



WOMEN SOLDIERS IN RUSSIA

Upon the women of Russia, Premier Kerensky, the strong man of the revolution, depends for the restoration and preservation of military discipline, which slowly is being evolved out of the chaotic conditions which prevailed among the vast armies of the new European democracy in the first enthusiastic days of freedom from rule by the Romanoffs.

That is the message brought back to this country by Norton C. Travis, who has just returned to New York after several months spent in the first line Russian trenches as a motion picture photographer with the American Red Cross Mission to Russia. No task is too great for the women soldiers, Mr. Travis declared, and where discord, disobedience and even cowardice have marked the warfare among the Russian men soldiers, they have been shamed into following when the women, only eagerly glad, and slightly better equipped, charged across a shell swept section of No Man's Land on the central western front, carrying all before them.

Two hundred Russian women soldiers participated in that charge, Mr. Travis said, and all but two of them were killed. It was a fight to the death—with bayonets, in which the women soldiers, their long hair shaved, wearing men's boots and trousers, hauling their own ammunition, and driving their own supply wagons

up to the moment the charge began, spurred on the stronger, better trained men soldiers until the charging Teuton troops gave way and abandoned their effort to take by storm the section of Russian trenches "manned" by the Russian Amazons.

Women Exchange Shot for Shot

In this one section of trenches 1,500 Russian women, most of them drawn from the upper class of the country and all of them volunteers, are waging warfare shot for shot alongside the Russian men soldiers. Just behind the first line trenches in the same section 5,000 more eager women fighters are in training and have sacrificed home, family and luxuries for the stern realities of fighting. Many of them have been killed. More of them have been wounded, but they have borne their hardships with considerably less complaining than the thousands of men in the same trenches, according to Mr. Travis. "These women—some of them little more than girls—are doing their full share of the fighting," said Mr. Travis. "They are in the first line trenches. They are not mixed with the men, but are in separate sections, either side of them. They pitch their own canvas. They dig their own trench sections. They build their own barbed wire entanglements. They haul their own ammunition. They take care of their own camps. They conduct their own commissary departments, prepare their own food and carry their own dead and wounded out of the trenches. Their spirit is better than that of the men. They are real fighters."

"Although conditions have improved greatly, the same could not always be said of the men. They have received officers' commands by holding conferences to determine whether the commands would be obeyed. It has frequently happened that officers who tried to enforce obedience to their orders were killed by their own men. The men, however, have taken on a new spirit as a result of the examples set for them by the women fighters."

Mr. Travis said the charge in which all but two of two hundred women soldiers were killed occurred in January last, just after the first Russian women soldiers reached the fighting line. They went "over the top," he said, in the most approved style, and fought valiantly in the lead of the companies of men until the latter, taking courage at the task performed by the women, renewed the fight and held the enemy in check.

Food and Supplies Increasing

Army supplies are moving forward rapidly in great volume in Russia, Mr. Travis said. The railroads are being whipped into shape and slowly the discipline that almost entirely disappeared immediately following the revolutionary fighting is returning to make the great Russian fighting machine a formidable quantity. Not less than 3,000,000 Russians now are under arms, he said, according to the latest estimates in Petrograd.

Russia's good problem is being relieved rapidly, although it is still serious, Mr. Travis declared.

AFTERNOON ON A HILL

By Edna St. Vincent Millay

I will be the gladdest thing Under the sun! I will touch a hundred flowers And not pick one! I will look at cliffs and clouds With quiet eyes; Watch the wind bow down the grass And the grass rise. And when lights begin to show Up from the town I will mark which must be mine, And then start down!

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National Unity Essential to VICTORY

To-day, Canada, like the other fighting nations, has Union Government. War has proved its absolute necessity. It is the ONLY way in which Canada can throw her whole strength into the business and finish the war victoriously. Party must give way to the supreme concern for the safety and continued existence of the state.

Any opposition to national unity at such a time as this must, if it is not to plead guilty to a charge of utter disloyalty, arise from thoughtlessness, rank prejudice, or narrow party spirit. The following extract from de Tocqueville written half a century ago, condemns such opposition as is being launched by the Laurier-Bourassa faction—"For a generation which is manifestly called upon to witness the stern and terrible changes of the constitutions of the empires of the earth, the deadliest sin is thoughtlessness, the most noxious food is prejudice, and the most fatal disease is party spirit."

Patriots will Support Union Government

The fainthearts, the indifferents, and the quitters in the province of Quebec must NOT be permitted to interfere with the will of the people as represented in the leading men of both the great parties, brought together in Union Government. If Laurier prefers Bourassa to

the great Liberal leaders who have thrown in their strength and influence with the great Conservative leaders for the Winning of the War, Laurier must be prepared to lose his personal following while there is real work to be done.

The Vote is your Seal of Approval

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Support and Reinforcement of our Fighting Forces Supremely Important

Union Government is pledged to supply reinforcements of men and money at the earliest possible moment. The rejection of Union Government and all it implies would be disastrous, and its effects far-reaching. This war is a test of civilian morale as well as of military efficiency. Behind the armies stand the people, if they break no valor in the field can avert defeat.

The Kaiser hopes the Laurier-Bourassa faction will accomplish in Canada what Lenine is achieving for him in Russia. Your interests and the Kaiser's are absolutely opposite—and it is YOU who have the vote.

WOMEN WHO CAN VOTE

Every woman may vote who is a British subject, 21 years of age, resident in Canada one year, and in the constituency 30 days, who is the mother, wife, widow, daughter, sister or half-sister of any person, male or female, living or dead, who is serving or has served without

Canada in any of the Military forces, or within or without Canada in any of the Naval forces of Canada or of Great Britain in the present war, or who has been honorably discharged from such services, and the date of whose enlistment was prior to September 20th, 1917.

Unionist Party Publicity Committee

Political Meeting at Lower Montague

As a hall was not available for holding the advertised meeting in the schedule of public political meetings in the pending Dominion Election campaign, the undersigned will address a public meeting in the AUDITORIUM at that place on FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 14th, at 7 p.m. The opposition candidates Mr. J. J. Hughes is invited to attend and will be given half the time. JAMES McISAAC, Union Candidate. Dec. 10th, 1917. 1650-12-1134

Public Meetings in Queen's County

The undersigned candidates for the representation of Queen's County in the House of Commons, will meet the electors at the following places to discuss public questions: Lunenburg Bank, Thursday Dec. 13th, 7 p.m. The Opposition Candidates Messrs. Sinclair and Warburton are invited, and will be given half the time. ALEXANDER MARTIN, DONALD NICHOLSON, Union Win the War Candidates. 1290-11-20MTP.

TIME TABLE

Table with columns: ROCKY POINT FERRY, Leave Ch'Town, Leave Rocky Pt., SUNDAY. Includes times for 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 1602-9-13Matt11Nov13.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the shareholders of "The Orwell Bay Oyster Company, Ltd." will be held in the Eldon Hall at Eldon on Monday Dec. 17th at 6 o'clock, p. m. J. F. MARTIN, Sec. Treas. 1524-12-4Mts6p1.

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