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Thousands of Refugees Dies on Roadsides

LONDON, Aug. 11.—Thousands of Russian refugees are pouring into Brest-Litovsk—2,000 a day—many crawling on hands and knees too weak to stand, and scores dying in dugouts along the roads. An appalling picture of the desolation, death and devastation in the famine areas in Russia is given by F. L. Thompson, in charge of the Brest-Litovsk district for the American Relief Administration and the European Children's Fund, who arrived here last night.

"No one who hasn't seen suffering", he said, "can imagine how ghastly it is. So awful are the hunger pangs that the bodies become swollen and bloated and the cheeks puffed out. This stage is the prelude of death, which the sufferers say is the happiest stage of all. Women and children, as well as men, are to be seen in this pitiable condition; they have dragged themselves up to me begging for pennies and food.

At one place I came across ten

...Miss Effie MacLeod, Uigs, who has been spending a few weeks visiting New Glasgow, N. S. returned home last week.

...Allan P. McPhee, master Mariner, Big Pond, left with his brother-in-law Capt. Frank McDonald, and wife (his sister), for Boston, en route to New York, where he takes ship for ocean voy age.

families, formerly among the wealthiest, who were living on bread made from grass mud and straw. Thousands of others are existing on grass which is boiled with roots in water in order to make a thin soup. If acorns are available, these are added.

"The Bolshevik sentries in out-of-the-way places are in rags and are subsisting on the fish they catch, or in some other primitive fashion."

At one village a refugee staggered in. He spoke English and said he had resided in Chicago until Easter. Asked why he entered Russia he replied: "Because I was a fool."

The refugee declared he had arrived in Russia with \$800 in his possession, which the Bolsheviks took, giving him 1,600,000 rubles in return. The same day he paid 50,000 rubles for a small piece of bread.

"The country is overrun with vermin," continued Mr. Thompson, "and thousands of people must be dying daily. Here and there you find old estates. At one of them I had tea with several princes. There was black bread and a prized possession was a whole bowl of sugar. It was not until after that recalled I was the only one to take sugar, which probably was very valuable. The tea was likely the only meal of the day."

At one place Mr. Thompson found an aged woman in a starving condition; she begged for two pennies to enable her to get a priest in order to confess before she died. A mother, caring for five children, walked eleven miles daily to Pinsk where, if she was lucky, she could earn about two pennies.

Allies Will Work Together
LONDON, Aug. 11.—The Allies are to work together in relieving the famine stricken in Russia.

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Farmers Want Probe In Grain Scandal

OTTAWA, August 10.—Strong pressure from western farmer-grain buyers and business men is being erected to have the Government continue the investigation into the grain trade blocked by a recent decision of the Manitoba court. It is urged by those interested that legal technicalities must not be permitted to indefinitely postpone the inquiry into the methods employed by Canada's greatest commercial enterprise.

Successive appeals against the Manitoba verdict would block the inquiry and other methods are urged to remove the stigma from the grain trade or reform it if illegal or immoral business methods are used.

Last session a royal commission to investigate the grain trade was appointed by the Government on the demand of their western supporters. It was composed of Judge Hyndman, Edmonton; J. H. Halam, Regina; Lincoln Goldie, Guelph, and W. D. Staples, permanent grain commission. Several sittings were held by those interested and important evidence was procured, when, after a special session of Fort William the United Grain Growers of which Hon. T. A. Crerar is president, and a number of other companies, members of the Winnipeg grain exchange, applied for an injunction against the royal commission continuing its work and this was granted. Subsequently it was held by a Manitoba court that the commission had no power to investigate. This ended the commission's work for a time at least, although an appeal has been taken to the Manitoba court of appeal. Whatever may be the result another appeal is inevitable and the inquiry by this method postponed indefinitely.

At the Fort William special session evidence was submitted that the United Grain Growers had used false bottoms in the bins to conceal average. Other evidence was forthcoming to substantiate this but has been delayed by the Manitoba decision. Further important witnesses disappeared but now that he case has been delayed, have re-appeared. The United Grain Growers did not refute this evidence, but assisted in blocking further revelations. When the

commission was dissolved it was in session at Moose Jaw, where the Order of Grain Buyers was ready to submit startling evidence. Unable to do this they have appealed, through their secretary, to the permanent grain commission to hold a session so that they may have an opportunity "to substantiate documentary and other evidence which we wish to place before the board as to the malpractices and methods employed by some companies in the grain business." The body of the commission is one of business, they have no intention of discarding the evidence in their possession and will only hold it in abeyance until an opportunity is afforded "for a full, fair, and impartial inquiry."

But if this is not done "legal proceedings will be instituted in certain cases." The grain buyers are an influential body and have a thorough knowledge of the grain trade in its initial stages. They have long protested against the unfair system of doctrine that is forced upon them and appear to have joined forces with the farmers to remedy what they claim is not only immoral but illegal. They are the employees of the grain companies and are placing their positions in jeopardy in forcing a change that may bring to light unfair methods.

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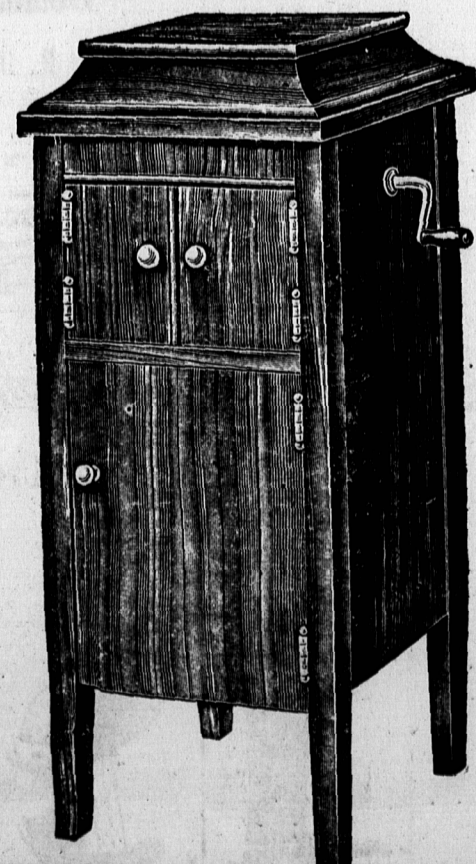
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