JOUBERT PREDICTS

Outlines Events Exactly as They Are Occurring.

STEAD'S PECULIAR STAND

Czar's Press Agent When His Previous Record Would Put Journalists With People.

By LADY HENRY SOMERSET.

LONDON, Nov. 18 .- Mr. Joubert, in his book, "The Fall of Czardom," published in the spring of this year, said:
"It is only through suffering that Rus-

sia can find salvation. The people of Russia have been school ed in suffering for centuries, and it must surely be that their education may be at last completed, and that they may the better understand some of the joys of life, that they are now asked to endure fresh burdens of misery. Through the whole of this remarkable book Mr. Joubert not only foretold, but accurately outlined, the events which are being en acted in the country of the Czar at this

ever. The gigantic strike has progressed so far as to disintegrate the most important part of the country. The storm which has been brewing has burst, and we may be prepared for any new news at any hour. But there is at this moment, I think, nothing stranger in the turn of events than the presence of Mr. Stead in Russia.

For years Stead has stood for the liberty of all people. He was the voice crying in the wilderness during the Boer war, the one man who dared openly to resent what he deemed the aggression of England, and he is now in Russia as the tool of General Trepoff. No man is more single-hearted than the king of journalists; no man sees events at a more extraordinary angle, and can look at facts in a more distorted way. Many of us recollect that in the days when he edited the Pall Mall Gazette Mr. Stead was the instigator of the big navy craze and yet the same man worked to bring about the Hague conference and has been the apostle of universal peace.

Apologist of Czardom.

It was equally difficult in latter times to recognize his panegyrics on Rhodes with his fierce denunciation of the war, which was largely the great South Afri-can leader's policy. And so, now, we find him the apologist of Czardom, the opponent of the Russian revolutionary section, which he calls "the physical force party of Anarchy." He must be aware that it is no anarchy that the revolutionists are seeking, but the lib-erty of which Mr. Stead has always been supposed to be the champion, and it is to my mind a misfortune that an Englishman who has so long stood for what is great and noble and good should be the man at this moment who stands side by side with the White Czar, and does his utmost to support at such a time the demands of a government which does not bear defense.

Nothing, however, can alter the fact that Russia is in the midst of her revo-lution. It is some time since I was made aware that it was through the indus-trial life of Russia that this revolt must come, that the trades unions have been organizing the movement for some years, and these unions have become strong organization throughout the country. For instance, in the province of Moscow alone 10,000 peasants are combined in a union which weaves nothing but silk, 30,000 by a similar method of combination manufacture linen and wool, and 200,000 workmen are organized to build carts, sledges and carriages. Nor are these unions confined to the great cities.

Union's Strength in Factories.

In one of the remotest districts there are 500,000 men in artels who sheepsilin and fur coats. A Nijni-Novgorod 30,000 peasants make wooden spoons, and at Vladmir 2,000,000 icons are produced every year. At Kostruma sixty villages are making 15,000,000 articles of cheap imitation jewelry for the Persian market, and it is through the freemasonry of the artel that revolu-tionary doctrines have been promulgated. It has often been said and written in England that it would be impossible to organize in Russia on account of the disintegration caused by the distances between great cities, but the factories have been overlooked, and herein lies the strength of the present revolt.

The present suffering is impossible to exaggerate. In the interior of Russia today the entire population are famishing in their houses. Mice have even ceased to exist because there is no food. Cats have been starving through the absence of mice, and dogs because there is nothing to throw to them. The infant mortality is appalling. The milk is carted away from the country to make cheese in St. Petersburg. When a child is born after three or four days, the mother has to go to work in the fields, and the child has no nourishment but a horrible con trivance called a "sucking bag," a piec of rag filled with black bread which is rarely changed and spreads disease. Then dysentary sets in and the baby

Eat Filthy Straw.

The people live in houses in which no man would stable his horse; on filthy straw they eat and sleep, here the children are born, and the women keep their hideous homes among the calves and the pigs and the fowls, while these animals are yet alive, and in unbearable desolation when they are dead. now that they are no longer fed they can only crawl to the big stove to warm themselves in turn while others freeze

in the corners of the hover. The peasant's normal food is nothing better than plain cabbage in hot water hemp oil, boiled potatoes when they can got, and wheat graot, to which is added perhaps a fowl at Christmas or at Easter. But all this has been lacking for some time and black bread has been the only food, and now that famine stands grim and gaunt outside the home even the bread is wanting, but the

long as the taxes are paid. And now, on the 30th of October, the Czar has sanctioned a constitution and the end of the autocracy has come, and

If the promises made in the manifesto are fulfilled the Czar has abdicated his autocracy. That is the big "If."

It is difficult to believe that Trepoff will assist in throwing open the doors of

ber of our royal family had said, speak-ing of the Czar of Russia, that the himself. trouble with him was his utter insta-bility, that he wanted one thing one that consequently there was no reckoning with his resolves. The same informant told me that the Czarina had from the day of her marriage steadily refused to hear anything at all about hublic matters, that on many occasion must be passed her to give him her davice, but that she had always said even begged her to give him her she will even but that she had always said vice, but that she had always said vice, but that she had always said vice but that she had always said titled by the fentastic body guard which resorts religion to so many thousands of the very poorest in this country.

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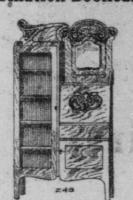


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