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In 1917—that is, in the midst of the First World War—Madeleine Z. Doty, a feminist, lawyer, prison reformer, peace activist, and journalist, was commissioned by the magazine *Good Housekeeping* to travel "around the world" to get a view "behind the battle line" of how people on the home front, especially women, were responding to the war. Traveling on the Trans-Siberian Railway from China, Doty crossed the border into Russia just days after the Bolshevik Revolution had begun. She meant it literally when she declared in her account of these travels, *Behind the Battle Line: Around the World in 1918*: "The Bolshevik Revolution had descended on me."

Readership

- Anyone interested in revolutionary Russia or the history of Russia in general as well as anyone interested in Richard Child or the phenomenon of American supporters of fascism in the interwar period.

Key selling points

- Another view of Russia on the eve of revolution
- The author is an interesting person in his own right as an American who became enamoured with fascism

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