

EASTMAN DELIVERS

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fluent and unintermittent, style which has been surpassed by no other speaker who has made a visit to A. and M. during his educational tour. Quite an interest was shown by the relatively large audience in the speaker's talk when nearly an hour of discussion followed his conclusion.

A trip to Moscow will surprise an American because of prevalent mistaken opinion in America that it is in turmoil and that the conditions are so backward, it is like going back to the middle ages. The Russians are very modest even though the habit of public bathing without bathing suits and the custom of holding one's girl companion in the carriage during a pleasure ride would not make them seem so in the eyes of the American.

The two ailments that held western civilization, chivalry and purity, never touched Russia and as a consequence the business situation in Russia is in a backward state. Anyone without a job, even though no hope of improving the situation is evident, does not think of famine—they have suffered from hunger and strife so much that they actually enjoy it. The famine is existent in Russia at all times but no one notices it until so many become starved that this condition is represented in the street.

The Bolsheviki, only about five per cent of which are active in controlling the government, are just ordinary people, the only difference being in their theory of belief.

The most active leader that this party has ever had was Lenin, and, contrary to the American's conception of what a mob leader's characteristics should be, he was very emotionally reserved. His qualities of speech combined with this ability to speak unemotionally gave to the people his ideas on plans of national development in a way which showed

that his interest in their welfare was whole hearted.

The Bolsheviki theory is that a small few who own the factories and controlling economic conditions are ruling the remaining vast majority of the populace and their scheme to transfer this control is very desirable. This condition exists in Russia today, for they have taken control of the factory and government and are operating all for the common good of all people. This is typically shown by their prison system which was investigated by the leader of the government in person with several psychologists, and those who they thought could be safely let out, were given their freedom. The prisoners receive ordinary union wages for their work in prison and the only difference between their lives and those not in prison is that they are not allowed to run free in the streets.

Absolute equality of the sexes, both legal and political—is existent in Russia.

The people of Russia have an interest in their nation which predominates them and their lives. The state regulators are continually working for an economic systematized nation which is the dream of H. G. Wells.

The Bolsheviki idea or social theory is this; since the factory is a

systematized business with heads or overseers who are becoming fewer and more concentrated, why can't the factory workers take control. This theory is in fault because it fails to take the farms into consideration, even though the "factory system" is gradually coming into effect here, and about 25 per cent of the land now in cultivation in Russia is under this present system.

The idea of respect supplants the idea of dress in Russia and they act outside of their home just as they do inside. Wealth is not exciting to them and they make life more intense and more interesting by having an interest in life itself instead of earning a living. Their nerves are quiet; they never get in a hurry; and everybody has all the time he wants. The speaker estimated that the American's time was worth about six times as much as the Russian's. "They are not lazy—they are only leisurely," he said.

They appreciate life so well that they cannot understand our eagerness to bring it to an end. All Bolsheviki are atheists but they do not attack the religion or the theories of the religion or the churches existing throughout the Russian cities.

Even with the Bolsheviki in control of the factories and the government, there seems to be no lack of

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Have you ever felt forsaken;
And all seemed retired and blue
As if all delight were taken
And but sadness bowed to you?

Has there been a time repining,
When the stars were loathed to glow
When the clouds their silver lining
To your troubles failed to show?

Have you ever felt stranded
In a world warlike and bold;
When your worthiest praise offended
And its purpose seemed to scold?

Has your courage seemed to falter?
Has your Eden seemed unreal
And disaster failed to alter
Though you vied with vim and zeal?

Then I'm not this world's befriended
But my ship has met delays
Take my hand—to yours extended
And lets hope for better days.

incentive to work, because they are working for the good of the entire lot of the Russian people and realize that future generations will be better off because of the steps being taken by the present generation.

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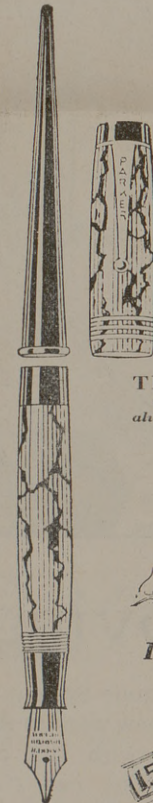
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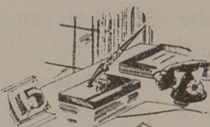
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