

RUSSIA DREAMS IN BLACK NIGHT

Tragedy and Pathos Ruling Factors in Lives of Hopeless Millions

FRIENDS GIVE SUCCOR

Philadelphia Quakers Tell What Huge Tasks Confront Them

An epic story of Russia, a story which three Philadelphia women have had a part in making, a story of helplessness and hope, where all has been dark, is contained in a pamphlet describing the work of the Quakers in interior Russia, which has just reached this country from England.

This pamphlet, published by the Friends' war victims relief committee, which co-operates with the American Friends service committee, at 20 South Twelfth street, in reconstruction work in Russia, has no concern with Bolshevism or Russian internal politics. It is a dramatic story of "friendliness" carried to the homeless in the most confused community in the world.

For the first time, the story of what three Philadelphia Quakers have been going through in the last two years is made known through this pamphlet. They are Esther M. White, Anna J. Haines and Lydia Lewla Rickman, who went to Russia in 1916. Emily C. Bradbury, of Jarretstown, Pa., is another of the American workers whose story is told.

One Doctor to 80,000
At the beginning the peasants were suspicious of a trap, the pamphlet says, but the need was so great the attitude of the workers was such that before long the Friends were received everywhere with kindness in a district described "as large as Belgium, colder than Archangel, a bare monotony, level steppe with no trees, no fences, no roads save tracks here and there, with collections of one-roomed huts called villages."

It was in such a country that the Americans helped the peasants through war, revolution and finally famine. Medical attention was so badly needed that only the surface could be touched. The first doctor found himself alone among 80,000 persons with no medical man nearer than twenty-five miles.

"For two years the mission went on," the pamphlet continues, "doctoring, nursing, feeding, educating, employing and clothing. They saw men marching six abreast to the war with rifles only for the outside file. They met men in their villages who had defended themselves with sticks and stones and fought for a dead man's rifle when he fell. They heard the peasants' horrified stories of treachery in Petrograd, and ten days after it had happened they heard of the revolution and they simply went on with their work."

Excerpts from letters written by the workers themselves make up the bulk of the story. One of these excerpts, written by Robert L. Tatlock, an English Quaker, is an intensive description of the Russian peasant, so little thought of in the whirl of Bolshevism and anti-Bolshevism literature coming out of Russia.

"It is impossible to understand Russia without understanding the peasant," Mr. Tatlock explains, "and it is impossible to understand the peasant without understanding his home, the steppe. The conditions of life on the steppe are the peasant's constant enemy. All winter wild nature fights against life there, freezing up the streams and freeing the blood out of all moving things. In the autumn, after the short, gala day of burning summer, all birds and beasts flee south, and men and wolves carry out, each in their own way, their preparations against the ferocious cold."

Hopelessly Dreading
"As the winter comes the man and his wife and family shut themselves in. The snow comes high over them and the world is invisible and soundless except for the fitful barking of dogs and the deep church bell tolled to guide travelers over the steppe day and night. Formidably seated in this way they pass the winter, idling, sleeping, talking and dreaming. And what they say and dream they feel to matter very little. Nothing happens as a result of it. All Kings and wars and democracies grow and pass, books are written and great men die both east and west, but no news comes of these events till long after they are past. All is stagnation and stillness without. All within is mysterious, insoluble, hopeless, ignorant."

Two more quotations from the workers' letters show the attitude of the great mass of Russia's millions. This from the letter of Dr. John Rickman is of interest on the mystic mind of the Russian peasant:

"Their attitude to death shows a strange contrast with ours, and it is coupled with the sympathy in the matter of treatment. It is probably true that the Russian peasant is able to withstand physical hardship, hunger and cold far beyond the average of Europeans, but gives in far more quickly if confronted with the thought of death from disease. This follows from their belief that God takes away life and their peculiar faith in the circumstances of death. Some of us regard it as a 'passing over'; it is a moment of our existence that calls for the best that is in us, but hardly any of us would think of dressing up for the occasion. With the Russians it is not so. They dwell on the details, think out the costume they would prefer to be buried in, talking of death with less agitation than a bride talks of her wedding; they like to die at home ceremoniously."

NOREG WOULD BE ANNEXED

Shipyard Workers' Village Offered as "Bargain" to Gloucester

Every citizen in Gloucester today received a letter from the housing department of the Emergency Fleet Corporation exploiting the advantages that would accrue to their city by the annexation of the village of Norveg.

This campaign of education has been started by the corporation in an effort to have the people of Gloucester demand the purchase and annexation of Norveg at the meeting of the City Council to decide the question tomorrow evening. The Council had decided favorably on this move last August, but because of governmental delays the deal could not be consummated then, and the attitude of the body is now reported as being opposed to the transaction.

The letter emphasizes that there are 400 houses, which were built for the workers at the Frisco & Jones shipyard, located in Norveg; that the government spent nearly \$1,000,000 in constructing the village, and that it will now be possible for Gloucester to acquire it for \$200,000.

Concert to Benefit Sailors

Members of the Matinee Musical Club and pupils of the National School of Elocution and Oratory will take part in a concert to be given in the Franklin Building this afternoon for the benefit of the sailors' free reading room, 322 South Third street. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. The women's concert will be given at 7:30 p. m. in the same building. The women's concert will be given at 7:30 p. m. in the same building.

CAPT. CUPID SNUBBED BY MARS

Atlantic City Girl Must Wait "for the Good of the Service"
Owing to unexpected orders, which will detain him for eight months with the army of occupation in Germany, the marriage of Miss Louise E. Keight, 5 Montpelier avenue, Atlantic City, and James K. Meisenger, of Flushing, L. I., has been postponed until Mr. Meisenger's release from service.

Miss Keight received a telegram last night from her fiancé's mother, informing her that his services would be required until late in the fall on construction work in the war area. Mr. Meisenger is a surveyor.

Camden Woman Struck by Auto

Mrs. W. Baldwin, Twenty-ninth and High streets, Camden, was cut and bruised severely about the face, arms and body today when struck by an automobile at Fifth and Market streets, Camden. Mrs. Baldwin was waiting for a trolley car when she was hit. The motorcar was driven by B. W. Evans, Moorestown, N. J. The police say the occurrence was accidental and released Evans in his own recognition.

ROBINS COMMENTS ROOSEVELT'S STAND

T. R., Junior, Expects to Follow in Footsteps of Late President

"A chip of the old block," was the comment today of Thomas Robins on the entrance of Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., into politics. Mr. Robins, who was a leader in the Progressive party, was one of the late President Roosevelt's most intimate friends.

"I have not seen Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt for some years," said Mr. Robins, "not since the summer before he entered the army. I read with interest that he had announced that he would give up business and go into politics. He evidently is a chip of the old block."

"I think it a very good move, indeed. He is the sort of man we need in political life. I approve of any young man of fortune entering politics as a career."
Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt has been discussed in New York as a possible candidate for president of the board of aldermen next fall. He has not made known his intentions in regard to this possible start of his political career. He announced that he intended to follow his father's footsteps and enter politics, but that it was too soon for him to pick his initial goal.

Not Seeking Office
He added he was announcing his "hat was in the ring" only because he intended to retire from business and considered some explanation necessary. His present activities, he said, were confined to organization in this country of the World War Veterans' Association. In making known his intention to retire from business, Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt said he desired to devote himself "to public life," by which he said he meant "entering politics."



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Special Announcements for To-morrow (Thursday)

Don't Delay Too Long Over That New Easter Suit or Dress, BECAUSE—

Hundreds of women are picking out those single models—the one- or two-of-a-kind garments with which our stock abounds. Besides there is additional pleasure in selecting your costume during the Easter activity.

Many Attractive Suits, \$37.50 to \$67.50
Belted and semi-belted models with the new plaits and tucks; trim, close-fitting suits, severely plain-tailored; models with coats in blouse effects, others showing the new box coats, some slashed and trimmed with braid, some embroidered; many strikingly new suits with vests and waist-coats of tricotee and novelty silks. Of men's-wear serge, Poiret twill and tricotine. Black, navy blue and some colors. The model sketched, \$50.00.

Jersey Sports Suits, \$25.00 to \$55.00
Plain colors and heather mixtures. Loosely belted models, others in Norfolk effect, and various plaited styles with yoke; some with military straps on the shoulders, and all with real, substantial pockets and notched collars, some with collars that can be closed up snugly around the throat. Black, navy blue, Belgian blue, greens, olive shades, tan, Oxford and brown.

Lovely Silk Frocks, \$22.50 to \$40.00
Taffeta, crepe Georgette and crepe de chine, in many unusual straight-line tunic and draped styles, some beaded in symmetrical rows, others with elaborate beading and embroidery, and many with charming vestees, odd neck-lines softly finished with a fold, or outlined with beads or embroideries, and all softly girdled, some sporting sash bows. Plain colors in variety; also many of the new figured crepe Georgette now so fashionable. The model sketched (\$32.50) is of crepe de chine, with a new stitching for trimming, a satin girdle, and a deep collar of crepe Georgette in a different shade, beautifully embroidered.

Stylish New Tailored Dresses, \$18.75 to \$30.00
Many coat effects, particularly suitable for street wear, also smartly tailored tunics in varying lengths, some button-trimmed; and the favored straight-line effects, with the various tie belts. Some have the old new embroideries, some trimmed with rows of flat silk braid, others plain-tailored and finished with rows of buttons. Many smart vest effects. Navy blue, black and brown.

An Unusual Saving in House Dresses At \$1.95

Ever so attractive—these checked Gingham House Dresses in blue-and-white, pink-and-white or black-and-white. Just the smart simplicity of style that one demands of morning frocks—a trim vest effect; a white poplin collar; three-quarter sleeves, and a separate belt at the defined waist-line—special at \$1.95.

Such Lovely Cotton Waists, \$1.50 to \$3

A group of smart Waists featuring the new shades. Models of white voile or batiste are delightfully trimmed in colors. Some are in colored striped effects. Waists in plain shades or checked are trimmed in white. Tailored and semi-tailored styles predominate, with collars in flat, convertible, roll, or *Buster Brown* effects, some models with collarless neck.

One Thousand Trimmed Easter Hats at \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00 and \$9.00

ALL shapes, all sizes, all colors. A plentiful showing of the large Hats which have suddenly sprung into prominence—trimmed with flowers and soft ribbons, some faced with crepe Georgette or otherwise softened to the requirements of the Easter frock. Also an excellent line of Suit Hats, small and medium sizes, many Tams and various cornered Hats, with quills and novelty plumage. Many bandeaux and off-the-face styles that the young girls fancy, and an equal number of Turbans and the more dignified Hats for matrons. The small Hat on the left, \$8.00, is of turquoise straw, trimmed with one of the new wings. The large Hat on the right, \$6.00, is of dark blue straw, faced with dark blue silk, and having little red roses tucked in around the crown.

In the Lower-Priced Millinery Section
TRIMMED HATS from \$2.95 to \$4.95, of liscere straws, also of hair—some with transparent brims, others with transparent crowns. Small, medium and large shapes, trimmed with flowers or ribbons. Also SPORTS HATS, \$2.95 to \$6.50, to wear with the tailored suit. In all the fashionable straws, shapes and colors.

Many are the Wraps That are Favored This Eastertide

For the woman who always wants a practical dark Coat, that will live through the dress enthusiasm of Easter and be liked to the end of the season, there are many smartly belted COATS OF POPLIN AND SERGE, in black and blue, many button-trimmed, some with pretty silk over-collars—\$20.00 to \$25.00.
For the woman who looks forward to the Spring holidays, there are the smartest of Top Coats of fancy tweeds in brown and gray mixed effects. Also some short Box Coats in mixed effects—\$20.00 to \$37.50.
And for the woman who isn't happy unless she is right in the fashion, sporting the accepted of the moment, there are CAPES AND DOLMANS of every description, in many instances only a few of a kind, a feature much appreciated by many women. As low as \$15.00, there is an exceptionally attractive braid-trimmed Cape with a vest; and at \$20.00 a braid-trimmed Dolman that is very good-looking. Others of serges, velours and silver-tones, many with fancy linings—\$25.00 to \$45.00.

The Model Sketched—\$25.00
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