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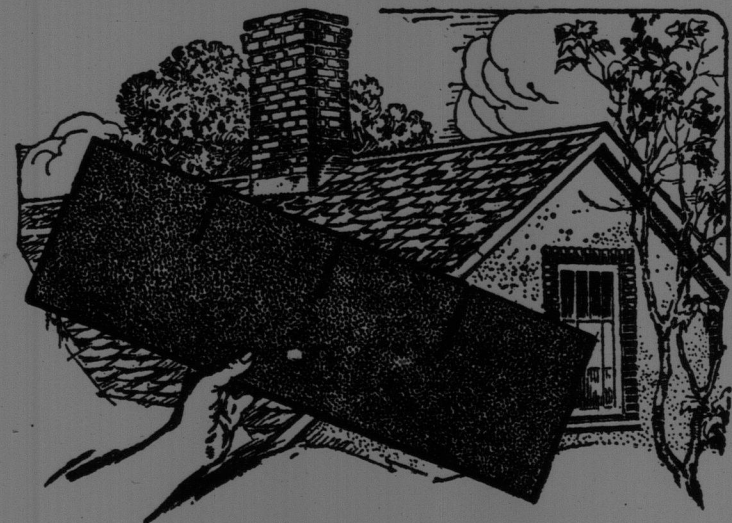
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SEMINOFF IN EXILE STILL DREAMS OF RUSSIA RESTORED

Cossack Leader Believes He
Will Turn Soviets Out
of His Country.

Tokio, April 19.—Ataman Semionoff, leader of Cossacks and heir to Admiral Kolchak's illustrious life as supreme ruler of the Russians, says that before he dies he will fight again on Russian soil "for the freedom of the Russian people." Just when he does not know. At present, he admits, the time is not

ripe. But he has plans and hopes, he says, and his "preparations" go forward. Semionoff has just left Tokio after a two weeks' visit in the Japanese capital. He came here from Nagasaki, where he has been living for the last year, since he left the United States at the urgent request of the American government and failed to find satisfactory asylum in China. His mission in Tokio, Semionoff told the correspondent was entirely private. He was visiting old friends and seeing to some financial interests. He called



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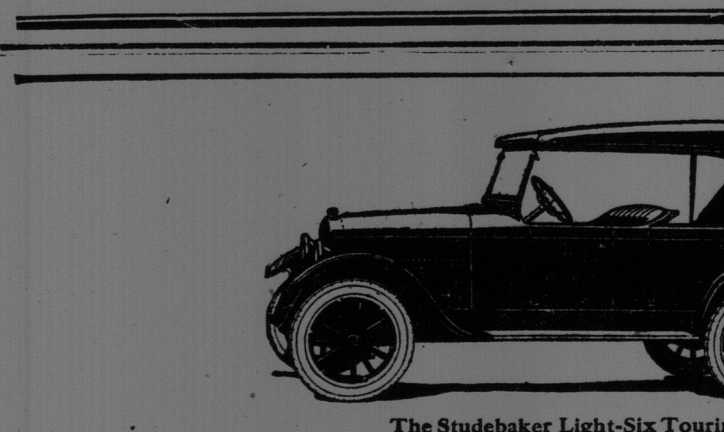
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on no Japanese officials, he said, and the Japanese say the same. There is little reason to doubt either statement, as Semionoff's star is set in Japan, where recognition of the Soviet government now is the liveliest issue in foreign politics.

Reports which Semionoff says have reached him from White agents in Russia have encouraged him to think that the Red hold on Asiatic Russia, at least, is weakening. In the Amur province, with Blagoveshensk as a center, the Soviet's imposition of grain taxes in kind has led the peasants to encourage White partisan bands which have gained minor and temporary successes against the Red garrisons.

At several points along the Trans-Siberian railway, according to Semionoff, discontent is taking on the proportions of considerable risings against Red rule. Around Chita, for instance, an interesting situation has arisen. A leader of irregulars who formerly supported the Bolsheviks has turned against them. This leader, known throughout Siberia as the "Old Man," was the first to take Chita from the Whites and turn it over to the Reds. Now he is tired of Red rule. His banner has always been a red flag, but now he carries across it in white letters the slogan, "Down with Communism."

Siberia is peopled by peasants, and the men of the land have not found communism to their liking. Revolts of this nature, according to Semionoff, also have occurred at Nerchinsk and to the west of Lake Baikal, at Novonikolaevsk. So he believes the rising is coming, and when it comes he thinks himself its logical leader. Wearing Kolchak's mantle, Semionoff expects to lead the White emigres now scattered throughout the Far East once he has lifted his banner again. These forces, however, have dwindled and dispersed until there is only one body of respectable size left, about 1,000 men under General Gleboff living aboard a small fleet in the Woussung River off Shanghai, where the Whites say they are maintaining military discipline in all its wartime rigor and strictness.

The White Russians in the Orient, according to Semionoff, are in constant correspondence with the White organization in France, which is headed by Markoff, once the leader of the extreme right in the Duma under the Czar. Greetings have been exchanged recently with the Grand Duke Nicholas, now living near Paris.

CLUB HOLDS CONCERT.

A concert was greatly enjoyed at the last open night of St. David's Old Country Club, held Thursday evening in the school room of the church with Thomas Joy, president, in the chair, and a large attendance. Mr. Joy, on behalf of the club, presented as parting gifts to Mrs. William Clark, a casserole dish and a bureau scarf, for which she expressed hearty thanks. Mrs. Clark is leaving shortly for Montreal. The club has had a very successful year and enrolled many members. The programme on Thursday night was in charge of D. McCartney and consisted of musical numbers by Mrs. Thomas Joy, Miss Bertha Smith, Percy Reid, F. E. Hill and Malcolm McGowan, and by the following guests from the Marburn: Messrs.

Murphy, Miller and Campbell. Mr. Facey, of the Marburn gave comedy numbers, and Master Jack Robinson gave a Scotch dance. An orchestra called the "Active Six," composed of Messrs. Olive, Bawn, Bevans, Blandon, Allan and Smith contributed special numbers. Refreshments were served under the convenship of Mrs. T. Dundas.

ON SANATORIUM BOARD.

Appointment of Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health, and J. Andrew Doucet, M. L. A., for Gloucester, to fill vacancies on the board of commissioners of the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium were made at a meeting of the Provincial Government following prorogation of the Legislature on Thursday.

ARE PRESENTED GIFTS.

Presentations were made to Rev. Canon and Mrs. R. A. Armstrong at the closing meeting of the Dorcas Society of the church this week. Members expressed regret at the coming departure of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

Mrs. F. J. C. Knowlton, president, presented to Canon Armstrong a leather club bag and a fitted writing case, and a pair of pullman slippers. Mrs. Armstrong is the honorary president and Mrs. L. B. Knight presented to her a case of scissors and a case of

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