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RUSSIA, "A COUNTRY IN DANGER;" PROFESSOR'S PROPHECY

Writer in Gazette de Lausanne, in Searching Article Upon Affairs in the Empire, Says that the Country Under an "Oligarchy and Cleptocracy."

A translation of a searching article upon internal conditions in the Russian Empire was received by the New York Russian Post, through the courtesy of Prof. Henry R. Mussey, of Columbia University. This article originally appeared in the "Gazette de Lausanne et Journal Suisse" for January 23, under the title "Russia by a Russian." The writer says that Professor Tagantsev's declaration before the Council of Empire that "Russia is a country in danger" has become a phrase of common usage. The article is as follows:

What is happening in Russia is of immense importance, and while the international struggle is reaching its greatest height, still graver things are preparing at home. Unfortunately the European press receives news on this subject inasmuch as to permit of appreciating the importance of these events, which are so closely connected with the internal politics of Russia.

The journals of Petrograd, of Moscow, and of the various cities in Russia—all must undergo a threefold censorship: the ordinary censorship, that of the military authorities, and, third, this last secret, but all powerful, its existence is officially confirmed by the combined statements of the President of the Duma and of the Ministers of War, Justice, and the Interior.

Much as people may talk about Russian misadministration, no one of the officials has mentioned a name, no one has explained what this secret censorship really is. The newspapers, even after being passed upon by this triple censorship, all agree in affirming that the Russian army has been obliged to suffer from insufficient provisions and from lack of munitions, that the work behind the lines is completely disorganized, that unheard of disorders reign throughout the whole country in regard to provisioning and transportation; from the top to the bottom of the scale, from petty functionaries to the highest ranks, the Ministers have said it without evasion, the "Premiers" as well as the others, Gorky in May, 1916; Sturmer in 1916; Trepov in November last; the Duma, the Council of the Empire, and the Committees on War-Industries, all lament in unison. The same complaints are heard, but much more bitterly in the resolutions passed by more than a thousand congresses, and "zemstvos."

Prof. Tagantsev's Prophecy This trouble, of a purely political nature, arises from the reactionary administration which has been much strengthened since the beginning of the war. The debates and resolutions mentioned above are proof of it, but still stronger proof is furnished by the speeches and acts of the ministers and above all, by the entire conduct of the groups which lead the court. As a result, "the country is in danger." These words, first uttered at a meeting of the Council of the Empire by Professor Tagantsev, the well-known Russian historian and moderate conservative, have become current usage, for the state of weakness and incoherence in which Russia finds herself has become patent.

But whence comes this danger? From the Germans? Not at all. From scarcity? No, the supply of provisions is still considerable. Then where is the danger? The answer has been given from within the most reactionary institution that Russia has seen since 1856. We read, in effect as follows, in a recent resolution of the Council of the "Nobleless useless," "Occult and irresponsible forces, foreign to regularly established powers, are being directed against the State. These forces are able to subordinate the higher authorities to their wish and even the whole ecclesiastical administration is in their power. The civil administration is likewise hemmed in. Under these same pernicious influences, the civil administration is without cohesion in action, unity in thought. It lacks the confidence of the nation. This state of affairs, dire at all times, is particularly disastrous in these days of universal conflict, for it throws confusion into all spheres of the national life. It is absolutely essential resolutely to suppress all these underground influences on public affairs."

That, today, is the language of those who were the instigators of the political counter-revolution of 1906-1916, who began for the dissolution of the first two Dumas (and of the fourth) and who demanded the application of martial law in times of peace. Indeed, the internal disorder resulting from the political regime must have become pretty dangerous, to seem intolerable to these men.

A Succession of Ministers At the beginning an appeal was made to Gorky; then he was obliged to retire, after having disturbed the country for a time by the revelations of the treason and thefts of Soukhomlinoff, a favorite of the Czar, of Miasoedoff, and of others. Following him, A. N. Khrystof, a petty provincial autocrat, affiliated with the "Black Hundreds" and one of the representatives of the programme of 1906-7, was made Minister of the Interior. He attempted to have Rasputin assassinated, but his plot was discovered, and he was dismissed as a result. This followed an unbelievable succession of ephemeral Ministers. In two years there have been more than forty, which proves merely how unworthy of the name of statesman Sturmer came next, preceded by a reputation of long years of venality.

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OBITUARY
Mrs. Horace L. Waring.
News reached the city yesterday of the death at Deer Island, N. B., of Mrs. Horace L. Waring, wife of Captain Waring of this city. Mrs. Waring was but a young woman when she was formerly Miss Lida Pendleton of Deer Island and had been visiting her parents there when she was taken ill. She numbers a wide circle of friends who will learn with regret of her demise.

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So thinks Owen E. Gillcuddy, the well-known writer. He has voiced his confession, together with those of other prominent business figures, in an article in Everywoman's World, headed, "What I Owe My Mother."
"Most of us," he says, "as we look back upon the days of our early youth catch a deeper meaning of what motherhood has done for us. We have been the recipients of that unalloyed love poured forth from a heart which measured not its capacity to give, and, therefore, was sweetest in the giving."
"Mothers," declares Mr. Gillcuddy, "can impart information and instill sound truths which will last in after life as luminous mottoes to mark the way, no matter how dark that way may be."
Considering this, the writer decided to obtain the opinions of a number of men in Toronto who had obtained a modicum of success in their respective callings. Here are a few:
Mr. Herbert J. S. Dennison, the well-known patent attorney, says: "A phrase which I remember very distinctly as being used by my mother is, 'You must never touch a pin's point which does not belong to you.'"
Mr. J. M. McClelland, of the publishing house of McClelland, Goodchild and Stewart, in answer to the query replied: "Fair Play, Fair Play, above all other things, Fair Play!"

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