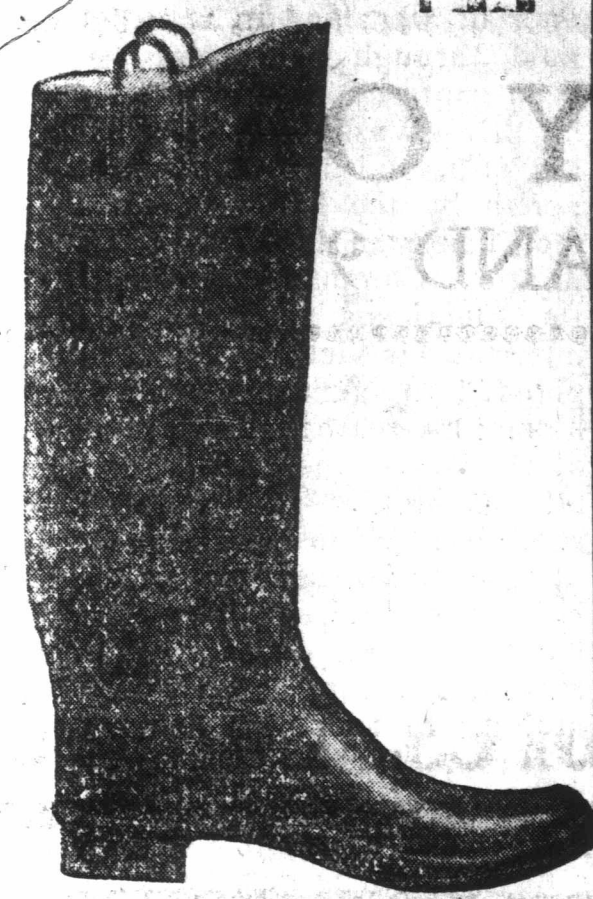


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## CHILD MINDS IN EMPIRE OF RUSSIA

Some Pertinent Illustrations.

(New York Times.)

"We are dark and ignorant and the educated people have always deceived us," Russian soldiers have said over and over again, so our Petrograd correspondent informs us. There is, indeed, something of the pathetic in the case of these grouping masses, with whom we grow impatient sometimes because of their reaction to the first influences that come upon them. Perhaps we shall understand them better if we attend to some of the anecdotes of the revolution that are now coming out in the French press.

Take, for instance, the story told by M. de Fiers, associate editor of the Figaro, who is with the Russian troops in Roumania. One of these soldiers' meetings which have been fashionable under "the new discipline" ended in a rush of the men to a channel between two lakes, where nets kept the fish from passing into the larger lake, in which it would be more difficult to net them. They began to pull out and destroy the barriers and nets, crying "Liberty for the fish!" When some of their officers tried to interfere a non-commissioned officer explained:

"Fish are God's creatures like men, and have the same right to liberty. But men can talk and so have made the revolution, while fish are dumb, and can never make theirs. It is therefore our duty to aid them, because it is contrary to nature to pen them up in order to capture them easily and kill them."

Something very lovable and engaging about this kind of mind. But it is a little unfair to expect it to grasp in a large way with great public questions. Take, too, the incident narrated by M. Nadeau, of the Temps, about how the workmen in a factory waited upon the engineers and informed them that in view of the new order of things they must go down into the mines and work like the rest. Then followed this colloquy:

"The Engineers—And who will do our work?"

"The Workmen—Some of us will take turns in your offices."

"But what will you do there?"

"The same as you do—sit around, sharpen pencils, and smoke cigarettes."

In the same spirit, the founder and curator at Petrograd reports that caretakers and cleaners there have petitioned the Government for the suppression of this office, on the ground "that a curator is useless in a museum, that he does nothing and costs money, as they, who carry the keys, wield the feather brooms, and clean the floors, are the real curators."

Milukoff has told how, in one of his conferences with representatives of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, a Delegate said to him: "What do we want with the Dardanelles, anyhow? They are ice-bound three-fourths of the year. It was doubtless on such arguments that the Russian Government was

forced to give up its demand for Constantinople as a war aim."

It is not all cowardice or malevolence, or even an intelligent fanaticism over socialism, that has brought Russia to her present pass. The responsibility rests on those who, having minds of honest darkness to deal with, penetrated that darkness not with light but with flame.



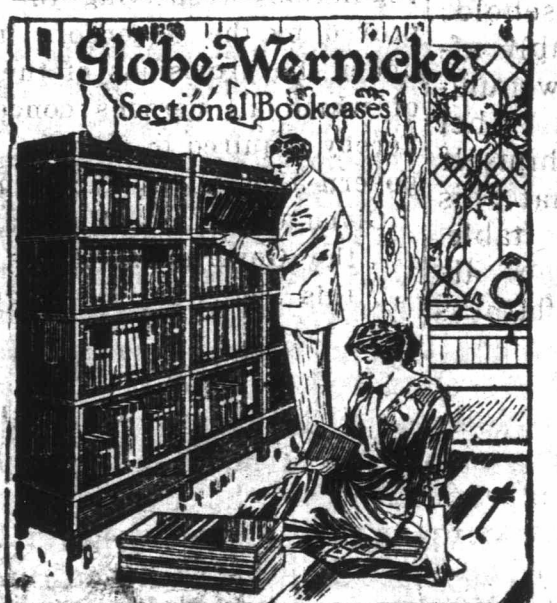
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### Early Morning Cables

#### Another Attack Last Night On London

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The strongest air attack yet attempted on London and the coast towns was carried out to-night by four groups of hostile aeroplanes. Some machines got through to London and bombed the southwestern district. A terrific barrage was sent up from the defense guns, and the roar of battle lasted intermittently for two and a half hours. The Germans bombed the coast towns as they passed over and proceeded towards London. Two of the groups succeeded in getting a number of the machines through the sky barrage. Numerous bombs were dropped in the southwestern district, which is thickly populated with the homes of the upper and middle classes. Fire from defense guns was longer and louder than ever before. A raid of shrapnel fell in sections of the town, and the streets were deserted save for a few policemen. The weather was perfect for air operations, a bright full moon shining, with no clouds or wind. People of London who expected the raid were watching for signals soon after 7 o'clock. Motors of volunteer corps sped through the streets, blowing sirens and displaying the illuminated notice, "Take cover." The telephone exchanges notified subscribers, and other measures were put into execution to inform the people of the impending. Many theatres were continuing their performances, despite the raids. At the conclusion of the performance at one of the leading theatres to-night, the manager came to the stage and invited the audience and stage hands to a vote on the question of continuing the night performances. All were in favor of carrying them on as usual.

#### Petitions Ask For Expulsion of Senators

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Petitions from New York organizations asking for the expulsion from the Senate of Senators LaFollette of Wisconsin, Grenna of North Dakota, and Stone of Missouri, were presented to the Senate today by Senator Wadsworth, of New York, and referred without action to the Senate Privileges and Election Committee. Vice-President Marshall today presented another lot of petitions, letters and telegrams from various organizations and individuals on the same subject. The first step towards official consideration of the petitions were taken today when Senator Pomeroy, of Ohio, chairman of the Privileges and Election Committee, called a motion for next Wednesday.

#### Berlin Reports

BERLIN, Oct. 1.—The text of today's statement regarding aerial operations, reads: Our airmen again dropped bombs upon military buildings and warehouses in inner London. Numerous fires showed that this attack was particularly effective. Other airplanes successfully attacked Margate and Dover. All our machines returned safely.

#### Did Not Stoppany!

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—In a flight from Turin to Rome, according to a despatch received here from Rome today, Sergt. Stoppany, of the Royal Italian Flying Corps, maintained an average speed of 140 miles an hour. The flight was without incident throughout the four hundred miles in the journey in spite of heavy winds which blew all day.

#### The Two Rulers

BERLIN, Oct. 1.—An official statement made here tonight says that Emperor William on returning from Roumania met Emperor Charles of Austria, at Disiditz, Austria. The rulers expressed greatest satisfaction at this meeting, which, the statement says, gave a new opportunity to manifest their agreement in regard to the political and military aims.

#### Berlin Official

BERLIN, Oct. 1.—Intense artillery activity in Flanders is reported in today's official by the army headquarters staff. Reconnoitering operations along the French front resulted in the capture of prisoners by the Germans. There was only moderate activity in Verdun sector, says the statement.

#### British Official

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The enemy's artillery fire has been pronounced in the night time in the Neuport sector, east and north of Ypres, says today's official statement, otherwise there is nothing to report.

### The Tanks

By Colonel E. D. Swinton, C.B., D.S.O. [The following extracts are taken from an absorbing article on our wonderful "land-dreadnoughts" which appears in the September number of "The Strand Magazine."]

"Why Tanks?" Why should a fighting automobile have been so inappropriately named? The reply can be given in two words—for secrecy. In its experimental stage the machine was known as a "land-cruiser" or "landship." But it is a military platitude that the "element of surprise"—as it is always called in the textbooks—has immense value in war; and it was naturally realized that the greatest results to be expected from the employment of this new weapon would be obtained if it could be launched unexpectedly, so that the enemy might be caught unprepared to meet it.

Various rumours about the new machines were current amongst those who got wind of them. One was that they were intended to carry water for the troops across the deserts of Egypt and Mesopotamia. A second, hinted at snow-ploughs for use on the Russian front.

One good point common to both German and home-made equivalent terms of "Tank" is that they do not lend themselves to the making of lyrics, or "Panzerkraftwagen" is likely to be used as the refrain of a topical song in vaudeville.

The machine were yet otherwise misnamed. During the summer of 1916 an enemy agent, trying to tap the wires in England, might have been mystified to pick up some such messages as: "Twelve Willies reach you to-day," or "Send tails for six females."

To help to conceal the destination of the Tanks, at the stage when any allusion as to their purpose was precluded, they were painted with the inscription: "With care. T. o Petrograd" in large Russian characters. This, of course, was merely following up the line suggested by the snow-plough fiction.

It is true that certain people who are not soldiers have played a very large and valuable part in creating the Tank. It is also true that others who are soldiers have not done so. But the first to appreciate the necessity for it, to urge its provision and to insist on the feasibility of its construction were, in fact, soldiers.

So far as the writer is aware, the first definite proposal for a fighting machine on the lines of the existing Tank, was due to the appearance of the Hornsby-Ackroyd caterpillar tractor, which was tested for military purposes in England in 1906-1908. It was made by a military officer and was carried up to the stage of the preparation of sketch drawings, when the project died for want of support. Like Mr. Wells, he was ahead of his time.

The tanks are divided into males and females. The male is par excellence the machine-gun hunter and destroyer. He carries a light, quick-firing guns, capable of firing shell, and is intended to be to the machine-gun what the torpedo-boat destroyer was designed to be to the torpedo-boat, or the ladybird is supposed to be to the aphid. The female, which, in accordance with the laws of Nature, is the man-killer, carries nothing but machine-guns for employment against the enemy personnel. Her special role is to keep down hostile rifle-fire.

#### An American Army Division

Army divisions are not of the same strength in all countries, or in any country at all times. When it was first reported that General Pershing would take a division to France it was said that the body would consist of not fewer than 25,000 men. It will probably contain 50,000 men before it is complete.

Ordinarily a United States Army division is made up of three brigades or nine regiments of infantry, one brigade or three regiments of artillery, one regiment of cavalry, one signal battalion, one aero squadron, one ammunition train, one supply train, one engineer train, and one hospital train. In the first expeditionary force of the Pershing command there will probably be additional infantry brigades and more than one regiment of engineers.

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