

BOLSHEVIK CONTROL IS HORRIBLE MISRULE.

The Situation as It Exists in Russia To-day Is Reviewed.

MURDER, ROBBERY Allies are Supporting Factions Who Really Represent the Russian People.

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The following information concerning Bolshevist rule in Russia has been obtained partly from official sources and partly from responsible publications. The Bolshevists have set up a reign of anarchy in Russia. They maintain that one class of the community, the so-called proletariat, should monopolize power; they deny to all other classes any part in the management of their community, and indeed any of the ordinary human rights. Their theory is identical with Czarism; the only difference is that, whereas under it one class of the community ruled harshly but achieved some progress (such as the building of the Siberian railway), under the present state of affairs another class of the community rules cruelly and destructively.

Not only is the Bolshevist rule undemocratic, but to a remarkable extent it is non-Russian. For example, the commander of a Bolshevist army near Petrograd is a Greek by birth; two other Bolshevist armies are commanded by Austrians; a fourth army is led by a German colonel, an officer of the German General Staff; one diplomatic mission to Switzerland was headed by a Lett named Berzine; another, sent more recently, is headed by a German subject. The case of Trotzky is notorious.

When we pass from the leaders to the armed forces we find that this condition still holds good. These alien leaders maintain their control over the part of Russia which they hold—perhaps half of what once was the Russian Empire—by means of an alien, mercenary soldiery.

Mercenaries Are Well Paid.

The mercenary troops receive wages which are reported to amount to between 400 and 500 roubles—in face value from \$200 to \$250—a month; in addition, they are given abundant food, while most of the population are starving. Who are these people? Thousands of them are Germans; thousands of them are Magyars; others are Letts, a non-Russian people living near the Baltic. Yet more are Tartars, some are Chinese.

The Bolshevists have robbed, imprisoned and murdered British subjects wantonly and brazenly. The most atrocious case was the attack upon the British Embassy and the murder of Capt. Cromie, R.N. Had any country under a normal Government committed an outrage like that upon Great Britain, or any other country, a declaration of war would instantly have followed. If a Canadian citizen found himself in Petrograd or Moscow to-day he would be liable to forced labor. Horrible misrule marks the Bolshevist control. Transportation has been utterly demoralized. Production in factories has all but ceased. Trade is at a standstill. The country wants food and goods. It lacks the means of fighting want.

The Other Parties.

So much for the Bolshevists. Next let us consider what the native Russians are doing. Lying in a semi-circle about this Bolshevist territory is a set of native Russian organizations, trying to make head against this tyranny. In the north is the Archangel Government, styled the temporary Government of Northern Russia. This is headed by M. Tchaikovsky; it comprises men of varying political views, but the President, M. Tchaikovsky, is a Social Revolutionary. It is important to notice this fact; an administration with such a man at its head can scarcely be described as reactionary. Under the Government headed by this life-long Socialist of extreme views is a local Russian army, which is helped by certain British, which is helped by the allies.

East of the Volga, Siberia and part of European Russia is under the Omsk Government, sometimes termed the all-Russian Government. It proposes as soon as possible to convene the Constituent Assembly, which the Bolshevists dispersed. At present headed by Admiral Kolchak, this Government has a considerable army of Russians, which is stiffened by the Czecho-Slovak forces.

Two Centres in South-East.

In south-eastern Russia are two other centres of resistance to Bolshevism, led by Generals Deniken and Krasnoff. In the Ukraine opposition to Bolshevism has grown of late, and Odessa seems to be in the hands of forces which will restore order.

These are Russian Governments. They represent the Russian people, as the Bolshevists do not. They cannot be described as reactionary, in any sense of the word which Canadians would recognize. They are largely Socialistic. In short, the situation is that about half the population of Russia is under emergency administrations, which have appeared spontaneously, which are Russian Governments, representing the Russian people; and the other half is under the tyrannous rule of a non-Russian gang of criminals which oppresses the Russians in contempt of democracy, of justice, and of humanity. The allies, including Canada, are helping the Russian Governments and the Russian peoples.