

casualties, whereas oversea troops, contributing 16 per cent. of the armies, had suffered only 8 per cent. of the total casualties. Throughout the war, nothing has been more amazing than the German methods of penetration. Their propagandists are at work everywhere, as the United States knows to its cost. The German Government seems always to be able to get first-hand information of what is going on in Allied countries. They are adepts at spying and lying. They penetrate us, and we are unable in return to get into their wooden heads anything that would help them to save their souls. Russia they have read like an open book. The so-called Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies is really a German instrument. Its impudent proposal for a three months' armistice is made at German instigation. From that point of view Bochevik is only Boche writ large. But even present conditions in Russia ought not to cause us unduly to despond. Things could not be much worse there, except for the Russians themselves, than they have been for some months past, and the latest turn of the fast-revolving wheel may prove to have been a necessary stage on the way to the formation of a strong and united Government. The political history of ancient Greece is full of illustrations of what is likely to happen when autocracy is suddenly eliminated and overthrown. One succeeding stage was often "ochlocracy," or mob-rule, with men like Lenine and Trotsky offering to "take the people into partnership" with themselves. It would certainly be strange and paradoxical if the Power which posed at the outbreak of the war as the champion of the Southern Slavs were now definitely to throw up the sponge. Meanwhile we cannot be too thankful that our new Allies in the United States are advancing rapidly with giant strides to fill the gap caused by the defection of what used to be spoken of as the Russian "steam-roller."

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