

KERENSKY MYTH PUNCTURED; NOT DYING INVALID

Man of Hour in Russia Neither a Man With One Foot in Grave Nor Dictator—Savior of Russia—Is Good Parliamentarian and Eloquent Orator and Fairly Robust.

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 mission to the new Russian government.

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Every day I am asked to tell something about Kerensky, the "dictator," "man of blood and iron," the "savior of Russia" and supposed holder of a raft of other titles the foolish of the reactionary have made for him. The great question seems to be at his health. He is supposed to be running a race between death and a position as the "Napoleon of Asia," death having the inside track and being likelier to win. The universal belief in this "blood and iron" fantasy is one of the most interesting examples I have ever seen of the possibilities of the fake when it takes the form of a pleasuredream.

Kerensky is about as much a man of blood and iron as he is of pumpkins and jimson weeds. He is not as much a "dictator" of Russia as you are.

Kerensky's Personality.
Nevertheless, since the world is determined to have him the "man of hour" in Russian affairs, ladies gentlemen know Mr. Kerensky, sent prime minister of Russia. He is about 49, rather well set up, at 5 feet 8 inches in height, clean shaven, thin-lipped, blue-eyed. He has a very good head, but you would not instantly think it was the head of an American, because it is so much and down instead of fore and aft. He has rather liltish brown hair, cut short and rising straight from his forehead. He has square shoulders, a grace of bearing, and an excellent poise for his particular job, which is oratory. But in private conversation he has something of Grover Cleveland's habit of not looking much like the person with whom he is talking, a trick that as in Cleveland's case produces a certain impression of nervousness.

Kerensky Reticent.
Except when he gets started on one of his extraordinary flights of eloquence he is one of the most reticent of men. It is hard to draw him on any ordinary topic and still harder to judge what he really thinks unless he gets interested and up to take notice of his surroundings. Then his blue eyes betray him, and at that he will never be a prisoner at conversation, having too much of a fondness for words of one syllable and only few of those.

He is an old-time revolutionist and all the bitterness that the old regime handed out to men of his kind. He is a socialist, but that is his distinction in Russia; nine-tenths of the people are socialists.

He is also an idealist and at the beginning of the revolution was as true as any. He, too, had this on that the downfall of autocracy in Russia sounded Gabriel's bug for the earthly paradise.

Universal Brotherhood.
There were to be no more divisions among men, and, of course, there were to be no more wars. Universal brotherhood had arrived on the mid-train. Everybody was to love everybody else; the lion was to love the lamb and the lamb was to cease to hope for him.

There was a fine, good feeling and one reflects great credit on the Russian people. They had joy themselves they wanted all the neighbors around them and have some.

There were two men in Russia that for a moment allowed their enthusiasm to distort their knowledge of the world as it really is with many in it.

One was Prince Kropotkin, the old philosopher and revolutionist, so daring escape from the fortress of Peter and Paul is one of the stirring chapters in the imperishable history of Russian democracy, and the other was Placonoff, first unfurled the red flag of revolution, in the Nevsky Prospekt, great thoroughfare of Petrograd.

Kropotkin's Warning.
These elder warriors in the long past continually warned their countrymen that so long as German avarice remained in the world there was no chance for democracy either in Russia or any other place.

I heard Prince Kropotkin speak on this subject one Sunday afternoon in the Norodny Dom, great people's palace of Petrograd, and his logic was like an avalanche rushing down a Swiss mountainside. It swept all before it.

Kropotkin and Placonoff steadily insisted that the first duty of the new democracy in Russia was to give to the other democracies of the world all possible help in the life and death struggle against autocracy. The revolution was only a few weeks old when Kerensky came out of his trance and saw that these men were right. He has not wavered since from that conviction, which has grown steadily among all Russian people that think better Parliamentarians.

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BEAUTIES WITH KOLB AND DILL IN THEIR LATEST MUSICAL STORM OF MIRTH, "THE HIGH COST OF LIVING," AT THE PALACE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



ENEMY TRADE BILL SENT TO CONFERENCE

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The most important senate amendments are those extending the present presidential powers over export trade to imports, prohibiting publication of war comment in German unless accompanied in a parallel column by an English translation; interdicting commerce between Americans and the central powers; giving the president broad powers to regulate operations of enemy insurance companies in this country and extending the scope of the espionage law.

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But Kerensky is pretty good at that sort of thing. The time the council was about to split over the anarchists' demonstration and was saved by as clever a piece of parliamentary maneuvering as ever was pulled off. I was told credit belonged to him as much as to Tseratelli and Tschaidse.

DREAM DOPE STUFF

As to his health and this dream stuff about the race between death and a Napoleon stunt—I don't see anything in that. I suppose it may be possible for a man to be very sick and to give every indication of being very well, but I don't believe it. Mr. Kerensky, it is true, has no ruddy color in his face, and is obviously not a husky. But his eye is perfectly clear and good, his step is quick and firm, his voice has the ring of health, his hand grasp is the grip of a man of vigor, and when he is launched upon one of his amazing speeches I can assure you the only impression you get from him is of power and health.

The picture of an invalid with one foot in the grave and yet doing these oratorical feats was of course very taking, and a good story, but it seems to be chiefly a pipe.

Not so big a pipe, however, as the other idea that he will "save Russia." Nobody will do that but just Russia herself.

AMERICANS LEAVING GERMANY FOR HOME

BERLIN, Sept. 13.—Since the breaking off of relations between the United States and Germany, 479 Americans have departed from Germany for home or neutral countries. The census recently compiled by the American Association of Commerce and Trade of Berlin indicated that there were approximately 1200 Americans in Germany on March 1. The present number will, therefore, not greatly exceed 700, half of whom are living in Berlin.

Don't monkey around if you need a Winter Suit

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CONTRACTS LET FOR DESTROYERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Expecting that congress will quickly appropriate the necessary \$200,000,000 for the great destroyer building program, tentative contracts have been drawn with the Cramps, the yards at New York, Fore River, Newport News and the Union Iron Works at San Francisco on a percentage basis not yet fixed, with the understanding that the full force of the government is behind every concern to facilitate the most rapid construction. The companies have been given to understand that the government is prepared to assist in the enlargement of facilities and to commandeer material.

All specifications have been agreed upon and arrangements made for closing sub-contracts without delay.

GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL PACKING

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Asserted unless cattle production greatly is stimulated, was made today at the national conference of meat packers. With no possibility of an abatement of the allies' demands, prospects are that prices will be maintained at their present level unless the desired expansion of the industry is realized.

Herbert Hoover has accepted the offer of packers to put their plants under a licensing system and government regulation of the meat business will be the next move of the food administration.

PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR WOMEN OF HAWAII

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Without debate or objection the senate today passed Senator Shafroth's bill authorizing the Hawaiian legislature to give women who have property and other qualifications of men the right to vote in territorial elections. It also authorizes the legislature to submit to the territory the question of giving women unrestricted suffrage there.

Bardwell Fruit Co. Moved

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COAL CONTROLLER APPEAL TO BUSINESS TO SAVE IN FUEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Thru the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Dr. H. A. Garfield, fuel administrator, has appealed to American business to assist in the conservation of coal. The appeal is as follows: "It is the duty of every American to save coal this winter. If every family will save a ton of coal, if every industrial plant will save 10 per cent of the coal it uses, which 10 per cent is now wasted, the coal problem will be largely solved. There is plenty of coal in the ground, but there is a shortage of cars and of labor at the mines.

"If every family will reduce the temperature of its house at least five degrees it will mean that millions of tons of coal will be saved and the health of the nation will be improved. This is not a hardship; it is a health measure, for most Americans live in superheated houses.

"The solution of the coal problem lies largely with the American people. The government cannot save coal for them; they must save it for themselves. They must not rely wholly upon price fixing nor upon the already overtaxed transportation systems of the country, nor upon the effort to increase production, nor upon the apportionment of coal, nor upon the enforcement of the law. All must co-operate. The consumer of coal in his factory and home can co-operate most effectively by the economies suggested."

KAISER'S BEST AVIATOR KILLED ACCIDENTALLY

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 13.—Lieutenant Walter Hoehndorf has been killed accidentally on the western front, according to German newspapers. Hoehndorf was reputed to be Germany's best aviator after Boelke and Immelmann, both of whom are dead.

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