

Is Russia Preparing for War?

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Following the army the population will march to settle on the land.

British stagnation of, say, four months would probably, humanly speaking, turn the tide, and give that richest of the world's heritages to that power which is now crushing Russia beneath hoofs of iron.

Once established in the Middle East, India and the Far East, Persia, Egypt—Upper and Lower—Mediterranean, Africa, Greece, the Balkans, Roumania, Poland, Hungary and Austria would all lie exposed at the feet of the triumphant power. The British Empire would find itself superseded. This is the dream; for this those in control of the dragon situation are prepared to spend human life in millions beyond counting; it is prepared to throw into veritable fires of destruction races and

nations, and will rejoice never so greatly as to see Britain—the world's greatest civilization factor—broken and enslaved.

The General Strike in Britain was to the dragon forces what the late manoeuvres at Aldershot were to the forces of defence of the Empire.

What can be done under the circumstances?

The General Strike is made possible by successful propaganda. The final strike must be prevented by superior propaganda. If we are to have superior propaganda it must be of a spiritual nature which makes appeal to the faith of the nation. This cannot be found in ecclesiastical creeds; it is hopeless to expect it, for such was not the end of ecclesiastical creeds.

It lies in the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Furnished with this, with commensurate backing and means, our organization could give an undertaking to change the mental attitude of the British worker in the two years which remain that such paralysis by general strike would be impossible. This is the task set before us during the twenty-four months that remain, and by God's grace we will address ourselves to it with might and main, with heart and purse, assured because the task is set by God He will enable us to carry it through to the end.

The volunteer forces that did so gloriously in connection with the strike just over, are invited to turn their attention and direct their efforts towards helping us to carry through our great evangel, which was never more needed than now. Take solemn warning, anyone who hinders by division or otherwise will have to answer to Almighty God.

THE MOUNTAINS

(By Alexander Louis Fraser, Halifax, N. S.)

My cradle rocked to lullabies of wind,

The hilltops sang together; yes and I
Found friendship in the mountains, and I mind
How they for me raised ladders to the sky.

These ranges that I loved see no decay,
Here fell, and falls, in turn the snow and dew;
They rise as eagerly to greet the day
As did the plain, kind country-folk they knew.

The cow-paths and the sheep-paths wind their way,
Nature's new generations tread them still,
The old thorn bush is all abloom in May,
And spring and brook are yet below the hill!

Many, alas! who once clomb unafraid
These slopes, must be content with lower roads;

While some have bivouacked with Death, and laid
Within its soundless inn their heavy loads.

Ah, could these silent hills the past repeat,
The hewers' strokes I'd hear, the storm's lone reign
Recall, and trace the new-yeaned lambs' sad bleat;
And in grey ashes see bonfires again.

But all is still. Here men's vain hurrying,
Their craze for novelty no footing find;
These shoulders wear the robes the seasons bring,
And when the mists depart, remain behind.

And to their clinging children they must seem
To bid men lift their eyes beyond the dust—
Hills that have pinnaced my fields of dream,
One sacred, constant sacrament of trust.

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