

# Small Allied Army, Writer Believes, Could Easily Crush Bolsheviks of Hungary

## BELA KUN FORCES READY TO BATTLE FOR SOVIET RULE

But Food Is Short as Well as Munitions and Allies Could Quickly End Sway of the Reds.

### WHITE FORCES UNORGANIZED

Opposition to Bolshevism Very Bitter but Not Welded Into Force Able to Take Action.

Edward Bing was in Budapest when the revolution broke out and was the only correspondent who has ever been able to make direct films from that city since then. He has just arrived in Vienna where he is free from the Hungarian censor.

By Edward Bing (Copyright, 1919, by the United Press.) Vienna, July 15.—(Delayed.)—Bolshevik Hungary, like a wounded lion at bay, stands ready to battle the whole world in defense of the soviet government.

Yet a small allied army, especially if it includes American and British troops, could crush the Red army with ease.

After personally witnessing the whole course of the revolution in Budapest, I am able to state this with authority.

### FOOD SITUATION BAD

The food situation throughout Hungary is critical. Budapest is virtually starving. The country is torn by internal dissensions. Bela Kun is confronted with the problem of raising an army from a people whose morale is at its lowest ebb, and equipping it with arms and munitions that are practically non-existent.

Should the expected allied offensive fail to materialize there is one other factor that could bring about the Bolshevik downfall, concerted attack by the diversified anti-soviet elements. The Red army is prepared to fight the Roumanians and Czechs—and probably could wage a successful warfare against them—but it has no stomach for battling its brothers in the White army.

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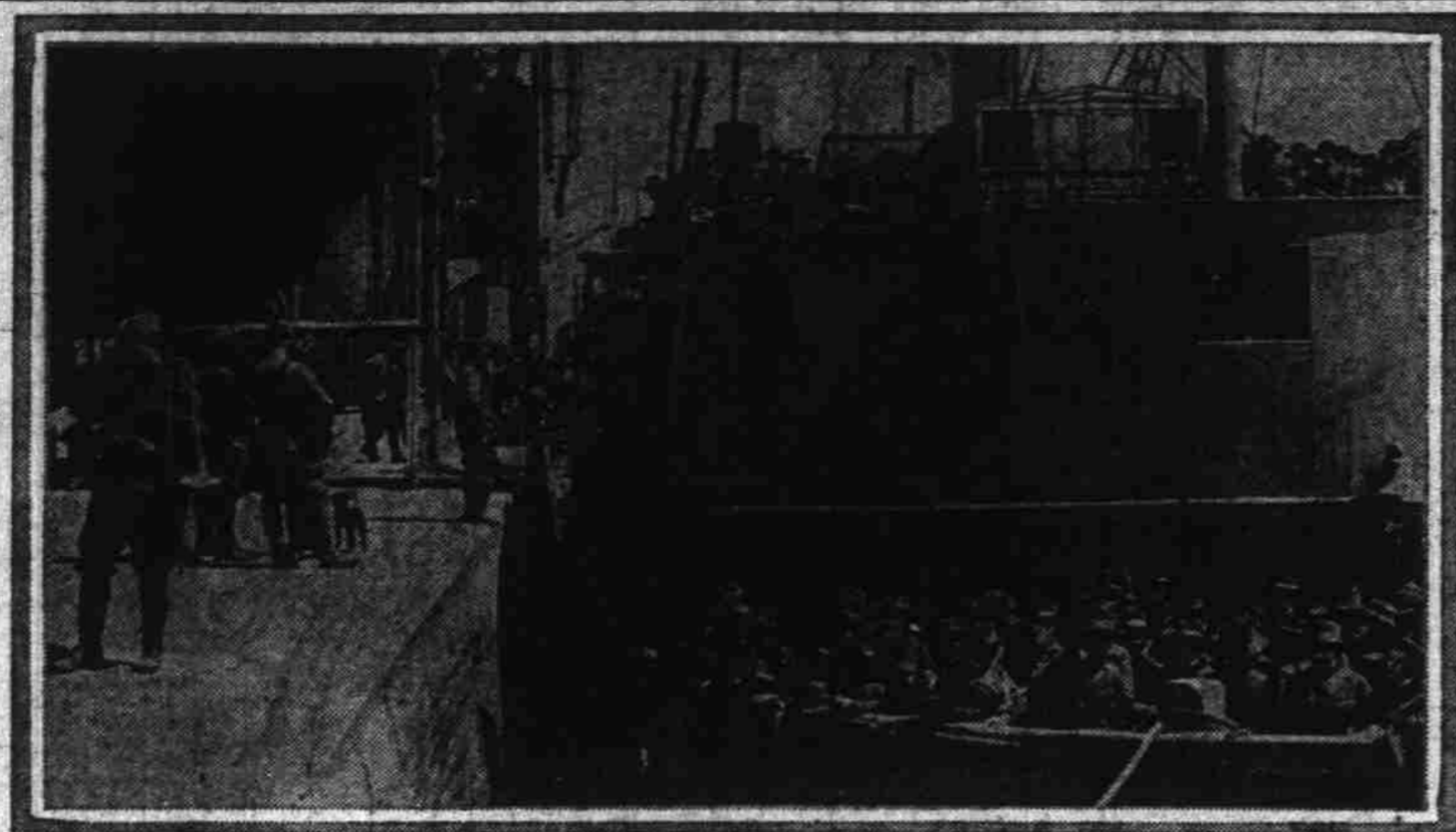
At present the White forces are scattered and without competent leaders or a definite objective. Entire divisions of the Red forces, however, have served formal notice that they will refuse to fight the White army. A number of workmen's battalions were disbanded and returned to the factories because of this defiance.

An allied offensive undoubtedly would result in an immediate crisis in the soviet government. Nevertheless, I believe the order which has so far been maintained by the Reds in Budapest would continue. But if the White army were to attack it is certain the streets would run red with blood, since there are tens of thousands of bitter anti-Bolsheviks in the capital who would welcome such a signal for a counter revolt. These same persons could be counted upon to resist an allied offensive because of racial pride.

### TRADE UNIONS ANTI-SOVIET

There is a strong political movement against the soviets under way already, fostered by the powerful trade unions. At the same time, the Red leaders are growing more and more radical. There are at least 400 political prisoners now in Budapest jails. The railway trainmen, postal and tele-

## RETURNING ARMY NURSES GIVEN GREAT FAREWELL AT BREST



Nurses of the American expeditionary forces photographed on the deck of a ferry which was to carry them from the dock at Brest to a home-going liner lying in the harbor. The departing nurses were given a royal send-off. Army bands played a loud farewell and thousands of doughboys cheered them on their way.

graph employees plan a fusion which would greatly strengthen their opposition to the soviets.

The bourgeoisie, as a whole, have been courted by the Bolsheviks. Every man of that class between 18 and 45 has been ordered mobilized and pressed into service with the Red army. Many of them are now engaged in erecting powerful defenses around Budapest, in preparation for a last stand defense of the capital, should this be necessary.

### RED COMMANDER RESIGNS

General Boehm, commander in chief of the Red army, has resigned. "Ill health" was the reason assigned. It is likely, however, that the real cause was the dissensions in the country, as well as the antagonism between Boehm and the so-called "terror troops," who have run to extremes in punishing alleged violations of Bolshevik laws and have embarrassed the soviet government.

Boehm has been succeeded by General Tandler, former commander of the fifth army corps. Boehm is expected to leave soon for Switzerland.

Boehm also opposed the offensive against the Roumanians, which is planned to start in a few days.

The few comparative moderates left in the soviet government are rapidly withdrawing. Boehm was one of these. The policy of the soviets is now rapidly turning to the extreme left. There have been frequent cases of sabotage in the railway service, as well as in the public service, because of resentment of the employees against this attitude of the Reds.

### OCCUPATION DEEMED ENOUGH

In the belief of the members of the former Hungarian government now exiled in Switzerland, "occupation of Budapest by American and British forces as a strategic base—in conformity with the conditions of the armistice—would not meet with real opposition from the Bolsheviks and would render an offensive unnecessary. But this is problematical."

But there appears, however, to be an actual need for allied occupation of Vienna, since the Bolsheviks are reported to be planning another coup here for July 21.

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## Bulgarians' Plan May Sound Great, But It Won't Work

Paris, July 15.—(I. N. S.)—The Bulgarian peace delegation, headed by Premier Theodorof, which is now en route to Paris, is bringing the most amazing proposals for territorial agrandisement yet submitted to the peace conference. Premier Theodorof proposes that Bulgaria deprive her neighbors of territory as follows:

From Roumania, part of Dobruja ceded by Bulgaria under the treaty of 1913 after the second Balkan war.

From Jugo-Slavia, part of Serbian Macedonia.

From Greece, part of Greek Macedonia. Not content with trying to grab the land of her late enemies, Bulgaria also has designs on her former ally, Turkey, and Premier Theodorof proposes that part of Turkish Thrace be annexed.

## Noiseless Engines For Planes, Report

Amsterdam, July 15.—(I. N. S.)—A gas turbine for airplanes, which is silent when in operation, has been invented in Germany and is being secretly manufactured by the Krupp at Essen, according to reports received here today. The new engine is said to make air flights cheaper.

## Erstwhile Kaiser May Live in German State

London, July 15.—William Hohenzollern, former Kaiser of Germany, will return to one of the German states and live there under police surveillance, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Milan Thursday, quoting an obscure newspaper.

An inventor has designed an automobile spark plug with a ventilating chamber surrounding the shoulder to permit circulation of air and lessen breakage by overheating.

## Berlin Conciliatory Regarding Killing of French Sergeant

Berlin, July 15.—(I. N. S.)—Following a meeting at the war ministry to discuss the killing of Sergeant Mannheim, of the French military mission, announcement was made by war office officials that a conciliatory note would be sent to Paris in reply to the French representations demanding a heavy fine for the crime.

The mayor of Berlin has been held blameless by the government, but the chief of police, Eberl, has been summoned to Weimar for examination by the cabinet. The Berlin police are said to be working hard to find the murderer.

Officials of the war office, in discussing the incident, "regretted" the challenging attitude taken by the French government in its note.

## Marshal Foch in London to Attend Peace Celebration

London, July 15.—(I. N. S.)—Marshal Foch, generalissimo of the allied armies, arrived from France today to take part in the peace celebration tomorrow. Great crowds cheered the famous soldier as he was driven to the Carlton hotel.

Field Marshal Haig and scores of other notables greeted the marshal at the railway station and extended formal welcome.

A guard of honor composed of Irish troops accompanied the marshal while he attended the national anthem, the Marsellaise and the march of the men of Harlech.

## Report Gives Last Words of Czarina As She Falls Dead

Berlin, July 15.—Proof positive of the death of the Russian czarina is said to be contained in a secret official report to the archbishop of Moscow.

The former empress was shot several times. After the first shot she said: "Miracles still happen; I am alive yet."

At the next shot she dropped, mortally wounded. The czar was shot several times. His body was taken to the Kremlin in a wooden box and there burned in a stove.

## Hohenzollern's Fate Soon to Be Decided

Paris, July 15.—The peace conference commission on war responsibility met today. It is expected that a final decision regarding the fate of the former Kaiser will be made known in a few days. It is probable that a formal reply to the messages of Dr. von Bethmann-Holweg, former German chancellor, and Field Marshal von Hindenburg, former German chief of staff, will be delivered within a short time. Both had sought to exculpate the ex-Kaiser.

## 'Moral Aid' Only to Be Lent by America

Paris, July 15.—The United States will give only "moral aid" if the peace conference decides to take military action against the Hungarian Reds and increase the military measures in Russia, according to American delegates today. It would be limited to furnishing supplies it is believed. Greece's claims in Asia Minor were presented to the conference by M. Venizelos, the Greek premier on Wednesday afternoon.

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## NANSEN PROPOSAL TO FEED RUSSIANS IS AGAIN REVIVED

Soviets Insist They Did Not Refuse Offers of Food and Medicine, but Political Conditions.

### THEIR POSITION OUTLINED

They Would Accept Humanitarian Feature and Are Willing to Negotiate Political Questions.

By Isaac Don Levine Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News. (Copyright, 1919, by Chicago Daily News Co.) Stockholm, Sweden, July 15.—The proposal of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen for feeding Russia has been revived and President Wilson is expected to act upon it in the near future. Magnus Swanson, first assistant to Herbert C. Hoover, visited Christiania, Norway, last week to confer with Dr. Nansen.

It appeared that the soviet government did not reject the original offer of food and medicine for soviet Russia. Tshicherin, commissioner of foreign affairs, announced that the proposal of Dr. Nansen, accompanied by a letter from Premier Lloyd George, President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau, dated April 17, reached Moscow only on May 4.

His statement reads: "From the latest American wireless sent from Lyons we learned that the allied governments refused to transmit the proposal to us by radio. Finally we received it through the German government upon the request of the Norwegian legation at Berlin. On May 7, the soviet government declared itself ready to accept the purely humanitarian part of the original Nansen offer, regretting that the allies appended a political condition—the cessation of military operations by the soviet army."

"The soviet government is ready even now to enter the negotiations for the purpose of ending bloodshed. It replied affirmatively to the proposal of a conference at Prince's island, which was rejected by its enemies, the counter-revolutionary movements which are receiving entente aid. The allies, although officially declaring their opposition to intervention, actually carry on an unrestrained interventionist policy. On account of this the cessation of military operations presents a political problem of the first magnitude which the soviet government is willing to discuss with the parties actually waging warfare against us, that is, the entente governments or their empowered representatives."

"Being therefore ever ready to negotiate with the allies, the soviet government at the same time ardently welcomed the original proposal of Dr. Nan-

## Soldier Meets His First Love Wedding Held In Luxemburg

By James E. Wood Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News. (Copyright, 1919, by Chicago Daily News Co.) Paris, July 15.—When Sergeant Leonard Pfeiffer of Lake Forest, Ill., orderly to Brigadier General Frank Parker, commanding the First infantry brigade, entered the village of Luxemburg in November, he was coming home. He was born in the village of Luxemburg and visited relatives whom he had not seen since as a small boy he left home and came to America.

Eventually he returned to France and served for a time in the foreign legion, afterwards enlisting in the American army. Among the reunions in his native village was that with Fraulein Marie Luty, a playmate from his school days. Marie had been waiting for several years for that return and that is why Pfeiffer secured leave last week and went to Luxemburg.

Now there is another war bride coming to Lake Forest when the First division is mustered out.

proposal of Dr. Nansen and the more general political questions which we can discuss only with the interested government, was immediately interpreted in allied ruling circles as a rejection on our part of Dr. Nansen's proposal. "The American wireless message from Lyons on May 14 announced that the answer of the soviet government meant the end of the Nansen plan and that the fate of Russia now rested with Admiral Kolchak. On May 15 the American wireless declared that the refusal of the soviet government to suspend military operations blocked the plan for supplying food to Russia. These declarations of the American wireless must be regarded as made clearly in bad faith since the Russian government never refused to end the bloodshed, saying more than once that it offered to enter negotiations concerning the question and reiterating this again in the answer to Nansen. The dishonest declarations of the American wireless proved once more that the allied governments have no friendly, humanitarian intentions toward the tolling masses of soviet Russia and seek only the destruction of the Russian revolution, disguising their purpose under hypocritical would-be humanitarian announcements."

Coal Famine Feared Washington, July 15.—A winter coal famine threatens sections of this country, because consumers will not lay in stocks now. Representative MacGregor Thursday testified before the house rules committee.

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