

RUSSIAN REFUGEES

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Former Rear Admiral and Family Forced From Palace to One-room Home

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From a luxurious palace in Nickolies, Russia, to a single squalid room in Constantinople, where six persons huddled together for months in a state of hunger that was never fully satisfied—this was the gamut of experience through which passed Madame Sascha Zaeff, wife of Rear Admiral Alexis Zaeff, of the Imperial Russian Navy, who, with her three children, is now visiting at the home of her brother, Nicholas W. Akimoff, at Wynnewood.

Mme. Zaeff, who arrived with her husband and children in New York on Thursday, told last night, with a quiver in her voice, of her joy in reaching this country. "I can be quiet here," were the simple words with which she expressed her feelings, but the sigh that accompanied them spoke more eloquently than the words themselves of the hardships through which she had passed.

During the Bolshevik revolution Mme. Zaeff was alone with her children for eight months in Nickolies, with her husband's whereabouts unknown to her. Finally, as food kept getting scarcer and scarcer, she was forced to sell her personal possessions, from the furnishings of the house to her jewelry, and with the money thus raised set out to Sebastopol in the hope of finding the Admiral there.

In Wrangel Revolution

Although she was not disappointed, the reunion of the family was only temporary, for in the counter-revolution staged by General Wrangel, Admiral Zaeff was again at the front and it was not until he became engaged in the work of transferring refugees from Sebastopol to Constantinople that they were again reunited. For ten months after that the entire family lived on a ship in which food supplies were transferred to Greece, later taking refuge in a small room in the city, where they lived until they received tickets from Mr. Akimoff to bring them to this country.

Admiral Zaeff, who stopped over in New York, will arrive at Wynnewood today, and later the entire family will take up their residence at 215 Pearl street, Camden, so that the children, Olga, 11; Vladimar, 10, and Nicholas, 6, can attend the public school in which Miss Helen Buchanan, a sister of Mrs. Akimoff, is in charge of a special department for foreign children.