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## **BOTCHKAREVA IS MOBBED BY SOLDIERS** WHEN SHE TELLS THEM PLAIN TRUTHS

"Kick Her!" They Cry and Her Life Is in Danger Until Friends Rescue Her From Dangerous Situation Her Frankness Caused

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THIS STARTS THE STORY n the summer of 1917 Maria chkareva formed the Battaliou of Death, a woman's fighting unit in the Russian army, and a Russian peakant girl marched into the inter-national hall of fame. In the ear-Her installments of this story she told of the hardships of her child-hood, the brutalities of her married life and her determination to become a soldier, a dream realized by a special order from the Crar. She tells of battles bravely won and of the Jubilation, presaging disorganization, which followed the overthrow of the Crar and the establishment of "equality."

## AND HERE IT CONTINUES.

Discipline was gradually re-estab lished. It was not the old discipline Its basis was no longer dread of punishment. It was a discipline founded on the high sense of responsibility that was soon instilled into the gray mass of soldiery. True, there was no fighting between us and the enemy. There were even the beginnings of the graternization plague that later destroyed the mighty Russian army. But the soldiers responded to the appeals from the provisional government and the Soviet in the early weeks of the spring of 1917. They

channed land by the orators and re-warded them with tremendous out-tions. There were speakers of a different lind, too. These solemnity appealed for a realization of the immediate upon the shoulders of the arms. Fa-triotism was their keynoit. The called us to defend our country, to be ready at any moment for an attack called us to defend our country, to be ready at any moment for an attack to drive the Germans out and win the much-desired victors and pro-seve the disease its its inception and there any doubt that they were? No, The Russian sold er loved his mothes to granzed in honor of a for our enlightened solders. The Russian sold er loved his mothes. The Russian sold er loved his mothes to granzed to these calls. The rivers had broken, the loved her a hun-dred fold now. The first stars of spring arrived. The first stars of spring arrived. The first stars of spring arrived. The twee reflexed and sold the defent to, one of our enlightened solders. The Russian sold is a spring arrived. The first stars of sprin



YAX Alexander Kerensky, responsible, according to Botchkareva's narrauve. for much of the demoralization of the Russian army

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heatedly. It ached my heart to see he said, shaking my hand warmly. He the effect of the orator's words. All then inquired as to my feeling about the impression of Krylov's speech had been eradicated. The very same boys who so enthusiastically acclaimed his the impression of Krylov's speech had been cradicated. The very same boys who so enthusiastically acclaimed his call to duty now applauded just as fervidly, if not more so, the appeal of the delegate for a fratricidal war, it maddened me. I could not control or the delease in a could not control It maddened me. I could not control myself. "You stupid asses!" I burst out. "I burst out." "I burst out. "I the studies of the state" "But where are you going from here?" he asked. "I don't knew. I suppose I will go

Kaiser was our enemy and that we must drive him out of Russia first be-fore we can have peace? And now you have been incited to start a civil war so that the Kaiser can walk over Russia and take it all into his grip. This is war! War, you understand. There was a commotion among the soldiers. Some expressed their dis-

satisfaction loudly. Why stand here and listen to this silly balss." sounded one.

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from every side. The passions of the soldiers were in-flamed. The delegate was right, they said. If they continued to sit in the trenches they would be robbed of the land and the fruits of the new free-dom, they argued among themselves thereit to see the beginning of the war. The presi-dom, they argued among themselves the beginning my hand warmly. He

the horses started, tearing me away from the men, who clasped my hands and wished me luck and godspeed. something tore a big hole in my heart. and the world seemed desolate.

I Organize the Battalion of Death THE journey to Petrograd was un-"Tou can be turned one minute one way, the other minute in an opposite direction. Didn't you cheer Kryloy's truthful words when he said that the Kaisar was counted to capacity with returning soldiers begging for bread." Rodzianko patted me on the shoul-Rodzianko patted me on the shoul-Rodzianko patted me on the shoul-debate. Pcace was the subject of all der. "Won't you come to me in Petro-grad, hcroitchik? [little heroine] I will see what I can do for you." I jorously accepted the invitation and told the boys of my leaving soon. lost.

I was provided with a new outfit and 100 rubles by the commander. The word went out that Yashka was to "Ah, she is for the old regime. She wants the Tsar back," murmured threateningly some soldiers The delegate accompanying me here advised me to keep my mouth shut if I

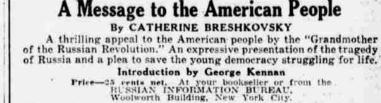
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ached and yearned. It was May, but there was autumn iy breast. There was autumn also in the heart of Mother Russia. The ity and refreshes the mouth. sun glowed dazzlingly. The fields the forests rioled in all the glorie The fields and spring. There was peace in the trenches, caim in No Man's Land. My country was still exhibitaring in the festival of the newly born freedom. It ozodont

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silly baba." sounded one. "Give her a shove? "should another. "Kick her!" cried a third. In a moment I was being handled oughly. Blows showered on me from very side. "What are you doing, boys" Why. hat is Yashka! Have you gone trazy"" I heard a friendly voice ap-real to the men. Other comrades hur-ted to the men. Other comrades hur-uet suffering much injury. But I de-ut suffering much injury. But I de-ut suffering much injury. But I de-ut suffering much injury.

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o them. But my heart pined. All joy was but my heart pined. All joy was dead in it. I heard the autumn winds howling. I felt instinctively an im-mense tragedy developing and my soul went out to Mother Russia. The entire regiment was formed in

peace. We were ready to remove them. We were awaiting the order to leap at their throats and show them what free Russia could do. But why was the order postponed? Why wait? Why not strike while the iron was hot? Yet the iron was allowed to cool. There was an ocean of talk in the rear;

there was absolute inactivity at the front. And as hours grew inte days and days into weeks there sprang forth out of this inactivity the first sprouts of fraternization. Come over here for a drink of tea!

a voice from our t-enches would ad-dress itself across No Man's Land to



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"It is the truth! The truth! He's right!" interrupted the vast crowd. "Now you have two enemies." re-

country before. He loved her a hundred for a new if the specific terms had broken, the loe fields who spoke well and to the point. The first signs of spring arrived. The was fragrant. The winds were and soble well and to the point. "So long as the Germans keep their we will not have been and to the read of the read with the second the

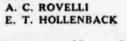


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Then Orlov, the chairman of the regiments! committee, an educated fellow, rose to answer for the rank and file. He expressed what all of us at the front had in our minds: Yes, we are ready to strike. But

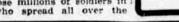


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