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My dear Eugene:

I just received yours of 11th.  
I like your answer to Mr. Wheare very well, although I  
think you over-estimate the merits of his article.

I have not seen the "Time" article on  
Mackenzie King. It is a long time since I have been able  
to read fiction even of the best quality and I have no de-  
sire to read this kind of stuff.

I ran over hastily the article by  
Senator Charles Bishop, to which you refer. He has managed  
to get practically all his facts wrong—indeed, his record  
is near 100%. Apparently he has not even read Sir Robert  
Borden's "Memoirs".

Now, as to Barmine's book—"One Who  
Survived." It is true Russia is Communist—that is to say,  
in the sense that a Communist Party through its leaders is  
in complete control of the country and has established and  
operated for very many years a thoroughgoing dictatorship.  
It is also true that our Socialists are not Communists, and  
that the two in this country are indeed bitter enemies.  
The same is also true in the United States. Nevertheless,  
the Russian economic system is Socialism and is so described  
by Socialist writers. Aside, however, from how it may be  
described by anybody, it is thoroughgoing Socialism. Barmine's  
book is a record by one on the ground for a great many years  
(1917-38), thoroughly sympathetic with Socialism, of the work-  
ings of that system in Russia—of its political and economic  
results. There are many other books of the same kind—all or  
nearly all of which I have read. Barmine's is not lengthy  
and in my judgment it is authoritative and it is the latest.  
I say most earnestly that it deserves and rewards perusal.

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