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It Was Practiced by One Working For the Russian Revolution

By MARIA FOEDEROVNA ******************

Women are natural educators, especially of children, and a great many of us Russian women have been drawn into revolution through efforts to break down that ignorance which unfits the large mass of our people for free govsian country gentleman living on the family estate in the province of Kostroma and began my revolutionary career by teaching the moujiks (peasants) on my father's estate. I taught not only the children, but grown men and women, and when I saw their anxiety to better their condition, which they seemed to know they would do by learning, I felt that I could take any risk in their behalf.

When I was stopped in this work I did not attempt openly to defy the government, because I knew such a course would be futile. I allied myself with one of those secret organizations whose



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object it was to rid Russia of our autocratic form and replace it with one that would give us liberty to teach the ignorant. This took me to the fountain-head, St. Petersburg. My father en-deavored to persuade me to desist, but I could not bear to remain with tied hands among a people who were more like cattle than human beings, yet endowed with a desire to better their

cause of the revolution I entered upon a life of duplicity. The foundation of a revolution must necessarily involve organization, and that could be achieved only by secret methods, for the government was aware of what was going on and met our secret efforts by secret efforts of its own.

My work in St. Petersburg was that of messenger. Documents, sometimes printed, sometimes written, sometimes in plain language, sometimes in cipher, must be constantly conveyed from one point to another. An ordinary messenger, such as is used at telegraph or other offices, is a mere conveyance, and almost any one will suffice for such a purpose, but to carry that which the whole power of an autocratic govern-ment is used to intercept and which, if intercepted, will cause the banishment to the icy regions of Siberia of those implicated, besides doing great harm to the cause, requires coolness, cour-

One night at a secret meeting of the circle of which I was a member I was given a package which I was told contained printed circulars condemning the government and calling on those who loved freedom to enroll them-selves for the cause. There was nothing in the circulars in case they fell into the hands of the government to injure any one but the person having them in his or her possession, though such person might be led to implicate others. On account of this possible implication and for my own safety, was cautioned as usual that if suspi the package if possible. It contained the package if possible. It contained a hundred circulars, which was all one person would be intrusted with to carry on account of size. I had a pocket made in the skirt of my dress especially adapted to carry concealed articles. The morning after receiving my instructions being ready to a trut out.

structions, being ready to start out on

the duty assigned me, I looked out of window down on to the street to were standing talking together. They seemed, to be discussing something which I assumed was of no importance to me, for they never once glanced in my direction,

And yet these men were spies of the government. One of them was instructing the other that the house in which I lived was under suspicion and anyone issuing from it was to be fol- I kept concealed there-that of a delowed, and if an arrest seemed warranted the person suspected was to be taken before a police officer. But I not knowing this, went downstairs and pursued my way unconscious of the danger that threatened me.

However, I had noted the two men and after walking a short distance, stopped at a shop window ostensibly to look at the goods displayed there, but really to glance back at the two men I have mentioned. They had separated, and one of them was coming toward me. He stopped to look up at the signs above him as though looking for some especial place. Had he come right on I might not have been very fearful. As it was I inferred that, seeing me glance back from before the shop window, he had pretended to be looking for some particular address in order to divert my suspicion

My heart leaped up in my throat. However, I would soon know if this man was following me, and I nerved myself to meet the issue if he were. I walked on, turning down a cross street leading away from the point I had started for, and presently, stopping again at a shop where women's were displayed, I glanced back. The man I feared was just passing behind a projection of a building.

I now felt assured that he was watching me, but resolved to make one more trial before acting upon the supposition that he was. I walked on and turned down another street, taking a direction toward the point from which I had started. Then, suddenly turning at a right angle so that I could see my shadower without appearing to do so, I caught him coming toward me and looking straight at me.

Owing to the dangerous work in which I was engaged I spent much of my leisure time in thinking up expedients in case I should be caught red handed. I now resolved to put in practice one of the most daring of which I had conceived. I was sure that this man was a police official and that he was following me. At any moment he was liable to have me arrested, though I fancied that unless he believed he permit me to go where I intended, leaving me to implicate others. As to dropping my package, I carried a knife with which I could slit my pocket and let it drop out. Could I have got far enough away from my shadower I would have done this, but after I turned so quickly as to see him coming for me he drew nearer and I was in great trepidation as to being arrested.

I therefore resolved to put in prac-

tice the plan I have referred to. knew very well every police station in St. Petersburg and directed my steps to the nearest one. On reaching it I turned into the building, my watcher following me to the very door, and in a few minutes I was standing at a desk, behind which sat an official in

"I have found a package in the street," I said, "wrapped in such fash-ion as printed matter is usually wrapped to send through the mails. There is no address on it. I was about to tear off the cover when it occurred to me that it might contain something of an illegal character. It seemed to me that I would better turn it over to a representative of the government. If It is ordinary matter no harm is done: If there is anything criminal in it my action in bringing it to you is proof that I am in no way to blame for having it in my possession."

I nerved myself to say this as ingenuously as possible. The official took the package which I handed him and, breaking it open, ran his eye over it. The expression on his face changed at once from one of carelessness to one of intense interest.

"Where did you find this?" he asked. "I was looking in at a shop window not far from here in which hats were exhibited, and, casting my eyes down to the flagging, saw it lying at my

"Did you see any one moving away who might have dropped it?" I pretended to ransack my memory,

"After emerging from my home this morning to do some shopping I noticed a man going in the same direction as I. He had been standing at the milliner's window just before I reached it."
"Can you identify him?"

"I could if I were to see him, but he is doubtless far from me now, one of the crowd."

When I said this I believed my shadwer was at the door of the police office. And ret on second thought it

seemed that seeing me go into the station he would suppose that he had got see if any suspicious person loitered, on to the wrong track and would abannear. People were passing to and fro. don his chase. But he would likely re-A short distance up the street two men port it, and then I would not get off so easily. The officer at the desk took my ad-

dress and permitted me to go where I liked; but, believing that he would send some one to make sure that I had given him the right one, I left him resolving to go straight home. I was relieved not to see my shadower waiting for me outside the station. As soon as I reached my home I put on a disguise crepit old man-and left the building. At the door I passed my shadower, talking with a man I had seen at the police office.

I made my way to the home of a prominent member of our circle, to whom I told my story. Through the secret machinery by which important news was communicated he flashed it among the members, and that night, dressed as a young man, I was driven to a railway station and furnished with money, a ticket and a passport of a citizen of the United States. I crossed the border, arriving safely in Germany. and for awhile my efforts on behalf of the revolution ceased. How my friends secured the passport

I never learned, but I fancy it was stolen by some one interested in the cause of the revolution.

CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought

LIFE IN THE LONG AGO.

When Huts Were Homes and Beds Were Shakedowns of Straw. For centuries the common people of England made their home in wooden huts of one room. When a family increased in numbers or wealth another hut was built beside it, or, rather, a lean-to was added and then another and another, as need required.

Sometimes they followed a straight line. At other times they were built out from the central but at various angles. The roofs of these huts were thatched. An opening was left in the center for the smoke to escape. The fire was always built in a hollow in the center of the room. Beds were made of straw. Often they were merely shakedowns in the corner. Occasion ally the straw was held in a little frame resembling the ribs of a ship.

Houses built by Saxon knights were much more pretentious. They were big halls, like the Roman atrium, with a lofty roof thatched with slate or wood shingles. The floor was of hard clay. In the middle was a great fire of dry wood. The thin, acrid smoke from the fire escaped through an opening in the roof directly above the hearth. Round the fire were long benches, on

which hearthsmen and visitors sat when not fighting or at work, and talked and drank the hours through. The tables were long boards on trestles. At night the floor was strewn with straw, and, like the less prosperous folk, host and visitors slept together. - Youth's Companion.

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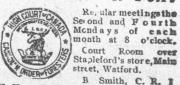
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And further take notice that the lands liable for sale as aforesaid is being published in the Ontario Gaze the issues thereof bearing date the day of June A. D. 1914, and the 4th and 18th days of July A. D. 1914.

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And further take notice that in d of payment of the taxes in arrear the lands specified in said list to with the costs chargeable thereon forth in the said list so being pub in the Ontario Gazette before the fixed for the sale of such lands beir 1st day of October A. D. 1914, the lands will be sold for taxes pursuathe terms of the advertising in that ario Gazette. tario Gazette.

And further take notice that this

cation is made pursuant to Asses Act, 4 Edward VII, Chap. 23 and Dated at Sarnia this 22nd day of

A. D. 1914.
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Four men, a lawyer, a doctor, a er and a newspaper man, sat do play a quiet little game of poker i doctor's apa.tments, not far seventy-second street and broady

few nights ago.

During the game the banker, whas ore throat, asked the doctor ommend a cure. The doctor of and then reaching over he took a chip from the banker's pile and ad to his own.
"What's the idea?" demande banker.

"My usual fee for medical advice plied the medical man.
A few minutes later the doctor

the lawyer a question involving a in law. The lawyer rendered an o Then reaching over he helped him a blue chip from the doctor's star "My legal fee," he explained. It was now time for a little

ment.
"Just leave your cards and where they are," said the doctor "and we'll adjourn to the buffet bite to eat."

When they returned to the card to resume their game the doctor helped himself to the three blue from the lawyer's stack.
"What's the idea now," inquir

lawyer.
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