

# Twenty-three Ohio Watchmakers Going To Russia With Factory Bought By Soviets

MOSCOW, metropolis of Soviet Russia's struggle for a prominent place on the world's industrial map, will have a bit of America transplanted in it soon when 23 Canton, Ohio, watchmakers arrive to build the nucleus of what Russia hopes some day will be a great industry.

Hundreds of pieces of delicate machinery of the Duesler-Hampden Watch Works, here, have been packed for shipment half way around the world to start a watch factory under control of the Soviets. The entire factory equipment has been sold to the Soviet government and the 23 veteran watchmakers are being taken along to instruct young Russians in the art.



BACK in the days before mass production made fatal inroads on the staid old individual type of men's factories, Duesler-Hampden watches were known throughout the land. Railroad engineers swore by them. Adoring fathers gave them to proud sons when they reached 21. They were great time-keepers, and handsome, too.

But the day of the individual touch passed. Gradually the greater quantities of watches produced at lower prices furnished the germ for decay of the Duesler-Hampden Company. It sought a buyer, and the Russian government purchased it.

C. C. Wilcox (center), for 41 years an employee of the Duesler-Hampden Watch Works at Canton, O., supervising packing of machinery which is being transplanted to Moscow to start a watch factory under control of the Soviet government. The Soviets have bought the entire factory and are taking 23 veteran employes to Russia to train young watchmakers.

THE 23 men are going to Moscow for the greatest adventure of their lives. Some are to take their wives, others are going to "pitch" it. Each plans to stay a year, and has signed a contract to that effect. Each will be paid \$4650 a year's salary, in addition to expenses for food, lodging and clothes. Then when they dock in New York 12 months later, each will find \$5000 credited to his name in a New York bank. This additional amount will be deposited by the Russian government for each man who works a full year.

When they arrive in Moscow the American watchmakers will be escorted to a modern apartment house. Three-room suites are being provided for the couples, and bachelor quarters for the men who leave their wives at home.

In Moscow the Americans have been promised religious freedom, expert medical care, good food, entertainment at low cost and an eight-hour working day. The Soviet representatives do not paint a glowing picture, but they do paint a throbbing, vital one of the Russia which will open its arms to welcome the 23 American teachers of the watchmaking trade.

A. VLADIMINSKY, whose head-quarters is in New York at present, is to be head commissioner of the transplanted watch factory. He has made frequent trips to Canton to supervise packing. Samuel Zubkoff, Alexander Breiburt and Perry Dreyer, Russian government engineers, also have aided in the job of packing.

John C. Miller, superintendent of the Duesler-Hampden factory for a score of years, is winding up his affairs in Canton. He will be among the 23 to go to Russia, and will superintend the new factory for the first year.

## The WORLD and All

BY CHARLES B. DRISCOLL

**LOTS OF THINGS.**

The funniest book I have read this year is Rube Goldberg's "There a Doctor in the House." And a brand new magazine that looks too good to last is Book-view, published in Boston. Century Magazine has become The Century Quarterly, big and full of interesting material. But the magazine that has improved most during the year, I think is Cosmopolitan. Farm and Fireside was the first periodical I ever became acquainted with. We had a clothes closet full of old files of it in our farmhouse in Kansas when I was a youngster, and I used to read the old copies on rainy days. But it is to become The Country Home, beginning with the February number.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Franklin traveled all over France and England last summer, carrying a nickel-plated percolator and a can of

ground coffee. They went into the best of the Paris restaurants, set up their little coffee pot, and proceeded to make their own coffee, permitting the restaurant to furnish the rest of the meal. Americans who have had to drink French or English coffee will cheer for the Franklins. Dwight is one of the well-known New York artists, specializing in wax figures of pirates.

Commodore David Porter was one of our most picturesque patriots. I am deep in a book about him, written by Archibald Douglas Turnbull and published by the biography company. It's a grand biography of the kind of man we Americans need to know about just now. But I think Archibald Douglas Turnbull is one of the most unfortunate of all literary names. It is difficult to say, and almost impossible to remember.

To the many blind and friends of blind persons who have written me about the books in Braille type: You can get complete information, I believe, from the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, 370 Seventh avenue, New York City. If you fail to

get information there, please write me again.

Judge J. D. Dickerson, of Wichita, Kan., was one of my most interesting visitors lately, and don't be surprised when you hear about a book on juvenile delinquency by him. Also, Louis Cook, of Des Moines, who, his friends tell me, will eventually be governor of Iowa. I'm sure Iowa will be in luck. I'm told that several American millionaires are thinking of buying carillons and hiring carilloneers to play them, as gifts to their home towns. All that's in the way is the inability of the millionaires to pronounce carillon and carilloneer. Mrs. A. L. Woodruff, Berlin, Conn., writes that she likes my stuff, and I bow politely just as though I were used to such letters. Only in its most modest is the world interested in knowing just where Mr. Gann sits at breakfast. The stock market crashed, but the United States of America is just as good as it was last spring.

Mrs. Julia Wheelock, who has been commander of the American Legion in Italy for a year, has returned to America to aid disabled foreign-born veterans.

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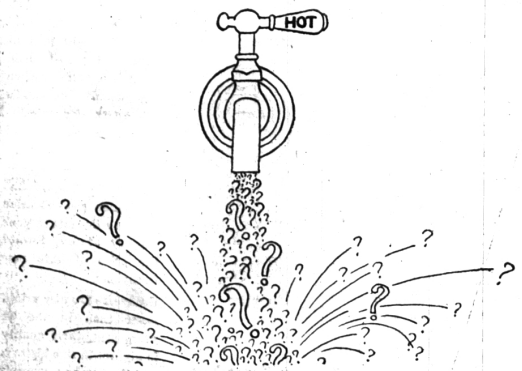
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