

## EXPECTANT RUSSIA

### Why The Revolutionaries Are Fighting For The Czar

TREMENDOUS as have been some of the surprises of the present war, perhaps none have been so wonderful as those connected with the complete reversal of their policy by the Russian revolutionaries. An entirely new Russian national sentiment seems to have been awakened. Men whose best years have been wasted, after a period of revolutionary propaganda, in the mines of Siberia, and who for some years have lived as exiles in Britain or some other Democratic country, have cheerfully gone back to their Fatherland and given themselves up to the authorities, asking only that they might be given the opportunity of taking a share of the work and risk in the fighting line.

Maxim Gorky, a novelist of world-wide reputation, and for years an exile from his beloved Russia, is with the troops, and many others whose names are well known in the literary and art circles of Paris, Rome and London. More strange still, V. Bourtzeff is gone back to ask to work for the nation against which he has been such an inveterate foe, and which has treated him as if he were a dangerous animal.

#### POLITICAL REFUGEE.

Bourtzeff, indeed, may be considered the embodiment of young and rebel Russia. For six years he has been a political refugee. Until the war broke out he was editor of "Boudonshaho" (the Future) a revolutionary organ published in Paris. Scarcely a step has been taken by Bourtzeff since his escape from Russia that has not been dogged by the secret police. He was the chief agent in the exposure of Harting, Azeff, and a score of other less-known Russian "agent provocateurs," and the first thing he did when war was declared was to announce to all their followers that their fight with Tsardom must cease, and that the place of every real lover of Russia was in the firing line.

But if Bourtzeff's step was momentous to the young and active, the declaration of Prince Kropotkin was a

revelation. Prince Kropotkin is the highest blood of the Empire. In his youth he was a member of the Corps of Pages, attached to the Emperor; later he was an officer in the Army; then a scientist of world-wide reputation—he will tell you that he is still a student. It is now forty years since he was imprisoned in a Russian fortress for his political views.

#### ROMANTIC STORY.

The story of his escape from prison and his wanderings and work since then read like a romance, but that part of his life is not of interest just now. The thing that is of interest now is that this hero of the great Slav Empire, this man whose great possessions have been confiscated, who has been proud to work as a common workman for common workmen, who has been persecuted half his life and forced to live for nearly forty years



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#### THE REASON.

Now what is the reason for this turn? The reason is this: Whatever the issue of the present war may be, no revolutionary can believe that vast changes will take place in the eternal economy of Russia. The revolutionists feel that the Tsar's announcement to the Poles was but the first step in a much wider scheme of emancipation. If all the little peoples who fringe the Empire are to be given some national concessions, it is inconceivable that political freedom for Russia generally will not follow.

The war is uniting all sections and classes of society. Never before has there been such a sentiment of loyalty and solidarity, and, if the governing and upper classes are prepared to work in with the peasants, the workmen, and the revolutionaries to crush Germany, surely they will cease to crush their own people when the war is over.

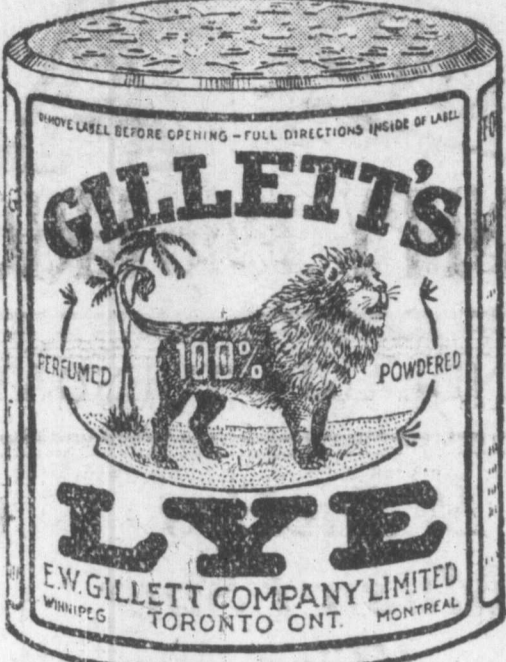
It must be admitted, of course, that the old traditions of Russian autocracy have so far kept the Tsar from granting any general amnesty to the thousands of political prisoners, refugees and exiles in Siberia and North Russia, although certain Liberal newspapers have made the demand, but there is every hope that such a step will be taken.

#### MANY DEMANDS.

From all classes and all schools of thought the demand for reforms arises. Says Bourtzeff: "To Russia this war will bring regeneration. The word on all lips in Russia is now 'Freedom.' All are hungrily awaiting a general amnesty; freedom of the Press, and of national life."

There is another point about this new loyalty of Russian rebels—it has been of tremendous service to the Allied forces. Only a few months ago there were dangerous mutterings among Russian Anarchists, Socialists and Liberals. A new revolt was in the making. For one, confess that, when first the war clouds began to

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lower over Europe, I feared that the natural horror of war would be intensified by internal dissensions among the Russian people.

I feared also the effect of that upon the campaign. A disaffected Russia, with perhaps disaffection among the troops would have meant a much less effective fighting machine than Russia has been able to put into the field. Whereas, fortunately for the Allies, the very reverse has been the case. The Russian armies have done marvellous work, and, without a doubt, much of their success has been due to the fact that they have had no doubts upon the justice of their cause, and no anti-Russian propaganda at work amongst them.

The company in which Russia finds herself must not be forgotten. She is now fighting in league with two of the greatest, the most free, and the most democratic peoples of the world. British and French influence must have some effect upon her. She cannot carry on such a campaign as the one in which she is now engaged without being vitally affected by the people on whose side she is. Besides that, the rudiments of constitutional government were won in 1905; never again can Russian bureaucracy hope to find its way back to pre-Duma methods, and never can Russian constitutionalism take the Imperialist form and spirit of the German. So let us hope that the end of this war will bring the dawn of Russian freedom.

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