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KERENSKY RECORDS FALL OF CZARDOM

When we first saw the picture of Alexander Kerensky haranguing the Russian troops we were reminded of a boy soprano for some reason that is not now clear. But the conceit has persisted, and while Kerensky meant well and had unusual oratorical gifts he proved as useless as a Swiss yodeler for the task that was suddenly thrust upon him. In an article in the New York Times Magazine he tells the story of the Czar's abdication and relates that on the occasion of his first meeting with Nicholas, when the latter was his prisoner, he told the unfortunate man to rely upon him and have no apprehension for the future. We are rather surprised that Mr. Kerensky should have recorded that promise, for it would appear that even yet he does not recognize his futility. To say this is not to rob his narrative of interest. For some terrible months he moved in the centre of a vortex, helpless to direct it, but not so confused that he does not now remember what occurred. His account of the first days of the revolution and the actions of Nicholas confirm other stories and may be accepted as authentic.

Czar Without Supporters

He notes the fact which impressed other observers that throughout Russia there was not an arm raised in defence of the Czar. Not even in the army, not among the Grand Dukes, not among any of the aristocracy and not Nicholas or the monarchy a friend seventy-two hours after the revolution had begun. The Grand Dukes and the imperilled aristocrats literally fell over each other in their indecent haste to get first to the revolutionists and pledge their support. The Grand Duke Cyril, who now presumes to call himself "The Czar of All the Russias" and resides in Cobourg, Germany, rushed to the Duma at the head of his Naval guards with a red band across his chest even before the official abdication of the Czar. In other words the abdication of the czar was one of those obvious notions that only has to be suggested to meet with universal approval. The heads of the Duma communicated with the Russian generals and found them all favorable. Only Miliukoff, among prominent Russians declared himself in favor of a monarchy on principle.

The Abdication

When the Czar at army headquarters heard of the revolution in Petrograd he despatched General Ivanoff with artillery and machine guns to suppress it. The general obeyed orders, but when he arrived at Petrograd his soldiers all deserted him and he found himself a prisoner. In the meantime the Czar in a special train was returning to the Royal Palace, and the problem was to head him off. Kerensky and the revolutionists kept informed of the movements of the train, cutting one line after another as Nicholas sought to dodge it, but and reach his destination on unsuspected rails. Finally he got to Pskoff where his friend, General Ruzsky was in charge of an army. But Ruzsky advised him to quit, and showed him that the feeling against him remaining on the throne was practically unanimous. Then the Czar went even further than the Duma had demanded of him. He had been required to abdicate in favor of his son Alexis under the regency of the Czar's brother, Grand Duke Michael. The Czar abdicated on his own account and also on account of his son, and named Michael as the next Czar.

Michael Refuses Crown

But by this time the mounting demands of the revolutionists had abolished the Czardom altogether. Efforts were made to communicate with Michael and prevent him from accepting for it was feared that this action might lead to a rallying of the monarchists. A message was sent to the Grand Duke, and the next day a committee of the Duma awaited upon him. After a few speeches, the Grand Duke went into private conference with two members of the deputation, and afterwards announced that he would not accept the throne. Kerensky made an appropriate speech and the incident closed. This was the end of the Russian monarchy. Thereafter there never was any effort made to make anybody else Czar. The whole country seems to have been satisfied to see this institution destroyed and nobody seemed to care much what happened to Nicholas and his family. But the more extreme members of the Soviet of Workmen and Soldiers' Deputies were not indifferent. They wanted Nicholas and his family murdered. They proposed a trial after which the sentence of death should be passed. It was Kerensky's duty to protect the royal family, then imprisoned in the palace. It was his intention to get the Czar and his family shipped to England.

Kidnapping Plot

This news got abroad and did not enhance Kerensky's popularity. A conspiracy was hatched by a group of Bolsheviks to kidnap the Czar and hand him over to the sailors at Kronstadt who could be guaranteed to lynch him after a brief and informal trial. All worked well. The conspirators entered the palace and were in control. The Czar came forward to surrender. No obstacle stood in the way of the plan to hurry him into an armored car and disappear with him. But the leader of the kidnapers was the son of a general. He weakened at

the last moment, stared into the Czar's face, wheeled round and marched out with his band of dumfounded desperadoes. Kerensky relates that after he was taken prisoner the Czar maintained some of his former state and ceremony. Even his chief jailer had access to him only after considerable formality which he had not the heart to dispel. Nicholas spoke politely, asked about the war and wished Kerensky success. Kerensky's own idea of the tragedy of Nicholas is that he was dominated by his wife, a clever and implacable woman, who hastened the doom of all by falling under the spell of Rasputin.

SULLIVAN PIONEER DIED LAST MONTH

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ceased had a picture. Mr. Lister took a great pride in showing his friends a silver cup which his father had received as a token of the respect in which he was held in England.

When the family came to Canada they settled on the fourth concession of Sullivan and cleared the farm which is still in the Lister name. This pioneer made a great effort to help his family. When quite young he walked to Guelph, Owen Sound and Bruce Mines where he at last secured work.

In 1871 he was united in marriage to Catharine Sweeney of Louise, who thirteen years later passed away leaving eight small children, four of whom died in childhood.

Before his death Mr. Lister selected his own pall-bearers. They were: Messrs. Patrick O'Neill, James Walsh, Wm. Hodgson, Robert J. Corlett, John Mills and Wm. O'Mara, all old neighbors.

There are left to mourn a kind and loving father, three daughters and one son: Mrs. P. Sullivan, (Julia), Mrs. S. Martin, (Eliza), both of the Irish Lake; Mrs. J. Sullivan, (Hannah), Dornoch, and James on the farm in Sullivan. He also leaves his only sister, Mrs. Wm. Vasey of Owen Sound and seventeen grandchildren.

The funeral was held on May 23, to St. Paul's R. C. church at Dornoch, where Rev. Father McNaulty said mass and Rev. Father Nicholas Roche preached the sermon, in which he spoke very highly of Mr. Lister and of the good life he had always lived. His neighbors were never in want of anything which he had in his possession and he himself was always ready for work of any kind. But he was well rewarded through all his sickness, as he had all the attention kind hearts and loving hearts could give him. A brother-in-law, Mr. D. Sweeney of Buffalo attended the funeral.

Miss Jessie Reid of Durham spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. J. Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McBeth and daughter Wilma of Paisley spent Sunday with the Smith family here.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian church Sunday, Rev. Mr. Stevens of Keady preached preparatory service on Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wight and Miss Jean Lowe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. Dargavel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Corlett spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Greenwood, Durham.

Messrs. F. Hamilton and Foster spent the week-end with the Sullivan family.

Good road making is the order of the day west of Dornoch.

Misses Beatrice and Vernie Shevell visited the beginning of the week with their uncle, Mr. Dan Sweeney.

Misses Reta and Francis Kennedy of Arthur are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Shevell, Dornoch.

ATTENDED PARENTAL GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moorhead were in Palmerston over Sunday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moorhead, who last Sunday quietly celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day. Of a family of ten children, all are living, and all were present at the parental home last Sunday.

Mr. Moorhead is a retired C. N. R. engineer, has lived in Palmerston the greater part of his life, and with Mrs. Moorhead, is greatly respected in the community in which he has lived so long.

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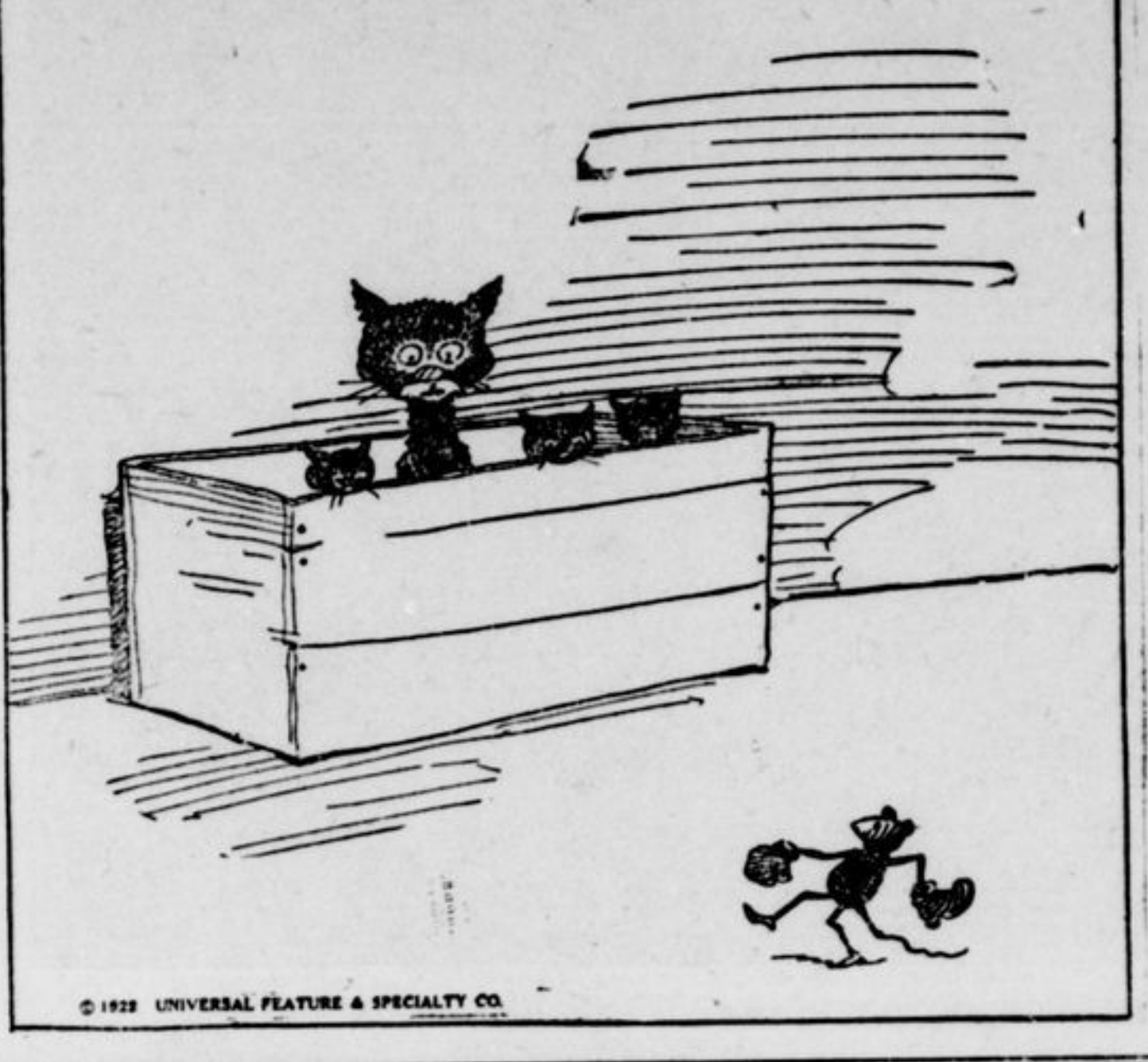
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RED CROSS SOCIETY HELD ANNUAL MEETING

All Old Officers of Society Re-Elected at Tuesday's Meeting Held in Armcuries.

The annual meeting of the Durham branch of the Red Cross Society was held in the armcuries on Tuesday afternoon when all the old officers were elected for the coming year. They were:

President, Mrs. D. Jamieson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. G. Jucksch; 2nd Vice., Mrs. T. Petty; 3rd Vice., Mrs. J. A. Graham; Secretary, Mrs. M. Knechtel; Treasurer, Mrs. P. Gagnon.

During the past year the society has raised the grand total of \$1,300 of which the greater part was spent in hospital maintenance and improvements. This year it is the intention of the society to work for a sun room and verandah for the hospital, a necessary addition for convalescents, especially on the cooler days, of which this latitude seems to have a great number during recent years.

With a strong executive staff, and public sympathy behind them, another successful year for the local branch of the Red Cross may safely be predicted.

WENT TO SINGHAMPTON

The A. Y. P. A. Players presented their play, "Nothing But the Truth" at Singhampton, under the auspices of the Anglican church of that place, last Friday night, and played to a full house. The day had been observed as a sports day in the village, with base- and soft-ball games, and the plan was well sold out before the show opened. Quite a number from here journeyed over and were well pleased with the entertainment provided by the congregation after the show.

PASSED FINAL EXAMINATION

The final results of the School of Pharmacy, Toronto, came out on May 28. Mr. Kenneth Kerr, son of Mrs. James Kerr of Varney, passed with honors and leaves Monday for Toronto to try for his degree. We extend congratulations.

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ANNUAL HYDRO MEETING AT CHESLEY THIS YEAR

Municipalities in Eugenia System Convene in Bruce County Town This Year in Annual Convention.

The annual meeting of the Eugenia Hydro System is being held this year in Chesley on Wednesday, June 8, when it is expected that every municipality in the system will be represented and the business and conditions of the past year fully discussed and plans made for the further improvement of the service in this part of Ontario.

The meeting is called for 1 o'clock in the afternoon and among the features of the gathering will be the address of a representative of the Hydro association from the head office in Toronto, who will speak on "Rural Power and Its Cost to the Farmer." As considerable discussion has been taking place in the press on this matter, as well as from the public platform, it is superfluous to say that it will be a most interesting address from the standpoint of the farming community adjacent to the Eugenia system. All interested are extended a cordial invitation to be in attendance, take part in the discussions, and thereby learn more about the workings of

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CALLS LAUGHTER AID TO MARRIAGE

The Rev. Mr. Wagner Says Lack of a Sense of Humor is Behind Some Divorces.

The saving grace of a sense of humor was stressed Sunday by the Rev. Everett Wagner, in his sermon in the West Side M. E. church, 461 West Forty-fourth street, New York. "The Value of Laughter" was the title of the sermon.

"To get married and live happy ever after," he said, "young people should have developed a keen sense of humor. The lack of the ability to laugh under tense circumstances has been an underlying cause in some divorces. If people learn to laugh at differences of opinion, the laughter has a stabilizing effect, for it tends to restore them to a comprehensive view of the whole situation.

Laughter is one of the most effective weapons hurled against Christian causes. One of these is prohibition. People are making fun of it. That laughter tends to marshal the emotions of an individual against it. The reformer is also ridiculed by being popularly pictured as guilty of these vices against which he is crusading. As typical of this frequent attack upon the reformer is Sinclair Lewis's 'Elmer Gantry.' By the cartoonist the reformer appears to be the most hideous and disagreeable person ever created.

"Another cause is to poke fun at the common standards of Christian morality. It is quite popular in many circles. They are labeled 'old fashioned.' The repressions of Christian morality are considered silly and merely social customs which have developed through generations and have no religious significance. They are labelled 'old fashioned.' You cannot reason against laughter. The most forceful counter-action is often the employment of the same medium."

LADY BOWLERS MET AT GREEN ON MONDAY

The lady bowlers held a meeting Monday afternoon for the purpose of making arrangements for catering to the men's annual bowling tournament next Thursday, the 9th. Miss Winnie Blyth was appointed secretary-treasurer, which office has been vacant since the election of officers a few weeks ago.

It seems not worth the struggle just to carry on, alone, the task is many times so hard, the day is swiftly flown; there is so much of weariness, so much of dire defeat, that often, when you go alone, faith flags and hopes retreat. But oh, when someone needs you, how the outlook changes then! Your strength, that seemed to ebb away, comes back, the strength of ten! You never sense the weariness, the sorrow or defeat and all oncedeadly hours of toil grow very swift and sweet. For it is such a happy thing to know, from day to day, there is a task for you to do, a part for you to play; the thought that someone needs you, how your courage swells again, and all your faith and hope come back, the faith and hope of ten!

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