

KITCHENER'S DEATH DUE TO TREACHERY OF CZARINA

Interesting Story Brought from Russia by Commissioner Mapp of the Salvation Army—Says it is the Belief That the Czarina Notified the German Authorities of Kitchener's Intended Visit to Russia—Some Particulars of the Revolution in That Unhappy Country.

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The sinking of the ship on which Lord Kitchener was lost is laid to the treachery of the former Empress of Russia by Commissioner Henry W. Mapp, head of the Salvation Army in that country, who has just returned to the United States.

In an address before the Division of Pictorial Publicity at the Salmon-gundi Club last night Commissioner Mapp asserted that much information in regard to the military plans of the Allies went to Germany over a private wire from the apartment of the Czarina.

"The Czarina was the great force in Russia," he said. "All information that Russia received from the Allies regarding their plans was immediately conveyed to her and she sent it to Germany. The Kaiser controlled Russia. The corruption treachery and intrigue in the Russian Court was terrible. Munition plants were blown up at the instruction of the Germans and unbelievable damage to the allied cause was affected through the treachery of the former Empress.

Sees Gain in Czar's Downfall

If the revolution had not taken place the Germans would have been able to lead the allied cause to destruction. Bad as the situation is now, it is not to be compared with the conditions which existed under Czarism. The downfall of the Czar's regime was the greatest possible advantage to the Allies.

"The treachery of the former Empress was directly responsible for the death of Lord Kitchener," Mr. Mapp said. "As soon as the Czarina learned that the British General planned to visit Russia she informed the German authorities by means of her private telegraph wire. The German Government then put their machine to work, and as a result the ship on which Lord Kitchener sailed was sunk."

Says Red Guard Must Be Ousted

So long as the Bolshevik rule Russia the Germans are not beaten. Until the Red Guard is ousted by Allied arms Russia will supply Germany with food, man power and access to the commerce of the East, is the conclusion reached by Commissioner Mapp.

Peace negotiations will be useless in

his opinion, unless they include the withdrawal of all German military forces from Russia and the entrance of Allied forces to put down the Bolsheviks and insure the establishment of a constitutional government.

Prior to the revolution of February 1917 when religious freedom was established the Salvation Army was not permitted to work in Russia. Commissioner Mapp, an Englishman sent out by the British Salvation Army, arrived in Petrograd in May, 1917, when the forces of Kerensky were fighting those of Lenin in the streets of the capital. Machine guns were mowing down civilians, the air was filled with the crack of rifle shots and the shrieks of the wounded, but Mapp decided to hold his first meeting as scheduled. He arrived at the hall without a scratch and spoke to a large audience.

"That's the spirit that got the Russians," he said. "The Salvation Army force in Russia, which started out with myself and three Finnish girls, now numbers 500 members with sixty Russian officers. We have twelve stations two refugee homes for women and children, and a 25,000 circulation of the War Cry, the Salvation Army paper, printed in Russian."

Mr. Mapp accounted for the courtesy with which his organization was treated by the fact that it had nothing to do with politics and by the distribution of explanatory literature as soon as he arrived. Courtesy in Russia nowadays, however, simply means refraining from murder. The \$50,000 fund raised in the first three months by the Salvation Army was seized by the Bolsheviks as soon as they took over the banks.

"They called this nationalizing property," Mr. Mapp said.

Trotsky to whom Mr. Mapp appealed in behalf of British subjects the Bolsheviks were keeping as hostages until the release of two Russians interned in England, he found "unreasonable, harsh and austere."

"He would not listen to my protests," Mr. Mapp said, "but announced 'I am going to do much worse to the British. When I saw I could make no impression, I started to tell him about the Salvation Army."

"What political party do you belong to?" he interrupted.

"I said the Salvation Army had no political affiliations and he replied, 'Then of course I am not interested in it.'"

Trotsky "Genius and Gall."

Trotsky is a combination of genius and gall, Mr. Mapp said, adding that it was a good combination and accounted for Trotsky's success.

When asked if Trotsky like the majority of Russians was friendly to the United States he replied that Trotsky had friendship only for himself. It was a matter of money from beginning to end he asserted. The Central Powers handed over millions of rubles which they had bought early in the war, to Lenin and Trotsky.

The Bolshevik Mr. Mapp avers represent only one-tenth of Russia and the other nine-tenths are as loyal as ever to the cause of the Allies. They have been made impotent, he said, by the Bolsheviks who demobilized the Russian army and handed all its arms to the Red Guard. The Bolsheviks succeeded in Mr. Mapp's opinion because the army consisted of ignorant peasants who were deceived by the promise of universal peace, money and ownership of land.

Thousands of Austrian and German prisoners were freed by the revolutionists, the commissioner said but have been kept at the borders to resist allied intervention.

Mr. Mapp say the constituent assembly of 800 members elected from all parts of Russia meet at Petrograd last November. When the Bolsheviks failed to break up the meeting by persuasion with machine guns and armored cars their members withdrew so as to prevent a quorum. Parts of the constituent assembly meet secretly from time to time and will come together and form the rightful government when order is restored.

Reds Corner Food

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food in Russia but the Reds have a corner on it, as they have on everything else. They buy up railroad tickets and sell them several times over for fifty times their value. The confusion when several different people demand the same accommodations is indescribable."

Commissioner Mapp left Russia last May to confer with Gen. Booth head of the Salvation Army about extending the Russian work. As conditions in Russia prevent his return he is going to France to do Salvation Army work there.

Mr. Mapp praised the work of the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. in Russia and said they cooperated there with the Salvation Army. "We

EXCITING TIME IN RIECHSTAG

Amsterdam, Oct. 28—Exciting scenes occurred in the German Reichstag during the proceedings of the house on Friday and Saturday. Out-spoken speeches were indulged in. The Independent Socialist, Dr. Cohn, who declared that the war was lost after the first battle of the Marne, said that Gen. Ludenburg at the end of September proposed the formation of a government empowered to negotiate an armistice with President Wilson as it was impossible to guarantee the maintenance of the war much longer.

"The question cannot longer be evaded," said Dr. Cohn, "War with the Hohenzollerns or peace without the Hohenzollerns. World revolution will follow on world imperialism and world militarism, and we will overcome them. We extend our hand to our friends beyond the frontier in this struggle."

The speech was received with such commotion, cries of "shame" and applause that the vice-president threatened to have the house cleared.

Another Socialist, Otto Rheule, was called to order for declaring that the Emperor must abdicate.

He retorted: "A call to order won't

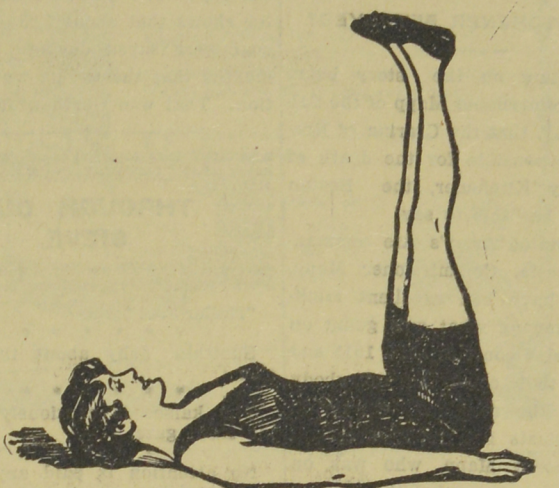
could have no better people to appeal to than the Russians," he said, "as they are deeply religious and mystical."

The Russian reign of terror Mr. Mapp asserted, is not a thing of the last few months but has existed since the February revolution. People are shot down daily in the streets and women have their clothes torn from their backs.

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State Secretary Groeber, and the war

minister, Major-General Scheuch, both declared that there was nothing in the reforms which could endanger the firm structure of the army or the personal relationship between the Prussian King and the officers.

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