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Russian People Have Been Cowed

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In the Constituent Assembly force staged at Petrograd, the whole cast, Bolshevik and Social Revolutionaries, even the Cadets, played true to form and character. Nobody supposed that Lenin would permit the newly elected representatives of the Russian people to meet and make a Constitution, unless a majority of the Assembly was Bolshevik; the majority being the other way, of course Lenin decrees that the assembly is dissolved. Nor did anybody suppose that the delegates to the Assembly would pluck up courage enough to resist the Bolshevik and their armed Red Guards. The expected happened, and promptly, it was all over in a night. The Soviets continue to be the government of Russia, and Russia will have no Constitution unless it is made by men of their choosing.

In lands like England and the United States, where the people rule, it has for some centuries been felt that bayonets

RHEUMATISM A MYSTERY

This Trouble is Rooted in the Blood and Can Only be Cured by Enriching the Blood.

Some diseases give immunity from another attack, but rheumatism works just the other way. Every attack of rheumatism invites another; worse than that, it reduces the body's power so that each attack is worse than the one before.

If any disease needs curing and it is rheumatism, but there is scarcely any disease that physicians find more difficult to treat successfully. When a medicine does cure rheumatism therefore it is worthy of special notice. Medical authorities agree that the blood becomes thin with alarming rapidity as rheumatism develops. Maintaining the quality of the blood is therefore a reasonable way of preventing and combating rheumatism. That it works out in fact is shown by the beneficial effects which follow the treatment of rheumatism, acute, muscular and articular, with that great blood tonic, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

That thousands of people who have taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for their rheumatism have been cured is a fact beyond dispute. That rheumatism does not return as long as the blood is kept rich and red is equally true. If therefore, you are suffering from rheumatism in any form you should lose no time in giving Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial. Mr. A. E. Hinton, Western Ave., Toronto, says: "Up to about a year ago, my wife had suffered for nearly three years from rheumatism, from which she suffered greatly. She had been under the care of several doctors, besides spending dollars on advertised cures, but did not get any relief. One day talking to a fellow clerk, she said her sister had been cured of this trouble by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Although not feeling very hopeful I took two boxes some that evening and urged my wife to try them. By the time they were used they had done her so much good that she required no pressing to continue the treatment, and after taking six or seven boxes she was completely cured. As I have said this was about a year ago, and she has had no return of the trouble since. I feel very grateful for the immense good Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done my wife, and I hope other sufferers will benefit by her experience.

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in the legislative chamber were out of place. The blood of a free people may not actually boil in their veins when soldiers drive the lawmakers from their seats, but no other misuse of a lawfully unsupervised authority produces quite the same feeling of patriotic indignation. The men of the railway unions in Russia have protested against the acts of the Bolsheviks, but he has not yet been informed that the people are very much excited about it. Nor are we in this country as deeply stirred as we should be if this thing had happened, let us say, in the House of Commons or in the French Chamber of Deputies. Every body is "more than usual calm" because it was nowhere expected that the Social Revolutionaries would be able to set up and maintain a capable government in Russia. They are not so extreme as the Bolsheviks, not so radical, not half so wild, but they, too, are included victims of the cult of socialism and from them there was not much to be expected save, very likely, a separate peace with Germany.

In Lenin's decree of dissolution he declares that the delegates to the Constituent Assembly, having been elected prior to the Soviet revolution in October, in November according to our reckoning, were chosen from the old lists and therefore do not represent the Russian people. The Jacobins in France by sheer terrorism forced the great majority of the French people to abstain from voting, and so got an Assembly majority to their liking. Lenin lets the people vote and then has his Red Guards chase their duly elected representatives out of the chamber. By this proceeding he sets up the Soviets, of the Councils of Workmen and Soldiers' Deputies, as the true representatives of the Russian people. In law these councils have no standing whatever. The delegates were chosen by votes of the workmen in the factories, by the soldiers of the regiments. Under their authority the workmen and the so-called proletariat of Petrograd have been armed, and it is only because of this armed force that Lenin is able to maintain his government. It rests upon the foundation of a mob equipped with rifles and machine guns.

The Russian people appear to have been self-cutly cowed. The vast majority of them are supposed to disapprove the proceedings of the Bolsheviks, but they are unorganized, they have no organs for the expression and formation of opinion, since the Bolsheviks have suppressed all newspapers save their own, they have no leader but the Constitutional Democrats, or Cadets, sent only fifteen delegates to the Constituent Assembly. Some of these delegates were arrested, the others did not dare to take their seats. The seats of the Right, representing the moderate opinion of the Russian people, of the small property owners and the sober minded, order loving class, were vacant. The Constitutional Democrats, representing Russian intelligence and leadership, were excluded by the Bolsheviks because they are considered to be agents of capital, of the bourgeoisie. The Social Revolutionaries of the Centre are not keen enough about the continuance of the class struggle against capitalism to be acceptable to Lenin and his kind, to whom that struggle is everything.

If the moderate middle class does pluck up courage enough to oppose the Bolsheviks, and it finds a capable leader civil war will begin. According to all precedents, that should be the next stage. Already Shingaroff, Kerenky's Minister of Finance, and Kokoshkine, State Controller under the Kerenky government, have been murdered in their beds. This may be an intimation to the opponents of Lenin that the path of quietness and submission is the only path of safety. Civil strife, assassination and bloodshed are the natural ending of the Lenin Trotsky adventure in the usurpation of power, and it is difficult to believe that Russia can have any well-established government until that stage of the revolution has been lived through.

CANADA'S WHITE ESKIMOS

Strange, Fierce Habits of Humorous Northern Dwellers Described

After passing three years in the Arctic regions, George H. Wilkins, an Australian who was a member of the Stefansson Expedition, arrived in England with a choice selection of stories about the so-called "Blonde Eskimos" with whom he lived a considerable time. "The Blonde Eskimos," he said, "are quite untouched by Western civilization, and their habits and customs are essentially primitive. They are not a long-lived race, and fifty years is perhaps the normal span. Human life is very little valued amongst them, and what civilized people class as murder is regarded as a more or less harmless eccentricity." Visiting a camp where he had made friends with an Eskimo a few months before and not finding him, Mr. Wilkins inquired after his health. He was told that the man was dead, and the manner of his death was this. One day the Eskimo came across a member of the tribe fashioning a knife out of the native copper which is found in this region. He chaffed him, it appears, on his want of skill. "You don't know the first thing about making a knife," he said, in effect. The artisaner said nothing until he had finished his work, when, remarking "I think it is a pretty good knife," he plunged it into the breast of the critic. The Eskimos have a keen sense of humor, and this incident was much appreciated.

There is a ceremony of marriage among these Eskimos, but apparently the number of a man's wives is limited only by his capacity to support them. The regular price for a wife is a rifle and 12 months' hard labor in the service of the prospective bride's family. It is only rarely that a rifle can be obtained from the Indians to the south, and the price paid for it, in skins, practically represents a year's activity in hunting. Some of the more opulent Eskimos possess three wives. One is chosen for her personal attractions, another for her prowess as a hunter and fisher, while the third does the housework.

SOME STRAY PIECES OF INFORMATION

Injections of rattlesnake venom are used to cure epilepsy.

The atmospheric changes during a thunderstorm accelerate the discharge of all gases and it is now asserted that it is these, and not the electrical discharges which sour milk.

It is asserted that the germs of paralysis find their way to the brain through the nose.

The house fly is the principal source of infantile paralysis infection.

Hunger makes the brain heavier.

A scientist says that the bassoon player is always cranky and the drummer generally lacks humor.

Where do the birds die is a question which has not been satisfactorily answered, although considerable attention has been given to the matter.

A statement has been made that life would be prolonged if persons would acquire the habit of stooping by the hips instead of bending the backbone. In Prussia a whole new kind of bean successfully grafted.

Every once in a while lumps of butter are dug up in the Irish bogs which are said to have been placed there many years ago for favoring or preservation.

On the last day of each year the Korean throws out of his house a straw image of a man, which is said to carry sins and bad luck with it.

Chemicals are more effective in fighting mine fires than water.

Barely one-seventh of the population of the British Empire is composed of whites.

Great Britain carries on more trade with Germany than any other country with France and the United States ranking second and third.

ALBERTA RURAL SCHOOLS

One of the healthiest signs of progress in Alberta is the continual formation of new school districts and building of new schools. All over the Province are these sign posts of civilization to be seen. But neat buildings furnished with an up-to-date equipment are wasted money without the real spirit of education. For many years memory was the only faculty cultivated in a child. Prizes were always awarded for learning by heart long lists of names and facts. The names of the kings of Israel and Judah, the height of Mt. Everest, or a Bible chapter repeated backwards were considered signs of great intelligence in the poor little learner. But children have come to their own and a glance at the course of studies for our rural schools will show the strides made in the right direction. Nature study plays an important part, and our children are taught by observation the great lessons of nature—the mighty mother of all real wisdom.—G. J. Wigley.

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