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## Russia's Chaos—What it May Mean.

(By LOVAT FRASER, in the Daily Mail.)

The Western Allies are slowly realising that at the best Russia can furnish no really effective military help for a long time to come. They do not yet seem to be thinking of the possible consequences of Russia's breakdown.

The military position of the Allies must in any case be gravely affected, but unless a strong and ordered system of government can be evolved in Russia within the next few months the results of the collapse will be felt far beyond the fighting line. Europe cannot be reconstructed on a safe and sane basis if Russia falls to pieces. Germany will have a chance beyond her wildest dreams.

My own very definite view is that the chaos in Russia will continue. Words will not make bread. The dominating factor in Russia will soon be, not Kerensky, nor Korniloff, nor the Soviet, nor the Army, but—famine. It is famine which will, I fear, accentuate and prolong the present chaos. The Revolution began with the demand of the people for bread, which was also the cry of the women who marched to Versailles in 1789. The statement is frequently made just now that though there is little food in the towns and cities of Russia there must be plenty in the villages. I am not so sure, and even if Russia contained ample stores of food the machinery for distributing it on a fair basis has failed. Michaelis evidently knew what he was talking about when he mentioned Russia in his speech to the Reichstag Committee recently. He said nothing about the Army or Riga. He seems to have merely observed, in his concise and stolid way, "In Russia a grave economic crisis reigns. Transport especially is totally inadequate." He was quite right, and it was not necessary to say more.

We forget that even in normal times there has been four or five famines in large areas of Russia in the last thirty years. The peasants have never been accustomed to store enough grain to last them all the year round. Meteorology does not suffice to explain Russian famines. Bad cultivation, primitive implements, insufficient manure, restricted rotation of crops are all contributory causes. It is also feared that in the fertile Black Earth region the process of desiccation which laid waste large areas in Central Asia has been at work. But Michaelis probably pointed out the root cause of the existing food troubles in Russia when he spoke of transport.

There are other economic dangers

which may accelerate the present disruptive tendencies. The financial situation in Russia is full of menace, and is like a lunatic's dream. The "authorities" have for a long time been printing rouble notes to the extent of about five million pounds a day, though the actual value of the notes does not equal their face value. They have printed such masses of these notes that they have run short of paper, and to economise paper they are said to be now printing no notes having a lower face value than about £25. It sounds very easy and simple to manufacture money in this way but it means a terrific crash in the end. Meanwhile one of the immediate results is an enormous inflation of prices.

The Soviet, or "Workmen's and Soldiers' Council" in Petrograd, is said to be drawing £70,000 a month for the payment of the members of the committee, very few of whom are soldiers, while hardly any are workmen. They hold no official position and are plundering the public funds, although pacifist newspapers in England tell us that the members of the Soviet are the saviours of the country. Many British taxpayers would like to know whether they are still being taxed to send money to Russia.

The essence of the military situation in Russia is that the Army has almost ceased to have any fighting value. For courage and endurance the individual Russian soldier will bear comparison with any troops now in the field, but discipline is the cement of armies, and without it they become useless mobs. The desertions in Russia have been enormous. Swarms of peasant soldiers have hurried back to their villages to share in the division of land which they were told was now theirs for the taking. Those who remain under arms have been taught not to obey their officers and think they can do as they like. The commissaries and committees have ruined the remnants of the Russia Army.

General Korniloff was no traitor, but an honest and simple man who tried to save Russia. Whatever is alleged against him, no one has suggested that he was trying to put the Romanoffs back, and it is clear that in the earlier stages of his movement which seems to have gone off at half-cock, he was in close communication with M. Kerensky. What is now happening in Russia is a struggle between M. Kerensky and the Anarchists. It is quite on the cards that we shall see an attempt to form an Anarchist Government which will be the negation of all good government.

Russia, in short, is in a state of intellectual dislocation, coupled with administrative paralysis. We live in an age of little men, and so far Russia has produced no big man capable of constructive statesmanship. The Cadet leaders proved to be academic theorists who were unable to face the test when suddenly called upon to put their political doctrines into practice. They were elbowed aside, not by M. Kerensky, but by the Anarchists. To say that the Anarchists do not represent the true Russia is to beg the question. The men who ran the terror in France numbered fewer than

three thousand. They did not typify the true France, but for a time they dominated it.

If there is any break in the clouds in Russia, I cannot see it. In the foreground of the picture are millions of soldiers who have lost their military spirit, which can only be slowly revived. In the background is the spectre of famine. We are far from the high hopes with which the Revolution began. I believe in the future of Russia. At a meeting many years ago I heard the late Lord Salisbury growl out, after his manner, that though people were talking of the break-up of China, he refused to believe that three hundred millions of the most industrious people on earth could ever become moribund. In the same way, knowing something of the immense resources of Russia, and having seen her territories from end to end, I feel confident of her high destinies. But I also feel that she has a period of terrible travail ahead, and that no man can now estimate how long the darkness and the confusion and the weakness may endure.

It is just that period which may grievously affect the Allied cause, which is the cause of Russia also. The time has come when our statesmen and our newspapers must stop talking treacle about the Russian Revolution, and must consider just exactly what its unforeseen developments may mean to the rest of the Allies. This war was being fought on two main fronts. One of these two fronts the enemy has suddenly won without striking a decisive blow. That is the true and present meaning of the military collapse of Russia. The Germans are too weak to take full advantage of their passive victory on the Russia front, and until next spring they are simply holding the immense areas they have won. However vigorously we strike them in the west, we cannot make them disgorge their eastern conquests.

A Europe in which the Western Allies had won back their conquered districts, but had performed left Germany to seek compensation amid the ruins of a broken and disunited Russia, would not be the Europe for which we are fighting. I hold that we must reconsider our strategy. With or without Russia, it has become more than ever incumbent upon the Western Allies and the United States to break the military power of Germany, which they have not yet done.

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POGIE FISHERMEN ARRIVE. — About thirty young men, who had been engaged pogie fishing in the States, arrived here last evening. Most of them belonged to Conception Bay points.

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RECRUITING PARTY RETURNS. — Lieut. James and party who were for two and a half months recruiting along the S.W. Coast are now back in the city and report for only twenty odd recruits.

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PRESENTATION. — Miss Campbell, matron of the Government Sanatorium, was presented with a coffee service and address on Christmas Day by the staff. The inmates of the institution were treated to gifts of fruit, etc.

PASSENGERS ARRIVE. — These passengers arrived here from the States and Canada last evening: W. Wornell, Miss M. J. O'Dea, J. Cole, A. G. Williams, T. Sullivan, J. Mansfield, J. Keating, M. Barrett, M. Conner, E. Noonan, Mrs. J. Ayre and J. Templeman.

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### Sunday Services

Anglican Cathedral (1st Sunday after Christmas). — Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a.m.; "I will worship." — Sullivan. Preacher, Rev. C. Barton. Evening: 6.30, Anthem, "Arise, Shine O Jerusalem." — Adams. Preacher, Rector, Rev. Canon White (Bishop-elect). "O come all ye faithful." The Choir will render the following Christmas music immediately at the close of the evening service: — 1. Carol, "Over the fields of Bethlehem." 2. Solo and Quartet, "Come to the Manger." 3. Carol, "Silent Night." 4. Carol, "Come and Worship." 5. Quartet, "Only a little village." 6. "Joy fills our inmost heart." 7. Solo and Part Chorus, "Sleep Holy Babe." 8. Anthem, "I will worship." — Rector. Hymn, 59: "O come all ye faithful."

St. Thomas's — Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Preacher, Rev. C. Barton; Sunday School, 2.45; Dunfield Boys' Bible Class, 2.45; Girls' Bible Class, 3; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30. Preacher, The Rector. Subject: "Patriotic Prayers."

St. Mary the Virgin, St. John's West — Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month at noon; every other Sunday at 8 a.m.; other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Michael's — Holy Communion, 8 (every Sunday); Holy Communion, 11 (every Sunday); Matins, 11; Children's Service, 3.30; Evensong, 6.30.

Christ Church, Quidi Vidi — Holy Communion, second Sunday at 8 a.m.; Evening Prayer, third Sunday in each month at 7 p.m. Every other Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Virginia School Chapel — Evening Prayer every Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

BROOKFIELD SCHOOL CHAPEL. — Evensong — Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday School — Every Sunday at 4 p.m.

St. Matthew's Church, The Goulds — 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion.

ASYLUM FOR THE POOR. — Holy Communion — The first Sunday in each month at 9 a.m. Matins — Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

METHODIST. — Gower St. — 11, Rev. Dr. Bond; 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon.

George St. — 11, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon; 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy. Cochrane St. — 11, Rev. H. Royle; 6.30, Rev. Dr. Bond.

Wesley — 11, Rev. N. M. Guy; 6.30, Rev. H. Royle.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. — Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A., Minister. Sunday Services at 11 and 6.30. The Minister will preach at both services. The morning service will be "Consecrating Our Food Supply"; in the evening, "Might and Right" — a service of special interest to men. The Men's Guild will meet at the close of the service. Strangers welcome.

Congregational — 11 and 6.30. Rev. W. H. Thomas.

Salvation Army, East End, 113 Broad St. — 11 a.m., Holiness Meeting; 3 p.m., Praise Meeting; 7 p.m., Great Salvation Meeting; Monday, 8 p.m., Soldiers' Meeting; 11 p.m., Watchnight Service. All are welcome.

ST. THOMAS'S. — To-morrow is the day set apart for special sermons in the Churches dealing with the moral aspect of the food question as it affects our community. The importance of this matter can scarcely be over-estimated, since the seriousness of the situation is becoming more apparent as the days follow each other. At the morning service the preacher will be Rev. A. Clayton. At the evening service the Rector will preach, having for his subject, "Patriotic Prayers."

GOVER ST. A.B.C. — A united service of the young ladies' and men's organized Bible Classes will be held to-morrow afternoon. The lesson of the day will be conducted by the Rev. D. B. Hemmeon. An invitation is extended to all. Come along and bring your friends. Service commences at 2.45 p.m. in the Church Parlour. Entrance from Gover St.

GEORGE ST. — The evening service will be largely choral. The Christmas music and hymns from the new Methodist Hymn Book will be rendered. Hymn sheets will be provided. On the first Sunday in January the New Hymn Book will be officially introduced.

WESLEY SUNDAY SCHOOL (ANNUARY DAY). — A special anniversary service will be held in the auditorium of the Church, Sunday afternoon, commencing at 2.30. Extra attention has been given to the preparation of this service. H. E. Cowan, Esq., will give an address, and recitations, choruses and duets will be given by members from all departments of the School. Come, everybody welcome.

COCHRANE ST. CHURCH. — A hearty invitation is extended to the services at Cochrane Street Methodist Central Church to-morrow. Rev. H. Royle is the preacher at the morning service. Subject for evening discourse: "What think ye of Christ?" Preacher, the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bond.

CONGREGATIONAL. — On to-morrow afternoon there will be an open service of the Sunday School, to which parents and friends of the scholars are invited. The children will render programmes of choruses and recitations, and Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A., of the Presbyterian Church, will deliver the address. At the evening service the special Christmas music will be repeated.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH. — The GOULDS — There will be morning service and Holy Communion at St. Matthew's Church, The Goulds, to-morrow, at 11 a.m.

ADVENTIST. — At the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Cooktown Road, Sunday, 6.30 p.m., subject: "Importance of Sound Doctrine." Lyman R. Gray.

GUESTS AT BALSAM PLACE. — Mrs. E. E. Bulley, daughter and son, Pass Island; H. E. Wyatt, Heart's Content; E. P. Murphy, Placentia; W. Siteman; Wabana; W. F. Penney, Carbonear.

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