

taken place of late, and which illustrate the fact that, by one means or another, propaganda has penetrated within the army.

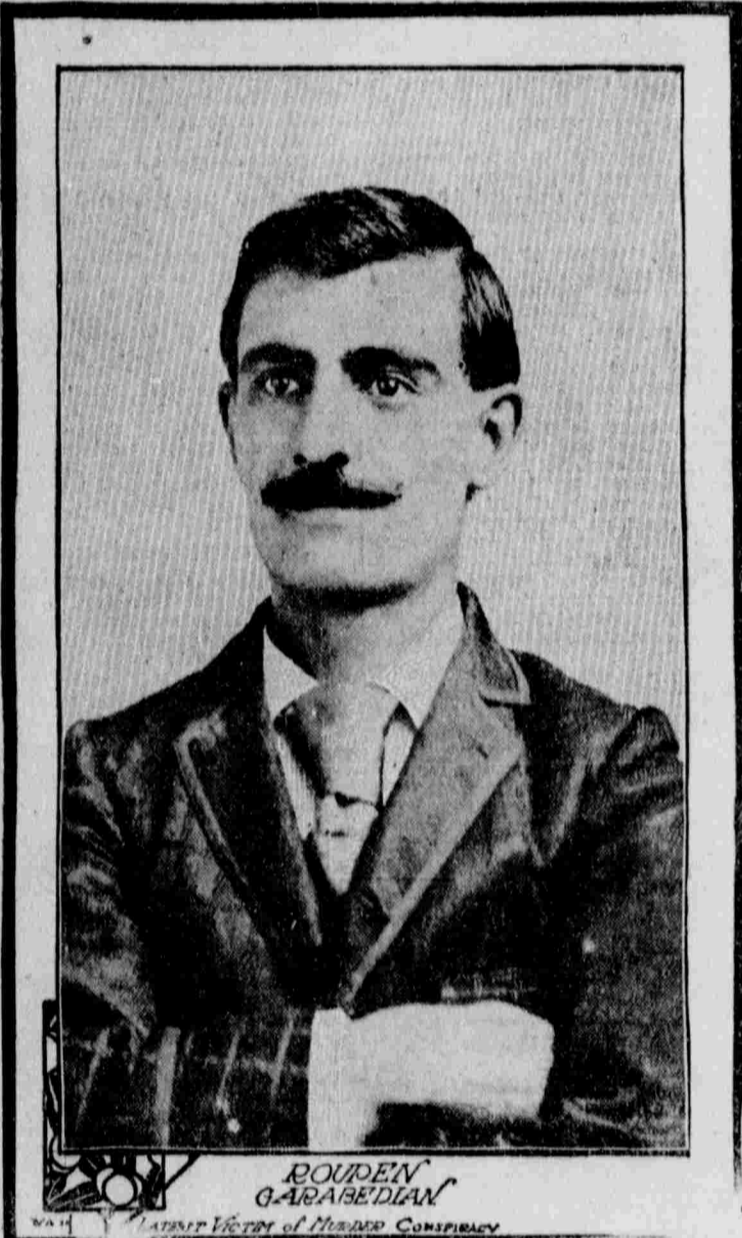
THE ARMY LEAGUE.

They do not exhaust it, indeed! In fact it is known that two socialistic organizations exist among Russian officers, though the authorities have not been able to gain sufficient information regarding them to justify arrests. One of these organizations is called "The Army League," and its object is nothing else than to abolish the autocratic form of government, while the other, "The Military Revolutionary Organization," preaches open socialism and is believed to be conducting an active campaign among the troops. It is known, too, that disloyalty exists in the navy, for it was found lately that several members of an agitation committee which was attempting to influence the soldiers of the garrison of Krannovsk had been appointed directly by the sailors at Sevastopol. Quite recently too, the "Hetman" of the Cossacks was warned by the Russian war office to beware against the propagation of revolutionary doctrines in the army, and it has been observed here that if it is necessary to protect the Cossacks against the taint of European revolutionary ideas, the infection must be widespread indeed.

MEETING WINKED AT.

Information came from Mohloff, the other day regarding a case in which an officer winked at the identical sort of propaganda which the Russian government dreads. An immense secret meeting had been held on the outskirts of the town at which the political situation was discussed in a fiery manner, and this meeting was largely attended by soldiers, who, on this occasion dressed as civilians. The next day, the captain in command of these men called them together and told them that he knew they had attended the meeting, adding, however, that he wanted only to warn them that a soldier could be condemned to death if he attended such a gathering as a civilian, and that if he went in uniform, he was liable to a penalty of hard labor for life. And then the commander went on to suggest that if his men wished to take part in the revolutionary movement, it would be

LATEST ARMENIAN VICTIM.



ROUPEN GARABEDIAN
LATEST VICTIM OF MURDER CONSPIRACY

Despite the assertion that the murder conspiracy could not be carried out, we have the fact that Roupen Garabedian was killed in London by assumed emissaries of the Porte. He is the third of four supposed victims of the assassin.

rather better for them to wait till they had concluded their military service. Naturally the Russian government is putting forth every possible effort to check the growth of this "disease" in the army. To test individual loyalty the authorities have had printed a flood of inflammatory literature generally similar to that issued by the socialistic organizations, and police agents in the guise of anarchistic representatives have canvassed various army posts, judiciously distributing this printed matter and leaving nothing undone to ascertain minutely the opinions of all grades of soldiers. In spite of the precautions taken by the government in laying its trap, the scheme leaked out and within a few days after the police agents' visits the revolutionary documents were in their

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hands again, surrendered to the authorities by soldiers who "felt it their duty" to give information. The few who failed to turn in the seditious papers at once, either have been arrested or have been placed under the closest surveillance by the police.

SOCIALISTS ACTIVE.

Within a few days further distributions have been made, this time actually by the social democrats, but so wary

For years this quartet, which has flourished under the firm name of Krik & Co., has been getting rich by performing upon young men liable for military service surgical operations, the results of which insured their being rejected by the army medical examiners. Organized throughout southern Russia, this gang has mutilated, in some cases fatally, scores of perfectly sound young men who to escape the dreaded military conscription, paid the maimers liberally. Equipped with almost every instrument and appliance known to modern surgery the band was able to do permanent injury to almost any organ or to inoculate any system with incurable diseases. One favorite treatment was the inhaling of strong chloride fumes which produced bronchitis, while other applicants were given a course of such powerful cathartics that their constitutions were permanently ruined in bringing about the desired appearance of anaemia.

In other cases castor oil was administered to produce catarrh of the stomach, while another injury favored by many was that of destroying the ear drum either by piercing it with a sharp instrument or placing in the ear a caustic solution of carbolic acid. The gang also had means of producing artificial leprosy. The prices demanded by Krik & Co. for even the simplest injuries were high enough to ensure rapid wealth for the operators. On the trial a soldier swore that he and his relatives had raised 250 roubles or about \$150 to pay for making him anaemic, while another recruit whose ear drum had been pierced, was obliged to produce 300 roubles before the band would consent to operate.

Krik, the leader of the gang, received the heaviest sentence, being condemned to life-long loss of all rights, state and personal, as well as two and a half years' confinement in a military prison. Davidovich, Krik's first assistant, and Melitchanski, who did most of the operating, each received two years' imprisonment with life loss of all rights, while the fourth man, Kabatnikoff, who acted as agent between the firm and its patients, was sentenced to six months' hard labor. Three soldiers who were found guilty of receiving the injuries solely to shorten their terms in the army, also received sentences of imprisonment.

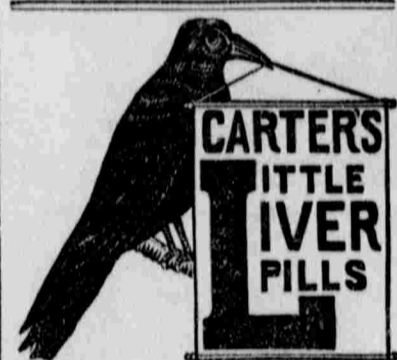
As the Russian forces stand in such a subject fear of their chiefs, it is difficult to determine exactly how much this extraordinary disaffection has undermined discipline. No outbreaks have occurred and the higher officers apparently are uncorrupted but the recent actions of the government indicate that it is taking no chances, and almost everyone connected with the service is more or less under the eye of trusted police spies.

What the authorities fear most is, of course, that the army, by the aid of which only can despotism continue its sway, may yield to the persistent exhortations of the socialists and, in the event of uprisings, take sides with the people. That this fear is a long way from being groundless is proven by the recent publication in the Petite Republic, the Parisian Socialist organ, of two revolutionary manifestoes dated in April and August of this year which emanate directly from the "Military Revolutionary Organization"—the more courageous of the two secret societies known to exist among the officers of the Russian army. The first of these, which is addressed to officers, refers to the universal discontent in the country of the czar and to the "chaumons clique" which governs Russia in the name of Nicholas II, and then urges commanders to "fulfill their sacred duty by refusing to lead their soldiers in this fratricidal war against their fellow-countrymen."

SECOND MANIFESTO.

The second manifesto, addressed to the rank and file, breathes a similar spirit. It dwells especially upon the bonds that unite the soldier with the peasant and working class brethren. It goes on to assert that "among the superior officers are many who are perfectly conscious of the odious part they are obliged to play. They are not sure, however, whether their men are with them or against them. But, whatever may be the views of the officers in command, it is not he who aims and fires but you yourselves, the soldiers. It therefore depends entirely upon you not to fire."

While the authorities have been busy trying to control the troops who already wear the Russian uniform, the enlistment officers have been uncovering one of the most remarkable schemes for assisting individuals to evade military service discovered in the history of the empire, and a special court martial, sitting at Odessa, has just found four men guilty of monstrous practices.



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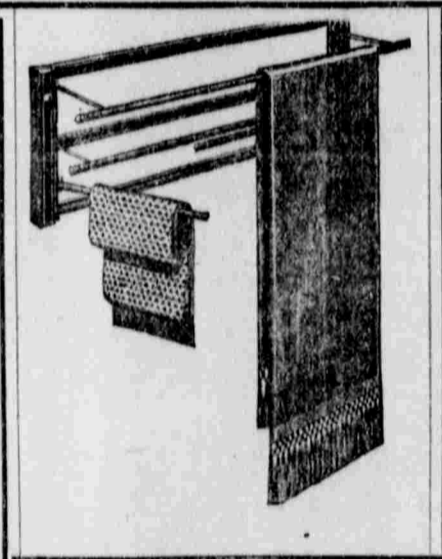


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