior. Only one-seventh of the civilized population live inland, but the wild people are confined almost entirely to the interior.

In the archipelago there are 13,400 barrios or villages, with the average population of 500 inhabitants. The average size of the barrio varies widely in different provinces. A number of adjacent barrios form a pueblo, or municipal unit, and thus there is practically no rural population. Three-fifths of the population live in villages of less than 1,000 inhabitants and 4 per cent. in towns of over 5,000.

There are four towns with a population exceeding 10,000 each and thirty-five with a population exceeding 5,000. Manila is the only incorporated city in the islands and its inhabitants number 219,928.

The Submarine Telephone.

Great things are expected from the submarine telephone by officers of the United States navy. The principles underlying it are very different from those of wireless telegraphy. In the latter the telegraphic impulses are transmitted through the air or ether by electricity. In the submarine telephone sound waves travel through water unaided by any electrical force. Water, being denser than air, acts as a better sound conductor. It transmits sound four and a half times as fast as air, 1,100 feet a second being the rate in the atmosphere, while in the water it is 4,712 feet, or almost a mile a second.

Sweet Skim Milk for Calves.

The experience in the use of sweet skim milk from the cream separator, for feeding calves and pigs, is uniformly favorable. A farmer writes that he has been using it fresh from the separator for over three years both in feeding calves and pigs and has found it most excellent. For calves he mixes a little meal and middlings with the milk, and for pigs increases the meal somewhat, and says that both grow rapidly on such feeding. He warns against feeding milk that has soured in the least and himself feeds it sweet from the separator.

\$25,000,000 a Year for Gambling.

In a little volume of essays entitled "Betting and Gambling," recently published, some striking facts are given showing the rapid spread of gambling among all classes of the community. For instance, in five and a half years eighty cases of suicide, 32 embezzlements and 191 bankruptcies appeared on the records of the courts as directly due to professional betting, while Sir Robert Giffen estimates that \$25,000,000 goes into the pockets of the bookmakers every year.—New York World.

A New Strawberry Box.

John Koopman, a strawberry grower of two miles west of Carthage, has received 10,000 paraffined pasteboard strawberry boxes, which he will use for his crop this year instead of the usual wooden boxes. It is claimed they are cheaper, tougher and will not absorb the stain from bruised berries. They thus look neater than the ordinary boxes and are just as slightly when used the second time as when first used.—Kansas City Journal.

Just Plain Jones.

"Digging for gold, are you?" said the stranger.
"That's what I am."
"Any hopes of finding any?"
"Ef they wuzn't d'ye think I'd be fool enough to keep diggin'?"
"You're smart, ain't you?"
"No; I'm Jones—plain Jones!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Prudence.

Dick Tate—Miss Short—Isabel—you have been in my office for two years now, and I have learned to love you better every day. Will you be my wife?
Isabel Short—Oh! Mr. Tate, is it fair to ask me to give up a steady position for an uncertainty?—Brooklyn Life.

Unpardonable.

Mrs. Flip: "That new neighbor is a fearfully slipshod housekeeper."
Mr. Flip: "How do you know?"
Mrs. Flip: "Why every single time I send over there to borrow something she's always out of it!"—Detroit Free Press.

Substitute for Cream.

When unable to procure fresh cream to serve with fruit, beat the yolks of two new laid eggs and strain them into a pint of new milk, with two small lumps of sugar. Put it on the stove and stir one way until it becomes as thick as cream. Remove it instantly and cease stirring or it will turn to a custard.

Some Strange Wills.

There is a story of an American murderer who left \$250 by his will to his executioner. This tale is now matched by one from Paris. A wine merchant of that city gave to face with financial ruin planned suicide, but first set aside a dozen bottles of wine for the undertaker.

BAD! BAD!! BAD!!!

Bad blood comes from bad digestion—bad stomach, bad liver, bad kidneys—attended with bad, foul breath, coated tongue, bad taste, bad headaches, bad appetites and kindred symptoms. Bad as these are, and serious as are the diseases to which they lead, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery comes to the relief and cure of all these by regulating and invigorating STOMACH, LIVER, BOWELS and KIDNEYS, and putting all these organs in good order.

"Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, opium or other harmful drugs; neither does it contain sugar or syrup, which are injurious to some stomachs. Without any of these it retains its pleasant taste and marvelous healing qualities in the most trying climate. Don't let a selfish medicine seller cheat you out of your health by giving you a substitute. He's only looking out for a larger profit, not for your good. Shun him. Honest, unselfish dealers recommend the "Golden Medical Discovery."

"That your remedies are not for the few, but for the many is evident. For I personally know of many scores of persons in this city who have been restored to health and strength by your medicines," thus writes Henry Landshaft, Esq., Alderman in 17th Ward, Buffalo, N. Y., of 129 Jefferson street. "I know that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is most valuable in cases of derangement of the liver, having taken the medicine some two years ago when I had a bad attack of liver trouble, and I never used a medicine before that did me so much good. I have known Dr. Pierce for twenty-six years, and do not wonder at his success, for he is a physician and man of sterling qualities, is possessed of extraordinary skill, and he is in his Sanitarium a corps of specialists who are chosen because of their unusual knowledge and professional skill. If suffering from any obstinate, lingering ailment, write to Dr. Pierce for a free of charge, sound medical advice. He has the counsel and assistance of a large staff of expert specialists."

Goes August Predictions

Coles for August says: "The outlook for August is not at all encouraging. For the first time in many months the 'high flood' and 'low ebb' vital forces of all human, animal and vegetable life will be on a balance and it will take thoughtful, steady action on the part of us all to stay off the many disturbances which will occur, as the life forces will be on the verge of collapse and the planets are in position to encourage evil thoughts and doings."

Earth is opposed by Leo, the Lion, the king of the Low Ebb forces, who will cause epidemics, drought, destructive vegetable microbes, etc., to afflict the earth. Business men must stand firm and not "crowd" each other in order to avoid a panic. There will be many sudden deaths this month and all those in poor health should not exert themselves on the following "low ebb" days: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 13th, 14th, 24th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th.

A partial eclipse of the moon will occur August 14—15 invisible in this country. There will also be a total eclipse of the sun August 30th, visible in the eastern half of the United States. Mark the disastrous storms, riots and unexpected disturbances that will follow in the shadows of the eclipse.

Strange weather will predominate during the whole month. The battle between the heat and cold elements will continue as gaseous matter now passing over the sun is increasing and if a break does not occur and cause severe electrical storms, then a drought will be sure to follow. See "Storms and Signs" calendar. The last part of the month Venus, Earth and Mercury will combine their forces with Vulcan and the probabilities are that we may witness some severe storms both on land and sea. There will be many fine days to enjoy and a number of beautiful sunset scenes to witness as the sun shining through the gaseous matter passing over it, will give it a very red glare and its reflection will increase the brilliancy of the moon.

R. F. D. Holidays.

The postmaster general has issued an order that hereafter no mail will be served on the rural free delivery routes on the following holidays: Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Washington's birthday and Memorial Day.

RAILROAD NOTES

Special Excursions and Reduced Rates.—Of Interest to our Many Readers.

ASBURY PARK BOOKLET. Descriptive publication issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has just issued an attractive booklet descriptive of Asbury Park. The publication is designed to present the attractions and claims of Asbury Park as a summer seaside resort.

Persons desiring information concerning this popular resort may obtain a copy of the booklet by enclosing two cents in postage stamps to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia, Pa. 2t

REDUCED RATES TO DENVER, Colorado Springs or Pueblo, via Pennsylvania Railroad, on account of the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, on August 14 to 24, the meeting of the American Osteopathic Association on August 15 to 19, and the meeting of the National Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents on August 16 to 18, at Denver, Col., the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round trip tickets from all points on its line to Denver, Colorado Springs, or Pueblo, August 11, 12, and 13, good returning to reach original starting point not later than August 28, at greatly reduced rates. For specific information concerning extension of final limit, routes, rates, and stop-over privileges, consult nearest ticket agent. 1t

REDUCED RATES TO THE SEASHORE. Annual low-rate excursions to Atlantic City, etc., via Pennsylvania Railroad. The next Pennsylvania Railroad low-rate ten-day excursion for the present season from Sunbury and principal intermediate stations (including stations on branch roads), to Atlantic City, Cape May, Wildwood, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Anglesea, or Holly Beach, will be run on Thursday, August 10.

Excursion tickets, good to return by regular trains within ten days, will be sold at a very low rate. Tickets to Atlantic City will be sold via the Delaware River Bridge Route, the only all rail line, or via Market Street Wharf, Philadelphia. Stop over can be had at Philadelphia, either going or returning, within limit of ticket.

A similar excursion will be run on August 24. For information in regard to specific rates and time of trains consult hand bills, or apply to agents, or E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa. 1t

REDUCED RATES TO WILKES-Barre via the Pennsylvania Railroad, account meeting Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America. For the benefit of those desiring to attend the meeting of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, to be held at Wilkesbarre, Pa., August 9 to 11, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Wilkesbarre on August 8, 9, and 10, good for return until August 14, inclusive, from all stations on its lines in the State of New Jersey; from all stations on the Maryland and Central Divisions of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad; from Wilmington, Townsend, and intermediate stations on the Delaware Division; from all stations on the Northern Central Railway, Baltimore to Sunbury, and Williamsport to Watkins, inclusive; from all stations on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, including branches, east of and including Driftwood; and from all stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad Division, including branch lines, east of and including Altoona, at rate of single fare for the round trip, plus (minimum rate, 50 cents). For specific rates apply to nearest ticket agent. 1t

State Money for Schools

N. C. Shaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction at Harrisburg is sending out the warrants for the State appropriation to the various school treasurers of the county. The special appropriation which was received by all the school districts of the State for the past three years, which was granted by a special act of the Legislature in 1902, for a period of three years, expired last year, consequently all districts are just short that much. The regular appropriation this year is about the same in all cases as last year.

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