

Girl Who Rules Russia.

THE STRANGE POWERS OF A BEAUTIFUL GIRL WHO SWAYS LENIN, THE SELF-IMPOSED RULER OF RUSSIA.

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She has been called the female Rasputin, the puth, the Russian Joan of Arc, the woman Napoleon, the female Ivan the Terrible. As a matter of fact she is not any of them. She is just pretty little Olga Gorokoff, the real ruler of Russia, the only person whom Lenin obeys and the person with more power in her little hands than the Czar ever exercised.

One of the few persons who knows of Olga from her intimate friends, says she is a puzzle at first to most people who have come into contact with her, but once one has spoken with her she is explained.

First of all, Olga Gorokoff is a red-hot Communist. She is really a fanatic on Communism. When she talks about it to her supporters she raves about it, flinging her arms and with her dark oval face lit up with the fire of her enthusiasm.

When she is not talking Communism she talks very little, unless with Lenin. He is deeply in love with her, and she with him. Between them they keep Russia in their hands; and Olga is the more powerful of the two.

Olga has had a sad life. She was born in central Russia, her parents being agriculturists and not too well off. When the first revolution broke out she was driven with them out of her home, and her father and mother both died one winter from exposure. She never forgot that. The Royalist troops were responsible for her parents' deaths. Her life since has been one long revenge on anything royalist or opposing her idea of democracy.

She was a member of one of the Russian women's battalions during the war. Rising to the command of Colonel she began to assert her power over the women under her.

She preached the doctrine of Socialism throughout the ranks. When Lenin rose swiftly to power she marched to Petrograd with her battalion, saw Lenin and told him that she was at his service with all her female soldiers. From that moment she and Lenin have worked hand in glove.

Lenin badly wants to marry her, but she has refused him several times. She says that she must be free to work for the Communist republic. She will not be hampered by household affairs. So Lenin and she remain friends to the outside world—lovers to each other. She is the only woman who can manage him. She is the only woman who has gained her way against his wishes; and generally she has been right in her penetration of the future, as Lenin has had to acknowledge.

During the recent split between Trotsky and Lenin the former was about to use force to push Lenin off the presidential chair, but Olga discovered the plot. She walked into Trotsky's office in Moscow and faced him at his desk.

"What do you want, Olga?" he cried. "I thought you were a ghost. How did you come here?"

She stood looking at him with her dark eyes—eyes which have quelled the rebellion in hard men of the army. Slowly she drew a revolver from her coat pocket and laid it on the desk in front of Trotsky.

"Comrade," she said, "I see through your schemes as easily as I entered your office. Here is my present to you—that, or good behaviour!"

And without another word she turned and walked out into the snow again. At the door she waited for five minutes, almost expecting to hear the report of the weapon she had given Trotsky.

No report came. She drove back to Lenin and reported that Trotsky would not be aggressive any more. She was right again. Trotsky was too weak to kill himself, and his plotting stopped because he feared Olga.

Though she is passionately beautiful, Olga Gorokoff does not rely upon her woman's charms to subdue her enemies. She is as cold as ice when dealing with those who are opposed to her or Lenin. Time after time she has been sent to barracks where the officers have found the Red troops were showing signs of weakening.

Lenin has never ceased to admire this young woman from the moment he first saw her. She controls him as she would a child.

Time after time those who are in close touch with this semi-Jew dictator have seen him cease his wild outbursts when she enters the room and turn to her with the devotion of a youth.

He is terribly jealous of losing her aid and companionship, and within the first few months of his acquaintance with her, he caused at least four young officers in the Red Army to be executed on pretences of having been disloyal. Their real crime was that they had looked on Olga with tender eyes.

How long will Olga Gorokoff's mysterious, uncanny power last? The best students of Russian affairs believe it will last as long as Lenin is master; after that Olga may forsake him, for even above Lenin she loves power, and her "mission" is to "save Russia."

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