

#### **FACTS ABOUT RUSSIA**

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While the rest of the world complained that trustworthy information about Russia was not obtainable, because everything coming out of that country was distorted one way or the other, Socialists collected a great deal of authentic Russian information for the guidence of their recent international convention at Berne. They went to the Bolsheviki themselves for the information, and having digested if they denounced the Bolsheviki rule. Though suppressing every Russian publication not friendly to them the Bolsheviki are great publicity artists on their own side. They have their official and semi-official newspapers and various government organs covering particular fields. It was from the files of these publications that the Socialists compiled their report, taking nothing from non-Bolshevik sources, and giving the authority for their statements in each case.

The Socialists were not interested in what the Bolsheviki did to the bourgeoise and they paid no attention to that, their general idea being the more anybody does to the bourgeoise, or property owning class, the better. They were not interested in reports of Bolshevik terrorism, massacres, and so on, for they allow that much disorder of that sort will usually accompany a revolution. They confined their at-

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tention solely to the result of Bolshevism upon the very class in whose exclusive interests it professes to rule-namely, upon the proletariat, or urban wage earners. Socialists condemned Bolshevism because they found, out of its own mouth, that it was destroying the very class it is supposed to benefit at the expense of all the rest of society.

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The Bolsheviki's own reports showed that the population of Petrograd had declined about two-thirds, only about \$8,000 inhabitants being left out of about 2,400,000. Population of Moscow had declined about 60 per cent. In one group of Petrograd factories the number of workmen had failen from 277,000 to 120,000. Moscow metal workers' unions had lost 123,000 members out of 183,000. Chemical workers' unions had lost three-fourths of their members. Other such instances are cited from Bolshevik reports.

City wage earners have been disappearing into the highly paid army, drifting out to the villages, turning peddler and petty speculator. Output of a large group of textile factories had declined three-quarters.

Not only has the number of workers greatly decreased, but output per man has fallen. The Petrograd Soviet reported that the state had advanced \$6,000,000 rubles to the famous Putilloff works—of which \$6,000,000 rubles had been expended in wages, while total output of the works in the same period was valued at only 15,000,000

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rubles. From various reports it seemed that the total factory output equations about half the sum drawn from the state treasury; hence an official complaint that the Government has been oblighed to print paper money at the rate of 200,000,000 rubles a day, and that the value of its rubles in the interior of the country has fallen 95 per cent.

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Last November the central executive committee declared that the food shortage in Moscow was largely due to loafing and plundering. In December a Government organ complained that the mass of new industrial officials appeared only twice a month—to draw their salaries. As to an enormous increase in the number of such officials five districts in one province now show 495 officials where formerly in twelve districts there were only 275.

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Of course they still say that though it worked most disastrously in Russia it would work beautifully some other place—any place where it has never been tried. But there is its own report of itself in the only place where it ever has been tried. For Bolshevism, aside from its red terror—that is, on the economic side—is nothing else than orthodox Marxian Socialism but into literal practice.

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In the days before the war, one of the features of Ryde, Isle of Wight, was the fleet of obsolete warships which rode mournfully at anchor to the west of the pier. There was a curious air of desolation about them with their gunboat gray showing rust everywhere, their truncated masts cleared decks, and blackened brasses masts. As the ferry steamed out of Ports-mouth, some four miles away across the Solent, they had a warlike appearance enough, but the nearer one came to them the more one saw that their

fighting days were over.

But were they? May there not have been amongst them some of the old cruisers which joined in the now famous run for Zeebrugge the other night? Perhaps they are Ryde boats which now lie gloriously at the bottom of the sea, blocking the way to the "neets of Rungs". of the sea, block nests of Bruges.

# BABY'S HEALTH IN THE SPRING

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# CUPID'S QUEER PRANK.

A Wedding Blunder That Furnished a Curious Climax.

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The scene was a London parish, and the period recent. The vicar was sitting in his study one morning when in burst the verger in a great state of excitement.

"Mr. —" (mentioning the curate's name) "wants you at once, sir," he exclaimed. "He has married two couples and married the two men to the wrong women, and he does not know what to do!"

"Have they signed the register?" inquired the clerayman.

"No." was the verger's response.

"Then they can be married again," said the vicar, "Tell Mr. — 3 will be at the church in a minute or two to perform the ceremony."

In due course the incumbent made his way to the church and found the parites gathered at the entrance.

Before he could say anything one of the bridegrooms approached and said: "We have been talking it over, sir, and we have made up our minds to remain as we are."

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Little Country Has Been Most Useful of Neutrals.

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The war has perhaps brought no greater contrasts than those afforded by the crowds that entered Switzerland before the outbreak of hostilities and those that now cross its borders. There is no longer any steady stream of tourists. In their place, exchanged French and British wounded soldiers cross the frontiers from Germany and proceed to the mountain and lake resorts as "paying guests" of the republic. Thousands of civilian refugees from the devastated war zone enter country in order to seek repatriation and rehabilitation on the beloved soli of France, Others there are, German subjects, who as spies have entered only to abuse the hospitality of Switzerland by means of their international plottings; and still others, forming a small but significant group, who have found the fatherland intolerable and the weicome opportunity of raising their protests in tolerant Switzerland.

Whatever the difficulties in entering Switzerland may be to-day, they were comparatively trifling in pre-war days, when tourists were welcomed with open arms. Swiss regulations for foreign traffic, though always more or lees formal, inconvenienced the passenger by motor car. The holder of a "rundreise" railway ticket escaped. Entering by road by Basel, for instance, meant the satisfying of two sets of officials, the customs men and that gendarmes. The travelier had to submit to certain inflexible formalities which always appeared to be more officials. If he were tactful, however, less than the officials. If he were tactful, however, and make the following jumble to him and see how many mistakes he will make:

"Antimous, a disappointed, desiccated physicials, value of the country and privilege was to ditate the following jumble to him and see how many mistakes he will an embarrassing and haraseing way. His idiosyncrasy and privilege was to eat mayonnaise and mussele while

roadmender and official en route who might take it into his head to question the tourist's right to use the pass. The arrival at Brigue alone brought any real relief, for, from that point on, Switzerland seemed to stretch itself out along a lovely valley, inviting the tourist to the delights of travelling by road in Switzerland.

It is the peculiar characteristic of Switzerland that, after crossing its frontiers, one never appears to have wholly left the neighboring countdies behind. The northern "gates" seem to introduce one to a modified Germany; at Geneva one is still in a French-speaking country; whilst the impression one receives upon entering from the south, of still being upon Italian soil, is at first difficult to shake, off. The character of the scenery serves only to heighten the illusion. Ethnographically as well as physically, the soil of Switzerland seems to invite the various peoples of the earth to make of the country a place of rendezvous where international differences can be forgotten. Time alone will show, however, whether "international" Switzerland will be the unrestricted playground of the nations in the future as in the past.

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he did not fail to display the invaluable qualities of patience, politeness, and that useful air of taking everything for granted. The faithful observance of such a course probably served to accelerate the precise processes of examination and the sealing of the car by such antiquated methods as a die and a mallet. Then one was free or, rather, measurably free to tour Switzerland. The chances are that the douanier would follow up the parting salute with a significant caution not to exceed that elastic thing, the Swiss speed limit. For one could never bequite sure, in passing leisurely and carefully through the winding street of a Swiss village, that some local functionary might not rush out and, nolens volens, arrest and fine one for the hinous offence of speeding.

Entering Switzerland by road over the Simplon Pass from Italy, the speed question becomes one Iraught will all kinds of penalties for the speed question becomes one Iraught will all kinds of penalties for the speed question becomes one Iraught will all kinds of penalties for the speed question becomes one Iraught will all kinds of penalties for the speed question becomes one Iraught will all kinds of penalties for the speed question becomes one Iraught will all kinds of penalties for the speed question becomes one Iraught will all kinds of penalties for the speed question becomes one Iraught will all kinds of penalties for the speed question becomes one Iraught will all kinds of penalties for the speed question becomes one of the speed question becom

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# Origin of One Proverb

One obtains historical glimpses in The familiar proberbs. Peter to pay Paul" is said to derive its origin from the fact that in the reign of Edward VI the lands of St. Peter at Westminster were appropriated to money for the repair



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