

KERENSKY NOT DICTATOR BUT PUBLIC SERVANT

People of Russia Repudiated Idea,
Not the Man, When They Overthrew
the Czar—Mass of Russians Not
Misinformed or Ignorant, But In-
telligent—Kerensky Star Orator.

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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terprise Association.)

"Where is the Napoleon of Russia? Who is he? Do you think he is Kerensky?"

I have these questions every day from scores of Americans. Apparently the persons that put them are convinced that Russia, having thrown off one king, necessarily and of course proceed to choose another.

No going without a king. All England, naturally enough, believes this, but what puzzles me is that any American should cling to a notion that belongs to the world's antique.

Idea Repudiated. Americans might reflect that it was not the man, Nicholas Romanoff, the Russian people repudiated, but the king idea.

Having waited so long and endured so much to get rid of it under one name, does it seem likely they would rush joyously to get it back under another?

"Where is the Napoleon of Russia?" Well, dear old sleep walker, there ain't no such animal.

There is none now and there will be none so long as the Russian people have anything to say about their affairs—which will be until the Hun's flag flies above Petrograd and Moscow, anyway. The Germans believe in that sort of thing, but the Russians do not. That makes a difference.

Let me tell you now an odd little fact that should throw no end of light on the actual situation between the United States and Russia.

No Dictator Needed. "What Russia needs," sings a large chorus of American cave dwellers, "is a dictator."

So, Russia, not being sufficiently wise to pick out one, these gentlemen proceed to create one for her. It is literally true—that is what they have already done.

When Kerensky succeeded to the place of prime minister the American press was deluged with the assertion that he had been made dictator of Russia. It was said so positively that the entire nation became convinced of it. "Dictator Kerensky," some newspapers always called him, as if that were his regular title. "The man that rules Russia" is another favorite reference.

"It was an impressive spectacle," observed many journals, meaning the meeting between Kerensky and the late czar, "the man that used to rule Russia face to face with the man that rules Russia now."

Kerensky Not Dictator. This is all the most absolute rot and rubbish that ever was devised. There is literally not one word of truth in it.

Kerensky is no more the dictator of Russia than you are. He was never made dictator nor anything like dictator. He comes no nearer being a dictator than his predecessor came. When he was named to succeed Lvoff there was no more thought of making him dictator than there was of making Bill Devery dictator.

Beyond all this, Kerensky himself who is a most unselfish, sincere and high-minded patriot, would be shocked and grieved to learn that America believed him to be capable of betraying the revolution.

No one that knows him or knows the Russians as they really are would ever go so far astray.

Carries Out Popular Will.

Kerensky, like the rest of the ministry, holds office to carry out the will of the Russian people.

And if you think that the Russian people will ever tolerate a dictator, let me propose something for your enlightenment.

On a Sunday afternoon go out to the meetings that cover the great Field of Mars in Petrograd and suggest such a thing. You will not have to prepare any argument about it. Just suggest it. Only—a word in your ear—take along plenty of good strong hunkies for a bodyguard. You'll need them.

The idea that Russia needs and will have a dictator is born of fun-

damental disbelief in democracy and the fixed delusion that many persons have that the people of Russia, being very ignorant and totally without experience, cannot manage their own affairs.

But that is just the point. The people of Russia are not very ignorant and are not inexperienced.

Extraordinary Capacity. They are people of extraordinary capacity and instead of being inexperienced their peculiar form of local government has trained and developed among them an unquestionable talent for the self-governing job.

They have factions among them, of course, and some of the factions stand out for wild, visionary and impossible things.

They are also plagued, cursed and bedeviled with a German propaganda almost as industrious and insidious as the movement that is trying to induce the United States to turn dirty yellow.

But the masses of the people have a great fund of great, plain, hard common sense.

Also, while they may have little book learning, they understand the principles of democracy just as well as we do, and are at least as determined to have them and nothing else.

Lofty in Character. Kerensky is one of the foremost men of his age, as lofty in character as he is unusual in ability. In a nation of orators he is one of the greatest. He has the orator's gifts, magnetism, presence, a splendid voice, a marvelous command over speech. In our own country probably nobody this side of Wendell Phillips has equally swayed men.

He gives you at once the impression of sincerity, of a man that is on the level.

As a prime minister, he undoubtedly understands the situation as well as anybody in Russia; he knows that there can be no peace in the world until German militarism is put out of it.

The last time I saw him he was carrying his right hand in a sling because he had strained it shaking hands with the people.

But I think that with his left he would have assaulted anybody that called him a dictator, the betrayer of the young republic.

The only dictator in Russia is the majority of the people. It is a dictator that knows its job and will do it—if left alone.

GENERAL GURKO TO BE EXILED

PETROGRAD, Sept. 5.—General Gurko, former commander on the southwestern front, charged with treasonable conduct toward the revolution, will be exiled from Russia.

General Gurko, according to reports, is the first person against whom such a measure has been taken by the revolutionary government. He will be permitted to choose the place of his residence.

A commission has been appointed by the government to draft a law for the summary punishment of treasonable acts "in the rear" which is intended to include all Russia.

GERMANS AFTER ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 5.—The Dusseldorff Anzeiger, which, like all the German papers, publishes the statement recently made by Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the former imperial chancellor, to the Associated Press, appends the following remarks:

"By the way, while the United States kept up the sham neutrality, the gentlemen of the Associated Press frequently acted as intermediaries for statements from leading Germans, which could have gone direct to the German press. What is the meaning of this, that while we are at war with the United States, a representative of the Associated Press is permitted to carry on his profession in Germany unhindered?"

ASCERTAIN FACTS ON NORTHWEST COAL

SEATTLE, Sept. 5.—In order to gather facts on the threatened coal famine in Washington state, a conference of the coal operators of the state at the Seattle chamber of commerce has been set for Thursday afternoon, at the request of Dr. Henry Szallos, chairman of the state council of defense. Dr. H. A. Garfield, national coal administrator, today telegraphed asking for all the facts in the situation, and expressed his willingness to begin an investigation at once.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA CAN HELP WIN WAR BY FOLLOWING EXAMPLES OF BRITISH COMRADES



GREAT BRITAIN'S "SEA SCOUTS" DO EFFECTIVE SERVICE AS ASSISTANTS TO THE NAVY.

LONDON, England, Sept. 5.—Boys, here's a special dispatch from the world's war center meant just for you—for every Medford youngster who wants to help Uncle Sam with the war!

Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder and chief of nearly 300,000 boy scouts in the British empire, has given me this message for you.

To begin with, this war is really your war. Your fathers and uncles and big brothers are coming here to fight and die for your sakes. They want you, when you grow up, to be able to live in a world which is happy and safe. They don't want you or your children ever again to go into the trenches and be killed.

And they know the world will never be safe for you until the Kaiser's army is beaten. Because they are fighting for you, you will want to help them beat that army.

Since the war broke out the boys of great Britain have been helping. Sir Robert Baden-Powell showed them how.

"There is hardly anything the boy scouts haven't done."

"The day the war broke out we had more than a thousand scouts mobilized for maneuvers. And from mere play, they went into the coast patrol in real earnest. The government was glad to get them, and their services were so valuable today about 1600 of our sea scouts are on daily coast guard duty!"

"A tremendous lot have entered the navy, and others have joined the army, where, because of their practice, they take to trench life like ducks to water."

"But the young boy scouts back home are accomplishing marvelous things."



SIR ROBERT BADEN-POWELL

"After an air raid the boy scouts help clear the bombed areas, work with the wounded and handle the crowds. The London police have 7000 boy scout orderlies."

"In a recent air raid I was riding in a train which was hit. I escaped injury, and when I turned to help another man who had been badly wounded, I found a boy scout already there ahead of me, giving first aid!"

"When the war broke out, Germans in this country sought to destroy cut-wires, bridge, electric light wires or cables. The boy scouts were on the job so quickly that practically no destruction was accomplished."

"That is the best message I can send to the boy scouts of America. Know what to do, know how to do it, and be ready to do it."

RED CROSS NEEDS WOMEN TO HELP IN MERCY WORK

We were talking about the world war and the women of Europe who are giving everything which they hold dear to the sacrifice. "It makes one proud to be a woman," she said. "Everywhere they are taking up the hard work of the world. I would give anything if I could go 'somewhere in France' and help."

And even as I pictured "somewhere in France" I saw Medford, our own Main street, and the big flag floating from the window of the local Red Cross. A company of soldiers in olive drab fatigue uniforms crossed the Bear creek bridge and marched under the international emblem of neutrality and humanity and I knew that she did not have to travel six thousand miles and more over land and water to "do her bit."

Have you ever visited our Red Cross? There are many hundreds of women in Medford who never have been there.

In fact so few of our women go there that the rooms are opened only three days a week and even then it is hard to get enough workers.

Three days out of seven! Think of it! When every hour of every day could be used to advantage! When every hour could tally enough work accomplished to save a score of lives and an eternity of suffering.

Would you, oh, women of Medford, wish your countrymen to be so in need of surgical dressings that the bandages stripped from the wounds of the dead should be immediately applied to their wounds?

Or would you have them go without dressings altogether?

Here is your clear choice. It has occurred and will continue to occur unless you bestir yourselves in such numbers that a continuous stream of Red Cross goods shall go forward to the front.

We have not chosen to go to war. Never were people so patient.

But war has come to us and we must meet it.

There is money available for materials but that which money cannot buy, devoted and continuous volunteer work, is lacking.

Every woman in Medford should feel a personal responsibility towards insuring enough workers.

We should not be satisfied to have the rooms opened three days a week. The cannons belch forth death and wounds, endlessly, hour after hour, every day of the week.

We should beg, aye, demand that the work rooms be opened six days a week.

We should make it necessary to have them opened several evenings a week as well.

And we should see that there are always plenty of workers on hand. In this way, we who remain at

home, can ease many a pain from the lives of many of those who have counted the cost of their sacrifice and have gone sailing "somewhere in France." AN AMERICAN.



IS YOUR HAIR SLIPPING?

The presence of dandruff and falling hair conveys a warning which it is best to heed. At first the loss of hair may be so slight as to be hardly noticeable. But no matter how little may be the full each day, it is working toward the same and inevitable result, and that is total baldness.

You may have hair enough today, but how about tomorrow and the day after? Dandruff and falling hair mean baldness sooner or later and demand the immediate regular and energetic use of Newbro's Herpicide. It keeps the scalp free from dirt and dandruff and allows the hair to grow abundantly and naturally. By this means total incurable baldness may be prevented.

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