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THE SOUL OF RUSSIA

By Gertrude Steckler.

(This is another of a series of articles on this much confused and misrepresented subject. The Author, Mrs. Gertrude Steckler, is a leading authority on Russian life and affairs and her articles are quoted, copied and commented on by some of the leading papers of the Continent. Born in Russia and lived amongst the rich and poor, her sympathy and compassion for the "Children of the Czar" made her study, to the least detail, these unfortunates that today are groping and crawling in the darkness for light. Critics who condemn Russia's actions and Russia friends would accomplish more good on behalf of truth and justice by giving just views, than by burly attacks, slanders and petty jealousies—Ed. L. L.)

It is a decided fact that any ideal movement or society tremendously benefited by criticism, discussions, questionings, etc., immaterial whether it comes from its strongest opponents, shiftless sympathizers or no-nothings and whether it be practical, senseless, ridiculous, however, from whatever source it comes, it is beneficial. It stimulates thoughts and thinking is the main basis of progress.

Only by thinking our horizon of knowledge expands. Knowledge gives men control over matter and self, leads them in revolt against deceit, exploitation and oppression of their fellow-men opens widest for them the avenues of creative action and happiness.

The disinforming criticism that appeared on my previous article concerning Socialism and Bolshevism made me realize the want of knowledge the necessity of a comprehensive treatment and active support of the idea of Socialism in order to help the public with the possession of a true conception of its aim and thus cure the implanted prejudice against it.

Socialism has always been and is being misrepresented, misjudged, misunderstood even now, when its strong wave of enthusiasm reached the greatest part of the civilized world. It is exclusively due to the lack of knowledge, to the disability of discrimination between pragmas and ideals of the numerous other existing radicalisms which appear in the eyes of the ignorant under the same guise as that of socialism and the program and ideal of true Socialism.

Whether one be an atheist, anarchist, dourist, etc., be in stamped with the name Socialist. Have you ever heard your neighbor remark about your friend or acquaintance the "free thinker: Oh he is a disbeliever, a Socialist?" I have heard this remark quite frequently and undoubtedly you have also heard it. What did you think of it? Would it be just to unconsciously support your neighbor's views, or make a slight effort and obtain the truth and knowledge from an authentic source. Seek for the original program, shake of the other "isms of it, and you will find true Socialism as a crystallized natural creative element, based upon reason, compassion, necessity and truth; not in the least, containing any destructive value, internal forces and not insisting upon external extremes; not in any way violating or denying religion of any form and not commanding nature's iron hand to move in a new direction and with the motto of obtaining authenticity about any existing active element in life, our attitude towards many in misrepresented questions of today would forcibly take a different direction thus, instead of feeding prejudice, unconsciously, we might offer a word of support and sympathy to the voice of truth.

The misrepresentation and prejudice against Russian Bolshevism, which is the common product of Socialism and is the question of the day, springs from the identical, as above mentioned, detrimental source as that of true Socialism and that is unconscious conviction, neglect or disoluty distinction between absurd, noxious episodes of groups of members of any other "ism, or of groups of outcasts, or of a group or individuals of ignorant members of Bolshevism who misunderstand and misuse the program of the movement they participate, and between the original program of Bolshevism.

I recently read in one of our Jewish newspapers the most prejudicial criticism on Bolshevism and its aim. Socialism based upon an unreasonable preposterous, irrational resolution of a group of soldiers and sailors in Russia in which they attack and violate religion, except the doctrine of "free love deny parental rights and love towards their children, declaring the states' rights of their love and attention etc. among others words, the critic remarks thus: "the group of soldiers and sailors are not to be blamed for their ridiculous actions and thoughts. They have lost their reason, and are carried by the wings of spiritual intoxication. It is the unjudicious drug, socialism, which poisoned that their minds should be condemned. We should, and we have reason to dread the Bolshevike rule for it will bring distraction on moral religion, freedom, rights, love and feelings.

No it is not Socialism but the narrow mindedness of the writer that poison peoples minds, fills them up with hate and prejudice against the truth. The mentioned resolution is very near to the theory of anarchism, but the living contrast of true Socialism. A few days later, I read in the same paper, where the Bolsheviki raided Anarchistic Stations in Moscow, for they are greatly opposed to Anarchism as to a dangerous distrustful element, and are trying to prevent its expansion; and yet Socialism is responsible and Bolshevism is accusable of being an Anarchistic movement.

Its actions and doings of the past might have been wrong—a mistake of the past. The present rules and actions may possibly be displeasing even its greatest sympathizers—the contrasts of its theory.

But we must realize the gravity of the present situation: On one side, its interior full of oppressive acting dangerous elements each carrying in its bowels volcanic forces, and the slightest collision might cause a dreadful catastrophe. On the other side its exterior life confronting war with all its chaos and despotism and in addition carrying on its shoulders the oppressive weight of Germany's deceit and tyranny.

These acute laws, rules and methods of distasteful characters might be of absolute necessity under the present state of affairs in Russia, however the form of the present Russian government is the product of true Socialism not of any other ism. You say what about "evolution?" Karl Morix in his theory of Socialism positively said that the Socialist epoch will follow by the evolution of the capitalistic epoch. The Bolsheviki denied his words? didn't wait for the capitalistic evolution and took Socialism by revolution. It is true Karl Morix the prophet, the direct instrument of the spirit of true Socialism, said that evolution will develop his vision into a living fact but he evidently did not mark any destination to evolution for he knew that evolution cannot be measured, it is mastered by spirit and spirit knows no bond; it is

an eventual product and is directed, by eventualities of the day, which result in great sudden reforms and changes in life, almost impassable in gradual development of evolution. On the other hand, hasn't there been enough of evolution, was not there enough of slavery, exploitation, deceit, poverty, blood, sweat, starvation, ignorance, gloominess, etc., of labor, the foundation of this age? and wasn't there enough of triumph egoism, glorification, ill-gotten benefits, unlimited luxury wild social demonstrations, etc. of self satisfied capital, the root of all evil of this age?

The fact that the Russian protectorate is conscious of its class interests and was the first one to practice the Socialistic step proves evolution to be ripe. Of course there are difficulties enormous difficulties, uncertainty great initiation of sacrifice, connected with the step. But it can't be expected otherwise.

It would be unnatural for the echo of the voice of truth to be carried clear and sound through our atmosphere of chaos and dissipation, and without difficulties strike the note of compassion and recognition. Yet the echo is getting clearer and clearer every day uniting with the spirit of sublime achievement of its aim and rapidly moving to words the reason of every brood, their kind liberal mind, strikes the soul wins its confidence and pledges its support, and thus the time is near when the roots of Social evil will be exposed and destroyed by the vanishing of prejudice and cowardice, in the illumination of great facts which widen feelings of great facts which make all knowledge alive.

GERMAN MEDICINES SEIZED IN HALIFAX, TO BE SOLD BY ORDER OF ADMIRALTY COURT.

Halifax, N. S. July 4—In the admiralty Prize Court, Judge Drysdale ordered the confiscation of a quantity of medicine manufactured in Germany, which was seized by the naval inspection staff here from the luggage of R. Silva Zamorana, a Chilean diplomat, on board the Duth Steamer Hollandia, which, while on a voyage from Amsterdam to Buenos Ayres, called at this port in September, 1917, for examination. One of the inspectors testified yesterday that he had examined the luggage and in one of his trunks found packages and bottles of medicine each bearing labels printed in German. On one of these parcels was written the name of the wife of a German General residing in Berlin. The inspector said that the Chilean claimed that the trunk was the property of a friend, who had preceded him to America.

W. A. Henry, K. C., for the Crown, informed the Court that the Chilean representative, in Canada had been notified of the proceedings. He also said that a registered letter had been sent to M. Zamorana, owner of custodian of the trunk, to the same effect but that there had been no response. Neither the ship nor M. Zamorana were represented in court. Judge Drysdale ordered the medicine, which is believed to have been manufactured at a famous dye works in Germany and which is valued at several thousands of dollars, sold by the marshal of the court.

CANADIAN HOSPITAL IN FRANCE BOMBED.

Buildings plainly Marked With Red Cross and Well Known to Germans. Sheltered Thousands of Wounded.

Canadian Army headquarters in France, June 25—A Canadian hospital on a site behind the British Front occupied for eighteen months, was bombed by the Germans last night and several persons including doctors and officer patients, were killed or seriously wounded.

The bombing of the Canadian hospital last night followed the bombing of two other Canadian hospitals near the coast. The building on which bombs were dropped sheltered thousands of wounded during the fighting last March.

Canadian nurses, doctors, officers and patients were among the number killed or seriously wounded.

The Canadians have occupied the site for more than eighteen months. The roofs were painted with great red crosses and the buildings have never been used for military purposes since the war began. German squadrons in daylight raids have hitherto dropped no bombs near the buildings.

Last night one three-story wing which was about 200 yards long caught fire after being cut clean in half by a huge bomb. Bravely the staff of the hospital started to rescue helpless patients cut off by the flames. In an adjacent wing, Doctors and orderlies brought them through shattered windows down ladders to safety.

The first bomb went through the first two floors and into the operating room, where the night staff was working on urgent cases that had just arrived. The operating staff, including nurses, was buried under an avalanche of debris and in a few minutes the whole operating section was a flaming tomb. Bursting tubes of ether and hydrogen added to the ghastliness.

Fortunately two other surgical teams had just halted their work and had gone to mess for their midnight supper or the casualty list of doctors and nurses would have been much

A NEWFOUNDLANDER HONORED.

Ottawa, June 28—The Royal Geographical Society has this year awarded the "Back Grant", to Captain R. A. Bartlett, for distinguished leadership after the loss of the C. G. S. "Karluk", according to an announcement made today by the Naval Department. This grant, which consists of a sum of 14 pounds, was founded by the celebrated Arctic explorer, the late Admiral Sir George Back, for the reward and encouragement of scientific geographers and discoverers. It will be remembered that Captain Bartlett commanded the motor schooner, Karluk on which the Stefansson expedition left Victoria in the spring of 1913 to carry out explorations in the Beaufort Sea and the Arctic regions.

Handicapped in Argument.

Two Irishmen of opposite convictions met on a highway in the Ould Country. "Misther O'Sullivan" said O'Flaherty, "will ye stop and have a friendly discussion on the matter of Home Rule?" "It's sorry I am," said O'Sullivan, "but it's not convenient just now. 'And why not,'" said O'Flaherty, "Why ye tell ye the truth," said O'Sullivan, "I haven't got me shiek haney."

ENTIRE EXECUTIVE RESIGNED.

Regina, Sask., June 23.—Hon G. W. Brown, L. E. Mutton, G. A. Mantle, F. H. Auls and W. A. Wilson the executive of the Saskatchewan food control commission, have resigned in a body, and have asked to be relieved of their work. In resigning, the executive expressed their view that they could no longer carry on the work because of the conditions created in Saskatchewan by certain regulations of the Canada Food Board.

(The C. F. B. may be doing good work but we hear considerable complaint about some of their regulations, the war time menus that they are sending out to the public are the subject of sport all over the country. They are menus, containing expensive articles of diet, some of which high price cannot be thought of; and the most of them are away beyond the ordinary man's purse.)

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HERE'S THE LATEST IN KULTUR.

A mother in Belgium saw a German approaching her home. She hid her children. The German demanded supper, lodging and breakfast. His wants were satisfied. In the morning, to the surprise of the good woman he paid her. She said "How strange—I thought all Germans were bad. I am pleased to know that you are a gentleman. Do you know that when I first saw you I hid my children?" "So?" replied the German. "I too have children. Let me see yours." Whereupon the fond mother called up the treasures of her heart from the cellar, only to see them both shot dead at her feet.

In her grief later she told the story to her neighbors—but now she tells it to the bars of her window in a madhouse.

A Proficient Instructor.

When father came home to dinner he observed a vacant chair at the table. "Where is the boy?" asked he, nodding to the chair.

"Harry is upstairs," came t in a tone of painful precision from the mother.

"I hope he is not sick." "There was an anxious pause. "No he is not sick," continued the mother. "It grieves me to say, Richard, that our son, your son, has been heard swearing on the street. I heard him myself."

"Swearing," exclaimed the father. "I'll teach him to swear." And with that the angry parent started upstairs in the dark. Halfway up he stumbled and came down with his chin on the top step.

When the confusion had subsided Harry's mother was heard saying from the hallway: "That will do, Richard dear. You have given him enough for one lesson."

Why She Asked.

A certain physician was noted for his reckless automobile driving. One day when he answered the telephone a woman's voice asked him if he intended to go out driving that afternoon.

"No, I hardly think I shall have time this afternoon," replied the doctor. "But why do you ask?"

"Well" replied his anonymous questioner, "I want to send my little daughter down town for some thread if you are not going."

Unjust.

Mistress—Bridget, I'm tired of your carelessness. Only look at that dust on the furniture. It's six weeks old at the very least.

Bridget—Shure, it's no fault av mine. Oi've been here only tree weeks.

DID NOT WANT THE JOB.

A washerwoman applied for help of a gentleman, who gave her a note to the manager of a certain club. It read as follows: "Dear Mr. X:—This woman wants washing."

Very shortly afterwards the answer came back: "Dear Sir—I dar esa she does, but I don't fancy the job."

Where He Hit Him.

Judge—"Did you stike this man in an excess of irascibility?"

The Coon—"No sah, I done hit him in the stummick."

DOWN FROM HIS PERCH.

Mayor Jno. F. Hylan of New York City, when running for the mayoralty, brought two actions of some \$525,000 against the New York World for alleged libel. The World dared him to come on.

The Mayor decided to drop both suits, pay all cost and \$2000 extra allowance to the World for the expense of preparing the case.

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NOVA SCOTIA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

This Association met in Halifax last week. May acts of importance were discussed.

W. L. Ormond the retiring president, gave a very interesting address in which he reviewed the work of the past year. The election of officers, resulted as follows: President—L. C. Gardner, Yarmouth Vice-President—E. J. Butcher, Dartmouth. Treasurer—W. H. Sterns, Glace Bay Secretary and Registrar—G. A. Burdidge, Halifax. Trustees for the College of Pharmacy—L. C. Gardner, Yarmouth; J. W. Morrison, Amherst, and E. T. Power, Halifax.

Mr. R. C. Fuller was retained as a member of the Council.

Mrs. Patterson of Acacia Villa School, Horton and Miss Annie Stuart, Grand Pre, visited Windsor, yesterday. Miss Stuart has recently been appointed President of the recent organization to conduct the Nova Scotia Red Cross drive from the 8th to 15th July in Kings County—Tribune, Windsor, June 28.

Heart Palpitated, Had Dizzy Spells.

Palpitation of the heart is one of the most common of all heart troubles, and many people are kept in a state of morbid fear of death, become weak, worn, and miserable, have weak and dizzy spells, their nerves become unstrung and they cannot sleep.

Wherever there is any weakness of the heart, Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills will strengthen it, and build up a strong healthy system. Mrs. Walter Grieves, Apsley, Ont., writes: "I had been run down and doctors told me I was anemic, but did not help me with their medicines. I could not sleep nights, my heart palpitated so, and I could count every beat. I used to have such dizzy spells I would have to go to bed. I was not able to do my work for eight months. A cousin of mine had taken Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and told me what they had done for her. I took eight boxes of them, and now I am able to help every day with the work. I am so thankful to tell others what they have done for me, so that they may try this great and wonderful remedy. I hope this may prove good to some one who is suffering the way I did."

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