

BOLSHEVIKI EXECUTE POLITICAL PRISONERS

Russian Outlaws Shoot Poles
Before Leaving Minsk.

WOMEN ARE NOT SPARED

Distinguished Polish Woman Doctor
Among Those Shot by Order
of Red Regime.

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WARSAW, Aug. 16.—(Special Cable.)—(By Courier From Minsk, Aug. 16.)—On the morning the bolsheviks were compelled to flee from Minsk by the Poles there was published in the bolshevik organ Zvezda a list of 21 persons who had been shot by order of the extraordinary commission against counter-revolution.

This was the first time I ever knew the bolsheviks to admit that they had killed persons simply because they were political enemies. It is well known that they have killed tens of thousands, but never before gave out their names in print, as in this instance.

The publication shows increasing boldness that has come with prolonged power and indifference to outside public opinion. As Minsk is in daily telephone communication with Moscow, the course of these who were in authority here may be taken as typical of that prevailing in other Russian towns under bolshevik rule.

This latest list, with similar ones printed previously in Minsk through various publications, may give some idea of the number of political enemies throughout Russia who are shot every day by the bolsheviks.

Women on List.
Of the 21 names now printed, eight are given as those of counter-revolutionists, and of these two were women, one of the women being the wife of a property owner who was shot with her husband because, as charged, "she failed to give up arms when ordered to do so."

Inquiry discloses that this man and wife lived in another state, and they needed their arms to protect themselves against robbers. The second woman, a distinguished Polish doctor, was shot for talking to workmen.

I learn that she induced Polish workmen to refuse to obey bolshevik orders just before the coming of the Poles. She was shot immediately after arrest. One man was shot for agitating against the soviet government at the time of the demonstrations on July 24. I learn that he merely expressed his contempt for the bolsheviks, openly on the street, while the parade was passing. Several of the names were former police officers, all of them accused of mistreating prisoners during the "revolution."

Hostages Are Implicated.
Poles have proof that in addition to the unaccounted executions the bolsheviks took 400 hostages from the town of Minsk and 3000 hostages from the government of Minsk. They were taken from the Polish population and they are said to be now in prison in Smolensk. The majority of them are women.

Many women were arrested because their sons, brothers or fathers are in the Polish army. Practically every house in Minsk lost some member taken away as hostage. So the people are unable to rejoice over the relief from bolshevik pressure, so general is the fear for the safety of the hostages. Many Polish priests are also hostages. A French woman teacher who was before the revolutionary tribunal for calling the red flag a red rag overheard her two judges discussing what should be done with her.

Killing Is Advised.
The easiest way with the bourgeoisie, "one of them said, "is to execute every one of them who bothers us."

"I maintain," the other rejoined, "that they are more useful as hostages." This incident, as one of many shows that the bolshevik mentality has not changed in the last year. Their newspaper files point to this Long-Bell timber company, the newspaper of the Long-Bell timber company, the newspaper of the Long-Bell timber company.

Feeling of the people against the bolshevik treatment of political enemies was illustrated when a crowd gathered around the bodies of two bolshevik commissars who were killed by Polish soldiers while trying to escape through the back of a soviet house. The crowd gloated over the bodies.

Woman Torn to Pieces.
Today two Polish soldiers entered the apartment of a young Jewess who was supposed to have been a member of the extraordinary commission, and arrested her. While they were leaving her through the streets the crowd recognized her, snatched her from her guards and killed her. I did not see the incident, but Polish officers who tried to help the soldiers protect her, informed me that the crowd, wild with rage and their faces transformed with hate, literally tore the woman limb from limb.

By contrast the excited crowds followed sympathetically the hostages who had been in prison for months, having been taken at Kovno and Vilna, who were now released by the Poles. The bolsheviks in their retreat had not had time to take them farther east. While the body of one of the least commissioners lay half stripped in the street women gave it a kick, saying the man deserved only a dog's death.

Reds New Type of Cars.
Minsk looked clean and orderly when I arrived. People say the bolsheviks fought robbery better than the czar's troops. Most of the peasants regarded the bolshevik commissars as a new and terrible type of czar. Peasants whose produce was not requisitioned made hundreds of thousands of rubles, which were worthless under bolshevik rule. Little could be bought with them. Now the Poles say merchandise will come and there will be trade to make the peasants rich.

The townspeople have been badly fed but signs of actual starvation are rare. People are fairly well dressed, although shoes cost 2000 rubles a pair and a suit of clothing 5000 rubles. Three new series of bolshevik money were issued last year, and money, such as it was, was plentiful and prices enormous. Bread costs 40 rubles a pound and workers wages run from 50 to 90 rubles a day. Food cards are issued in four classes, cards of the first class going to the hardest workers, who obtain rations at a low price. No manual workers have actually suffered.

Members of the bourgeoisie seem reasonably healthy, although most of them are thin. Many of them look pale and washed out, the effect of hiding for months in doors before the Poles came.

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THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The value of the wheat crop of Wasco county for this year has been estimated at \$3,164,000. This figure is based on the estimated yield, given out by the county agriculturist, at 1,140,000 bushels at the set price of \$2.76 a bushel. In several sections of the county it is reported that the yield will be close to 50 bushels to the acre and several localities have set the figure at 35 and 40 bushels. The average from which the yield was estimated was taken as 20 bushels to the acre. Very little of the wheat of the county will run as low as 10 bushels and the average of 20 bushels is considered very low.

The county has about 54,000 bushels of barley which, according to estimates, will average about 30 bushels to the acre. There are only 15,000 acres of oats, but the yield, especially where irrigation has been used, is exceptional. In some localities where irrigation is in vogue the average will be 75 bushels. The average figure for this crop, taking the irrigated and non-irrigated fields together, will be about 35 bushels.

The county has 400 acres of grain hay, which will average between two and three tons to the acre. The crop is expected to exceed 10,000 tons. The alfalfa hay crop has been estimated at 1400 acres, with an average of three tons to the acre. Three cuttings have already been made by most of the farmers and another crop will be harvested yet this season. The total yield of alfalfa will probably reach 4300 tons.

Other hay, clover and timothy, will yield about 1400 tons. There are about 2000 acres of corn throughout the county which will probably yield 10,000 tons of silage.

PLUMB RAIL PLAN SCORNE

"CLASS LEGISLATION," SAYS
REPRESENTATIVE McARTHUR.

Financial Proposal Branded Un-
sound—Step Toward Radical
Socialism Charged.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 16.—Representative McArthur today made public a copy of a letter which he wrote on August 9 to P. W. Campbell, G. W. Chaffin and John Greenwood, legislative committee, Pacific coast branch 419 of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and Station Employees at Portland, Or., in which he flatly opposes the Plumb plan for government ownership of railroads.

Mr. McArthur was one of the 46 members of the house who voted against the Adamson bill three years ago. He said he believed the Plumb plan and other schemes of government ownership are the natural results of the cowardly submission of congress under the threats of the brotherhood chiefs when the Adamson measure was rushed through.

Mr. McArthur's letter to the Portland committee in part follows: "First—The Plumb plan is class legislation, directly in the interests of the railroad brotherhoods and the affiliated railroad organizations which have a

Clothing Prices Reduced by Large Manufacturer

Chicago, Aug. 16th.—Mr. Jas. D. Bell, head of the Bell Tailors, Adams at Green St., Chicago, Ill., said to be the largest made-to-measure clothing establishment in the world, recently stated that his firm is now able to quote prices on Fall and Winter suits 35 per cent below what others ask. To prove his point, he showed the writer a very attractive piece of all-wool cassimere for which they ask only \$20.00 a suit made to individual measure, whereas the same fabric is now being offered by merchants at \$20.00 to \$22.00 per suit. Even larger savings are offered on their higher-priced suits. Every reader of The Portland Oregonian should write Mr. Bell for his price list, and a free copy of his style book No. 102 which contains large cloth samples of many beautiful patterns.—Adv.

total combined membership of 2,200,000. The Plumb plan, reduced to its last analysis, proposes that these 45,000,000 wage earners shall assume a debt of from \$20,000,000,000 to \$30,000,000,000 in order that the railroads may be purchased by the government.

"Second—The Plumb plan is altogether unsound financially, for it would be impossible for the United States government, at this time, to float from \$20,000,000,000 to \$30,000,000,000 worth of 4 per cent bonds for the purchase of the railroads.

"Third—The Plumb plan is a venture into radical socialism and utterly at variance with all human experience and human wisdom.

"Fourth—The public interest is utterly ignored in the Plumb plan. The public is called upon to put up the money for the purchase of the roads and to assume any and all deficits that may be incurred, yet the public is permitted to receive only a fraction of the not profits—in case any such profits are realized."

LYNN TIMBER INSPECTED

ERECTOR OF LARGE SAWMILL
AT ALBANY IS FORECAST.

Party of Lumber Company Officials
From Kansas City Considers
Big Purchase.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The erection of a large sawmill at Albany in the near future is forecast by the announcement by M. B. Nelson of the Long-Bell Lumber company of Kansas City that his firm may purchase two and a quarter billion feet of timber in eastern Lynn county.

A party of officials of the Long-Bell company, accompanied by R. A. Booth of the Booth-Kelly company of Eugene, returned to Albany Friday after a visit to the holdings of the Hammond Lumber company, comprising about 23,000 acres on Crabtree creek. They also inspected the holdings of the Wright-Blodgett company comprising 7000 acres.

The party consisted of R. A. Long, president of the Long-Bell Timber company; M. B. Nelson, vice-president; E. H. Cox, general manager of the northern California properties of the company; J. D. Trennant, director; Frank and William King of Portland, Oregon representatives of the company, and R. A. Booth of Eugene.

The party left Kansas City two weeks ago and has inspected timber in Washington and Oregon. They left Friday night for Ashland. Mr. Nelson stated that if the company purchased timber in Oregon they would install a sawmill.

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