

## THE BOLSHIEVIKI

Insurgents Who are in Control of Russia To-day—  
What They are and What They Represent—  
Divided Into Three Classes.

**Bolshevik Take One** (Literary Digest) 10 . . .

No great alarm when the Bolsheviks seized Petrograd was felt by American editorial observers, who predicted an early collapse of the revolution. Bolshevik success, of course, would mean a Russo-German peace that would solve Germany's food problem and release 147 German divisions, or over 3,000,000 men, for use in the west. But "there is little chance of an immediate peace," declared the New York World, "because there is no government with the authority or power to speak for the Russian people or the Russian nation." In fact, the ultimate effect of this seizure of the Government by the extremists, according to some competent authorities, will be to "purge Russia of the poison which has turned democracy into a nightmare." For, as Mr. Roger Lewis, an Associated Press correspondent just returned from Petrograd, remarks, it gives the Bolsheviks the rope with which to hang themselves; and this view is shared by the Russkoye Slovo, a Russian daily published in New York. Says Mr. Lewis, writing in the New York Tri-

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Institute, I told him that I hoped the Bolsheviks would take over the government, demonstrate their complete incompetence to represent Russia, and bring the party as a confession that it was a discredited which it deserved.

"Ah," he said, "but we don't wish to govern or to have any responsibility. Frankly, we don't know how. But what we want is for the 'bourgeois' to govern and to discredit themselves."

"That explains the Bolshevik purpose and the Bolshevik aim in a sentence. Their function is one of confusion. As an opposing faction, criticizing the 'capitalistic' or 'bourgeois' government for undemocratic principles, it is powerful and threatening. It gathers and threatens an indefinite wavering portion of the population which finds that democracy has brought them neither food, wealth nor power, and argues, therefore, that the Government is guilty."

"But give the Bolshevik power and responsibility and a chance to demonstrate their own pitiful lack of constructive ability, and definite proof of their incompetence to govern the country's affairs is and their movement automatically collapses."

Turning to the New York Russkoye Slovo, we read:  
"The Bolshevik coup d'etat, led by the executive committee of the Petrograd Council of Soldiers and Workmen's Deputies, snatched and the nominal governmental authority from the hands of the Provisional Government. They have declared the Provisional Government nonexistent, and the Provisional Council of the Republic as dissolved. They have asserted that all governmental authority in Russia is now vested in the hands of the All-Russian Council of Soldiers and Workmen's Deputies, and that the executive committee of the Petrograd Council, and its present full governmental authority until such time as they shall be able to pass it over to the All-Russian Council."

"This is what happened in Petrograd. The Bolshevik call this a coup d'etat, a revolution. But it is neither the one nor the other. It is a rebellion, pure and simple. It is a revolt against the legal established Government, recognized by the Russian people. It is treason to the people of Russia, and Russia will regard the actions of Trotsky and his companions as a rebellion—as high treason."

"Petrograd has become the nightmare of Russia. But Petrograd is not the whole of Russia. Russia will not follow the mad Petrograd. A handful of madmen may seize power over the whole country."  
"The Bolshevik Government in Petrograd will re-enact the bloody Paris Commune. But the communitarian of our days will be shattered to splinters by cannon and machine guns. No doubt the bloodshed and the loss of life will be appalling. But there is no doubt that this newest attempt at rebellion is also doomed to dismal failure."

Many days before the Maximalist coup d'etat of November 7 the extreme element among the Soldiers and Workmen's Deputies had frankly admitted that they were planning civil war. But when a deputation of Don Cossacks urged Kerensky to take drastic action against these open plotters, reports a Petrograd correspondent of the Times, "he pathetically replied that he could not do it, as a despotic tyrant, a friend of the bourgeoisie, and a betrayer of democracy." Nor were other indications lacking that the strong man of the revolution was beginning to lose control in the heart-breaking struggle against anarchy within and a powerful and subtle enemy without. Addressing the Preliminary Parliament on October 23, he recalled with emotion Russia's brief but brilliant offensive of July, exclaiming: "If only we could rekindle the enthusiasm of those days in the heart of each of us, we should have peace by Christmas, an honorable peace for three Russia, with the war fought to an honorable end." But "the army" in the trenches seems to have lost the sense of duty and honor," he added. "It seems to be possible to end-anarchy only by German bayonets," exclaimed War Minister Gen. Verkhovsky, on the same occasion. And it was only a week later that the

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harassed premier gave to the Associated Press that famous interview which was so generally interpreted as a confession that Russia was out of the war. "It will be remembered that he said in part:

"Russia at the beginning bore the whole brunt of the fighting, thereby saving Great Britain and France. She is now worn out by the strain, and claims as her right that the allies now shoulder the burden."

"The masses are worn out economically. The disorganized state of life in general has had a psychological effect on the people. They doubt the possibility of the attainment of their hopes."  
While some of our papers at the time expressed sympathy with Kerensky in his weariness of spirit, others were outspokenly impatient. "Kerensky as the leader of a well-meaning but an imprudent and sympathetic figure," remarked the Wall Street Journal, "but Kerensky crawling under the bed becomes an impossibility, even in Russia." "The French might suggest that if the Russians are worn out it is by talk, and remind them that revolutionary France whipped the armies of Europe," said the Chicago Tribune, which added: "The allies are all struggling loyally to overthrow the German militarist juggernaut. Russian democracy has lost its breath arguing out every shade of politics in the whirling brains of its radicals, and if it sits down by the road now while its comrades fight on, excuses will be hard to find and recriminations will come home to roost." If Russia is worn out, remarked the New York World, it cannot be by war. For—

"Belgium, driven from all but a fragment of her soil, is not worn out. Serbia, exiled from home, but grim and terrible, is not worn out. France, invaded, bleeding, for three years the immovable fortress in faith and courage of the whole Entente, is not worn out. These countries, like Russia, have been in the war from the first day. Russia, like them, has invaded armies as an incentive to fight on."

"But the grounds of Kerensky's pessimism became evident a few days later when he was deposed and his Government overthrown in Petrograd by the Maximalist coup d'etat, under the joint leadership of Nikolai Lenine and Leon Trotsky. With the co-operation of the Petrograd garrison these counter-revolutionists took possession of the capital without bloodshed and immediately issued a proclamation declaring that the new Government will propose "an armistice to the end of an immediate and just peace," will hand over the land to the peasants, and will summon the Constituent Assembly. The program of the new authority is thus defined by the military revolutionary committee of the Petrograd Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates:

"1. The offer of an immediate democratic peace.  
"2. The immediate handing over of large proprietary lands to the peasants.  
"3. The transmission of all authority to the Council of Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates.  
"4. The honest convocation of a constitutional assembly."

In the Entente embassies at Washington we are told, this Russian declaration is regarded as a triumph of insidious German propaganda—a view more than hinted at by Kerensky himself when he declared that "the people who dare raise their hands against the will of the Russian people are at the same time threatening to open the front to Germany."

The refusal of the Allies to discuss war aims at the Paris conference is resented by the Bolsheviks, who have had their own peace terms ready for submission for some time. This peace program, which consists of fifteen articles and covers the whole ground from Panama to Persia, was drawn up by the central executive committee of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates. It is perhaps sufficient to say that it requires the central powers to evacuate Russian territory, Roumania, Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro, which they are not likely to do without compulsion. Lenine makes no reference to these terms now, but advocates immediate peace, which would presumably have to be on German terms, as it takes two to make a bargain.

The fact that Petrograd is virtually a Bolshevik city made it easy for extremists to seize control there. But as Ambassador Bakmeteff points out, "the intent and spirit of Russia as a whole should in no way be judged by the news from Petrograd." And in proof of this he reminds us that in the recent elections in the provincial and county local bodies only 10 per cent of the Bolshevik candidates were elected. These Bolshevik, or extreme radicals, include many returned exiles from Siberia, as well as Germans and Austrians who have escaped from Russian prison camps, and German agents. In the New York Globe we read:

"The Maximalist or Bolshevik element comprises the most extreme class of the Russian revolutionaries . . . (Continued on page 9)

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