

GRAVES KEEPS U. S. RIFLES FROM OMSK

Vladivostok Newspaper Articles Roil General.

RUSSIA MAY LOSE HELP

Kolchak Government in Reply Asserts Drive Against Bolshevism Jeopardized.

OMSK, Oct. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Major-General William S. Graves, commander of American forces in Siberia, in retaliation for alleged scurrilous articles published in a Vladivostok newspaper and hostile acts of Cossack chiefs in the far east, has held up a shipment of 14,000 rifles which recently arrived at Vladivostok from America consigned to the all-Russian government at Omsk.

Giving notice of his action by telegraph through Major Slaughter, his representative here, General Graves, in direct and forceful language, declares he will personally cause the arrest of the offending editor and the suppression of the newspaper—the Golos Rodini—unless the Omsk government does so.

He asserts further than unless the activity of the Cossack chiefs is controlled, he will recommend that American refuse to render further assistance to Russia. General Graves says he will retain the arms until advised as to what action the Omsk government proposes to take.

In replying, the Omsk government says that in its view the subject constitutes a diplomatic and not a military problem, which should be approached through reorganized diplomatic channels and that the government therefore awaits a communication from the state department at Washington. It says that "not wishing to formulate any criticisms, it would not enter into an argument which might impair the lively sympathy which it believes has been awakened in America for the cause of Admiral Kolchak."

In respect to the holding up of the shipment of rifles, astonishment is expressed by the government that local troubles in the far east, which the government regards as an international problem and not a purely Russian one, "should impel General Graves to take steps which might jeopardize a far-reaching and more vital undertaking, namely, the suppression of bolshevism at the critical moment when Siberian troops are conducting a successful offensive."

It is pointed out that General Graves' course is "peculiarly astonishing in view of the fact that the rifles were bought and paid for by the Russian government."

The threatened suppression of the newspaper, it is declared, could not be construed conceivably as a matter subject to American military jurisdiction.

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