KRYLENKO'S DEATH DESIRED BY KAISER

Enormous Persuasive Powers Possessed by Commander-in-Chief of Army.

REVOLUTION SEED SPREAD

"Ensign" Has Ardor of "Billy" Sunday, and the Faith of the Christian Martyr — "He's a Devil," Say His Enemies.

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I was not surprised when I read the dispatch that told about Krylenko's attempted assassination. It would be a clever trick for the Germans to get him out of the way just at this time, for Krylenko is a good fighter, and he has enormous powers of persuasion. And oratory will play a large part in politics in Russia, in spite of Lenine's contempt for the "malady of revolutionary phrases."

I once saw Krylenko do a remarkable thing. It was in the first days of the Bolshevik uprising and certain garrisons had not yet decided what side they would be on—the provisional government or the Bolsheviki.

A great deal in Petrograd depended on the way the bruniviki (armored car division) went. For days Kerensky had sent them out through the city to terrify the opposition. They would come hurtling down a crowded street with their screaming sirens, and the population would run for shelter.

On the sides were still painted in red letters the names given them by the Czar's government. It was amusing to see the names of all the old rulers flash by in such a terrible procession. It was as if they had come back from the dead to curse the new order.

Armored Cars for Kerensky.

In spite of the fact that Kerensky ordered the cars out, and they had gone out, no one felt certain that when the fighting began they would be on his side.

One night in early November a meeting was called in the huge menage of Alexander III, once the home of the best-blooded horses in the world and now used as a barn for armored cars.

The speakers mounted to the top of one of the cars and thousands of soldiers crowded to the very edge of this strange rostrum, listening intensely. The great room was blue with cigarette smoke and hazy in the candlelight.

The first two speakers were for Kerensky. They were received for the most part in silence, but as each finished there was applause from the majority. I thought as I watched that Kerensky could count on the bruniviki, and in that case he could hold Petrograd. At any rate, it looked as if they would not go against him, perhaps they would remain neutral.

When the first two speakers had ceased a stocky little man climbed up the sides of the car. He had short legs and a large head and sharp, squinting little eyes. It was Krylenko. For two nights he had not slept and had but a few minutes before arrived on a train from the front. His face was so white and he looked so tired that it seemed foolish to bother about him. His cause seemed hopeless. Then he began to speak.

Krylenko's Ability Unusual.

Krylenko has the ardor of "Billy" Sunday and the faith of a Christian martyr. As his voice rose over that huddled crowd of soldiers the atmosphere changed rapidly. Men began to move around, to argue with one another; there was no more polite silence; eyes flashed. . . . He talked about 15 minutes. When he finished there was no applause, but a great roar, "All power to the Soviets!" Krylenko stepped back smiling and showed his teeth in a tired grin. The chairman came forward and asked for the vote. There were 2000 soldiers; all but 25 went with Krylenko. One of the 25 said to me, "He's a devil, that man Krylenko!" After the vote Krylenko slid down from the evil-looking machine and disappeared into the night.

Military men have told me that Krylenko has unusual ability as an officer, besides he is bent, above all things, on stirring up revolution in Germany and Austria-Hungary. He is a violent little person and reminds one of characters from the most vivid pages of the French revolution. He was always saying publicly and privately, "Those who do not work shall not eat!"

During the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk Krylenko went along the front and helped get revolutionary literature over the lines. One day the Germans confiscated in their own trenches a million copies of "Die Fackel," a paper printed in German by the Russian Foreign Office.

Wild Excitement Created.

There was wild excitement—the German soldiers had already read the paper and it gave most of them their first news of what the revolution in Russia aimed to give to its oppressed people.

It told the German soldiers what a revolution in their own country would do for them. There were, for instance, illustrations of workmen in Petrograd prying off the imperial insignia from buildings and a picture of the old German embassy in Petrograd with the query: "Why don't you send a German workman to represent you to the workmen's and soldiers' government of Russia?"

No advance on the French front would have alarmed the German officers to a greater degree.

The next day the German delegates at Brest threatened to break off all negotiations if this propaganda continued. Krylenko, with a smile, ordered that no more literature should be sent. The soldiers understood the smile and laughed good-naturedly. "It's beginning to work over there—like yeast," said one.

And the Foreign Office also understood. They began to work 24 hours a day instead of 12. Tons of revolutionary pamphlets were smuggled in and Bolshevik speakers sneaked over No Man's Land into the enemy's country. At one time 40 of them were in a German insurrection camp and Krylenko and all the officers knew who they were and what they were doing. It is no wonder the German government is anxious to have Krylenko out of the way.

Freight Agent Resigns.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 18.—(Special.)—J. G. Edwards, with the railroad company 16 years, and joint freight agent in Vancouver since 1909, has resigned his position to go into another line of business. During his stay here in an official capacity Mr. Edwards has made many friends, all of whom wish him well in his new field. His successor has not been chosen.

FALL OF GERMAN BIRTH RATE THREATENS ECONOMIC FUTURE

Many Causes Contribute, Not Least of Which Is That Millions of Women Are Working in Mines and Munitions Factories.

BY CYRILL BROWN.

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STOCKHOLM, March 14.—(Special.)—A grave symptom of prevailing social and economic conditions in wartime Germany is the precipitous fall of the birth rate, of no immediate military importance, but ominous for Germany's more distant future.

Officialdom, scientists and thinking Germans generally have no delusions about the seriousness of this matter; it has figured in the debates and deliberations of the Reichstag and the Prussian Diet; it has been a featured theme in medical and other war congresses; it has added one more to the long list of German propagandas.

Germany's vital statistics for the war period are not published broadcast, though partial statistical information is occasionally available. Nowhere, however, has a full statement of births and deaths during the war years been published. The following estimated birth figures are based on quite complete official infant mortality statistics during the war: Living—born in 1914, 1,797,000; 1915, 1,467,000; 1916, 1,000,000; 1917, 1,003,000.

Military Crop Failures.

Even in the last peace years the steady though relatively small decline of Germany's birthrate was a source of concern to the military state; but as the last peace time vintage years cannot be counted on to yield more than about 600,000 recruits, the last war years must be regarded as almost complete military crop failures, the classes of 1915, 1916, 1917 and remaining war years likely to yield hardly more than 300,000 recruits; for 1918, the fall in the birthrate as compared with the last peace year will, conservatively estimated, be close to 50 per cent.

The figures indicate that the brakes have at last been successfully applied to the rapidly falling birthrate; not completely checked, but at least slowed up; the peculiar unfavorable war factors have made themselves felt almost to the full, and the present tendency of the birthrate appears to be toward a normal, reasonably stationary war level.

Food Shortage Principal Factor.

While experts disagree as to whether food scantiness is a direct factor in causing the fall of the war birthrate, German sociologists and medical specialists are agreed that indirectly food shortage is one of the principal factors.

The increasingly fashionable practice of race suicide, even among the laboring classes, before the war, particularly the middle classes hesitate to increase the size of the already burdensome families, in view of the difficulty of obtaining sufficient food; while millions of women are doing men's work in the mines, the iron and steel industries and other heavy occupations not conductive to motherhood.

The middle class is being converted into proletariat by the war, and even the proletariat is going in for quality rather than quantity progeny. Alarming this, to a military state; particularly as birthrate depressing economic pressure must continue to increase indefinitely—well into the reconstruction period.

Propagation Is Urged.

Everything that can be done under present war conditions to increase the stock of human material is being done; so far mostly palliatives and conservation measures; a successful campaign to reduce infant mortality; an equally successful propaganda to save a greater percentage of Germany's illegitimate-born by ameliorating the peace time status of illegitimacy.

Positive measures are almost entirely in the hands of the military. All military authorities, both at the front and at home, take a paternal interest in the propagation of the German species; home furlough is granted to family fathers preferentially, primary military interests not conflicting; and soldiers, whether in home garrison or at fighting front, are not infrequently lectured to by superior officers on the duties of citizenship, with the emphasis on the important duty to the state of raising large families.

All that military propaganda, stopping short only of explicit orders to increase and multiply, can accomplish is being done to bolster up the falling birth rate.

Population Policy Nearly Completed.

The state has not gone so far as to propose polygamy, for the balance of the war or the transition period; but no other conceivable practical remedial measure will be left untried. The Prussian government has long been working on a "Programme of Population Policy," nearly completed, though most of its features cannot be carried out until after the war.

Just as Germany's peace preparedness includes economic mobilization plans for getting the economic jump on her present enemies after the war, so peace preparedness includes detailed population strategy designed to make up Germany's and particularly Prussia's war losses before the present enemies can make good their losses in men, the idea expressed among many other representative Germans by Prof. Dr. von Schjerning, Surgeon-General of the German army, being accepted: "That nation will be victor in this war which most quickly makes up its losses."

Perhaps even more serious than the fallen war birth rate is the progressive demoralization of the youth of the nation, a harsh fact admitted by German criminologists and sociologists, by thoughtful Germans generally, and characterized as one of the saddest domestic chapters of the war.

The increasing moral attrition under increasingly abnormal war conditions is startlingly revealed by what the Germans call the "verwahrlosung"—the very general depreciation—of the country's youth, running the whole gamut from lack of discipline, truancy and rowdyism to full-fledged criminality.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

IRISH START RIOTING

Anti-Conscription Meeting in Belfast Ends in Fight.

POLICE USE REVOVLERS

Fifteen Thousand Persons Participate in Meeting—Samuel Young, Member for County Cavan, Is Dead.

LONDON, April 18.—All remaining stages of the man-power bill were concluded today and the royal assent was given the measure.

LONDON, April 18.—Rioting attended the breaking up of an anti-conscription meeting in Belfast yesterday, according to a dispatch to the Daily News.

Revolvers were used by the police, who were pelted with paving stones. Fifteen thousand persons participated in the meeting, which was called by the Labor party.

DUBLIN, April 18.—A meeting to discuss Irish conscription was held today by representatives of the Nationalists, the Sinn Fein and the labor organization. John Dillon, Joseph Devlin, Edward de Valera, William O'Brien and Timothy Healy were among the delegates who gathered at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor presided. The proceedings were private. It is expected an official report will be issued later.

BELFAST, Ireland, April 18.—Samuel Young, the oldest member of the House of Commons, died here today.

The Sinn Feiners will make a great effort to capture the seat thus vacated in the eastern division of County Cavan. In view of the government's decision to apply conscription to Ireland, it is not unlikely that they will succeed.

Mr. Young was 96 years old. He was a Protestant, although he represented a Catholic constituency. He was an earnest advocate of self-government for Ireland.

HUNGARIAN CABINET OUT

DISSENSIONS CAUSE RESIGNATION OF MINISTRY IS REPORT.

Emperor Is Expected to Request Wekerle to Serve Again—Budapest Press Reaffirms Loyalty.

AMSTERDAM, April 18.—The Hungarian Ministry has resigned, a dispatch from Budapest reports.

The decision of the Hungarian Cabinet was reached at a meeting yesterday morning at which Premier Wekerle presided.

Dr. von Seydler, the Austrian Premier, in receiving a delegation of deputies who called attention to the agitation recent political events had caused in German circles, said he was aware of this excitement and greatly regretted it.

He was emphatic in saying that neither the foreign nor the home policy of the government was affected in the least by the change in the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Ministry, says the Vienna dispatch reporting the incident. He added that, according to the unalterable views of the crown, with which he was completely acquainted, those who looked to the entente for salvation would always be regarded and treated as enemies of the state.

The Budapest newspapers, in commenting upon the appointment of Baron Burian as Foreign Minister, lay emphasis upon the statement that unyielding loyalty to the alliance with Germany is the main feature of this policy. They declare that Austria-Hungary's foreign policy will not be altered in the least.

A Copenhagen dispatch last night said Premier Wekerle had decided to resign owing to dissension in the Ministry over the suffrage reform bill and that King Charles was expected to request him to form a new Cabinet, excluding the Ministers who oppose a compromise on the suffrage measure.

Sleuth Taken by Mistake.

If Deputy Sheriff Mead had not been too hasty he would not have placed Patrolman George Teeters, of the local emergency squad, under arrest and allowed two of three alleged bootleggers, who alighted from California train No. 14 at Oregon City to escape.

Patrolmen Bob Phillips and George Teeters, of the War Emergency Squad, were sent to a station some miles south of Portland to board the California train for the purpose of detecting whisky operations. When the train pulled into Oregon City three men got off lugging a half dozen heavy suitcases. Teeters followed them to make the identification to the Oregon City authorities. Phillips proceeded to Portland.

He placed Patrolman Teeters under arrest, and during the excitement two of the three owners of the liquor-laden suitcases made a hasty retreat. One, however, was detained.

It was a matter of half an hour until Teeters could make good his identification in Oregon City.

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June Ramsey..... Ruth Rose
George Riddle..... Walter F. Scott
Minnie Riddle, his wife .....
..... Sue Ann Wilson
Avalonia Jorny.....Frances Landy
Earl, the minister's son.....
..... Hollingsworth Pett
Mrs. Jorny.....Alice Gale
Milton Jorny, Mayor of Avalonia...
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Mrs. Codder.....Winona Denison
The three troubadours:
Antonio Camaradonio...Mr. Skinner
Joe .....Robert Harrison
Capitano ..... Himself

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

Otis Skinner is here in a Booth Tarkington play, "Mister Antonio," a comedy of infinite charm, whimsy and gentle, kindly humor, plus a fine philosophy. It is sentimental comedy, with a strong dramatic background, and has for its basic idea the philosophy of laughter and the creed of helping others.

Here is the philosophy of Tony, hurdy-gurdy man, who brought his message of optimism and faith to the Heilig audience last night.

Says Tony: "W'en I was a leetla boy in Sorrent' I get in trouble sometime. I maka to cry. Well, wat you tink dat ole pries' 'e say to me? 'e say, 'You, Tonio, don't you know you can maka jus' de same noise as loud if you maka to laugh instead you maka to cry, an' dat noise she's nicer noise, an' do you twice as more good in your gizzard?"

"Dat ole pries' 's right. Dees worl' she can do wat she likes to me—I am goin' to laugh. If a man 'e do me some ugly trick, I am goin' to laugh in 'is face. I laugh w'en I want to laugh an' w'en I wan' to cry."

The story of "Mister Antonio" is not easily told, for it isn't the kind of a story that can be sketched in a few words without omitting pretty nearly everything that comprises the fine substance of thought and sentiment and the delicious vagaries of the interpolated Skinner humor. It is enough to say that Otis Skinner is a son of the high road, a singer of sweet songs, a poet, who plays his hurdy-gurdy from town to town.

Tony Is Good Samaritan.

By chance he meets the Mayor of a small town under most distressing circumstances for the Mayor, in an East Side saloon in New York City. Tony befriends him when others revile him, and his good Samaritanism is a delightful commingling of honest kindness and a safety-first instinct fostered by the knowledge of the Mayor's identity and the fact that Tony is going to play in the Mayor's village in a few weeks.

It is on a sunshiny Sunday morning when the Mayor, clothed in self-righteousness and accompanied by his family and the minister and his folks from next door, are returning from services, that Tony and his partner-by-courtesy, a halfwit, come along playing their hurdy-gurdy. It is drawn by El Capitano, a sad-eyed, gray-white donkey, who adds delightfully to the picture. Naturally, Tony has the Mayor on the hip, for hadn't Tony loaned that worthy a dollar and an overcoat when the worthy had waked up drunk and robbed after a three-days sightseeing trip to New York?

It so happens that the Mayor and his family have acted as a board of inquisition and turned out of the city a pretty young lass, June Ramsey, and Tony makes them take her back—almost—and then takes her himself.

Otis Skinner possesses ideal qualifications to impersonate the poetic sentimental and sunshiny Tony. The role is rich in performance, and Mr. Skinner throws such fine enthusiasm and individuality into the part as to make Tony a vivid and fascinating figure.

Production Teems With Mirth.

Almost every character in the comedy is drawn with remarkable clearness, although quite naturally the concentration of interest centers in Mister Antonio Camaradonio from Sorrento, Italy.

Ruth Rose, a youthful actress, is extremely interesting in the role of Miss June Ramsey, whom Tony adores and defends, and she quite makes us think of Tony's description of her dancing "lak de rose petals, sweet red rose petals blown in de breeze across de room."

Joseph Brennan, as the Mayor of Avalonia, gives an entirely human embodiment to the role of the certain man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves. This text, by the way, is neatly and aptly brought into the Sunday conversation and its application occasions much mirth.

The characters of the Mayor's family and the ministerial brood next door are exceptionally clever studies, especially the minister's wife, a proper person played by Jessie Cromette, and Mrs. Jorny, a motherly unmotherly person, played by Alice Gale.

Robert Harrison contributed an unique role as the demented but harmless partner of the hurdy-gurdy man. You'll like "Mister Antonio." It's worth while. Tonight and tomorrow night and a matinee tomorrow the engagement runs.

W. F. WOODWARD INDORSED

Progressive Business Men's Club Commends Loyalty to Ideals.

The Progressive Business Men's Club yesterday noon at its luncheon at the Benson Hotel adopted a resolution indorsing the stand of W. F. Woodward in the recent Hunt incident at the Central Library, when Miss M. Louise Hunt, assistant librarian, was allowed to resign after having refused to buy liberty bonds of the third loan. Mr. Woodward maintained that she should be dismissed and not allowed to resign.

The resolution commended him for his loyalty to American ideals and congratulated him for the stand he had taken.

Fighting Insects Lecture Topic.

"Fighting the Insects of the Garden" will be the topic of the lecture at the Meier & Frank auditorium Friday afternoon at 3:30. This meeting will be conducted by Professor A. L. Lovett, of the department of entomology of the Oregon Agricultural College. The discussion will be illustrated with a carefully prepared set of slides.

Auxiliary Arranges Dance.

Members and friends of the Army and Navy Auxiliary will give a dance in honor of the members of the 318th Engineers, now stationed at Vancouver, Wash., on the evening of Saturday, April 27, at Harlow-Grady Hall, 84 North Sixteenth street. A special feature of the evening will be aesthetic dancing by Miss Genevieve Paget.

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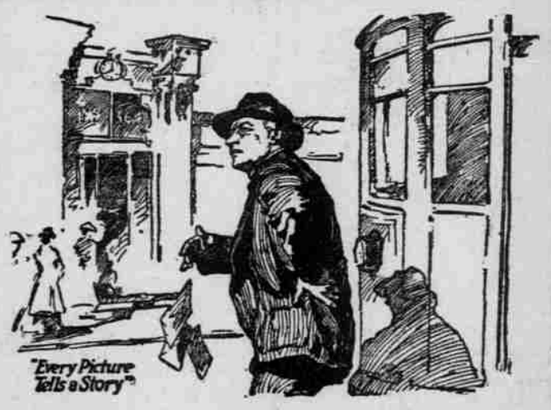

Lame and Achy Every Morning?

It's hard to have to start off every day with a lame, aching back, but you can expect little peace if your kidneys are weak. While at first there may be nothing more serious than backache, headaches, dizzy spells and kidney irregularities, the longer you delay helping the kidneys the more danger there is of worse troubles, such as dropsy, gravel, arterial hardening, heart trouble, or Bright's disease. Use *Doan's Kidney Pills.* They are helping thousands. You can believe what home people say about them.

These Are Portland Cases:

T. H. Berry, 194 Fargo St., says: "I had been an unusually healthy man and hadn't been sick a day in my life until I was taken with typhoid fever. After the fever left me my kidneys became awfully weak and the kidney secretions passed irregularly and contained sediment. Every quick move sent sharp, cutting pains through me and I was lame and stiff all over. I read about Doan's Kidney Pills and started to use them. They soon put my kidneys in good order and I felt like a different man."

J. C. Sealey, merchant tailor, 2011 E. Stark St., says: "At my work I have to sit still for hours at a time. That affected my kidneys. When I was carrying wood into the house a lightning-like pain caught me in my back and for several days I couldn't get around at all. My kidneys didn't act freely enough and I had an awful time with them. Specks floated before my eyes and my sight was so blurred I could hardly see. It was a good thing for me that I learned of Doan's Kidney Pills, for they ended the trouble."

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