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### KERENSKY'S MESSAGE.

M. Kerensky has stripped the mask from Bolshevism and revealed the Hun. Addressing the labor congress in London yesterday he declared that Bolshevism was merely the vanguard of German imperialism. He expressed his amazement that any European statesman could regard it as democratic, since it had abolished freedom of speech, made human life the easy prey of every Red Guard, and made an end of all institutions of self-government. Bolshevism is ruthless repression, and is allied with Germany against the Democratic and Socialist parties. M. Kerensky appeals to Britain and the United States not to remain calm spectators of the tragedy of Russia. He declares that the Bolshevik leaders, taking advantage of the worn-out state of the masses of Russian soldiers, poisoned their minds and brought about such a disorganization as enabled Germany to paralyze the arm of the nation. Surely, he says, "the fate of the country which bore the burden of a front greater in length than the combined front of all the other Allies cannot be a matter of indifference to them." He points out that for three years Russia's soldiers had to fight an enemy "perfectly equipped and cruelly merciless, under conditions which no one outside of Russia can imagine." And he significantly adds: "It is a thousand pities that the warning voices coming from Russia were not heeded by the western Allies." "The treacherous invitations to peace by Germany were not unmasked, and the mass of the German soldiers, incited by fanatics and German agents, were deceived; but now they know what is a German peace."

We are told that M. Kerensky, although at the outset there was some objection to hearing him, carried the British labor congress with him and roused the greatest enthusiasm. Undoubtedly his reappearance on the scene will give new force to the demand for Allied intervention in some form in Russia. Rising as it were from the grave, for he had been reported dead, this brilliant man brings to the other democracies the appeal of a stricken Russia, and tells them plainly that Bolshevism is the foe of democracy and the ally of Germany. His assertion is borne out by today's report of the agreement between the Bolshevik government and Germany to crush Poland.

With the coming of Kerensky to London a new phase of the Russian situation is developed, and far-reaching results may be anticipated.

### CLASSES FOR DEFECTIVES.

In Halifax a vocational school is conducted for the benefit of defective children. The classes are held in a school building, with two specially qualified teachers in charge. An exhibition is being made this week of the work of the pupils, and the Echo says of it: "The collection of work done by defective pupils in Halifax schools, for whose benefit special classes were held under the direction of teachers qualified for training such children, is a credit to the teachers and to the children. The exhibit is well worth inspecting and shows that these pupils, when properly taught and given work to do that is within the scope of their capabilities, can be so trained as to be of use to themselves and to the community. The education of such children is a difficult task and requires tact, patience and the utmost care, and the fact that the two instructors employed by the school board have succeeded so well is gratifying. The board, too, deserves recognition for having taken steps to meet this crying need."

It will be noted that the school board provides the class rooms and the teachers. There are in every city defective children who cannot keep pace with other pupils, and whose mental incapacity makes it impossible for them to succeed with the ordinary studies. They are a great source of discouragement to the regular teachers, and retard the work of the class. They should be sent to special classes as is done in Halifax, and given the vocational training which is within the range of their mental capacity.

It is reported from several sources that Von Kuehlmann, German foreign secretary, has resigned. His speech in the Reichstag, regarded as "a confession of hopelessness in victory for the Central Powers," followed by his attempt to explain it away, is said to have roused great anger in the Reichstag and the press. We are able to contemplate with the utmost complacency any differences of opinion that may arise among the statesmen of Germany. May they grow in number and in bitterness.

The holiday season for the children of the schools begins tomorrow. The supervised playgrounds will help some to enjoy the next two months, but the larger boys and girls have no suitable recreation grounds. That is not creditable to St. John.

If the former czar of Russia has been killed by the Bolshevik allies of Germany, another senseless crime has been added to the long list of murders, for which the penalty must be paid.

### THE GERMAN THEORY.

German official utterances make it perfectly clear that until Germany has been soundly beaten in the field there will be no permanent peace. If the tone of German officialdom is less arrogant, there is still a note of confidence and an assertion of the right of Germany to take what Germany wants. In the valuable series of brief articles which Mr. W. Frank Hatheway is contributing to the Times-Star, his quotations from German generals, educators and rulers show that the German people have been fed the hopes of world-dominating through the agency of war. The people are not yet disillusioned. They see that their armies have triumphed in the east and hold much Allied territory in the west, and their faith in the invincibility of those armies, if somewhat shaken of late, has not yet been destroyed. They still do what they are told to do, and accept the Kaiser's utterances as the very word of God. In Germany the people exist for the state, the state must bow to the Kaiser, and the Kaiser is the representative of God Himself. That is the German theory of government as it has been expounded by the leaders for a long period; and hence it is that our war is as much with the German people as with the Kaiser and his immediate advisors. There is no German democracy. The people are with their rulers, and have obeyed without question the commands issued. Only a crushing defeat and the enlightenment which will gradually follow will change their point of view. So far as the present generation is concerned, education in democracy will even then be slow. The whole outlook of the people must be changed through defeat and suffering.

### AN EMPIRE PROBLEM.

Premier Hughes of Australia wants the Mother Country to formulate and declare her economic policy, to be pursued after the war. He asserts that much more should be done than has been done to organize for peace and its problems, and that British commerce and industry will suffer unless there is thorough organization and a definite economic policy in relation to the Dominions and the nations at large. He reminds the British that Germany is preparing for peace just as she prepared for war. Before the war was getting Britain's trade by peaceful penetration. She will try to do it again. She must be met by a definite economic policy and an organization to make it effective.

There is a freshness and vigor in the utterances of the Australian statesman which make him always an interesting figure. He does not hesitate to speak his thought in any presence. In Australia they do things, and Mr. Hughes desires that the British Empire effect such an organization for the development of resources and extension of trade as will meet all competition successfully in the world's markets. It is a big problem, and not as easily solved as in the case of Germany. There can be little doubt, however, that the lesson learned, not only by Britain but by the United States, in relation to German methods of trade expansion, will be heeded; and that the British Empire will profit greatly by it in the years to come. One beneficial result will be a closer co-operation between the different portions of the Empire, although it may be necessary to guard against a centralizing policy which would interfere with the freedom of action of the overseas states and create friction where harmony should prevail. The best minds of the Mother Country and the Dominions must be engaged in the great task, to formulate a policy that will, in the words of Premier Hughes, give us "the ability to produce wealth and develop our economic resources of labor and capital, so as to support numbers of virile and happy people."

Once more the call comes from Ottawa to use more substitutes for wheat, and to use less sugar. The people are asked to make voluntary sacrifices in order that there may be more wheat for the Allies and more sugar for the preserving season. The response should be universal.

The Harbin correspondent of the London Daily Mail describes Bolshevism in Siberia as "a living corpse," and asserts that it can easily be crushed. He adds that Allied intervention is vital, and that two or three Allied divisions could put down all opposition in Siberia.

There is almost a complete lull on the French and Italian battlefronts. The expected German drive is still delayed, and meanwhile more and more American soldiers are arriving in France. Every day's delay helps the Allies.

The death occurred yesterday at the home of her parents, of Phyllis Marion Kirby, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Kirby, of Cedar Grove Crescent. She was nine years of age and has been ill for some time. She is survived by her parents and one younger sister. Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kirby. Mr. Kirby is the district engineer of the C. P. R. resident in this city.

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London, June 28.—The Labor Congress yesterday capitulated to M. Kerensky when he appeared on the platform at the close of a long afternoon session during which considerable anti-Kerensky sentiment had been vociferously in evidence. With his appearance, the opposition to him vanished and before he had finished his speech he received a great ovation. Finally he had to leave the hall by a side door to escape the crowd of besiegers, who were clamoring for his autograph or a hand shake.

M. Kerensky in opening his speech, said: "Yesterday one of the members of the conference asked what right had Kerensky to be present? I shall answer the question. I am not here as a matter of right, but as a matter of duty. It is my duty as a man who knows all that is truth, which for a long time did not reach the ears of western Europe and America."

"In this terrible world war the interests of the allied nations are inextricably interwoven, and the fate of the country which bore the burden of a front greater in length than the combined front of all the other allies cannot be a matter of indifference to all the allies."

"I have not come here to beg or complain. The Russian people have in the past gone through trials like the present and have always emerged strengthened and renewed. Now bending under the merciless onset of Germany, bleeding at the wounds which she still inflicts, I bear witness that the Russian people will never recognize the treaty of Brest-Litovsk, which is hurrying Russia into abyss of annihilation."

"For three years Russia's soldiers had to endure an enemy perfectly equipped and cruelly merciless under conditions which no one outside of Russia can imagine. It is to be wondered that, having repeatedly suffered the blows of the enemy and having hit him hard, thereby saving the western front, the Russian soldiers were the first among the belligerents to faint in the struggle."

"The treacherous invitations to peace by Germany were not unmasked, and the mass of the Russian soldiers, incited by fanatics and German agents, were deceived. Now they know what is a German peace. The Ukrainian peasant demands how the Germans secure the independence of small nationalities when German bayonets and chemical vapors are employed to rob him and re-instate all the atrocities of the old regime."

"All classes of Russians strongly protest now against the tyranny that again reigns in Russia. To my astonishment some very serious European political men consider Bolshevism as democratic, although it has abolished freedom of speech, made human life the easy prey of every red guardman, and has made an end of all institutions of self-government."

"If this be democratic, then I ask what can be reaction. The Bolsheviks claim that the present state of Russia is a dictatorship of the proletariat, although ruthless repression is allied against the democratic and socialist parties and the toiling masses."

"Every Russian who refuses to recognize this method of government is declared a counter-revolutionary. Bolshevism, the strength of which mainly lies in the disorganization of the worn out masses of soldiers, was merely the vanguard of triumphing German imperialism. To reach its aim Germany must paralyze Russia."

"That is the sure inwardness of connection between the interior affairs of Russia and the world war. The fate of Russia has special significance and value for the whole world. The Russian people alone may not be able to overcome the Germans. Perhaps, abandoned by all, Russia will perish from want of blood, but she will never of her own will submit to the humiliating treason of Brest-Litovsk."

"It is for you, the oldest and most mature of the democracies of the world, to settle the question whether it is possible to remain a calm spectator of this tragedy. I have crossed thousands of miles of the Arctic ocean to tell you and America this, which I profoundly know to be the absolute truth."

Wilhelm is Wierred.  
According to an Amsterdam despatch to the Central News, the German Emperor has sent the Imperial Chancellor, Count Von Hertling, "a furious telegram" about Dr. Von Kuehlmann's speech.

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