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RUSSIA'S GREATEST MAN.

If dependence is to be placed upon reports from Russia, the greatest man that country has produced is on his death-bed. Count Lyoff Tolstoy is one of the towering figures of the country and of the world, says the Tacoma Ledger.

To obtain the truth concerning anything Russian is a matter of exceeding difficulty. This peculiarity is hard to understand. There is a censorship that seems to pervade the kingdom of the czar. Some have defied this censorship without adding to the sum of human knowledge. Even George Kennan, whose articles brought him fame and money, was guilty of exaggeration most gross. The pictures that have been painted of Russia have been in garish colors, untrue to life there.

It is certain that Russia has attained a high degree of civilization. In letters it has advanced so that the European scholar feels that he must be familiar with the Russian language. In philosophy and science the Russian has won an enviable place. The cause of education has been greatly advanced. Of the general social condition little is known. There are millions of Russian subjects little uplifted from a state of savagery, but blindly worshipping the czar. To his people the word of this potentate is final, and this applies to all but the plotting anarchist.

For such progress as Russia has made to Tolstoy, more than to any other individual, belongs the credit. A man of gigantic mind and high culture; an original thinker, and from the depths of his nature the friend of justice and equality, he has become the central figure of a new and better Russia. He is an old man now, and has known an active life. He has been a soldier, the horrors of war having been depicted in his books with the touch of the absolute master. He is the incarnation of kindness, but for firmness of principle a very rock. He has not hesitated to write and declaim against the government and the church. To another, such a course might have meant exile, but to Tolstoy it has never been more than a threat to which he paid no heed. To be sure, the church went through the form of excommunicating him. About this he cared nothing. He was above its creeds and its rites, and he had cast it off. The humbug of it disgusted him, and for its approval he never sought.

To the common mind Tolstoy seems almost a mythical character, the embodiment of lofty sentiments, an ideal raised out of the noblest yearnings of souls that struggle upward toward liberty and light. So small a matter as the spelling of his name remains in doubt. The ordinary printers spell it thus: Tolstol. The author himself in "The Resurrection," one of his latest and strongest studies—for his books are not idle tales—says that the spelling should be thus: Tolstoy. This statement appears in a fac simile of his own chirography and may be regarded as final.

Whether or not the author and philosopher be taken this time, his race is nearly run, for the burden of years lies heavy upon him. It has been a grand race, devoted to humanity. Young Russia will cherish his memory fondly and the intelligence of the nation will realize that it is Tolstoy who, more than armies marched with banners, has lifted Russia to a place among the powers of the world, has developed its final instincts, taught it love of freedom, made it to understand the rights of man made in the image of God. Tolstoy is the foe of oppression, the advocate of peace, the missionary of justice. Long he wrought in a field that seemed barren, but he lived to see the seed of his planting blossoming in the promise of a finer beauty to come, and to hear the voice of the people calling the sower blessed.

Satisfaction at the treaty between England and Japan was general in this country. It was regarded as an assurance of peace in the Far East. It was also considered as a guaranty that China would not be given over to spoliation. Designs held by Russia were believed to be sinister and its tightening grasp upon Manchuria but the forerunner of extended dominion. There is not such confidence in Russia as to promote the desire for its expansion. There does not exist for it a love suggesting to other nations that with their interests they appease the appetite of the bear. Had England not intervened, a conflict between Russia and Japan must have been only a matter of time, with the outcome problematical. It is tired of selfish aggression. The best of civilization has awakened to a sense of the wisdom of fair play. Japan with England behind it is a different power from Japan standing alone. The combination will be able to dictate to Russia, and so long as there is no tendency to dictate anything but the pursuit of an honest course, other nations cannot object, and, as a rule, they will be pleased. That the government of the United States has sympathized with the new compact will be a matter of surprise. Not but this reflects the sentiment of the country, but that there had seemed no occasion for it. Now that the administration has done this, the fact will be conceded that the inner circles of diplomacy were in position to know best. The note is firm and dignified. It will certainly have the effect of adding strength to an alliance that already seems to have enough strength to be effective. It virtually joins this government with England and Japan, for there is no mistaking the declaration of full sympathy with the purposes of the alliance. If Russia had entertained thought of defying the treaty nations, it will be apt to think again, and refrain. The treaty promotes directly the cause of peace. The moral support of the United States accentuates the potency of the promotion. It is a warning to Russia. Whether or not Russia needed this may be questioned, but it can do no harm, and perhaps it is well to let the world know where we are.

There is something worthy of reflection in Andrew Carnegie's declaration at the Authors' Club reception that no European power would ever dare provoke the United States to war, because it would thereby shut itself off from our export food products and thus starve itself out in short order. With some allowance for the Carnegie superabundance of zealous Americanism, it is quite true that the United States comes pretty near to "feeding the whole world," but even if the latest statistics should prove beyond cavil that the naval powers of the Eastern hemisphere would starve eventually if cut off from our food products, such a situation would hardly warrant the Carnegie conclusion that for these reasons we do not require a navy and are therefore simply throwing away money on the superb fleet of warships that we are building. Suppose we were to sell all our warships and stop all naval construction—then, in the event of war and an embargo on food exports, what would hinder "starving Europe" from invading our shores and helping itself to our grain and bacon? This Carnegie program has more weak spots in it than the armor-plates that his company makes for our warships. Let us keep on for a while, anyway, building the ships and buying the armor-plate.

This is how Dr. Max Nordau accounts for the hatred of England in Europe: "The result of five hundred years of English history is the mastery of the seas, the possession of the greatest colonial empire the world has ever seen, the astonishing expansion of the Anglo-Saxon race, and the resentful hatred of the nations from whom England has once or oftener had to exact respect for the English flag, or whom she has had to drive from the sea or various shores."

An account has been published in Berlin of the average number of letters daily received by European sovereigns. The pope breaks the record, as his daily average of letters and papers reaches the enormous number of 22,000 to 23,000. Thirty-five secretaries are kept fully employed with his holiness' correspondence. King Edward must find his daily quota of one thousand letters and three thousand newspapers a heavy tax on his attention. The czar and the German emperor receive from six hundred to seven hundred a day; the emperor, like to answer many himself. The king of Italy gets five hundred, and the young queen of Holland struggles under the daily burden of one hundred and one hundred and fifty letters.

THE GHOST

Of our boyhood resolved itself to an old tree when we had courage to examine it. Manhood has its ghosts, which, to the man who has courage to confront them, prove to be as harmless as the ghosts of boyhood. One of the ghosts which scare a great many people is the ghost of lung disease. But experience shows this ghost to be very harmless. In cases almost innumerable "weak" lungs have been made strong, obstinate coughs stopped, and bronchial affections cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. And these cures have been wrought in many cases after the doctor had said: "There is no help for you." Don't give in to the superstition of a past age. Give the "Golden Medical Discovery" a fair and faithful trial. It always helps. It almost always cures.

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The editor of the Oregonian blandly counsels the editor of the Post-Intelligencer to return to the backwoods. Shall we then have no concern for the welfare of the backwoods—Ledges.

MILLIONS PUT TO WORK.

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Either Miss Stone has been liberated or she has not. For more definite information it will be necessary to apply elsewhere.

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Foley's Honey and Tar is best for croup and whooping cough, contains no opiates, and cures quickly. Careful mothers keep it in the house. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

Secretary Shaw appears at the treasury department before any of his clerks, but the novelty of their situations has worn off.

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Minister Wu and ex-Mayor Phelan, of San Francisco, recently met in a Washington hotel. Nothing was shed but language.

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Minister Wu contends that female offenders should be tried by juries of women. If Wu has his way good-looking women will do well to keep out of the dock.

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Some of these governments that are so solicitous about China's "integrity" will do well to keep an eye on their own.

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