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abroad, but even those who did had lost touch with the currents of Russian life, and their influence in many cases disappeared.

The numerous strikes and riots produced in the people a certain neurasthenic condition. They were wearied, and desired merely a rest. This was the real reaction—the reaction of the people; and this made possible the reaction of the Government. In spite of this undoubted fact, it must be realized that Russia has changed abruptly from a country in which criticism was sternly suppressed to one in which criticism abounds. The Duma, with all its defects, has become a school in which a new generation of competent rulers may be trained. Without some such school as this—outside of the bureaucratic field—it would be impossible for Russia to aim towards an effective democracy.