

## Kerensky Taunts Cossack Officers as Cowards And Repeats the Statement Af- ter They Had Planned to Shoot Him.

Stockholm, via London, Oct. 15.—Details can just be made public by the United Press correspondent as to how Kerensky played fearlessly with death at the Moscow democratic conference, and won by his sheer unflinching nerve.

He stood on a platform, unarmed, facing three drunken Cossack officers, red with anger, and twice flung the taunt "cowards" in their faces while the vast audience, breathless, fearfully waited for their revolver shots to stretch Russia's man of the hour bleeding on the platform.

That they did not fire meant he had passed the supreme test of courage and nerve.

President Kerensky presided at the Moscow conference. On the final night of the meeting, a group of Cossack officers appeared as usual in the box reserved for General Korniloff, on the left side of the stage. Korniloff himself was not present. The officers who lounged in his box gave every evidence of intoxication.

Of the stage behind Kerensky sat a thousand prominent Russians. Three of the Cossacks in the box repeatedly interrupted speakers at the meeting proceeded. From the stage, almost directly below them, Kerensky repeatedly appealed for quiet. The Cossacks ignored him. Several speeches were interrupted with wild bursts of laughter.

Finally a Cossack private soldier, a member of the Soviet (Petrograd Council of Workmen and Soldiers) spoke. He declared the Cossacks were democrats and "not slaves of their Cossack masters."

The three officers took instant umbrage. All arose. One shouted: "That sounds like German talk; no real Cossack speaks thus."

Kerensky stood up. He looked coldly at the flushed faces of the officers and remarked, acutely: "The officer who addressed a man like that on such an occasion as this is a coward."

Two more officers arose. They shouted: "L'agreed with my fellow-officer, and we are ready to give any one satisfaction. No one can call me a coward."

**GUARDS FORCED ASIDE.**

The three hurriedly left the box and hastened downstairs towards the door to the stage. Several friends followed them, begging the lurching trio to return. Though Kerensky is carefully guarded at all times none of his privates or guards dared bar the progress of three officers. The trio went on, forcing guards aside. They turned back from the stage door and went down the aisle toward Kerensky. The Premier's back was turned to them.

The most intoxicated of the three was not more than twenty feet distant from him when a high officer ran from his seat and ordered them back. They had to obey. Two of the three later reappeared in their box. At this juncture came the usual midnight recess of the conference. Kerensky, not knowing his narrow escape, passed the press tables, his face set in stern lines, and went slowly to the Royal green room, where Breshko Breshkovakaya, "grandmother of the revolution," awaited him with hot coffee.

Suddenly, across the press tables toward the groom room, lurched the three Cossack officers, a small group of their friends vainly endeavouring to pull them back.

A fourth Cossack came to the press table and declared excitedly that Kerensky had called the Cossacks cowards, and that he would be challenged to a duel. A few correspondents hastened to the entrance room, expecting as the officers passed on, to hear shots. It was a dramatic moment.

One shot would have sent the audience in a panicky pell-mell dash from the hall. More than that, the panic would have undoubtedly have extended into the streets outside, where thousands of troops kept back a crowd of 10,000. It might have trembled to all over Russia, so delicate was the Governmental situation at the moment. While all this was going on, the audience sat restless, not knowing the cause of the delay in reconvening. Those who did know sat breathless, wondering if Kerensky would dare come out again.

Officers herded the drunken Cossacks back into their box and the dressing room behind it, and placed a guard over them.

**PREMIER'S COOLNESS.**

But the guards were so wrought up they were incapable of anything. I had left my hat in the little room back of the box and soldiers placed at the door were so excited that they let me pass to get it without even a challenge. Inside I saw a dozen officers in a fever of talk, pointing toward the box.

A moment later Kerensky, inscrutably cool of face and demeanor, walked quietly to the stage. At that moment the Cossack officers hurried into their box. A half-a-dozen men stood near Kerensky. The suspense was electric. The Premier saw the Cossacks. He did not hesitate. With grim haste he faced the audience and rang the bell reconvening the meeting.

Not one of those on the stage who had witnessed the affair expected it to terminate otherwise than in a tragedy. Kerensky himself knew the Cossacks were putting his courage to the supreme test.

Rising, he said simply: "I called men that interrupted a speaker 'cowards'; and I repeat that."

The Cossacks sat silent. May be they were stricken helpless by the utter stark courage of the man. At any rate, the moment passed. Kerensky had won. A fortnight later came General Korniloff's revolt—with the Cossacks in his rebel ranks.

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done at a cost of £150. Still the King did not come. The reporters, afraid to spend so much money, again telegraphed to Mr. Gordon Bennett, and instructions came back with lightning speed. "Go on to Revelations." Fortunately it was not necessary to telegraph—the whole Bible, as the King arrived, and the "Herald" obtained its "special." The exploit cost over £1,000.—Tit-Bits.

### AUTUMN WEATHER.



WALT MASON

The nights are bleak and chilly, the wind has diabolical notes; fall weather gets my billy (the garden name for goat). In summer I am healthy, as husky as can be; no ailments punk or stealthily are bringing grief to me. Existence then is in heat I fry, the sweeter, although sicker, and sweat the noisome fly. But when the frost falls white upon the autumn wold, and wire-edged sphyrys nightly grow colder and more cold, I feel rheumatic twinges, I feel lumbago's shock, and all my joints and hinges are creaking as I walk. The doctor and the plumber are busy with my bones, and so I long for summer with useless sighs and groans; just as I long for autumn, when summer is on deck, and there's no top or bottom to sizzling heat, by heck. Alas! There is no season that suits me that suits me: I always find some reason to raise a doleful sound. I'm always longing, yearning, for something that is past, for summer weather burning, or winter's angry blast.

## Newspaper "Scoops."

How "Dailies" Obtain "Exclusives."

Newspaper readers must have noticed that frequently one or other of our great "dailies" has some special interesting feature or an item of news which no other newspaper contains. In Fleet Street these features are known as "scoops" or "exclusives."

Perhaps the best "scoop" since the outbreak of war has been that of the "Daily Telegraph" in securing the publication rights for this country of the sensational Gerard disclosures. Rumour has it that Lord Burnham, the owner of that enterprising paper, is paying £200 a day for these articles. The "News of the World" gives some interesting information about this "scoop." A well-known journalist connected with one of the great London newspapers is biting his fingers.

He travelled for hours in the same railway carriage with Mr. Gerard, who had his reminiscences in his bag, and had then made no arrangements for serial production in England. The journalist little dreamed what a "scoop" was within reach!

**Pigott Forgeries.**

Some time ago the "Daily Sketch" brought off a good "scoop." That paper came out with a full story of the attempted murder by poison of Mr. Lloyd George by the Wheelodon family a day before any other paper had the news. Some idea of the value of this "exclusive" may be gathered from the fact that before ten o'clock in the morning there was not a "Sketch" on the bookstalls to be had for love or money.

The "Daily Mirror" was fortunate in securing photos of the terrible Serbian retreat across the snow-covered mountains of Albania in 1915, for they were the only photographic records of that "death march" made. The young Serbian staff officer who took the photographs dispatched his films by aeroplane to Brindisi, and thence by special messenger to the "Daily Mirror" offices in London.

The "Times" was once badly taken in over a sensation. One night a man called at Printing House Square with a batch of letters, for which he asked £1,750. They were the Pigott forgeries, and the story of how the "Times" was deceived is still fresh in the public mind. The money was paid, and not long after another similar amount was paid for a further batch of letters. These famous letters cost the "Times" between £3,000 and £4,000.

These so-called Parnell letters created the greatest political sensation of modern times, and led up to the longest Parliamentary inquiry ever known. The bill for the Parnell Commission is carefully preserved in the archives of Printing House Square. It is an open secret that before these letters were done with, they cost the "Times" £100,000. £1,000 For An Item.

For an unofficial announcement that Mr. Gladstone was about to resign, the editor of the "Pall Mall Gazette," it is said, paid £1,000. For weeks every paper in the United Kingdom was constantly referring to the news which the "Pall Mall" had been the first to give to the world, and the "P.M.G." thus received a valuable advertisement.

No expense is spared by the journalist intent on obtaining the "scoop" on which he has set his heart. Perhaps the most amazing illustration of this was when Gordon Bennett, owner of the "New York Herald," monopolized all the wires between Niagara and New York City in order to obtain exclusive news of King Edward's visit to Niagara to see Blondin cross the Falls on a tightrope. A heavy sum was paid in wiring unnecessary matter, so as to keep the line engaged. At the end of two hours the King had not arrived. The "Herald" was wasting dollars by the hundred, and the reporters telegraphed to New York asking what they should do to keep the wires.

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