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DEATH AND BIRTH

General Spkhomlinoff, former Russian minister of war, ending his career philosophically as a prisoner in the grim fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, at Petrograd, is doleful at the way things are going. He doesn't see any hope anywhere.

Spkhomlinoff is a confirmed royalist, a czarist. He is convinced that czarism, with all its glories, is gone for good. "It hasn't a chance of revival," he says sadly. And then he breaks into a mournful melody:

"The whole world is perishing. Mankind and culture are being destroyed. Where will it end?"

Well, nobody knows just exactly where it will end. But most of us refuse to get into the dumps about it. For in the very thing that grieves Spkhomlinoff most, we find particular cause of rejoicing.

Czarism, with all its works, is really gone forever. Gone is the ridiculous "divine right" of kings, gone are all the trappings and lies of autocracy, gone is the blind obedience that bolstered it, gone is the tyranny it wrought and the brutal force by which it worked. Men are being made free, given an equal chance in the game of life. Democracy, after all these centuries of striving, is on the road to realization for all races and nations that have evolved far enough to grasp its possibilities.

The world has had a new birth of freedom—we might say, its first birth of real freedom. The very spirit of the time is freeing men's souls. Their bodies and their goods will be freed, for their own use, enjoyment and progress, in God's own good time, which is not far off.

No, the whole world is not perishing. There is deplorable slaughter and destruction on every hand. But that is only the dark side of this war cloud. The other side is bright with hope. For everything lost there is a corresponding gain. Out of the ruins comes a new life, such as mankind has never known. We are today in the midst of one of the mightiest movements of history, a vast renaissance, in which old things are being made new for the profit of a race that has not yet reached its prime.

Mankind is not being destroyed, but is being refined by fire and made ready for the new age. Culture is not being destroyed, unless by culture we mean the selfish and unsocial sort typified by Russian autocracy. We are merely passing into a broader, freer, more liberal and humane culture, the culture of democracy, in which all men and women may share.

Now the icemen say ice is going to be dearer next summer, because there's so much of it. We supposed the old law of supply and demand had been abolished, not reversed.

Senator Bois Penrose wants to play politics with war legislation in order to win party success next fall. That of course is just like Penrose who, like Stone, on the democratic side, represents the old-line partisan element who subscribe to the doctrine that party success is the acme of successful statesmanship. This type of men would use the political party, not as a means to end which would redound to the nation's welfare, but for personal advancement and glorification. There are many politicians

who endorse the Penrose-Stone view of politics but they have small following among the rank and file of either party.—Salem Capital Journal.

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