

SECRET TREATY BINDS KAISER TO CZAR'S CAUSE

Kaiser Offered Army of Million to Crush Revolt of 1905 and Old Agreement Still in Effect—German Success Spells Restoration of the Autocracy in Russia.

(This is another of the series of articles by Charles Edward Russell, who has just returned from Russia, where he spent three months as a member of the official United States commission to the new Russian government.)

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The Russian people are making the world's most advanced experiment in democracy.

After years of hideous oppression they won their liberty from an autocracy that represented the dark ages. They never deserved any such oppression; the genius of it was absolutely foreign to their spirit and characteristics.

By Brutal Might. It was forced down them by brutal might and great guns.

If anything should happen to overthrow their hopes and bring back the yoke they threw off, every man in the world touched with any sense of the spirit of liberty would regard it as an unspeakable personal calamity.

All the world of progressive thinkers and friends of democracy would mourn always and say that their cause had suffered its greatest defeat.

They should understand, then, perfectly, that this is exactly what will happen should Germany win in this war.

The victory of Germany would mean the return of the half-crazy czar, the police, the spies, the exile to Siberia. It would mean extinction of democracy.

The whole structure of our hopes for Russia would fall together.

Persons that are able to blind themselves to the real nature of Germany and what it stands for may try to pretend that this is mere assertion.

It is not assertion. It is ascertained fact.

I will now give you a little chapter of previously unprinted history.

You remember that the Russian people had made one revolt previous to that of last March. In January, 1905, they rose against the monstrous autocracy that was crushing them, and in spite of Bloody Monday and other slaughters they made for a time a great headway.

In March, 1905, when it looked as if his crown was slipping from his head, when the revolt was spreading to all parts of the country and many provinces had declared their independence, Czar Nicholas wrote a letter of piteous appeal to his dear intimate friend, Kaiser Wilhelm.

Appealed to Kaiser.

The two were in almost daily communication, anyway. No two rulers of Europe were more sympathetic or affectionate. Their intimate correspondence was continued down to the very outbreak of the war, and some say it did not cease then.

At least it is perfectly certain that the czar never had any heart in the war against Germany and continued to regard Kaiser Wilhelm as his best and dearest friend.

So in March, 1907, he wrote to the kaiser, discussing the situation in his empire, about which it appears he had often consulted his friend, and expressing the fear that he might not be able to hold out against the revolutionists.

They seemed to be making new progress every day and it was plain enough that a large part of the army sympathized with them.

Promised Million Troops.

What was to be feared, therefore, was that in a critical encounter between the army and the people the army would desert to the popular cause, and in that case nothing would be left to do but to flee over the border to safety.

To this the kaiser replied, giving to his imperial brother heart of hope. He said that it was the czar's duty to himself, the dynasty, his fellow-monarchs and his God to hold out to the last. And he said that he was prepared to send to Russia, if necessary, a million men to crush out the revolution and make the czar safe on his throne.

Subsequent letters discussed the manner in which this could be done and settled the details, the places at which the German troops should en-

ter and the generals that should command them.

The position of the kaiser was that all the autocratic governments, drawing their authority directly from divine decree, must stand together at whatever cost to put down this rising tide of mob rule.

Kaiser Advised Iron Hand. And he urged the czar to put it down with an iron hand.

I have talked with a man that has seen this correspondence.

It was the means of overwhelming the revolution and restoring the despotism.

There was at that time pending applications for loans that Russia wanted to float in England and in France. These countries had refused to lend any money to Russia so long as the revolution was on. They did not wish to be in the position of helping an autocracy to put down a democratic uprising.

Russia was almost bankrupt, as usual. The fact of the correspondence between the kaiser and the czar became known to the governments of England and France. They learned what the kaiser had undertaken to do with his million troops.

They decided that it would be better to lend the money to the czar's autocratic government than allow Germany to annex Russia, which

would be the practical result if the kaiser swept in with his troops.

German Money Used.

They therefore allowed the loan to be made. Russia took the money and with it suppressed the revolution.

Now observe that when the revolution of this year broke forth and the czar's advisers saw that it was serious, their very first word was to open the front and let the German troops in to put the rebellion down.

It is plain enough, therefore, that the old agreement still stood, in spite of the war, and that at a signal the kaiser's soldiers were ready to rush in, shoot down the Russian revolutionists and put the czar back on the throne.

Nothing prevented this except the czar's perception that the revolt had gone so far it could not be suppressed without bloody fighting in the heart of Russia and that he was not willing then to bring it about.

These are the facts. They show how absolutely the life of democracy in Russia hangs upon the defeat of Germany.

Show Kaiser as He Is.

They show the kaiser also as he really is, the frantic foe of the democratic advance, the mad dog of Europe, crazed with the notion that he is divinely appointed to prevent the world from passing under mob rule,

and ready to pour out his people's blood to keep any old throne anywhere from tottering to the ground.

He advised the czar to put down with a ruthless hand every insurrection. There is no question as to what he would do if his armies should ever break through that eastern front.

The American pacifists, copperheads, and the pro-Germans are now engaged in helping him break through.

If one of them ever dares to utter the word "democracy" you would think the word would choke him.

He is doing his best to exterminate democracy from this world.

SWISS ON STRIKE TO LOWER H. C. L.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—Workmen in the Swiss cities of Berne, Zurich and Basel went on a half-day strike yesterday as a protest against the high cost of living, says a Havas dispatch from Basel. The manifestation was organized by socialist who, the dispatch adds, declared that if it does not produce results, a prolonged strike, involving municipal services such as gas and electricity, will be ordered.

NEW DAIRY LAW REQUIRES TESTING OF MILK SOLD PUBLIC

To the Editor: Judging from correspondence coming to this office it would seem that considerable misapprehension exists among dairy farmers relative to the requirements of the law passed by the legislative assembly of 1917, which requires the pasteurization of all milk and cream sold to consumers and all by-products of creameries or cheese factories if not produced from tuberculin tested cows.

Would you, therefore, do me the favor and your subscribers a service by allowing me space in your valuable columns to place before your readers the exact text of the law which is known as Chapter 332 of the General Laws of 1917; section 2 of which reads as follows:

"That from and after September 1, 1917, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company, corporation or association, to sell or offer or ex-

pose for sale or exchange, for human consumption any milk from cows that have not passed the tuberculin test, unless such milk shall have been pasteurized as hereinafter provided. It is understood and hereby expressly stated that nothing in this section shall apply to the delivery of milk or cream to creameries, cheese or condensed milk factories by the producer of such milk or cream, or in bulk to the wholesale trade."

It will be noted from the reading of the above that this part of the law does not apply in any way whatever to any dairy farmer who is selling his milk or cream to a condenser, creamery, cheese factory, milk depot or any manufacturing plant, but said condenser, creamery, cheese factory, milk depot or manufacturing plant are held responsible for the process of pasteurization.

On the other hand, if dairy farmers are making what is known as "dairy butter" or any other milk product and selling the same directly to consumers, then and in that case they come under the purview of this act.

Section 8 of the act makes provisions as follows: "Milk from any cow or cows whose owner or lessee shall apply to the State Livestock Sanitary board to have such cow or cows tuberculin tested shall be exempt from all of the provisions of this act until

such time as such cows shall have been tested." This application should be made to Dr. W. H. Lyle, state veterinarian, Salem, Oregon.

J. D. MICKLE, Dairy and Food Commissioner, Portland, August 28.

RUSSIA HOPES FOR LARGE LOAN FROM UNITED STATES


PETROGRAD, Aug. 31.—The Bourse Gazette says it has reason to believe that the favorable disposition manifested by Americans, particularly after the national conference at Moscow, will enable the provisional government soon to obtain from the United States a loan of 5,000,000,000 roubles.

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