Bibliography of Russell's "Hearst" articles

In the early 1930s Russell's income "diminished catastrophically" from the level of earlier years. Among reasons that he gives are that he had refused in 1931 to stay with William Randolph Hearst at his California castle. After this refusal, Russell reports in Volume II of his Autobiography, his pay for the weekly articles which he had been writing for Hearst was halved, and "very soon" he was told that his articles were no longer required.

When one investigates the details of the publication of those essays, one discovers that this explanation of Russell's drop of income cannot be sustained. First, the frequency of their publication is quite other than what one would expect from his account. The vast bulk appeared after 1931, and it was not "very soon" but four years thereafter that they finally ceased. Secondly, from a record of payments made to Russell by the Curtis Brown literary agency in New York, one can see approximately when it was that the pay for the articles was halved. Although the record is incomplete, at least through 15 September 1932 Russell received $100 an article; and at least from 10 November 1932 he received only $50 an article. At contemporary exchange rates, he probably did receive £1000 for his first year of Hearst articles, although he claims they brought "£1000 a year" (my italics). It may be, however, that Russell may first of all have signed a contract to supply an article a week for a year, and that after the expiry of that contract the rate of pay was halved.

Moreover, even without this document only recently added to the Russell Archives, the explanation loses plausibility when the articles are viewed in their context. On 9 March 1931, the New York American began publishing a daily literary page. Other newspapers in the Hearst chain soon followed, reprinting virtually the same page. Russell contributed his first essay to this page on 22 July 1931 and continued contributing essays until 19 April 1935. Some essays appeared after that date, but they were reprints, with omissions, of early ones.

During its existence, this literary page included contributions from G.K. Chesterton, Havelock Ellis, Aldous Huxley, V. Sackville-West and Rebecca West among British authors, and Joseph Auslander, Robert Benchley, James Branch Cabell, Clarence Day, Rupert Hughes, H.L. Mencken, and Ogden Nash among American writers. The Continent was represented by, among others, Vicki Baum, Abbe Ernest Dimnet, Guglielmo Ferrero, and Emil Ludwig.

After 1935, the page was drastically reduced, disappearing altogether early in 1936.

In fact, Russell was one of the most long-lived of the contributors. His essays were published for three years, eleven months, in all as were also Chesterton's, while Atherton's appeared for three months less and Benchley's for six months less. Charles Hanson Towne and Bruno Lessing lasted for four years, three months, the champions as far as I can tell of the entire stable of writers in terms of longevity. (I do not judge the quality of their literary product.)

Hence, I conclude that Russell's characterization of his association with Hearst is at least partly inaccurate, and that his criticism of Hearst may be unwarranted.

I have located 18 of Russell's essays published in 1931, 49 in 1932, 50 in 1933, 37 in 1934, and two in 1935, not counting reprints. In this and the next issue of Russell, I provide complete bibliographical data on these essays. The record of payments reveals that certain articles were paid for by the Hearst chain, but no record of their publication has turned up. As manuscripts of these articles exist in the Russell Archives, I have been able to select from them for my edition of the Hearst articles.

This run of essays compares quite favourably, both in duration and in number, with other runs of Russell's popular articles and essays. Among these latter I might mention those in The Tribunal (1916-18), La Nación (1923-1925), The Jewish Daily Forward (1926-30), The Sunday Referee (1933-6), and The Minority of One (1953-6).
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