

National Bank, to which is also given the duty of proceeding at once with the registration of all owners of holdings in state loans, and also other papers bearing interest, whether or not subject to annulment.

11. Soviets of Workers', Soldiers' and Peasants' Delegates will organize commissions, with the consent of the local councils of public economy, for the purpose of determining which citizens belong to the class of small property owners.

These commissions have the right to annul completely those savings which were not obtained through actual labor, even if these savings do not exceed 5,000 rubles.

This decree will be brought for discussion before the Central Executive Committee.

Decree of the Council of People's Commissaires, concerning action against an industrial company refusing to carry out the instructions of the Soviet Government.

In view of the declaration of the management of the Russo-Belgian Metallurgical Company concerning the liquidation of its affairs on January 5, and of their outright refusal to subject themselves to the decrees of the Council of People's Commissaires concerning the introduction of workmen's control over production, the Central Executive Committee makes the following judgment:

The shafts, works, mines, all living and immovable property, on the lands of the Petrovsky Metallurgical Works, the mines at Sofisk, Vyerovsk, Bungovsk, Narnevs, also in Petrograd, as well as all other property of whatsoever description, regardless of its nature and present location in Russia or abroad, belonging to the Russo-Belgian Metallurgical Company, shall be confiscated, and declared the property of the Russian Republic.

All office and technical assistants are obliged to remain at work for the discharge of their customary obligations.

For irresponsible desertion from their positions or for sabotage, the guilty parties will be handed over to the revolutionary tribunals.

The conduct of the affairs of the Company in Petrograd and the conditions for handing over the various works, operations and branches, to the temporary control of the Soviets of Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates, the Factory and Works Committees and similar organizations, will be determined by a special ordinance of the People's Commissaire of Commerce and Industry.

Circular of the People's Commissaire of Provisions, concerning the supply of textiles, leather and foot-wear.

In order to empty the shops and stores, all provision organizations and committees, together with the local Soviets of Workers', Soldiers' and Peasants' Delegates, are ordered to requisition, in the warehouses and piers, all textiles and footwear arriving at the place of destination, and, for whatever cause, remaining unsold by the shops after forty-eight hours have elapsed.

All goods requisitioned are to be turned over to the provincial provisional authorities and committees for distribution among the inhabitants at fixed prices.

For goods thus requisitioned, the provision authorities and committees who place them on sale shall pay to the owners a sum that is 10 per cent. less than the fixed prices at which the goods were sold to the consumers.

The present ordinance is to be communicated to the inhabitants by publication.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Ordinance of the People's Commissaire of Internal Affairs, establishing a Workers' Militia.

1. All Soviets of Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates shall establish a Workers' Militia.
2. The workers' militia shall be wholly and exclusively under the control of the Soviet of Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates.
3. Military and civil authorities are in duty bound to co-operate in the arming of the workers' militia, and in supplying them with the technical aids, including also the delivery of government weapons.
4. This law is to go into force by telegraphic communication.

Summary of a decree issued by the Council of People's Commissaires municipalizing real estate.

Real estate situated within the confines of a city and subject to the collection of the city real estate tax, is municipalized.

Supervision over houses is established, and is incumbent on the house committees, under the direction of the housing commissions.