Bolshevik Offers

Viewed as Trap

Command from Pars One
and economically impossible. They exclude each other mutually."

Lanine has never made any secret
of the Machiavellian nature of his foreign policy, in the subtleties of which
his foreign minister, Chicherine, is an
adept, and if some of the allied statesmen had ever taken the trouble to
simply his writings, they would have
found in his pamphet entitled "Future
Tasks of the Soviet Power," published
in German in Berne, the definite and
unambiguous statement that he regards
the conclusion of peace or compromise
with "eaplinist governments" merely
as a legitimate ruse to consummate their
downfall.

Ever government finally prevails in Mos.
sew will have the power to dispose of it
at will.

Such is the extraordinary tale that is
twispered here in circles that ought to
know what they are talking about. How
much of it is true, and how much b
is caggeration? These are questions I do
not venture to decide, but that connot wenture to decide, but the day of the new connot wenture to decide, but that connot wentu

shows us," declared Zinovieff, "that we have nothing to lose and much to

most solemn pact may be repudiated if the interests of belsheviam are at stake. When the Bolsheviat envoy Berzine came to Switzerland the Swiss Governcame to Switzerland the Swiss Government exacted from him a solenn promise that he and the members of his mission would not carry on any kind of propaganda or interfere in any way in Swiss politics during their sojeurn. Berzine promised rendily and with every appearance of good faith. But he immediately began to distribute millions of francs secretly among the Swiss extremists and helped them to organize a great revolutionary strike.

Radicals Full of Defiance

When the Swiss authorities discov ered his machinations and deported him the mischief had been aircady done. I witnessed the departure of the expelled embassy from Berne. First came Bersmile. Other taxis followed with his rasistants, and finally a huge luggage van—for it was in the midst of the atrike and no trains were running—piled with trunks on which reclined, in attitudes suggestive of defiance and contempt, several young women whom Lenine's envey had brought with him from Moscow. The women kissed their hands to the crowd and cried "An revoir," implying that they intended soon to return in triumph. And so, all like to leave Russia and desire a safe conduct for themselves and their families. hands to the crowd and cried revoir," implying that they intended soon to return in triumph. And so, all smilling satirically, they disappeared from view, evidently well satisfied with the work they had been able to accomplish while the confidence of the Swiss in their promises lasted.

Afterward Berzine published a report on the success of his mission to Switzerland, in which he claimed particular credit for analysis hoodwinked the Swiss Government and carried on very Swiss Government a

effective Bolshevist propaganda in spite of his agreement to abstain from it.

There is a general though hazy be-lief in Europe that powerful occult influences other than international sociclism have protected Lenine's govern-ment at various critical periods of its existence. Rumors of vast concessions prosperity." existence. Rumors of vast concessions of Russia's estensibly inexhaustible natural resources, granted by the Bolshevists to corrupt and paralyze their opponents, have found credenes, because the extraordinary vagaries and vacillations of the Entente's Russian seemed otherwise nimost inex-

Corruption Favorite Weapon

It seems certain that the Bolshevists, whose favorite weapon is cor-ruption, have attempted in the past,

our reign of terror will become still more ruption, have attempted in the past, and are still scheming today, to entice the western powers into a disastrous peace by the lare of concessions potential with fabulous riches. They undoubtedly hope to influence the action of western Europe and America by holding out tempting offers in connection with real and imaginary undeveloped resources of Russia.

But there is nothing tangible to show that they ever succeeded in exerting any such influence, and it is all too evident today that their signature would be as worthless affixed to a business contract as to a peace treaty.

Still, there is a "mystery of Russia." Different versions of it are current, all more or less sounding like tales from the Arabian Nights, but nevertheless apparently not without a certain foundation of truth. One story I shall set down here, as it was told to me by a prominent Russian anti-Bolshevist closely connected with the government of Omsk. While I cannot youch for all its details, I believe that it is something more than merely a political adaptation of Bret Harte and Robert Eduis Stevenson. Robert Ebuis Stevenson.

Germany Seeks Spoils

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as a legitimate ruse to consummate their troops, and it remains a miracle that during this long period of hesitation Czecho Slovakia and German Austria

Cannot Trust Soviet

we have nothing to lose and much to gain by concluding peace with the Entents powers. Such a peace will not cause us to defer for a single day the reorganization of our armies or the development of our propagands. The paper that we sign will not bind us in any way. We shall continue to reinforce our position, and we shall profit by the breathing-space accorded us to prepare and insure the triumph of the world revolution.

These declarations of the soviet dictators are not empty threats. They

These declarations of the soviet die-tators are not empty threats. They are rooted in their dectrine itself, which is a continual glorification of the in-moral axiom that "the end justifies the means," and which teaches that the most solemn part may be repudiated if

mine's secret emissaries. The following currious conversation cusued:

"We wish the Entente to act as a mediator between us and the other Russian political parties," said the emissary, "and we want you to help us,"

"What do you expect me to do?"

"It is necessary that the idea should

to life and liberty if we can come to a agreement with the Entente.

Admits Reign of Terror

"Remember that the reign of terror dragoons. His face were an ironical of us, desire the end of terrorism?"

smile. Other taxis followed with his "What do the Bolshevists demand in

action be;"
"It's very simple. Just a few ar

ticles in important newspapers-articles showing the necessity of conciliation and reace, which would terminate civil war in Russia, liberate thousands of miser-

Persky Spurns Bolshevists

I have no confidence in the Bolshev-ists, and it would be monitrous to help their leaders, who are guilty of the worst crimes, to save themselves, I shall probably publish our conversa-

"Then we shall deny its authentic-ity. But your refusal pains me. For if our efforts to conclude pence 7ail, our reign of terror will become still more ruthless and horrible."

tarists, who are but all too eager to expouse their cause and to exploit it in the interests of the Hohenzollerns.

The triumphant enthusiasm which the "conversations" of Coeenhagen have aroused in all Bolshevist and pro-German quarters in Europe are sifinificant in this respect.

Another "Scrap of Paper"

A significant speech in an entirely similar strain, delivered recently before the soviet, of Petrograd by the commission, so strictly adhered to in this respect. The principle of national self-determination, so strictly adhered to in this structed benchmen, is recorded in the Northern Commune, an official Bolshevist organ.

"The example of Brest-Litovsk and Bolshevist doed."

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"The example of Brest

For Germany, grown wise after hi fallen into the trap of Brest-Lite has never again contemplated friendship

more destructive and pitiless than were the invasions of the kaiser's armies. The instinct of self-preservation alone should suffice to guard the western towers against this abysanal pitall.

It may be true, for all I know, that Kolchak and Denikin secretly favor the the conclude peace or compromise with Lenine would be, on the part of the Allies, a dishonorable and infamous action. But above all it would be a suicidal action. The more fact that Lenine wants peace should suffice to put all governments on their guard against it.



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