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IN THE DARKNESS

Strange things have been happening in that region of the world charted as Mongolia, Russian and Eastern Turkestan, Bokhara and western Siberia. With the first guns of the war news out of these lands suffered maiming at the hands of the censors. The Russian revolution drew down upon them a curtain of darkness.

A Russian has written a fantastic tale of escape from Siberia through Mongolia. Much of his story has to be accepted as more romantic than truthful. But he has given us a picture of great stretches of mountains and plains where no law governs, of an interplay of Siberian politics, of an aggressive, imperialistic side of Chinese government.

Almost at the same time that a leading Mohammedan has proclaimed that Bolshevism is the friend of his religion, the Emir of Bokhara, himself a Mussuman, has filed with the British government a long bill of complaint against the soviets. He declares that in three years the Russians have killed 2,000,000 of the native population. The country has been denuded of food to feed the Red army. Armed immigrants have possessed themselves of land that caught their eyes, terrorized villages, posed as liberators and yet enslaved the people to whom they came proselyting for the bolshevist cause.

Allowing for exaggeration, much of this must be so. Russia has been cast back into barbarism. Desperation has stirred the old impulses which caused the great waves of migration when human history was in its youth. The Russian has been through a hard schooling in violence. The mass of the native population in central Asia has been peaceful, unresisting, for generations. It has been unable to stand against the westerners, thrown back to primitiveness by revolution and hunger.

It may be a long time before all will be known of what has been going on in the darkness. So far the world has heard so little that it can only guess about tragedies too grim and forbidding even for the Russian novelist's taste for horrors.

A PLEDGE TO PEACE

History demonstrates that one league or alliance leads to another, and that two alliances frequently lead to a war. At present in Europe there is a well defined French alliance, stretching from Belgium across the Balkans to Poland and the Baltic. There is within the Balkans a separate alliance, the Little Entente. There is a vague British-Italian entente and a half-defined arrangement between Germany and Russia.

But the latest and most significant alliance is that being discussed between Spain, Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands. The purpose of this whispered alliance is to keep all the four countries out of war even if it becomes necessary to fight to do it. In other words, these notable neutrals view with alarm the treaties spreading over Europe like a web, and point with pride to the success with which they kept themselves from entanglement in the preceding web of ante-1914. Now they argue, that we may continue to point with pride, let us band together with an oath to keep clear of all these treaty entanglements and the squabbles resulting from them.

This is all unofficial and on the quiet. The fact is that Queen Wilhelmina has received as guests, in turn, King Gustavus of Sweden, the King and Queen of Spain, and King Haakon

of Norway. The press of four countries asking itself why this gathering of crowned heads at The Hague answers its own question by voicing a desire for a hands-off alliance, which, in turn, echoes a popular demand.

Most alliances contain a clause pledging someone to go to war if the someone else who is a partner gets into a war. This treaty would pledge everyone to stay out of a war. It is a good idea, if it works.

Voting in the Ontario provincial elections is taking place today. There are 289 candidates, representing the Liberals, Conservatives, Progressives and Labor, for the 109 seats, which are being contested. One Conservative and one Labor candidate were returned by acclamation. The Drury government, which has been in power four years is appearing for reelection and the consenses of opinion seems to be that it will not secure a sufficient number of seats to enable it to carry on. The leader of the Conservative forces is Hon. G. H. Ferguson, who was a member of the old Hearst administration and was involved in a timber land scandal, while Mr. Wellington Hay is the leader of the Liberals. In the last house the Liberals held 28 seats and the Conservatives 55.

From the way the Chinese bandits have been performing, it is suspected the missionaries have been giving them American newspapers to read.

Those of us who can't go to Europe this summer hope that somebody had the foresight to tie up the movie rights in connection with those volcanic eruptions.

The victim of a girl bandit who was robbed of \$100 and a \$500 ring is in the cleaning business. And the girl bandit would appear to be in that same business.

What is meant by the irony of fate is that the hottest job in the world is cranking an ice-cream freezer.

In addition to the sweet girl graduates there are the boy graduates, but nobody except their mothers pays special attention to them.

It seems odd, but probably one of the first things an agricultural college graduate does is to try to get a job in the city.

Italian fascisti are forbidden to part in public banquets. The movement will hardly thrive in this country.

Many a poetic girl who raves over violets and lilies knows exactly what to do with a good dish of ham and cabbage.

Here is where the reliable family man begins to worry about the pan under the icebox.

The classics die hard—witness the surprising revival of those grand old pagans, Aetna and Vesuvius.

Some men take up pipe smoking in order gradually to break off the tobacco habit.

Bulgaria is having one of those so-called civil wars, although they hardly ever are.

Vesuvius is having a first-class eruption, proving that Italy continues to know how to attract sightseers.

Father's Day passed off quietly, although some of his harsher critics feared he might make a night of it.

An Ohio judge has added five commandments. Many seem to have had their hands more than full with ten.

Application of the rule of reason to the weather is desirable.

Bedtime story: "I hear a mosquito buzzing somewhere."

Fortunately the supply of June brides suffices to meet the demand.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

Doctors say men who smoke are liable to have everything. We say everything except matches.

The difference between a spring golfer and a spring gardener is one uses the holes he digs.

An open mouth doesn't necessarily indicate an open mind.

Women drivers should not ask for more than equal rights with men to run over pedestrians.

Humility is a great virtue if it isn't permitted to run down at the heel.

Life may be dreary in homes where there are never any children to keep the corners of the rugs kicked up.

Perhaps the report that marriage is a gamble originated from the fact that so many men go broke playing the game.

One of the old fashioned ways of bringing up children was to humiliate them with the consciousness that they were hindrances to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is the problem of the insurance salesman to convince the prospect who is healthy enough to live twenty or thirty years that he is in immediate danger of leaving a widow and two or three children in distress.

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