

### KENNAN TELLS OF MEETING BABASHKA IN SIBERIAN EXILE

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—When Mme. Catherine Breshkovskaya affectionately known to millions of Russians as "Habushka, or the little grandmother of the Russian revolution," stopped in the midst of an impassioned address to 150 prominent Americans at the Henry street settlement here the other day to embrace and kiss George Kennan, the author and explorer, who came in unexpected upon the gathering, there remained to be told the story of a remarkable friendship that began 35 years ago in the wilds of Siberia.

Lived Under Horrors "She was the only civilized woman within a radius of 300 miles," said Mr. Kennan. "She made a very deep impression upon me as a woman of heroic character, great fortitude and indomitable cheerfulness. I never expected to see her again when I left her that day in 1884 because it seemed probable that she would die in exile. Already she had spent four years of her life in the mines at Kara, Eastern Siberia, where political offenders were subjected to the most rigorous punishment, starved, and cruelly beaten by armed criminals of the "Black Hundred" engaged by exorbitant pay to destroy all those who opposed autocracy.

"It didn't seem possible that a woman could live under such horrors. The severity of the treatment roused fatal to thousands of the most rugged men. And so, when I had Mme. Breshkovskaya good luck it was with the saddest misgiving. Her last words to me were: 'Mr. Kennan, we may die in exile and our children may die in exile and our children's children may die in exile—but something will come of it at last.'

Efforts to Escape "I had gone to Russia on a secret mission and while I was there Mme. Breshkovskaya made one of her attempts to escape from Siberia, and, disguised as a man, did succeed in traveling 400 miles, almost to Irkutsk, before she was recaptured.

"During my three years' residence in Russia I met 'Habushka' several times and always she was the same cheerful, unconquerable spirit. On my last visit to her, to which I already have referred, she was exiled in the most northerly part of Siberia, within the Arctic Circle, and lived alone in a log hut destitute of the barest comforts. Day and night she was guarded by armed police and had food sufficient only to keep her alive.

"At this time I was on my way to another convict settlement where 'Habushka' had friends, fellow revolutionists. She wanted me to take a few gifts and from her scanty store of personal belongings pathetically gave me small articles to express her love for her companions in misery. One of these tokens was a little red feather duster. I delivered all of these mementoes.

Never a Terrorist "She was never a terrorist, never sympathized with bomb throwing nihilists. She is an intellectual socialist, made so by her abhorrence of serfdom and her sympathy for the Russian monks or peasants. She desired to ameliorate their hard life. That is why she is so uncompromisingly opposed to the Bolsheviks whom she has designated as 'murderers' of Russian freedom.

"The real revolutionary movement in Russia began in 1878 and 1879 when 2,000 or more persons like Mme. Breshkovskaya, opposed to the autocracy of the czar, were thrown into prison. All of them were freed except 193 and the social upheaval started.

"The story of Babushka's repeated efforts to escape from captivity would make most interesting reading. The last dash she made for freedom was five years ago. Imagine a woman 70 years old, still unbroken in mind and heart after so much anguish and torture, still mentally energetic enough to devise a plan to obtain her liberty. 'I love my people,' she has said, and this thought doubtless has helped to sustain her.

Given an Ovation "When Kerensky came into power and Mme. Breshkovskaya and other exiles were freed in 1917 she came to Petrograd and was received as a great national figure. After the downfall of Kerensky, for whom 'Habushka' had the highest regard, being of the same political faith, she started a magazine called 'The People's Will' and edited it until she was forced to go into hiding by the criminal elements of the Bolsheviks against whom she had been warning the people and for whom she held a feeling of detestation on account of their lawlessness and terrible crimes.

"Mme. Breshkovskaya was hidden for months in Petrograd and Moscow, her friends in daily fear for her safety, notwithstanding that her whole life had been devoted to the betterment of the oppressed and impoverished people of Russia. Now she is in the

### BROADER FIELD FOR THRIFT EFFORTS IN U. S. OUTLINED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—A broader field for thrift propaganda this year than the mere selling of stamps has been chosen by the national war savings organization, and its district and state branches. Thousands of workers are instructed, it was announced today, to preach practical reasons for intelligent saving, wise spending, avoidance of waste and safe investment.

To this end, activities of the war savings organizations will include publication of circulars teaching Thrift, organization of war savings societies, establishment of courses of thrift study in schools and colleges, cooperation with libraries in encouraging reading of thrift material, and with industries to promote saving among employees.

Practical Thrift Practical thrift, says a guide book issued for war savings workers, consists in these four practices: "First, wise spending, preceded by thought to make certain that the purchaser gets his money's worth in commodity, comfort, service, recreation or advancement. It implies the balancing of all needs, present and future, and of means of meeting those needs, and then spending in such a way as to meet the most urgent needs.

"Second, intelligent saving, which consists largely of foregoing ill-considered or foolish present expenditures in order to be able to secure in the future either necessities or even more substantial luxuries. Such saving is the opposite of miserliness.

"Third, safe investment. With war savings stamps an absolutely solid and attractive investment and also the most effective mechanism for saving small sums regularly, stress naturally will be placed upon investment and other government securities.

"Fourth, avoidance of waste, which is as important to the nation in peace as in war."

Think Before Spending The first step to inculcate these four principles, says the guide book, "is to encourage people to think before they spend." It adds: "The thoughtful spender gets more for his wages and therefore really gets more for his work than does the thoughtless purchaser."

Here are some of the mottoes suggested for thrift promotion: "Debts are the poorest spectacles thru which to read advertising columns.

"Look before or you will find yourself behind." Benjamin Franklin.

"Intelligent saving looks to future wise spending and is, therefore, postponed enjoyment.

"Money is eat-likes; war savings stamps will hold on to it.

"Real merchandising service assists the customer to get what he really needs.

"Owners of war savings stamps have a definite stake in their nation, which makes for practical citizenship.

"Which is the better citizen? The thrifter or the drifter?"

ALLIES REPULSE BOLSHEVIKI ATTACK LONDON STRIKERS ORDERED TO RETURN TO WORK LONDON, Feb. 11.—All the strikers in the city district have been instructed by their leaders to return to work tomorrow. The instructions were issued today by a joint committee of the strikers.

### RUSSIA'S "LITTLE GRANDMOTHER"



Here is Breshkovskaya, "the little grandmother" of the Russian revolution—but not in any way allied with Bolshevism—in her white woolen cap and black shawl, and with her Jane Addams, best known of America's woman social workers, who met her in Chicago and arranged the meetings which the 76-year-old Russian woman addressed there. Forty-six years of her life Breshkovskaya spent in exile in Russia, but it has not lessened her will to bring freedom to her country. It is the Kerensky party, the little Russian woman says, that will save Russia.

### BAVARIA BUILDING COTTAGES FOR TROOPS

MUNICH, Feb. 11.—To give employment to returning soldiers the ministry for social affairs and the ministry of finance have decided to build cottages in districts where there is, or may be with the resumption of industry a need.

The ministries have announced that building houses will be allowed by the state, the state itself bearing two-sixths of the costs, the empire three-sixths, and the towns or communities one-sixth. The houses to be constructed will be workmen's cottages, and the rent for them will be settled by the state.

If the cottages specially benefit individual employers, the latter will pay part of the town's one-sixth, and will collect the rents as security for their investments. They may not, however, advance or change the rent without permission from the state or the community, nor may they alter the construction nor mortgage the property.

### COMMISSION STUDIES ARMISTICE PROBLEMS

PARIS, Feb. 11.—In view of the complexity and diversity of the problems raised by the armistice, says a Havas report, the supreme war council has appointed a committee of eight members to which will be entrusted the task of studying these questions. The council, therefore, has postponed for a few days the adoption of conditions to be imposed upon Germany.

The Americans on the committee are Norman Davis and General Bliss.

### MAKE SEQUOIA PARK MEMORIAL FOR ROOSEVELT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Sequoia national park, which a bill pending in congress proposed to be known hereafter as Roosevelt national park in honor of, and as a memorial to the late Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, chiefly is famed for the fact that within its area is included the oldest of living things known to man. These are the giant sequoia, or redwood trees which grow in great groves scattered thru the park's area of 161,587 acre, situated in Tulare county, California.

As in the case of other national parks of the United States, the Roosevelt national park was created for the people as a recreation ground, with the added object of preserving the great trees from the hands of vandals. Adjoining it is the General Grant national park containing 2,536 acres, one-half of which is in Tulare county and the other half in Fresno county.

Within the two parks there are 1,166,000 redwood trees of which 12,000 are more than ten feet in diameter. The comparative measurements here given include the larger and better known trees which are pointed out to visitors:

General Sherman tree, diameter, 46.5 feet; height, 279.9 feet. General Grant tree, diameter, 35 feet; height, 264 feet. Abraham Lincoln tree, diameter, 31 feet; height, 270 feet. California tree, diameter 30 feet; height, 260 feet. George Washington tree, diameter 29 feet; height, 255 feet. William McKinley tree, diameter, 28 feet; height, 291.

Some idea of the age of these trees may be conceived when it is said that scientists express the opinion that many of them were growing saplings at the time the Tower of Babel was in process of construction, according to biblical history. Thousands of them had attained a lusty growth before the birth of Christ in Bethlehem.

On the stump of one of the many fallen giants, John Muir, the naturalist, counted more than four thousand rings, a ring for every year of its life. Its trunk, exclusive of the bark, was 35.2 feet in diameter. As the bark of the largest Sequoias is two feet or more in thickness, this giant must have measured forty feet

### GOT MONTH IN PRISON FOR CALLING GERMANS HUNS

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Because he referred to the Germans as "Huns" Sergeant E. A. Boyd, a British airman, who was captured and sentenced by them to a year's imprisonment. He has now returned to England.

With a Lieutenant, Boyd was patrolling off the Belgian coast in a seaplane. They were shot down by enemy destroyers and while Boyd was in the water he wrote this message: "Shot down at 6.42 p. m. Being picked up by Huns." The pigeon to which he entrusted the message was unable to fly and fell into the hands of the Germans. The two airmen were taken to Bruges where they were sent for by Admiral von Schroeder.

"He was frightfully angry over my message," Boyd relates, "and began to swear in broken English. The only thing we understood clearly was that on the following day one of us was to be shot. I had told him that I had written the message.

"Later I was court-martialed and the court held that by calling the Germans 'Huns' I had insulted the officers and men of the German destroyers, and I was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

"For the first six months I was absolutely starved. I gave away my watch for a slice of bread."

Fallen trunks, which have thus lain for centuries, remain undecayed and unaltered. In diameter when it was growing.

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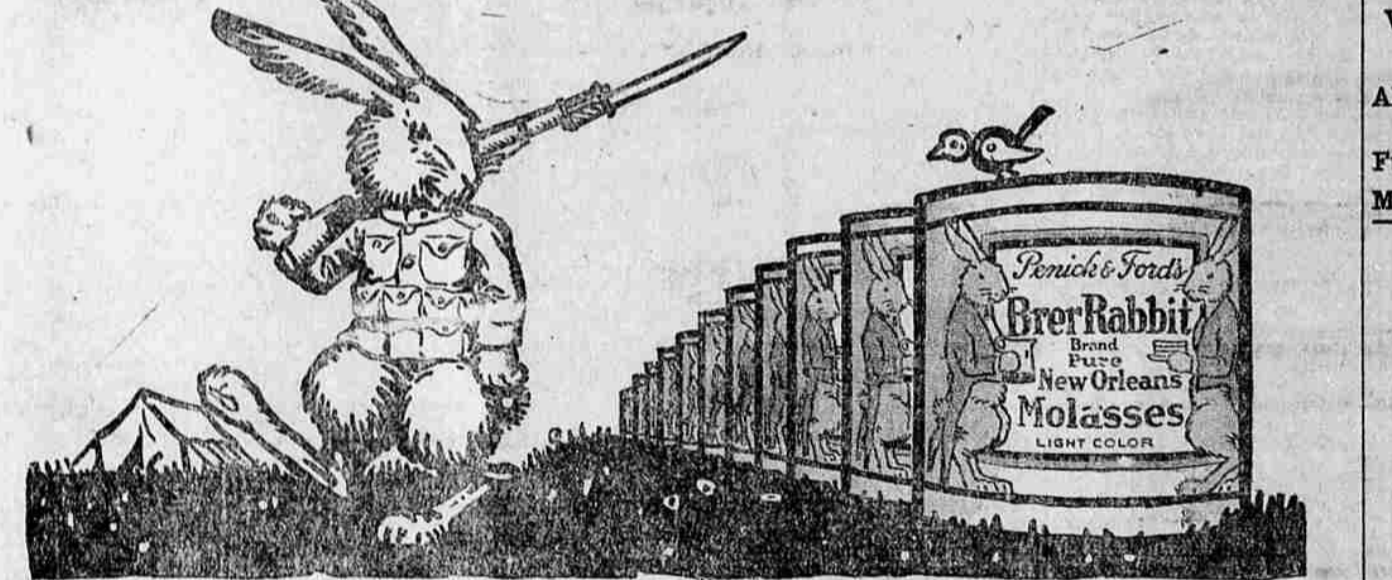
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