

# HOOVER URGES U. S. RELIEF FOR RUSSIA

Asks Congress for \$20,000,000, Saying Private Charity Is Not Sufficient

## GOMPERS INDORSES PLAN

Washington, Dec. 14.—Effective food relief in Russia must be administered by congressional action, Secretary Hoover declared to the House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday, asking an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the purchase of food supplies for starving Russians. The question could not be solved by public charity, he added, explaining that voluntary contributions to Russian relief work since August had not amounted to \$500,000.

Former Governor Goodrich, of Indiana, and Vernon Kellogg, of Washington, both of whom recently returned from Russia, where they studied the famine situation for the American Relief Administration, joined the Commerce Secretary in urging that a \$20,000,000 appropriation be rushed through Congress.

Mr. Goodrich told the committee that the Soviet Government is co-operating to the fullest extent with American relief work. "There is no danger of its interfering with the distribution of supply," he said.

Mr. Kellogg reported that millions of persons were dying in the famine districts of Russia.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, endorsed the proposed extension of relief

to Russia. He declared, however, that he in no way endorsed the Soviet regime, characterizing it as a "vulture government."

Special Cable Dispatch. Copyright, 1921. Riga, Dec. 14.—Molly Steiner, Jacob Abrams, Simon Lachoffsky and Samuel Lipman, who sailed from New York on November 24, are now being held by the Latvian police in a convict camp near Riga. The four notorious American radicals are now awaiting long-delayed visas from M. Teichberg, the Russian Foreign Minister, permitting them to enter Russia.

This makes six former American revolutionaries who are now in Latvia, as Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman at present are occupying a sumptuous apartment at the Soviet Embassy building here. Emma was taken ill yesterday, according to Berkman, who says they would like to return to America, but are afraid they will have to wait until the American Government changes its attitude.

Emma Goldman is now planning a tour of Europe while writing a book on the cultural side of the revolution, but visas have not been forthcoming from the various foreign embassies in Riga.

# NINE INSTITUTIONS LOSE STATE FUNDS

Five Are Ruled Non-Sectarian and Therefore Will Receive Appropriations

## PHILADELPHIANS AFFECTED

Harrisburg, Dec. 14.—Samuel S. Lewis, Auditor General, yesterday ruled nine charitable institutions, to payment of whose appropriations protests had been filed on the ground that they were sectarian and under the July decision of the Supreme Court, came within the prohibition, declared five were non-sectarian in his opinion and ordered hearings held in five. These nineteen cases remained of the eighty confronting Mr. Lewis after the protests were entered. Five cases were decided by the Supreme

Court and immediately after the protests were filed.

The Auditor General announced his rulings after a conference with Luther S. Kaufman, counsel for the committee making the protests. Mr. Kaufman will determine whether his committee will take any of the decisions into the Courts. In several of the cases there were close questions involved and in his letters to the institutions concerned the Auditor General points out the laws permit appeals to Court if persons interested desire. He says in the case of the five declared non-sectarian he will issue warrants for their payment in a short time unless enjoined.

The decisions follow an extensive investigation into the manner of conducting each institution, inquiry into discipline and requirements and many details. Mr. Lewis said the hearings would be held shortly in each case. Decisions with location of institution and appropriation involved are as follows:

SECTARIAN	
Messiah Orphanage, Monaghan Township, York County	\$3,200
Hoffman Orphanage, York County	3,000
Florence Crittenton Home and Rescue Association, Pittsburgh	1,100
Florence Crittenton Mission, Scranton	4,000
Salvation Army Rescue Home, Bellevue	2,000
Salvation Army Rescue Home, Philadelphia	2,500
Salvation Army Settlement Home, York	2,700
Columbia Hospital, Wilkes-Barre	41,000
DePaul Institute, Pittsburgh	45,000
NON-SECTARIAN	
Orphan Asylum of the Holy Family, Emeryville	45,000
St. John's General Hospital, Pittsburgh	22,500
Roseville Foundation, Asylum and Maternity Home, Pittsburgh	20,000
Spence Hospital, Meadville	14,000
St. Vincent's Hospital, Erie	57,000
FOR HEARINGS	
St. Francis' Hospital, Pittsburgh	155,000
St. Agnes' Hospital, Philadelphia	57,000
St. Mary's Hospital, Wilkes-Barre	95,000
Sacred Heart Hospital, Altoona	18,000
Montefiore Hospital, Pittsburgh	40,000

# FLOOD DEATHS REACH 13

Washington Rivers Receding, but Railroad Traffic Halted

Seattle, Dec. 14.—The death list has reached thirteen as the result of flood conditions in more than a dozen towns in Western Washington, partially inundated since Sunday by incessant rains. The property damage was estimated at more than \$250,000. Flood waters were reported to be slowly receding today. Moderate rains were predicted, but Weather Bureau officials here expressed the belief that the height of the flood stage had been reached.

Traffic to the East over the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and Northern Pacific Railroads was halted last night and all trains on all transcontinental lines were either annulled or were being detoured over Columbia River routes owing to washouts.

National Committee Heads to Meet

Washington, Dec. 14.—Cordell Hull, of Tennessee, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and John T. Adams, of Iowa, chairman of the Republican National Committee, never have met, but through the good offices of a favorite term in Washington (starting a fight) of George M. Cook, former newspaperman and mutual friend, the party chieftains will lunch together today as Mr. Cook's guests.



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