

RUSSIA TO LIFT BAN ON EXPORTS TO U. S.

Ready to Abolish All Restrictions—Means New Trade Treaty

EAGER FOR CO-OPERATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. Russia has informed the State Department she is ready to abolish all restrictions on exports to the United States. The communication, which will lay the foundation for a new trade treaty between the two Governments, involves abrogation of the 1915 Russo-American agreement which by the United States recognized as a measure of military necessity the Russian restrictions against re-exporting Russian goods to Germany after they arrived here. The new treaty to replace that of 1837, abrogated by President Taft in 1912, will probably be undertaken after the Russian Constitutional Assembly decides upon the permanent form of Government for the State. "Russia is eager to co-operate with America, not only in a military, but in an economic and financial way," the Russian embassy stated apropos of the new arrangement.

By Agency Route
PETROGRAD, Aug. 16. Russia has adopted the blacklist. The names of 581 Swedish, Danish, Norwegian and Dutch firms were published today with which Russians are forbidden to trade.

RUSSIA DROPS CHARGES AGAINST GEN. GOURKO

Lack of Evidence Given as Reason, Despite Letter to Czar. Lenine Hides in Capital

PETROGRAD, Aug. 16. Foreign Minister Tereschenko, who has just returned from the front, reported to the Cabinet today that his negotiations with General Korniloff, the new Russian commander-in-chief, were entirely satisfactory. At the same time it was announced that the public prosecutor has decided to drop the charges against General Gourko, former commander of the southwestern group of armies, on the ground of lack of evidence. General Gourko was arrested as the result of the discovery of a letter he had written to the ex-Czar on March 4, two days before the proclamation of general amnesty. Gourko had expressed his admiration for the former Czar's sacrifice and magnanimity in renouncing his throne to avoid civil war. Furthermore, he expressed the hope that Nicholas's future would be brighter and wound up with assurances of "limitless devotion." Gourko is still confined in a fortress pending the final decision of the Government. It has been decided to postpone the first meeting of the constituent assembly owing to the inability to obtain the vote of soldiers at the front for the election of members.

Nicholas Lenine, agitator and pro-German agent, who was recently reported to have fled to Switzerland, is now said to be hiding in this city. It was reported today that Lenine, from his hiding place, sent a report to the extremist congress on Sunday.

GERMAN INTRIGUE DROVE CHINA INTO WORLD WAR

Legation at Washington Explains Causes of Declaration Against Central Powers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—China's entrance into the world war was hastened by German intrigue that sought to stir up internal strife in that country, the Chinese legation announced today. "In view of the many kinds of German intrigues seeking to create disorder in China," said a legation statement, "the Chinese Government found it impossible to wait for the convocation of Parliament before declaring the existence of the state of war with Germany, especially since the rupture of diplomatic relations with the Imperial German Government had been previously approved by Parliament almost unanimously. "Austria-Hungary has all along been acting in concert with the German Imperial Government. Moreover, the Austrians, like the Germans, have special settlements in China, which might easily be used by Germans, who speak the same language as Austrians, as a base of operation for further intrigues, thereby rendering the situation still more difficult for China to cope with. The Chinese Government, therefore, was unable to adopt a different attitude toward Austria-Hungary, but was constrained, as an act of self-protection, simultaneously to accord her the same treatment which was accorded Germany."

Railroad Head Killed by Fall
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Aug. 16.—J. P. H. Shugart, sixty years old, president and general manager of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad (one of the Pennsylvania lines), died today from injuries received last night when he fell down a flight of stairs at the home of his brother. He had been connected with the G. R. and I for more than thirty years and was widely known in Masonic circles.

ANTI-WAR AGENTS SEEK TO BALK FOOD CONTROL

Spread Report That Fruits and Vegetables Canned by Housewives Will Be Confiscated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. With America's great food control program now officially launched, evidence of the efforts of anti-war agents to block its progress was revealed to the food administration today. Official reports show that housewives, particularly in remote sections of the country, are being told all fruits and vegetables canned will be confiscated for war purposes. The agents even say the women themselves will soon be conscripted. Hoover's "home conservation" pledge cards are being defined as "registration cards" by which the Government can get the names of women for draft. First reports of these activities came from Arizona. United States marshals are ordered to round up those circulating the "malicious reports." President Wilson's proclamation ordering the licensing of elevators and mills on or before September 1 clears the way for Hoover's big drive to lower and stabilize the price of bread.

FRIENDS' CENTRAL GIVES RED CROSS 3 AMBULANCES

Three ambulances will be presented to the American Red Cross by the pupils, teachers and alumni of the Friends' Central School this afternoon at 2:30 in the schoolyard, Fifteenth and Race streets. The ambulances will be received by E. T. Stotenburg, local chairman of the Red Cross. The Friends' Central School, wanting to do its "bit," started a collection to buy an ambulance for the Red Cross last May. The plan was such a success and the contributions so generous that the committee was able to purchase three. The committee in charge of the work includes Miss Bertha Coyne, Miss Alice Fussell, Miss Helen Halliwell and Hugh McIlvaine.

Councilman in Favor of 95-Cent Gas Rate

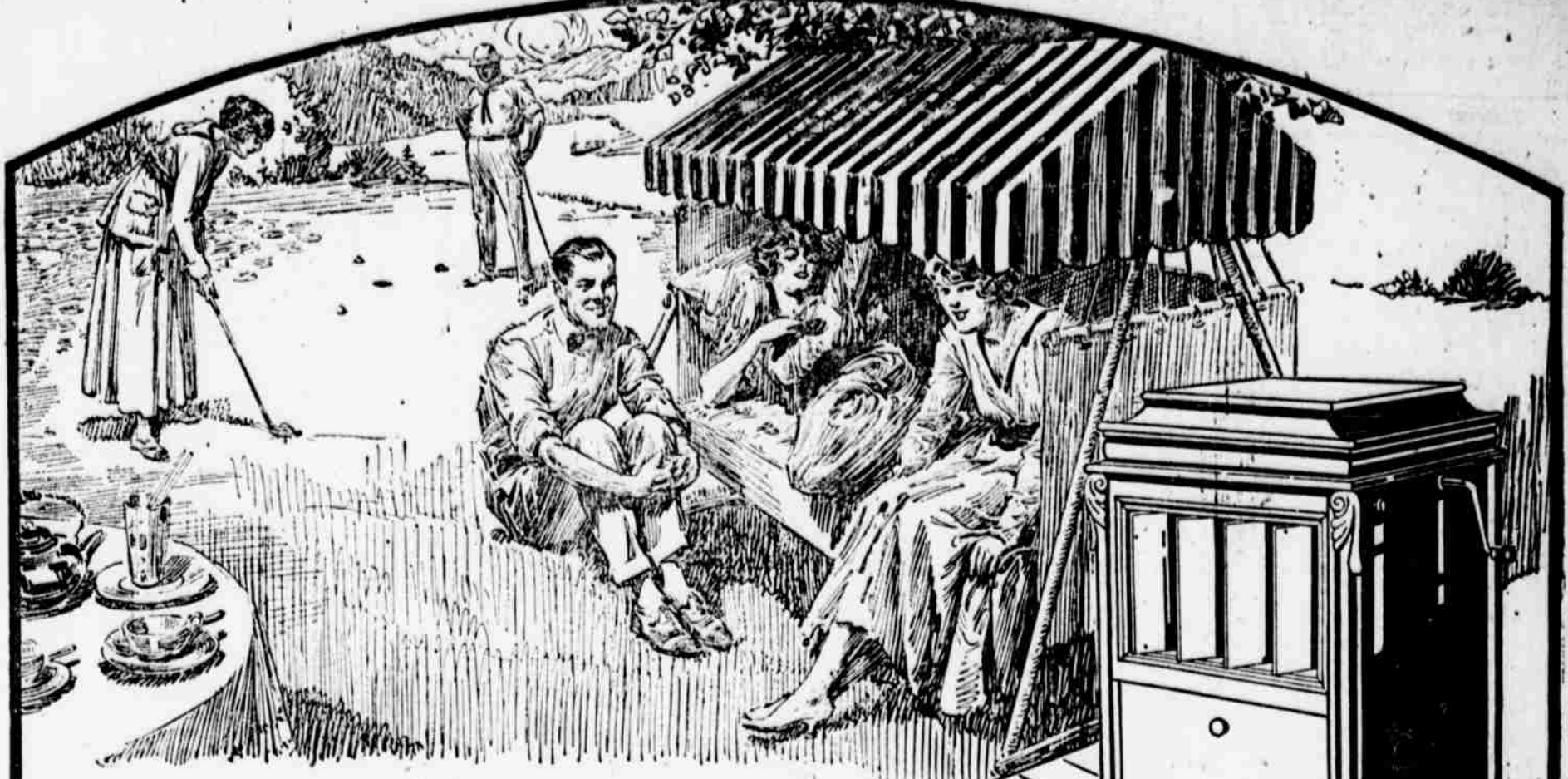
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forgotten the history all wars have revealed that dishonest politicians have taken advantage of the absorption of the people in war maneuvers to flech from the public purse. Politicians who are preparing to carry on those methods during this war are destined to some terrific shocks, for the public of today, for instance, is not the same sort of public as in Civil War days. The public of today is more enlightened, has a higher conception of civic righteousness and will demand with the power of the ballot that office holders do their duty at home while our boys are fighting, bleeding and dying in the trenches across the water. "Woe to the politician who does not toe the mark in the days to come; woe to the politician who does not listen to the demands of the people. "The war is swinging us into a real era for the people, and that is why today Philadelphia is on the verge of the greatest independent movement in the history of the city. The germs of this movement are already stirring in all sections of the city

and suburbs. The spirit of patriotism and the fine ideals which have been born of this war are taking firm root, and soon we are to see the independents in all parties get together in a spontaneous common movement for the uplifting of Philadelphia out of the muck of impure politics. "Politicians who have their ear to the political ground will not ignore the righteous demand of the people that they receive the full benefit of this five-cent gas reduction. "The consumer is entitled to a rebate for gas the same as the city. That has been my position from the start and it will always be my position. "CONTRACT SHOULD BE KEPT "I believe in living up to contracts, and the city should live up to its contracts, and the people in regard to this gas issue. Office holders and politicians who compel the city to sneak out of its contract with the people are going to suffer. "I have read the arguments of certain office holders that to turn the five cents over

to the people instead of placing it in the City Treasury would necessitate taxation on real estate or something else to make up the revenue. That argument is most unsound. If the city would curtail unnecessary expenses and cut down in extravagance we would have no need to increase the taxation. Last year I proposed any increase in taxation because the city refused to do the right thing by the people in the matter of the gas rebate. "The issue on this gas reduction is clear-cut. Personally I shall take no orders from

Bill or Jim or any other boss, and shall plug with might and main for ninety-five-cent gas. Councilman candidates who fail to do likewise should be defeated at the polls." Boss-controlled office holders today continued to "tread water" on the gas issue, and refused to express an opinion one way or the other. Register of Wills Sheehan looked uncomfortable when asked how he stood on the gas question. "Well—well, you see," he stammered, moping a perspiring brow, "I haven't con-

sidered the matter yet and wouldn't like to express any opinion at this time." Sheehan will make a bid for re-election this fall. At the present time the city pays twenty cents for each thousand cubic feet of gas consumed, for which the public pays \$1. Automatically the United Gas Improvement Company reduces the price of gas ten cents January 1, and unless Council take some action in the matter twenty-five cents per 1000 feet will be returned to the city in 1918.



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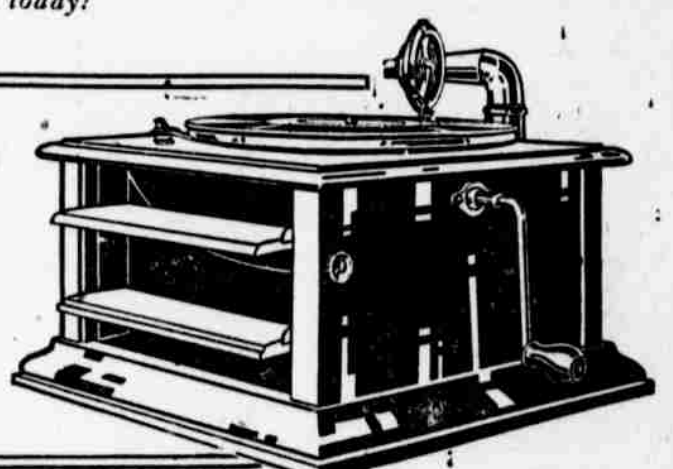
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