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## PREFACE

IN my first book I drew back the curtain from the Russia of the newspapers and the novels. In the second I exposed Tsardom to the gaze of the multitude, and explained the working of the machine by which Russians are misgoverned. My third book describes the latest phases of the process of disintegration which drives the Russian people, whether *intellectuel* or *moujik*, to seek relief from Tsardom in constitutional reform.

The following pages show that those who direct the Revolution are neither madcaps nor dreamers. Anarchy, socialistic programmes, and wild theory find no place in their *agenda*. The history of nations and the ripe experience of countless lives have shown that, although some men are unfit to share in the work of government, no man is unfit for liberty who respects the liberty of others. When Tsardom falls, property in Russia will be safer than it is to-day. Debts owed by the State, provided they were contracted before January 23, 1905, will be taken over by the new Government, and all obligations discharged. Law and order will be maintained by a disciplined constabulary that will

not be corrupt. Education will start in every village. England and the United States will recognise in the attainment of Russian freedom the lessons learned from the history of Anglo-Saxon liberties.

After the Revolution the foreign policy of Russia will aim at friendship with all nations, more especially with the English-speaking peoples. Aggression will be dropped. Truthful diplomacy will replace the futile bluff and falsehoods which have made the good faith of Tsardom a by-word. Internal development will absorb the strength of the Russian people and their chosen rulers. The eyes of the Administration will no longer be at the ends of the earth. Wealth will accumulate when the ukase, the *nagaika*, and the passport are abolished.

No man has worked harder for the fall of Tsardom than Nicholas Alexandrovitch. Helped no less by his personality than by Plehve and Pobiedonostseff; by corruption and incompetence on sea and land; the end is not far off. The Revolution is the handiwork of its enemies, and the Committee acknowledge their debt to the Tsar and his masters. But to-day the faint light of the dawn may be seen in the East.

Remember, reader, if you remember naught else, that we seek liberty for the Russian people—not manhood suffrage. The moujik is as fit for liberty as any householder in Mayfair. Education and the franchise are good; but liberty to enjoy the fruits of one's labour, freedom from arbitrary arrest,

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banishment, torture, and shame, the right to immunity from official blackmail and molestation, is as precious to the moujik as to his critic. These are the aims of the Revolution. Friends of the Russians are friends of the Russian Confederacy, because the fall of Tsardom is necessary to the peace of the world.

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