

on the whole. Fighting hard for Mother Russia as they called her, she was in danger, and they were in such a situation that in the spring of 1917 there came ~~in, Mark Red~~ ^{a marked, it just} ~~just~~ reached the point where the people just revolted almost spontaneously, and the soldiers refused to fight for the Czar and the Czar ~~was~~ advised he'd better abdicate or (8½) and he abdicated and they declared a republic with the existing congress taking over power and ~~the~~ ^{some} men in it with good ideas and good understanding, started in to try to make a republic of the nation and continue the war. And somebody in Germany got a brilliant idea, he said right in this position, we've got to destroy that Russian power and a good way to do it is to send Lenin up there. Lenin had been in Switzerland in exile for years, writing, his writings distributed to socialists all over the world, outside the Russians, secretly brought in there, they sent for him and said we'll send you to Russia, if you'd like to go now. He said fine, so they put him in a car which they sealed up tight, so he'd have no contact with anybody from Germany, they didn't want his ideas in Germany and they ~~led~~ him across Germany in a sealed car, and then they ran it up into Russia, and Lenin arrived in Russia a month after the Revolution had come. And they had quite a celebration ^{receiving} ~~at-seeing~~ him, ~~some~~ of his, a lot of his friends gathered while he stood up and gave a fiery message on how what we need is destruction of exploiters, destruction of the landlords, destruction of the factory owners, establishment of socialism and he began, he made an attempt at revolution two months later, which (9 3/4)

Now the central government was in a terribly difficult situation trying to carry on, but the central government was endeavoring to carry on and to get a democratic system to raise the living conditions of the country and they decided to have an all-Russian Congress which would meet in January. And there was a vote taken in the fall for the all-Russian Congress. But in November 4, Lenin decided the time had come to make a Revolution, and he made his ~~claims~~, he said we want to divide up the land-holding, we ~~want~~ to make peace, we don't want to carry on this war any longer, we want to make peace, and he made everything dealing with the immediate situation in his talk which sounded very good to people, and he called on them, he said why should this (10 3/4) *parliament run us,*