

GERMANS OBSERVE SOVIET'S BIRTHDAY

Great Open-Air Mass-Meeting in Berlin With Red Pre-dominating

U. S. PASSPORTS \$2500 EACH

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Berlin, Nov. 9.—The independent Socialists and radicals in the ranks of German workers who recently pledged allegiance to Moscow, staged an immense celebration on the anniversary of the Russian revolution in the Lustgarten here today. Thousands of adherents of the proletariat cause, many of whom were women and children, marched in procession through the city to their meeting place which is the Trafael of Berlin.

Red flags, arm bands, carnations, neckties and plaidards bearing the inscriptions "Soviet Russia is free" and "Long Live the Internationale" were in evidence. Even the sun contributed to the crimson atmosphere and shone down through the heavy fog that enveloped the entire city. The crowd filled the entire square. The strains of nearly a thousand voices sang international songs. A dozen speakers, mostly young men, delivered fiery orations.

The radicals consider that the German revolution was well begun, but others in favor of socialism, who necessarily will not be openly celebrated tomorrow. Saxony is the only federal state which has declared an official holiday. Bavaria has forbidden any celebration. Prussia chose the middle course, not calling it state holiday, but permitting the labor unions to celebrate.

Bolshevik Buy U. S. Passports

Warsaw, Nov. 9.—American passports, particularly those issued to naturalized citizens, were \$2500 to \$3000 in gold in Bolshevik Russia, the value being determined by ability to detach the photographs, substitute others and send the new owners to Bolshevik agents.

An result naturalized citizens who left their passes in Poland and the Baltic states are now compelled to wait until Washington approves the issue of new documents. Previously the American legation at Warsaw issued in the papers, but the rapid increase in the number of losses aroused suspicion.

Nonconformist Picks Bishops

London, Nov. 9.—The indirect revelation by one of Premier Lloyd George's friends in Cavanagh, his home town, that the prime minister and his private secretary, Ernest Evans, have been choosing most of the bishops of the Church of England for the last few years has caused something of a sensation in Downing street.

The story leaked out at one of the prime minister's famous breakfast parties in Downing street, Lloyd George is alleged to have said:

"I have already chosen half the bishops of the established church."

Ernest Evans denies them, and I am afraid that Mr. Evans, now and then, goes to listen to them and he says sometimes on an unsettled point, "that he has the gift—he'll do."

What has caused British churchmen to sit up is that Mr. Evans is a nonconformist.

GOSSIP OF THE STREET

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Kidder, Peabody & Co., acting as committee for the holders of Brooklyn Rapid Transit, this year 7 per cent secured gold notes, and the New York Municipal Railway Corporation first year, 5 per cent sinking fund gold bonds, series A. Are sending out a summary of actual results of operations of the rapid transit lines of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, which has been prepared for them by Stone & Webster, who last year made a report to Federal Judge Julius M. Mayer, containing estimates

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of earnings of these lines. The summary shows an actual deficit of \$866,725 in earning the fixed charges on the above bonds and prior securities as against the estimated amount in the deficit of \$473,000, or \$33 increase in the deficit of \$212,725. Gross earnings were \$19,803,465, or about \$1,200,000 more than the previous estimates.

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It then states that "the actual results of operation for the last year prove that our prediction was fully justified; and in view of the fact that the cost of coal and labor has increased, the cost of coal and labor has increased, the cost of coal and labor has increased,

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