

# WHITE RUSSIA TIRED OF BOLSHEVIK RULE

## Poles Now Dominant Expected to Do Better.

### GOVERNMENT IS ASSURED

#### Present Backwardness of People Is Proof That Russian Dominion Has Done Little for Them.

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hour before General Jadin, who has been at Vilna, reached Minsk. The Poles entered at 10 o'clock in the morning of August 3, and he arrived at 9 that evening. Incidentally, he ran a certain risk, as the Uhlans had moved so fast they had not cleaned up all the bunches of bolsheviks, to whom General Jadin's Cadillac, struggling up the deep sand on the hills, must have looked tempting. Also to run into a freshly captured town at nightfall is not very safe. But the general felt it was his duty to get there as soon as possible (the city was captured 24 hours ahead of schedule) and maintain American honor.

#### American Influence Felt.

For General Szeptycki had suggested Henry Morgenthau of the American commission to Poland to write a proclamation to the Jews of Minsk, asking them to keep entirely out of the fight. This was dropped from Morgenthau's suggestions, about a member of the same commission and a soldier by profession, wanted to be there and see that the Jews, taking Mr. Morgenthau's suggestions, should have America's assistance in return for their non-combatancy. Minsk is not so big that it did not know very soon that an American flag was fluttering through its streets and perhaps that also had something to do with the lack of fear on the part of the Jewish population.

Still it seemed to me the Jews were not very much afraid anyhow. They expected indignities, such as the cuttings and some looting, but they were not really afraid of the Poles. For, after all, there is something in this ancient hatred between the Jews and the Poles, although it is nowhere nearly as good as it used to be. The first encounter I noticed between a Pole and a Jew was anything but unfriendly.

#### Pole and Jew Embrace.

All the way along he had been expressing fear for the safety of a certain friend of his, who was also his agent. At that moment we arrived, he insisted on starting at once to this friend's house. In the street we heard a cry of joy from the other side and a little old white-haired Jew came running across the street. The two met in the middle, threw their arms around each other, slapping each other on the back a score of times and kissed each other, Polish style. We were led off to the old man's house, where everybody full of the Pole's neck, though he was certainly the fiercest looking Pole in Minsk that day. It is worthy of note that my companion in expressing anxiety continually for his old friend never thought of mentioning the fact that he was a Jew.

From his family I got my first figures on the cost of living under the bolsheviks in Minsk, figures after war had verified. Bread was 40 rubles a Russian pound (which is about 20 per cent smaller than ours); butter, 200 rubles; salt, 100 rubles; ten eggs, 100 rubles; sugar, 150 rubles; a pound; meat, 75; tea, 600 rubles; coffee, unobtainable; bacon, 250.

Bread 83 Pounds, Bacon \$17.50. At the rate of exchange for rubles in Warsaw, bread is over \$2 a pound here and bacon is \$17.50 a pound. But this exchange rate is fictitious as far as life in Russia is concerned. All money is demonetized in Russia—just what the bolsheviks want. The effect is that, although money is thick, it does not stay in town. The peasants demand sheaves of it for everything and they get it. I am told the peasants around Minsk often have 300,000 or 400,000 rubles.

Those peasants are in luck. Now the Poles are here and begin to bring in merchandise they can buy things, and their money will jump to 10 times, even 50 times its value. So the money will come flowing back into town.

Experts on monetary systems can figure who wins and who loses on the transaction. The political effect is more important now. It is going to make the peasants pleased as Punch with the Poles. They will not care whether they are Ruthenians or not. To be Poles will be good enough for them. They have no national aspirations anyhow. All they want is to be let alone.

Coming down here into this backwoods of Europe among these Ruthenian peasants, it is perfectly obvious we are no longer in Poland. I have enjoyed putting my Polish acquaintances on the defensive inventing reasons why they ought to be here, where outside the towns not over 5 per cent of the people are Poles. To my accusation, not seriously meant, that this is imperialism, they give every argument except the real one—that white Russia is no more Russian than it is Polish, it is simply Ruthenian, and the Ruthenians neither can nor seem at all anxious to set up a government of their own. Their backwardness is a proof that Russia did little for them. Poland is certain to do better. Just now they are very tired of Russian rule, for they regard bolshevik rule as Russian rule, a more minute tyranny than that of the Czar. Both come out of the east. If the Poles, by an alchemy that has something to do with the points of Uhlans' lances, make them all rich, they are going to like the Poles well enough. Also the Poles are setting about at once providing a civilized government.

#### Minsk Merely Russified.

I, who love Russia, for all her faults, came into this country with something of the feelings of a man who has the agreeable sensation of getting near home. But, as I stay here, I realize that Minsk is simply Russified. What there is of Russia about it is superimposed. It has not the real Russian flavor. To get here I had to cross that vast

waste that runs from Dvinsk to Brest-Litovsk, the region the Grand Duke Nicolas Nicolavitch razed with his Cossacks and emptied of 1,000,000 inhabitants so he could have room to carry on war. As the train crowded past the weedy fields, the charred villages, mile after mile, endlessly, without a domestic animal, without a human being, only the circling blackbirds, the sense of desolation has the pungency that is felt only in deserted places where people once lived. This waste is 40 miles wide on the way here from Vilna, and a very few people are just beginning to come back. Most of them were driven so far into Russia they never will get back. I met one family on the road that had been trekking it from Turkestan.

#### War Wails Seeking Home.

On the train were two girls of 14 and a boy of 7 with a little pig in a sack. They told us they had got separated from their parents when their village was wiped out. At last the spent over them and the Germans sent them a few miles to the rear. For four years they have been living on a farm, making their way, and now for their last month's united pay they had received the pig and were starting back to their old home with it.

When we came to their station, they were at first bewildered by its emptiness, for even the stationhouse was gone, but in a minute they got their bearings and started off across the weeds through the dreadful wilderness that croaked at their shawd-covered heads struck no terror to their hearts.

These are not the only war-wise children we encountered. At an American Red Cross relief station that has been catching the wayfarers from the east, a 5-year-old boy, drifting in by themselves. One little chap came along and asked for a meal and, having got that, sat with his chin on his hand, waiting for a few minutes. Then, looking up with his wide little eyes, said: "It is coming on right now, so you will not turn me over, will you?"

Another, when asked where he came from, replied: "I don't come from anywhere; I'm up here; that's all."

#### Poland Has Opportunity.

The children of these parts are little old men and women. They have seen nothing but war all their children's lives, and life is serious to them. The lack of children's shrill cries and joyous laughter is more depressing than the desolation all about.

#### W. J. ROBERTS IS DEAD

Seattle Business Man Is Survived by Widow and Child.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—W. J. Roberts, ex-president of the Roberts-Burkhardt company and a member of the firm of the Alaska-Pacific Fisheries company, died Saturday at his home after a week's illness. Mr. Roberts was a resident of Seattle for 25 years, having come here from Portland, where he was born in 1844. He is survived by a widow and a 12-year-old daughter, Virginia Roberts. Funeral arrangements will not be completed until the arrival of C. A. Burkhardt, president of the Alaska-Pacific Fisheries company, from Portland.

#### Bridges Will Be Rebuilt

New 210-Foot Span Over Cowlitz at Nesika Planned.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—The Cowlitz river bridge at Nesika is to be rebuilt soon, according to State Highway Commissioner Allen, who has issued a call for bids for a new 240-foot span. Bids will be opened at Olympia October 20. Two years ago the south approach

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# APPLE GROWERS IN PANIC

Shortage of Packers Threatens Serious Loss to Many.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—Hood River apple growers have never experienced so severe a shortage of apple packers as they have this season. W. Wilkie, in charge of the government employment office, says he could place 300 packers at once, but no more are available.

A number of growers, fearing loss of apples remaining picked in unprotected sheds, grew panicky today and offered a cent bonus over the six cents set by the Apple Growers' association.

# WINLOCK TO GET PAVING

Plans for Roadway to Connect Winlock with Highway Approved.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—Plans and specifications for the proposed new paved road that will connect Winlock with the Pacific highway at Cowlitz corner, have been

# APPROVED BY THE LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

G. R. Walker, E. G. Lowry and Walter Clinton have been named as appraisers and have begun their work. The pavement will be 18 feet in width and of concrete. It is hoped to get some of the grading done this winter so that the roadbed will have time to settle before laying the concrete next year.

# Six Games Scheduled.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—J. L. Stalker yesterday disposed of his 103-acre ranch situated in the vicinity of Silverton to Edward Olsen. The consideration was \$12,500. Arthur Fosdick has sold his ranch, near Gerovais, to A. C. Koene for \$14,000, while Frank Kloft, for a consideration of \$17,000, has sold to Frank Bernards a 150-acre ranch near St. Paul.

# Yudenitch Moves on Petrograd.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Simultaneously with the renewal of the offensive against the bolsheviks on the eastern front by the Kolchak forces, General Yudenitch has begun an advance toward Petrograd from the

# Archangel district, according to advices by the Russian embassy.

The Chamber of Commerce of Brussels, Belgium, has recently addressed the government, urging that harbor works contemplated in 1914 should now be constructed.

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The Lady with the \$50,000 back.

Miss Gordon, in this picture, wears an amazing array of gowns, furs, hats and jewelry—all up to the minute; a veritable Fashion Show, displaying \$250,000 worth of finery.

# "PLAYTHINGS OF PASSION"

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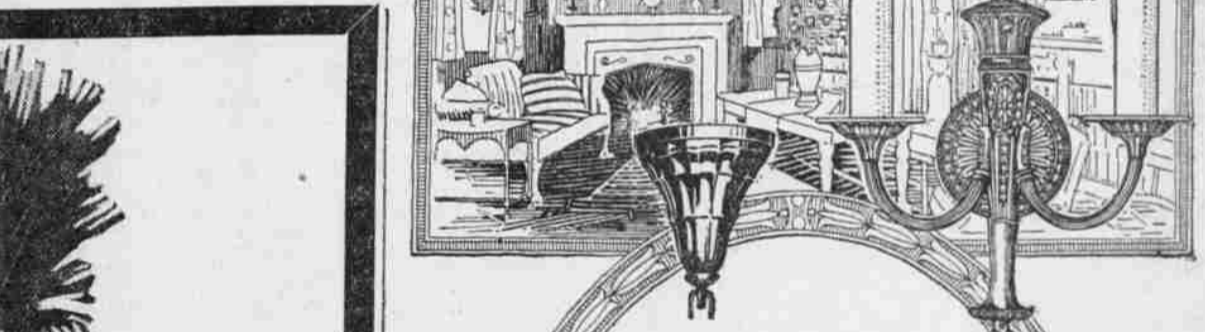
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