

# CZECHO-SLOVAKS SEEK RELIEF FROM OMSK CRUELITIES

Alleged Inhuman Treatment of  
People and Wanton Property  
Destruction in Siberia Cited.

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Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago  
Daily News.  
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Peking, China, Dec. 4.—For some  
time the Czecho-Slovaks in Siberia  
have been strongly opposing the  
ruthless measures and useless waste  
of life and property carried on by  
the Omsk authorities. Their pro-  
tests have been unheeded, and owing  
to this fact they have delivered a  
memorandum to the allied repre-  
sentatives outlining their views. The  
memorandum follows:

"The unbearable conditions caused us  
to ask the allies to consider means to  
give us safe conduct to our mother coun-  
try and the allies gave their approval.  
We were prepared to guard the railway  
sector selected for us and heretofore we  
have carried out our task conscientiously,  
but that is no longer possible. It is  
against the most primitive demands of  
humanity and justice that our army  
should be forced to do guard duty and  
maintain order against its convictions to  
support a state of absolute despotism  
and illegality such as that which exists  
in Siberia under the protection of  
Czech arms."

"The doings of the military authori-  
ties and the Omsk government's commit-  
tee are criminal actions which would,  
were they known, stagger the entire  
world. The burning of villages, the  
murder of peaceful inhabitants and the  
shooting of hundreds of persons with  
democratic convictions and of others sus-  
pected of political loyalty occur daily.  
The responsibility for this will in the  
eyes of the world fall on us inasmuch  
as we possess sufficient strength to pre-  
vent such lawlessness. Thus while our  
passiveness appears as a direct conse-  
quence of the principles of neutrality  
and non-interference with Russian in-  
ternal affairs, we fear that we shall be  
looked upon as participants in the cri-  
es that are being perpetrated."

"In bringing these enormities to the  
notice of the allies whose true ally the  
Czech-Slovak nation has been, we desire  
to make known to the people of the  
world the strategic position in which  
the Czech army is placed. We do not  
see any other way out than our imme-  
diate return to the mother land or our  
investment with the right of free action  
so that we may terminate the lawless-  
ness and crime."  
The memorandum was signed by Dr.  
Girsa, the newly appointed Czecho-  
Slovak plenipotentiary. The Czechs  
have guarded both Irkutsk and Omsk  
since March, when the interallied agree-  
ment was signed. The memorandum is  
considered to be of great importance  
and was officially considered at a meet-  
ing of the allied railway board at Omsk  
on November 18, as it was feared that  
if the request of the Czechs was grant-  
ed and immediately carried out a crisis  
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Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 4.—On  
account of the coming to Copenhagen  
of M. Litvinoff, the Bolshevik agent  
to the Dorpat conference, several Scan-  
dinavian Bolsheviks have arrived here  
in the last few days. Today at Elsinore  
the editor of the Swedish Bolshevik  
paper "Folkets Dagblad" arrived and  
wanted to get to Copenhagen. He was  
stopped, however, by Danish secret  
service men who had strict orders not  
to admit any acknowledged Bolshevik  
into the country. The police refused  
to let him in and after a long discus-  
sion he was forced to return to Sweden.  
It is said that he only tried to obtain  
admission into Denmark for the pur-  
pose of starting a new Bolshevik prop-  
aganda in this country. He has regis-  
tered a protest with J. A. M. Stauning,  
minister without portfolio, who repre-  
sents the Socialist party. He told the  
secret service officer that his intention  
was to see M. Litvinoff and discuss the  
exchange of "Swedish war prisoners" in  
Russia, and to arrange for sending food  
supplies to the soviet government. As

a matter of fact there are no Swedish  
war prisoners in soviet Russia at all.  
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