

INFAMOUS MONK RASPUTIN SHOT FOR IMMORALITY

Russell Tells Inside Story About Death of Actual Ruler of Russia Under Old Regime—Boasted of Relations With Czarina, Killed by Admirer of Grand Duchess Olga.

(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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I don't know anything that better illustrates the utter lunacy of the old system in Russia, the system the revolution scrapped forever, than the amazing story of Rasputin.

Here was a moral idiot, a creature of the most depraved instincts, ignorant, bestial, an arrant knave and traitor, and yet under the old system he came to be the actual ruler of all Russia.

He put men up and pulled them down, determined policies, held in his hand the nation's destinies.

Power Without Limit.
His power was without limit except his own fear of the assassin.

He proved the truth of the old description of the Russian government under czarism. It was "a despotism tempered only by assassination."

All the government was controlled by the czar, the czar was controlled by the czarina, the czarina was controlled by Rasputin.

Rasputin—this world will be much older than it is now before it forgets that sinister and historic figure. He has put in the shade all the king's favorites that ever were written about. He played a game that made them look like matching pennies.

Men in all the ages to come will wonder as much about his figure as about his almost incredible career.

Personal Appearance.

He was very tall, lank and somewhat swarthy, with long black hair that he kept offensively oiled and wore smoothed down on the top of his head. He had very long features, little black eyes of the kind always described as beady, a large mouth and a prominent nose. With his slickery hair and glittering eyes he must have strongly suggested the stage edition of Svengali. According to all accounts he had no charm of conversation nor of manner, and his ignorance was as plain as his arrogance the instant he began to talk.

Altogether here was about the last man in the world that you would think a self-respecting woman would have an affair with. Yet it is related that over many intelligent and rather wise women he exercised an extraordinary power and over hundreds of others what seemed like an uncanny fascination. All this is usually accounted for in Russia in the theory that he possessed some secret of hypnotism.

A Heavy Boozer.

With the other unpleasant traits he was a famous booze-fighter. Even after the prohibition of vodka he seemed to be always well supplied with liquor, and it was the common belief among those that observed him that he could stand more rum than any other man in Petrograd. When he was on a drinking bout he chose the most disreputable companions and went on a bat that lasted for several days and wound up in the lowest dives of the city.

The police knew him well and feared him, for they had accurate knowledge both of his power and remorseless use of it. When he came in his borrowed robes of a priesthood he had no right to claim, roaring and roistering, they stood aside and let him go. Any person that was with him was immune; if he were a criminal that the police had long wanted, no one dared lay hands upon him. He was a friend of Rasputin, and Rasputin was the all-powerful of Russia.

He had a power to pull himself together as great as his other unusual gifts. The next day after a frightful delirium we would appear in fresh carriages and go about talking piously and rolling up his eyes to heaven, and these that saw him even at close range could hardly detect any sign of the course upon him.

Traded With Germany.

It was not possible that these things could last. All the time the nobles set happened by some chance to be all loyal to Russia were hearing the tales of his trading with Germany, while the people at large were gathering hatred for his cruelty.

There was only one class in the community that found anything to ap-

prove in him. That was the revolutionary agitators. They used him all about Russia as a first-class example of the folly of monarchy, and couldn't have had a better. They saw to it that his name and deeds became known throughout the land, and to this day the comic illustrated papers are using him as a text.

Trusted by Czarina.
In a Russia where nobody, you might say, had a vote or a voice in the government there was no civilized way to get at such a creature. There was no law that could be invoked against him. The only real law was the will of the czar, and that was all for the czarina, and the czarina was all for Rasputin.

There was no way to counteract his influence. He was the only person the czarina trusted or would really listen to.

Under these conditions there was nothing for his opponents to do but to kill him.

One night on his way home in the winter he was shot at, the bullet piercing the back of the sleigh and missing him by a few inches. Not long after an assassin made his way into Rasputin's house and tried to stab him. Several times, according to the story, thugs lay in wait for him to beat him up.

He escaped all these and began to have the reputation of a charmed life. He must have taken little stock in that himself. He now went about Petrograd with a bodyguard of picked men.

Killed by Nobleman.
His fears put no check upon his drunken tongue. When he was picked he used to talk about the czarina as he talked about a drab.

After a time he began to talk loosely about the then Grand Duchess Olga, the czar's oldest child, and that in the end did for him.

The ex-grand duchess seems by all accounts to be a rather superior young woman, considering the misfortunes of her birth and bringing up. There was a young nobleman in Petrograd that had a profound respect and admiration for her. When he learned that Rasputin had boasted in a dive that before long he would have her also in his power, this young nobleman made up his mind that the time had come to silence that ribald tongue and the task belonged to him. He performed it conscientiously, and that was the end of Rasputin.

It seemed as if with that shot the people woke up to the enormity of the whole degrading burden that cursed them and bowed them to the ground.

ALBANY MAN SAYS MEDFORD IS THE PLACE

W. H. Hogan has returned from a two weeks' business trip to Medford and other southern Oregon points. While away he became imbued with the southern Oregon spirit, which he claims to be very contagious.

His words fail to express his admiration of Medford, which he says is the coming city of southern Oregon.

He found no knockers in Medford, everyone pulling together, and working for the upbuilding of the city.

He visited some of the packing plants, of which there are eight. The largest employs over 100 helpers and handles over 6000 boxes of pears a day. Good prices are received for the crop.

He did not say what they fed him at the old Nash hotel, or what they put into the water, but he is sure stuck on Medford.

He also claims to have met three of the greatest liars in Oregon. One, he says, lives in Jacksonville, and the other two is a curbstone broker in Medford.—Albany Daily Democrat.

THE RIALTO INVITES GRAND ARMY VETERANS

Old soldiers, veterans of the civil war, will enjoy scenes in the picture being shown at the Rialto theater today and tomorrow under the official war title "Our Boys at the Border." This is one of the three 15-minute specialties being shown with the unusually charming comedy-drama, "Sunny Jane," starring Jackie Saunders.

The Grand Army of the Republic members in this valley are holding their annual reunion at Ashland this week. The Rialto management invites these beloved old veterans, who once were "Our Boys at the Border," to come and enjoy the comforts of Medford's beautiful new theater and the army feature of its program today and Thursday, free, as a compliment from The Rialto.

Every feature of the "Sunny Jane" program is engrossingly interesting. The veterans will enjoy it all.

George Puracker left this morning for North Yakima, Wash., for a visit with his son Herman.

SUGAR FACTORIES AGREED TO REDUCE PRICE VOLUNTARILY

"The dispatches in the morning newspapers relating to the government control of the price of sugar are wrong," said Alexander Nibley, general manager of the local district of the Utah-Idaho sugar beet company, Wednesday.

The dispatch from Salt Lake to the effect that the independent sugar producers thruout the inter-mountain country are not satisfied with the price of \$7.25 a hundred tentatively fixed by Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, is especially misleading.

"Why 80 percent of the beet sugar producers voluntarily offered to make the reduction from \$9.25 to \$7.25 a hundred, and my father was one of the men who took this offer to Mr. Hoover and fixed up the price with the latter. Mr. Hoover complimented father and the other sugar beet producers for their patriotic and generosity in voluntarily making this reduction which means a saving of \$25,000,000 to the sugar consumers of the country. He also wrote a complimentary letter to the same effect and I have a copy of it.

"But what the sugar beet producers do object to and will try to have rectified is the 20 percent differential in favor of the cane sugar producers. This differential is all wrong, for sugar is sugar, and hardly any chemists even can tell the difference between beet and cane sugar. It is beyond my understanding why this differential should be allowed.

"If the cane sugar interests will make a similar reduction per hundred as have the sugar beet interests the sugar consumers of the country will be saved another \$25,000,000."

WHITE VELVET CREAM EXPANDS

The White Velvet Ice Cream concern, one of Medford's best known business institutions, which has grown and gradually developed from a small beginning three years ago, under the ownership and capable management of E. J. White, is about to expand and occupy a larger field.

R. W. Mkie, one of the best known butter men and creamery managers of Oregon, has become associated with Mr. White in the conduct of the business and will have charge of the creamery and ice cream departments. Mr. Mkie is already on the ground, having arrived in the city late Saturday with his family.

For 12 years he was with the Hazelwood company of Portland, then he was connected with the Union Meat company and other large concerns for years. For the past six months Mr. Mkie has been in California studying the methods of production, etc., of the large creamery companies of San Francisco and other cities of that state, and also the general market and business conditions as relating to creameries and ice cream production and sales.

Both Mr. White and Mr. Mkie say it is their intention to thoroughly rejuvenate the White Ice Cream company business and expand it. Eventually they will install the most modern creamery and ice cream making machinery.

FINED FOR CARRYING LIQUOR FOR PATIENT

Dr. W. P. Chisholm and Charles Kell of Gold Hill were taken into custody near the Kingsbury Springs Saturday night by Special Agent R. C. Porter, and assistants, Wimer and Carpenter, for transporting intoxicating liquor into Oregon, and were promptly taken before L. J. Trefren, Justice of the peace for Ashland district, and fined \$50 each and costs.

When caught the doctor made a great effort to destroy the liquor and fell out of the car after being signaled to stop, but as he drew the sack out of the car he was confronted by one of the officers and was stopped from destroying the booze.

When taken before the justice of the peace the doctor claimed all blame for the liquor transportation, claiming the liquor was for his patients and that he took the chance of illegally importing it rather than take the humiliation of getting a permit from the district attorney to legally furnish his patients with the stimulant.—Ashland Tidings.

GEN KORNILOFF'S REVOLUTION ENDS COMPLETE FAILURE

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declared that a state of war exists in the town and district of Moscow.

Boris Savinkoff, assistant minister of war and minister of marine, in an interview with the Associated Press today, said:

Offensive Continues.
"For the reassurance of America you may say that General Korniloff's revolt is not in the least affecting our operations against the foreign enemy. The troops at the front are solidly with the provisional government.

"There is not the least doubt that General Korniloff's coup has failed and that we shall be strengthened for the future by getting rid of disloyal generals by whose conspiratorial tendencies we long have been embarrassed.

"The provisional government will issue stronger than ever from the crisis and this will enable us effectively to deal with the Bolshevik danger."

Korniloff Not Overthrown.
WINTER PALACE, PETROGRAD, Tuesday, Sept. 11.—While unable yet to report the final overthrow of General Korniloff, members of the Russian provisional government in conversation with the Associated Press this evening summed up the situation optimistically.

The commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, Major-General Bonch-Bruyovitch, who formerly was attached to the staff of General Brusiloff, one time commander-in-chief, has from the first been devoted to the provisional government.

An unconfirmed report received at the capital is to the effect that part of General Korniloff's army is surrendering.

Commanders Loyal.
In an interview Vice-Premier and Minister of Finance Nekrasoff informed the Associated Press that General Sprjevalski, commander on the Caucasus front, and Lieutenant-General Dmitri Stecherbacheff, commander on the Rumanian front, had definitely declared their allegiance to the government.

From General Staeaduev, the commander on the western front, no news has been received, but from his attitude there is reason to believe he remains loyal.

The attitude of General Kornilov, commander on the northern front, is still enigmatical. He based his refusal to accept the post of commander-in-chief on the fact that the position on his front required his special attention. Asked by the government for an explanation of why he allowed General Korniloff's army to pass through Pskoff he replied that

these troops were not subordinate to him.

Special Powers for Kerensky.
The government, Vice-Premier Nekrasoff said, had told General Klembovsky he must either define his attitude or resign. General Klembovski, chief of staff, the vice-premier added, was undoubtedly the chief conspirator. There was evidence the conspiracy had been prepared carefully, whereas the government was caught wholly unawares.

The constitutional democrats, M. Nekrasoff said, had a part in the plot, and members of that party were at General Korniloff's headquarters.

M. Nekrasoff concluded as regards the composition of the provisional cabinet that M. Youreff, minister of public works, and Professor Kokoshine, the state controller, were the only ministers who had definitely resigned.

The attitude of M. Oldenburg, minister of public instruction, and of M. Kartasheff, procurator of the Holy Synod, was doubtful.

Premier Kerensky, the vice-premier stated, had been offered special powers and he has the support of the whole country.

Support Promised.
All through the night M. Kerensky received resolutions from army and navy units promising to support him. The Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates sent telegrams to the telegraph operators' union declaring that the operators by refusing to work for Korniloff could help to crush the revolt.

Premier Kerensky issued an order to the Petrograd garrison denouncing General Korniloff for opening the front to the Germans and for sending a division of Asiatics against the capital while professing to defend liberty. General Kozmin, now commanding the Petrograd city garrison, declared before the meeting in the Winter palace of the representatives of the different organizations:

Bayonets to Decide.
"No bayonets are possible with traitors. Our only future conversation will be carried on through cannon."

"Only bayonets can now decide the conflict," was the declaration of Vice-Premier Nekrasoff.

M. Tchernooff, minister of agriculture, has resigned from the cabinet. Ninety arrests were made in Petrograd last night. General Michevff was arrested at Moscow.

Premier Kerensky has ordered the procurator of the Petrograd court to put General Korniloff on trial, under the historic 1915 statute, "for conspiring to overthrow the existing order."

OCTOBRIST LEADER PLACED UNDER ARREST

PETROGRAD, Sept. 12.—Alexander Guehikoff, the Octobrist leader, and former minister of war and navy who after leaving Petrograd last Saturday joined the Korniloff movement, has been arrested. He is now under guard at Pskoff.

DOG MASCOT FOLLOWS TRAIN

Von Hindenburg, the dog mascot of C company, foolishly distinguished himself much to the amusement of a depot crowd Wednesday morning by trying to overtake passenger train 13 as it departed from the city in the vain hope of trying to catch the last coach on which 40 members of C company were enroute to the Siskiyou to relieve a similar number of soldiers who have been on guard there for two weeks.

After a game run of a half mile during all of which time he was urged on by the soldiers crowded on the back platform, Von Hindenburg finally gave up the chase and sadly wandered back to camp.

When the detail marched over to the depot to take the train Von Hindenburg accompanied it and when they boarded the car he sneaked in without being noticed, but was later discovered and put off. Again he sneaked aboard and once more he was put off. Then the train started away and the faithful mascot took up the chase.

BOARD PREPARES TO OPEN SCHOOLS

The school board devoted the most of its session last night to matters preparatory to the opening of the schools on October 1. It was voted to have the janitors of the school buildings begin their year's duties next Monday, and they will be instructed to have the buildings thoroughly renovated and cleaned by October 1.

The board, after hearing the detailed report of W. E. Phipps, its sub-committee in charge of procuring fuel for heating the buildings, unanimously approved his action in ordering 150 tons of Galea Creek coal from Washington, after he had investigated the wood situation and could not obtain fuel wood at a reasonable price. Several cars of this coal are already en route to Medford and it is confidently expected that all of it will have arrived and been stored in the school buildings long before October 1.

TURPIN FOUND GUILTY BY JURY IN FIFTEEN MINUTES

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Sept. 12.—Ralph Turpin was found guilty Tuesday of murdering William McAllister, a fellow-workman, at a mill near Selma, Ore., on August 10 last. The trial began in the morning, and the jury was only out 15 minutes. Turpin was on the stand briefly, setting up self-defense as a motive, but the state presented four eye witnesses.

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