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CHILD'S STORY OF THE HUMAN RACE By Uncle Ray

Chapter 120—The Song of the Sirens. Sirens but always die before that happens. Put wax in the ears of your men. Let them bind you to the mast of your ship until the Sirens' island has been passed.
The counsel of Circe was followed. When Odysseus heard the Sirens, he forgot about wisdom and tried vainly to loosen the ropes which bound him. He ordered his men to untie him, but the wax in their ears kept them from hearing what he said. He motioned to them, but they would not heed—for he had ordered them not to pay any attention to what he might do while near the Sirens.
As the ship passed on, the song of the Sirens died in the distance. Odysseus and his men were saved.



Odysseus can be seen struggling to get free and come to the Sirens in answer to their song. The mast to which he was tied is not shown in the picture.

ONCE LUXURIANT CRIMEA NOW A HOPELESS WASTE

Lies Flowerless and Ruined as Result of Civil War and Famine.

Alushta, Crimea, Aug. 24.—(By Mail)—The Crimea, the beloved health resort of the old days, and known as the "Russian Riviera," once filled with beautiful palaces surrounded by flowers, vineyards and magnificent fruit gardens, lies now flowerless and ruined as a result of the civil war and last year's famine.
Many of the owners of these villas, vineyards and fruit gardens belonged to the upper classes and lived in central Russia, coming here for their relaxation. Large numbers fled the country years ago, while others, having thrown in their lot with General Wrangel, became the scapegoats of his acts after his defeat and paid the death penalty during the terror which followed the second occupation of the Crimea by the Bolsheviks.

The Crimea has not escaped the effects of nationalisation, confiscation and requisitions, and while nominally the immense vineyards and magnificent gardens had been declared nationalized, as a matter of fact they are nobody's property. Vineyards and gardens stood unguarded for several years, with the result that everything went to the dogs. The wine-stocks dried, and a majority of the best fruit trees died. Thousands of acres of almond, apricot, peach and pear trees and vineyards are today absolutely worthless, and many a year will have to pass before they can be brought to life again.

The same is true of agriculture and industry. Despite the reconstruction work carried on by the Crimean "Independent" Soviet government, Crimean agriculture and existing minor industries are in a deplorable condition. The number of cattle has diminished by 75 per cent., the total number of working horses being today only 30,000. The sowing area is only 40 per cent. that of 1918. This year's harvest will be very small.

Industries in the Crimea are insignificant and play an unimportant part in the economic life. They consist largely of the curing of tobacco, tanning, and preserving. They all languish. There is no market for the local salt, and Crimean wines go begging. The people are impoverished and seem content to live with insufficient food, no comforts, or pleasures, and with little hope for the future.

U.C.C. moonlight to Clayton 7.30. While under an anaesthetic at the Toronto General hospital on Wednesday, just prior to an operation, Mrs. Annie Stapleton, aged sixty, of Oshawa, collapsed and died.



MAJOR BRAMWELL TAYLOR, O.B.E. Who has been appointed editor of the Salvation Army "War Cry." He was decorated for his war work. He succeeds the veteran Salvationist, Col. Perry.

MADAM'S SKIRT COMES DOWN NEAR HER ANKLES

It is Plain or Draped Slightly and Spreads Wide When She Walks.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The Paris dress-makers have just found out what next season's fashions will be. The general outline will seem to be narrow as usual, but when madam walks her skirt will spread wide at the bottom. It comes down near her ankles at a length left this year more than ever to her individual taste. It is a plain skirt or draped only slightly to one side.

She will be turned out in blues, greens and maroons—this is the order of apparent preference—of as much brilliance as she may find wearable.

Fabrics are profusely embroidered or woven with designs.

In general, costume lines are simple and fabric designs sumptuous. Fur is used often as trimming. Sleeves in the day time are long and flow at the waist. In the evening they shrink up or even disappear. The waist line is either at the level fixed by nature or slightly below. Neck lines may be square in front and V in back or the other way round.



WILHELMUR STEFFANSSON Who is urging Britain to assert its rights to Wrangel Island, because it will become an important base for wireless and airplanes when mail carrying across the Arctic has become a commonplace. Soviet Russia is reported to have given orders to prevent any British ship reaching the Islands.

SWEDEN FACES NEED OF HELPING FARMERS

As the Prices There Have Fallen But Wages Are High.

Stockholm, Aug. 24.—A crucial problem in Sweden has arisen from the failure of agriculture to keep pace with the general recovery from post-war depression. In the effort to help the farmers to fairer profits on their labor and investments, the riksdag and government have studied the question of restricting the imports of grain, and efficiency experts, following scientific agricultural research, have suggested ways and means of reducing the cost of production. But all this, so far, has been of little help.

The farmers are at an economic disadvantage because, while the general price index in Sweden has come down to 70 per cent. above the pre-war price level, the selling price for grain has been forced down to 10 per cent. above the pre-war level.

A crying need at present is the downward revision of wages for farm labor, which are more than 60 per cent. above the average for 1914.

A conference of experts has been called by the minister of agriculture, and it is rumored that the question of state credit has been taken up with the idea of advancing loans to enable the farmer to hold over his grain for better prices.

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