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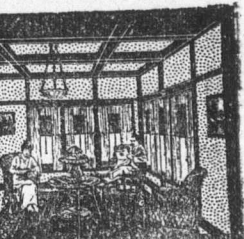
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Meanings Connected With Joy, Victory, and Fame.

Few Canadians know there is romance in the strange-sounding Russian names brought to our notice by the war.

It is interesting, in the first place, to note how largely names signifying "hope," "victory," "fame," and "joy" figure in Russian, Polish, and Slavonic nomenclature, while "glory" is capable of forming an entire class by itself. All of which evidences that spirit of fiery patriotism which burns in every Slav breast, and has caused this conflict to be regarded as a "holy war."

The Czar's name, Nicholas (which appears in his own country as Nikolaj, or Nikalo), bears the auspicious meaning of "victory of the people," being derived from the old Greek word nikon (victory).

Another beautiful Russian name is Anikta, which means, literally, "without victory"; hence, "unconquered."

Few would recognize our familiar John under the poetic Ivan, with the feminine Ivanna and Ivaneica, all of which means "grace of the Lord." Our Elizabeth appears as Elisavetta (oath of God), and Kate is transformed into Katarina of the musical Katinka.

Jepronissa (mirth), Jelica (light) and Jevva (life) are surely a happy trio from which to christen a baby girl.

Here are just a few of the countless "glory" names: Stanislav (camp glory), Mitrofan (fire glory), Mistislav (avenging glory), Lavoslav (lion glory), Vatroslav (fiery glory), Wenclaus or Venceslav, as the true spelling is (crown glory); Slavomir (glorious friend), Slavomir (glorious peace), and Slavoje (glorious love), or the three beautiful feminines, Eudoxia (happy glory), Misoclay (peace glory), and Valeska (ruling glory).

In all of these (except Eudoxia, which is used in its Greek form) we shall see that "Slav" signifies "Glory"; hence the pride of the Slavonic race in their title.

"Fame" belongs to Valdemar (powerful fame), Valdimir (ruling the world), Rurik (famed rule), and Ulrika (noble rule).

One of the prettiest groups of Russian names is that which corresponds to our "Dorothy" set, and comprises Fedor, Feodor, Ferodora, and Feodosia, all meaning "God's gift"; while Pheodora and Pheodosia denote "Divine gift." "Joy" is the meaning of the following: Radak, Radan, Radko, and Radman, and form ideal names for little Russian boys. Dadmil (joyful love) and Radivoj (joyful war) supply two others, while the pretty Radinka (joyful peace) will surely be used greatly when that glad day comes!

Paul, meaning "little," has a whole host of variations, of which the best known are Pavia, Pavola, and Pavina.

"Peter" denotes "a stone" or "rock" and supplies the basis of the name Petrograd (stone city, or more nearly, rock fortress), which the Czar has substituted for the former St. Petersburg, a title that was really incorrect, inasmuch as Russia's

capital has no connection with St. Peter, but was called after Peter the Great, the Russian Emperor.

Golf.

The game of golf, according to the new Encyclopædia Britannica, goes back at least five centuries, having been portrayed by early Dutch painters. One of the pictures in a Dutch illuminated Book of Hours, now in the British Museum, is a painting of three men putting at a hole in the turf as in modern golf. Although the Dutchmen did play and paint golf, they did not write about it, so there are no records describing the game.

Just when Scotland took up golf is unknown, but by 1457 it was already so popular, says the Britannica, that it interfered with the more important pursuit of archery. In May, 1471, an Act of the Scottish Parliament was passed, forbidding this sport: "Futeball and golfe forbidden. Item, it is stout and ordant that in na place of the realm there be usit futeball, golfe, or other sik unprofitable sports."

It is rather curious that this is an edict of King James IV., who later became much attached to the practice of the "unprofitable sport" — not only he but his daughter, Mary Stuart.

England's Importance.

At the moment Germany suggests peace we see the control of the policy and purposes of her three great opponents passing into hands determined to carry on the war and with all three of her great foes reorganizing their ministries and replacing their generals with the plain purpose to push the campaign and with not the smallest suggestion that peace is expected or desired on any but terms that only a victor can dictate. To men these crises in Britain, France, and Russia are the strongest reasons why the German proposals will fail to end the war, rather, I think they will accelerate the pace of the fighting, when spring comes, and it is possible to move in France and Belgium again. And henceforth the part that Britain will play in the coalition against Germany will increase steadily. In my judgment, it may become commanding, if, as many Englishmen believe, Great Britain has found in Lloyd George another Pitt. From "Peace, Politics, and War—a Marvelous Mouth," by Frank H. Simonds.

"Moreover" and "Perchance."

Someone has revived the old story of the farmer who called his dog Moreover; and being questioned on the subject, referred the scoffer to the line: "Moreover the dog came and licked the sores." This is better than the equally true tale of the maiden lady whose canine companion was named Perchance—"After Lord Byron's dog," she would explain. The reference was to the quotation, "Perchance, my dog will howl."

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SEND INTERNED HUNS HOME.

6,000 Germans Will be Traded for 700 British.

About 700 British subjects will be exchanged for more than 6,000 Germans, according to authoritative information given to a Daily Mail representative in reference to the final agreement as to the exchange of interned civilians over forty-five years old.

The British civilians will come mostly from Ruhleben, the Germans from Knockaloe, Alexandra Palace, and other large internment camps. The exchange is to begin at once, but practical questions of ship facilities will cause unavoidable delays. The civilians (both British and German) will be sent home in batches, according to transport arrangements, and the expense will be borne by each Government, "debits" and "credits" to be made when peace is declared.

No man will be repatriated from either country against his wish. If he does not wish to return to his own country (as will, it is believed, be the case with many Germans now in custody in England, particularly those with British wives) he will remain in internment. In addition to the 6,000 Germans whom we are to release, there will probably be a good many who are interned in the dominions, notably Canada. The exchange arrangement applies to them as well.

"People should not draw rash conclusions," an official said, "from the great discrepancy between the number of Germans we are to release in exchange for our own men. The proportion corresponds fairly accurately to the much larger number of German civilians of all ages in our hands than Britons interned in Germany. We shall, of course, have a correspondingly larger number left on our hands. Besides the purely humanitarian aspect of the release of men just emerging from middle life, there is the doubly practical advantage to us of having to feed 6,000 fewer Germans and imposing on the enemy at a moment least desirable to him, the burden of nourishing that extra number."

Artists in Wartime.

One of the most talented and best-known women portrait artists in Great Britain — Mrs. Florence Humphrey — in spite of the many tempting commissions that are constantly being offered her, is letting her art practically hang at present. She has converted her studio into a supply store for soldiers imprisoned in German camps.

To the prison camp at Geissen, where her nephew is confined, Mrs. Humphrey sends at regular intervals, besides food and comforts, an ample supply of art and sketching materials, oil paints, crayons, brushes, and other essentials, as well as frequent consignments of English and other art journals. This because, at Geissen, an unusual number of artists and designers, some of them men of exceptional gifts, are prisoners. Before Mrs. Humphrey's enterprise came into being they were practically without any materials whatever to enable them to beguile the tedium of their captivity by practicing their craft.

These artists number twenty in all, of various talents and qualities, from theatrical scene painters to Beaux Arts masters of color and line. Four of them are British. One of these, A. Nantel, was formerly on The Montreal Standard; another, Alan Beddoe, formerly an art student, comes from Ottawa; the third is Mrs. Humphrey's nephew, Lewis Fenateau, and the fourth, by profession a decorator, belongs to an English regiment. The rest are Frenchmen and Belgians, one of the former, Raphael Drouart, being well known in the Parisian art world.

Now that they do not lack for materials the whole lot devote practically all their spare time to their art and never lack commissions, albeit the fees that their fellow prisoners are able to pay are not exactly princely.

Cleopatra's Feasts.

We read a great deal about the luxury and extravagance of Cleopatra, the Queen of the Nile, and of the gorgeous feasts she and Mark Antony had together, says Pearson's Weekly, yet these little dinners and suppers for two only cost Cleopatra about 4c., with wine and attendance. If Cleopatra had lived in these times she could not possibly get a supper at 2s. a head, with waiter and wine included. In those days a large jar of wine cost only 4s., and this probably lasted a good time. A pigeon was dear at 2½d., and a great quantity of vegetables which lasted for months could be bought for about 8s. Slaves were easy enough to get, and their dress was so scanty that liveries could not have been expensive.

Cleopatra once went in for a very costly drink. She melted a priceless pearl in a glass of wine, and presented it to Mark Antony; but the Queen of Egypt did not go in for such extravagance every night.

Nero, the tyrannical Emperor of the Romans, famed for his extravagant, luxurious living, who gave twenty-two course dinners, where the guests reclined on ivory and silver couches, and dipped their fingers into finger-bowls which contained costly wines, did not spend nearly so much on feasting as many modern millionaires.

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