to shake off the Soviet menace to his control of affairs, but will he?

It is rumored that Nekrasov will remain in the new Ministry as head of the Department of Justice. He appears to have as many lives as a cat; he is certainly one of the ablest of the lot and a successful schemer to his own advantage.

July 21st. Fair and hot. A testimonial luncheon was given to us by the officers of the Private Railways at the fine new General Office building of the Kazan Railway. Endless speeches were made by all hands, in true Russian fashion.

Discouraging news begins to come in from the southwest front; insubordination among certain of the Russian units has allowed the Austro-Germans to gain some important ground. Kerensky has gone again to the front. He is certainly doing his best to hold the army together and appears to be the only man in authority who can accomplish anything in this direction; I fear, however, that disorganization has gone too far to admit of anything practical being accomplished. The offensive is likely to prove a "flash in the pan". The job ahead of Brusilov is too much for any man; he is not only hampered by lack of adequate war material, but a disorganized rear as well as an insubordinate army at the front. The sadness which I noted in his face last week is explicable; he knows he cannot depend upon his men. (see extracts from the daily press regarding the situation).

In the evening walked to the Winter Palace with Mrs. Bass and Reading. Armored cars were parked in the square and army squads were rounding up crowds of unarmed soldiers who had deserted from regiments at the front; also some who had been concerned in the recent uprising against the Govern-