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THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

Revolution in Russia is the result of a combination of factors, without such a union it could not have been so quickly successful. The one sentiment regarding national policy which deeply pervades the entire nation, rich and poor, noble and peasant...

The corrupt, incompetent bureaucracy, which includes some Germans and many pro-German Russians, fell in with this policy for a variety of motives. Liberal sentiment had been steadily gaining since the revolution of 1905, and a foreign war seemed to offer a diversion, with opportunities to increase arbitrary power and to limit the power of the Duma...

But the bureaucrats over-reached themselves. The disasters of the campaigns of 1914 and 1915 were largely the result of their corruption, inefficiency and incompetence. The military secret was betrayed to the enemy. Men were sent to the front unarmed or armed only with iron cartridges. The Duma and the voluntary associations, whose aid had been welcomed by the government, turned upon it as critics. It became necessary to enlist the aid of the Duma...

Sturmer was made Premier in the belief that he would check the Liberals in check, but he only brought matters to a head. After the series of victories which marked the campaign of last Summer, the Russian armies in Galicia and Volynia were brought to a halt, and the aid upon which they depended failed when entering the war was so slow in coming and so insufficient that it failed to save that country from being overwhelmed. Then the secret that Sturmer had been secretly negotiating with Germany for a separate peace leaked out, and not only the Duma but the Conservative Council of the empire—corresponding to the British House of Lords, and the Congress of the United States—rose in fury. All demanded full cooperation of the government with the Duma, which the latter held to be possible only by installing a Cabinet responsible to its majority. Sturmer was driven out and Premier Trepoff Premier last November. He won the support of the Duma by rejecting all thought of a separate peace, by announcing that the allies had promised him to share the spoils of war, by providing the Duma's aid and by appointing two men of known Liberal opinions to the Cabinet.

The Liberals demanded that Trepoff be removed from the office of the Interior, and that Rasputin, the impostor who had hypnotized the Czar, that official induced the sovereign to resist. Rasputin was murdered and Trepoff incurred the displeasure of the Czar by allowing publication of his dissolute and depraved life by making no effort to capture the murderers. The reactionary court party seized the opportunity to bring about Trepoff's dismissal and the appointment of Prince Rozhin, one of its creatures, as Premier.

The difficulties with which the new Premier had to contend were, however, aggravated by scarcity of food in the great cities and in entire sections which drew their supply from other parts of the empire. Russia produces a superabundance, but its transportation system is unequal to the task of distribution, especially when the movement of troops and military supplies, and the condition approaching famine in the great cities angered the people and inclined them to support any movement aimed at the overthrow of the government.

Former popular outbreaks have been mercilessly suppressed by the army, but this time the army is with the people. Revolutionary propaganda has made headway. Brought out at a revival meeting by some stirring exhorter, one could understand such a confession as a rejection of past sin and a token of true repentance. Surely, though, Nick Carter has had no more widespread effect upon the youth than the land that has the cigarettes. Who would care to claim immortality on the grounds of first having contrived the cigarette? But we need not concern ourselves over Nick Carter any longer. The books continue to appear at rare intervals, although with small demand, since times have changed and the movie thriller now holds the adventure-loving youth securely in its clutches.

Contrary to normal expectation, the increasing cost of print paper has not

Liberal propaganda. Many of the nobles, too, though conservative, are moved by patriotism to support any movement aimed to drive out the disloyal, pro-German officials whom they hold responsible for Russia's defeats. Hence it was that the Duma had the support of the garrison of Petrograd in overthrowing the government, seizing the reins and forcing the Czar to abdicate. The readiness with which the Czar has yielded implies that he has no hope of support from the rest of the army. All alike seem to be of one mind with the populace that victory can be won by no other means than the sweeping away of the old system and substituting a new one founded on public confidence and drawing its mandate from the people.

The one sure consequence of the revolution will be that Russia will listen to the overtures of Germany and will fight the Teuton alliance to the finish. As to other consequences, there is room for infinite speculation, for no two revolutions follow the same course. The proclamation of the boy Czaritch, Alexis, as Czar, with his uncle, Grand Duke Michael, as regent, shows that there is no disposition to found a republic...

This may prove to be only the first of a series of revolutions growing out of the great war. Under the leadership of Lloyd George, democracy is more than ever supreme in Great Britain, and far-reaching changes are in prospect there. High officials of Germany and the government must be liberalized as a result of the lessons of the war. It may be that the war will sweep away the last remnants of absolutism in Europe, and that this absolutism will survive only among the despotic monarchs of the East.

ZENAS FERRY MOODY. A fine citizen and a worthy pioneer of Oregon was Zenas F. Moody, who died at Salem Wednesday night. The story of his life epitomizes wonderfully the history of Oregon for nearly sixty-six years, from the primitive days of the early settlement to the comfortable civilization of today. He was a surveyor when the wilderness and the sagebrush were pretty much all of Oregon; he was a trader and a merchant, when distances were great and towns few and far between; he was a steambot owner and operator when the Upper Columbia River was the only highway except the poor roads of those times.

When Mr. Moody became Governor, he established a fine home at the capital, and it became and long remained the established center for the social and political life of the state. There he lived happily for more than thirty years, until the death of his splendid helpmate, two years ago; and since that time he has remained in the land, until he passed peacefully on, leaving behind the fragrant memory of a true citizen.

CLAIMING NICK CARTER. Of all the mysteries surrounding the advent of the justly celebrated Nicholas Carter none has been more profitable to the public mind than the general man or series of gentlemen responsible for the blood-curdling adventures and exploits of the swash-buckling sleuth. For reasons that are not difficult to understand, there has been widespread feeling of the general public and resourcers of our explorers of cryptograms have made no effort to saddle the Carter offense on either Mr. DeLoach or Mr. Sisco. At the time ago a lunatic died in the California asylum who was accredited with authorship of Nick Carter adventures, and that story naturally held a wide appeal. It was easy to believe that the brain from which the exploits of Nick Carter sprang eventually would carry its possessor into a padded cell to rave away his declining years.

FOR EFFICIENCY IN PUBLIC SERVICE. Political bosses of the country will "view with alarm" a new organization perfected in New York for National Public Service in the Society for the Promotion of Training for Public Service. It is the product of a growing belief that there is too little efficiency in the public service and that the only application in the Social Service is the promotion of training for public service. It is the product of a growing belief that there is too little efficiency in the public service and that the only application in the Social Service is the promotion of training for public service.

Thanks to Representative W. A. Jones, dogs in some parts of the state are subject to double tax. It is the best dogs that get caught and their owners do the howling.

Was there ever a "better-living men" meal that did not leave a man hungry a long time before the next was served. Warships should be sent to bring home Americans in Europe who cannot travel because of lack of regular boats.

be weighed, but with that exception purely political designations should be relegated to the ultimate boneyard of misguided American practices. Organized insistence on fitness for public office will hasten that happy and profitable day.

Magazine editors have been active in recent years in the ranks of those complaining about the high cost of living. It is their plaint that anyone who can write could easily publish a magazine that would cost less than the price of a loaf of bread.

The Oregonian mildly disclaims credit of responsibility for the loud demand from the people of Oregon, or a large and indignant part of them, for Senator Lane to resign. He will not resign. Not all the outraged people of Oregon, rising en masse in protest, have the right time.

Marriage of General Sarraill to a nurse is a hint to women of what they may expect in the matrimonial competition of the future. Men will be scarce and women abundant after the war and the men who want to go to the front will have to go after him, even to the front as a nurse, as did Madame Sarraill. The proverb will need revision to read, "Faint heart never won brave husband."

Death is strictly non-partisan in the House tie. He no sooner takes a member from one party than he even things things up by taking one from the other. This distressful state of things is a warning to the voters to have all their political eggs in one basket.

A Chicago judge finds there is more real disunion in families with one child than in those that have a dozen. Naturally, the fighting is scattered and bitterness cannot become intense, as it must in the small domestic circle. Hostages to fortune are blessings, sometimes a disguise, but blessings still the same.

It is a revolution against German intrigue, and the Grand Duke Michael, intense Russian, comes into power. The killing of Rasputin a few weeks ago was the first step.

An educated, native-born Chinese at La Grande is the latest victim of the tong war. Blood is stronger than breeding with the Oriental as well as the Occidental.

The French Minister of War is too thin-skinned for the day. He should study the newspapers of America, where officials fatten and thrive on criticism.

How to Keep Well. By Dr. W. A. Evans. Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, if matters of general interest, will be answered in this column. Where space will not permit or the subject is not suitable letters will be returned unopened. Do not send stamps or postage for individual diseases. Requests for such services cannot be answered. Dr. W. A. Evans, Published by arrangement with the Chicago Tribune.

FINICKY BABIES MOTHERS' FAULT. Mrs. E. H. writes: "(1) How may a mother be overcome in a constipation of her baby girl, who dislikes fruit juices, scraped apple, etc., and who from her first taking of solid food has been particular in what she eats and thus is hard to feed?"

TOGA DOES NOT MAKE STATESMAN. President Right in Seeking Counsel From Competent Legal Advisers. VANCOUVER, Wash., March 12.—(To the Editor.)—In an attempt to defend himself, Mr. Jones, alluding to the statement made by the Senators, stated: "I think he has made mistakes in the past that he would not make if he had consulted fully with any dozen average citizens of his own party."

MYSTERY. Will you for a moment ponder, as do I, That when we die, In the damp, cold earth we find a grave, Or in the ocean's depths a wave-washed cave; Or if some monster of the deep Should drag us to his den, what then? Maybe that in ashes on waves we're blown by winds through spaces vast. Or blown by winds through spaces vast. Hast not the spirit been called forth To dwell in Paradise, or else in Hell? It is a mystery I cannot understand; To dwell in Paradise, or else in Hell. And unto dust thou shalt return. Why, then, the gathering of this dust of time? Will it increase the glory of that heavenly clime?

Where Belgian Relief Comes From. ILWACO, Wash., March 13.—(To the Editor.)—I have had the pleasure of reading your issue of the 12th inst. concerning the Belgian relief fund, and was surprised to see a report in the Oregonian that you were not getting the money. Can you tell me where they get the remaining 50 per cent? DISTANT READER.

Raise-Finding by Submarine. PORTLAND, Or., March 14.—(To the Editor.)—An article has appeared in the Oregonian of March 12th, regarding an instrument used by submarines to detect the location of vessels by sound. Kindly advise whether such an instrument is being used successfully to the extent of determining the location, course and speed of a vessel with such a degree of accuracy that it is possible to fire on and sink by a torpedo discharged by a submarine, the men on board of the submarine not having visible range. J. W. ROUNDS.

Feeding for Baby. Mrs. J. C. A. writes: "What should a baby be fed on taken from the breast at four months old and how often?"

Location of Street Number. TIGARD, Or., March 12.—(To the Editor.)—Is there such a number as 5211 East Forty-second street, Southeast?

Give Downing Street credit for the victory in Petrograd.

VETERAN IS PROUD OF COMRADES. Patriotic Stand of Grand Army Posts Warmly Commended. SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—(To the Editor.)—Having been a member of Lincoln-Griffith Post, No. 3, of your city, and greatly pleased to read in the Oregonian of March 8, the patriotic stand taken by the eight G. A. R. posts of Portland, as well as several others in the outlying towns, I feel that it should be and the spirit that impelled the "old boys" to go to the front during 1861-65 blazes out again in this time of our common country's danger.

In Other Days. Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian, March 16, 1867. Washington—Williams of Oregon introduced a joint resolution to cancel the postoffice contract for carrying the mails from Portland, Or., to Lincoln, Cal., held by Sen. Corbett. He explained that Corbett took the contract before his election and now desired to cancel it under the law providing Senators from holding contracts. The resolution was adopted.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian March 16, 1892. Paris—President Carnot has signed the commercial reciprocity convention with the United States. In return for minimum duties on certain fruits, timber and wool products, the United States will make liberal reductions on raw materials imported from France and her colonies on the free list.

Lawrence Sullivan and Miss Mabel Hours were married Monday by A. F. Edwards, at the residence of the bride, Mrs. L. B. Logan and Mrs. S. B. Crow, of Astoria, are at the St. Charles.

Stuart Robson will appear at the Marquam Grand stand in "Is Marriage a Failure?" at 8 o'clock, Monday, March 19. Lawrence Barrett, J. K. Mortimer, John McCullough, Mrs. Charles Mathews, Mrs. Vernon and Matilda Heron. Mr. Robson has the only one new living of the famous cast.

Probably there never met in Portland a state as strong as that which Mr. Greenwood conducts nightly at the tabernacle where Evangelist E. Fay Mills is preaching.

Andrew Carnegie, the Pennsylvania iron king, and his party spent a few hours in Portland yesterday, after their return from a trip to Puget Sound.

PRECEDENT SET FOR DISLOYALTY. Old-Timer Recalls Stand of Senator Lane's Grandfather Long Ago. WAITSBURG, Wash., March 14.—(To the Editor.)—I surely do endorse your stand on the side of loyalty and patriotism. I note in particular an article by "Reader" on "Lane's Disloyalty Inherited." You are right, but I am not a boy when this man's grandfather was in Congress, that on the floor of Congress he said, "Give me 200 stand of arms and I will give you the hands of the states in the Union against their will. He came home to his farm near Roseburg. This was only six weeks from my old home, and I know that at that time it only needed a match to light the fires of civil war in that sparsely settled country. I recall the eyes of his followers to lynch prominent Union men, but none of his gang had the grit to show up.

American people almost to a unit are standing back of the President. A majority of the men in Congress were with him, but a few blocked their forts all our country. The wife of the Senate that gave one man a right to talk as long as he chose. I am proud of the actions of the old Grand Army men of Oregon in backing Wilson as they did Lincoln. There are thousands of others just as ready. As long as we are in the hands of a few days ago, we can't go on scouting trips, on hard marches, as long ago, but we can guard bridges and guard our own homes, work while the younger men are doing the rough work. H. V. GRUBBE.

Censoring Diplomat's Letters. BUREAU, March 14.—(To the Editor.)—Would it not be possible to enact such laws as would render it practically impossible for any foreign Minister or Ambassador to represent his country at Washington or anywhere in the United States from receiving mail matter, cablegrams, etc., without having them passed on by a United States censor? Such an arrangement, it seems to the writer, would eliminate the German Ambassador Zimmermann note to the German Ambassador. W. C. STRONG.

An invariable rule of diplomatic relations is that the correspondence of an Ambassador shall be free from censorship. If the United States were to attempt to censor it, the country would break off diplomatic relations and might regard the act as cause for war. The Zimmermann note was not addressed to the German Ambassador to the United States, but to the German Ambassador to Mexico, although it may have been sent to Count von Bernstorff to be forwarded to Mexico.

Preamble to Declaration. UMATILLA, Or., March 13.—(To the Editor.)—What and where is the preamble of the Declaration of Independence? A question given on an eighth-grade examination. IDA POWELL.

A preamble is, generally speaking, an introductory explanation. The reason for its making, it begins, "When in the course of human events," etc., and enumerates the grievances of the colonies at length, and leads up to the Declaration itself.

Yes, take Mount Scott car, get off at Fifty-second street, Southeast, walk five blocks south. See assessment rolls at County Courthouse or consult secretary of Portland Realty Board.

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