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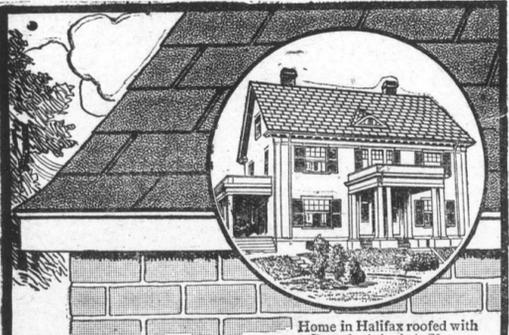
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Count Michael Karolyi Was Radical Aristocrat And Now Leads Democracy

FROM Tisza to Karolyi; for the Magyar people these four words condense the political evolution of a century into four tempestuous years. Was it not but yesterday that Count Stephen Tisza ruled Hungary with the power of a military despot and dictated the policies of the camouflage empire of the Hapsburgs. And to-day? Count Tisza is dead, his heart pierced by the bullets of Magyar soldiers whose brethren he had sent to the shambles by the hundred thousand—crushed by the very forces he more than anybody else, not even the Kaiser excepted, had helped to turn loose upon the world. And his once derided and insulted rival, Count Karolyi, is the beloved leader of newly-born Magyar democracy.

A good way to explain Karolyi is to contrast him to Tisza. Typical representatives, each in his way, of their race and caste, these two aristocrats have but one quality in common—indomitable courage, physical and moral. Bodily valor, however, is the common heritage of Magyar aristocracy whose life is a mixture of English outdoor exercises and the discipline of cavalry officers. The different manifestation in each of the quality called moral courage is the measure of the gulf that separated the two men. For Tisza, moral courage was an impenetrable armor behind which he defied the twentieth century in the terms of the fourteenth. He had a certain style, a simplicity of outline, which commanded the admiration even of his enemies. This style is not the property of cowards. Karolyi's moral courage helped him to battle his way



COUNT KAROLYI

through the Chinese wall of caste feeling and class interest, to face social ostracism for the sake of democratic ideas.

If sheer force of character and oneness of purpose are desirable standards, Tisza was by far the greater man of the two. He was a splendid specimen of Junkerdom—not of the Prussian variety, though. He had no use for the scientific methods of oppression, did not believe in bribing people into submission. He was all for the whip and the sabre as the instruments of political education for the masses—feudal baron merged into a Russian police general. His Magyarism was simply caste feeling and Oriental exclusiveness. His stern religion finishes the picture. He was a Calvinist crusader—at the same time a devout servant of his Catholic master the King. A Cromwell willing to fight and die for the divine right of James II.

The pragmatic test of social usefulness establishes the undisputed superiority of Karolyi. His is a flexible, developable, receptive mind—Tisza's opinions were of cast iron. He is as cosmopolitan in education and attitude as Tisza was parochial—as European as Tisza was Asiatic. Socially and intellectually, the two men compared as a granite statue of Sulla compares to a live Paris clubman.

It goes without saying that his activities as Radical leader did not tend to popularize Karolyi among his fellow-aristocrats. They affected not to take him seriously—derided him as a crank and a doctrinaire.

Now members of the ruling caste had a very legitimate grievance against the "Red Count." Heir to the Karolyi entail, second only to that of the Prince Esterhazy and reputed to be worth about \$30,000,000, Count Michael started public life as president of the Hungarian Agricultural Union, the representative body of Magyar Junker reaction. One day he announced to that distinguished gathering of Magyar Westarps and Leventlows that he was through with them for good, that they were all wrong, that the future belongs to democracy, and that he was going to fight for the rights of the common people.

The question naturally arises: Why does Karolyi not live up to his principles and turn over his vast estates to the Hungarian people? This is the favorite question of his hecklers. But he has an answer: "I will not give my estates to the Magyar people because I want the Magyar people to come and take them away. I won't give them to my people, and I won't bribe them. The land rightfully belongs to them—when they will awaken to this, they'll go and seize it, and as far as I am concerned they are entirely welcome."

His record during the last four years is more or less known to the Canadian public. In Parliament he opposed bitterly submarine warfare, demanded renunciation of all imperialistic aims and a peace program along Wilsonian lines, attacked the Germans whenever he saw a chance, and professed pro-Ally sympathies with increasing frankness. His endeavors were duly honored when, early in 1918, he was indicted for high treason on a charge brought by his own cousin, Count Emery Karolyi. The German Government appreciated his activities by establishing at Budapest a special secret service to watch him. The thing came out; there was a big scandal in Parliament, and Major Consten, the German secret agent, had to make a hurried exit.

Karolyi advocated just treatment for the subject nationalities ever since he turned Radical. Nevertheless, he was denounced by Slovak and Roumanian spokesmen as a Magyar chauvinist because of his insistence on the indivisibility of the Magyar state. His stand has its parallel in the attitude of Russian liberals toward the Ukraine. But there is every reason to assume that Karolyi has at last realized that the friendship of the Czech-Slovaks and Jugoslavs and Roumanians can be gained only through co-operation with their free national states. His whole development points in this direction.

Even his best friends would refrain from calling Karolyi a genius of the first rank. But his good-will, his sincerity, his zeal to do the right thing, are coupled with a keen sense of justice, a European outlook and power to grasp the international foundations of genuine democracy. Above all, he lacks that cocksure, parochial, intolerant haughtiness which characterized almost all Magyar statesmen since the death of the two real Liberals, Deak and Eotvos. Leon Gambetta has shown the world how a high-spirited nation can turn defeat into victory. Fate has put Count Michael Karolyi into a position where he might prove the Gambetta of Hungary. The interest of Europe and the world demands that he succeed.

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