

THE SILENCE

In what far country shall I find you, dear, Who waited at the end of every day With comfort, and with blessing, when the way Was rough to climb, and weariness was near? Will it be longtimes of the morning year? Morning or evening, golden skies or gray? And oh, what word will be for me to say? To tell my heart out and embrace my fear? You will not answer, though I wait to know? You give no sign, although I wait to see The frail spring shadows through the white clouds pass, The apple boughs shed drifts of petal'd snow— Is it from some far heaven you call to me, Or do you wait beneath this hillside, grand? —Arthur Kitchum, in Astor's Magazine.

Liberty of Worship

Czar Declares Time Ripe for Extending Principles of Religious Tolerance in Fundamental Laws.

In the Czar's decree, made public recently, after referring to the efforts of his predecessors, particularly his father, to add to the welfare of the Russian people, the Czar announces his decision to grant freedom of religion to all his subjects who profess non-orthodox creeds, and to improve the conditions of village life and those of the local nobility and peasantry.

Among the measures outlined by his majesty for the attainment of these ends is reform of the rural laws, which is to be effected with the advice of persons who possess the confidence of the people.

The text of the decree is as follows: "On ascending the thrones of our ancestors, by the providence of God, we make a solemn vow before the Almighty and our conscience to guard sacredly the centuries-old pillars of Russian power, and to dedicate our life to the service of our beloved Fatherland in indefatigable solicitude for our subjects."

"The troubles agitating our country, which, to our deep regret, have partly been shown by desires hostile to the state and partly engendered by doctrines foreign to Russian life, hinder the general work of ameliorating the conditions of our people. These troubles confuse the public mind, remove the people from productive labor, and often ruin families dear to our heart and young energies, among high and low, necessary to the internal development of the country."

"In demanding the fulfillment of this, our will, while remaining strongly opposed to any violation of the normal course of national life, and having confidence that all will loyally discharge their local duties, we are irrevocably decided to satisfy the needs of which the state has become ripe, and have deemed it expedient to strengthen and decree the undeviating observance of the principles of tolerance laid down by the fundamental laws of the Russian empire, which, recognizing the Russian church as the ruling one, grant to all our subjects of other religions and to all foreign persuasions freedom of creed and worship in accordance with other rites, and we are further resolved to continue this active carrying out of measures for the improvement of the material position of the orthodox rural clergy, while enabling them to take a larger share in intellectual and public life."

"In accordance with impending measures for the consolidation of the national economy, the efforts of the state credit institutions, and especially the nobles' and peasants' banks should be directed to strengthening and developing the welfare and fundamental pillars of Russian village life and that of the local nobility and peasantry. These principles marked out by us for the revision of the laws of the rural population are, when formulated, to be referred to the provincial government councils, so that with the assistance of persons enjoying the public confidence they may be further developed and adapted to the special conditions of individual localities."

"In this work the fundamental principles of the inviolability of communal property is to be maintained, while at the same time means are to be found to render it easy for the individual to sever connections with the community to which he belongs if he so desires."

"Without delay measures must be taken to release the peasants from the present burdensome liability of forced labor. Through reform is to be effected in the provincial governments and district administrations by the local representatives, while attention will be devoted to securing closer co-operation between the communal and parochial trustees of the orthodox churches whenever possible."

"Calling upon all our subjects to cooperate in strengthening the moral foundations of the family, school and public life, under which alone the well-being of the people and the confidence of everyone in the stability of his rights can develop, we command our ministers and chief officials concerned in this matter to submit to us their views regarding the execution of our intentions."

"The extension of self-government to the smaller communities, corresponding with the township organization of the United States, is regarded as a great victory for the Zemstvos (district and provincial assemblies), while the retention of the communal system, with greater freedom of withdrawal therefrom meets the wisdom of the peasants and landowners, expressed through their local committees on agricultural depression."

"The Czar's desire for the co-operation of educated public officials follows the action of Alexander II at the time of the emancipation movement."

"Although the Hebrew faith is not specifically mentioned in the Czar's decree, it is believed that the liberty granted to 'all

creeds' is intended to include the Hebrews.

MARXES DECADE'S PROGRESS. Forty years have gone by since Czar Alexander II effected the greatest internal change Russia has known, by the emancipation of the serfs.

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An Oklahoma Carnival.

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TOURISTS. A Message from George H. Daniels. Congratulations Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway on new line to the Coast.

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