

U. S. REDS IN RUSSIA WELCOMED 'HOME'

Soviet Troops Wave Tablecloth as White Flag in Greeting 'Comrades'

ALL SAFE ACROSS BORDER

By the Associated Press
Terijoki, Finland, Jan. 20.—Russians departed from the United States were given what might be termed an official reception just outside this village yesterday.

In the crowd that greeted Alexander Berkman, Emma Goldman and their "comrades," was M. Zorin, member of the all-soviets executive committee, who after a brief conference with Berkman, agreed to permit the whole party to enter Bolshevik Russia.

"There is no question they will be welcomed in Russia," said M. Zorin. "We will give them work according to their professions and trades, but first we must provide them with comfortable homes and feed them well."

Madame Maxim Gorky, wife of the novelist, said when she met the deportees: "Russia opens her arms to all who are politically persecuted."

Both Parties Meet on Ice

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Shortly after the decision to receive the deportees was reached, the whole party determined at a point where a wood road leaves the railway and runs toward the forest. A few who were unable to walk were placed in sleighs. Finnish soldiers guarded the road and the transfer was made without a hitch.

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Red Cross, entered Soviet Russia with the deportees for the purpose of arranging a shipment of supplies to British prisoners.

Emma Goldman Filled With Awe
Wild cheers greeted the party of 247 men and two women deported from America as they crossed the border. Bolsheviks were waiting to welcome them.

"This is the greatest moment of my life," exclaimed Miss Goldman to the Associated Press. "After thirty-five years of absence I am returning to Russia with a feeling of awe. I am glad to leave America, but I love the American people and expect to return there some day."

Conditions have considerably improved in Petrograd, according to M. Zorin, who said every one there was getting one and a quarter pounds of bread per day. There was comparatively little illness and food was more abundant, making life more pleasant than heretofore, he said.

"Our crack Third army, which was the best of those used in Siberia against Kolchak, was withdrawn from the front," M. Zorin asserted, "and although this organization is kept under strict military discipline, it is no longer fighting, but is a working machine. Its principal task is supplying Petrograd with food, which is secured direct from peasants, and bringing in wood. As our military requirements decrease we hope to convert more of our troops to industrial purposes, still keeping each unit intact on a military footing."

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BABY IN HIS SUITCASE

Traveler Believes "Broken Blossom" Switched Grip
Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 20.—Mounting the steps of his home after returning from a trip to New York early yesterday, Robert S. Robland heard a

strange cry which seemed to come from his suitcase. Opening it he found an eight-week-old baby snugly fitted inside. Robland has turned the bag and its contents over to the police.

Robland boarded the train leaving the Grand Central Terminal Sunday night, taking a seat in the smoker. He fell asleep soon after the train started and thinks some fellow traveler simply switched bags with him while he slept. He believes it is possible that the baby was passed unknowingly into his hands. In the suitcase "Broken Blossom," as the mother signed herself, had left a note containing feeding directions and stating that she was on her way to California, leaving the baby "the same as the man who caused me all this trouble."

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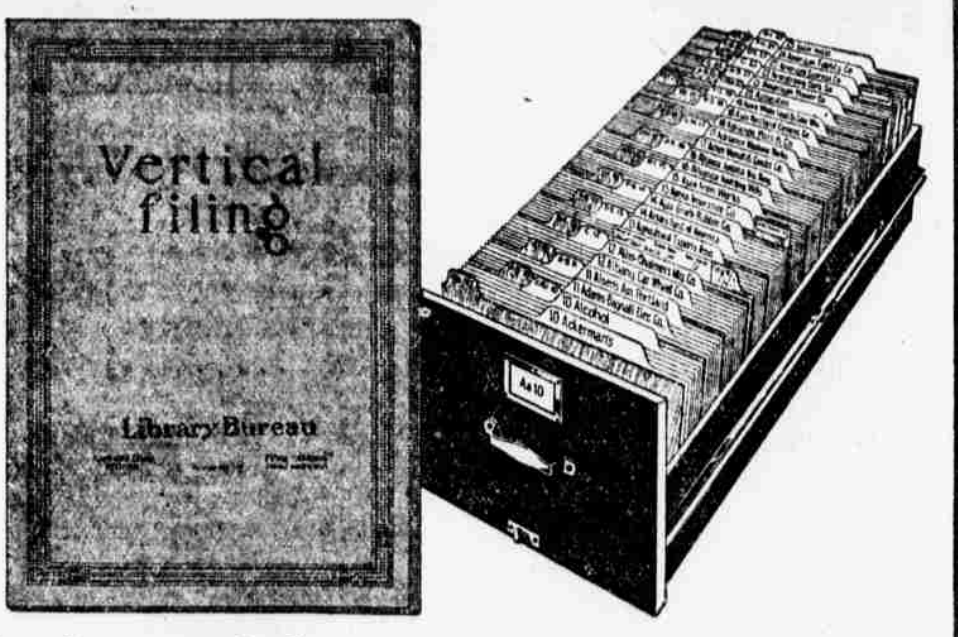
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