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FOE'S MAN-POWER CRISIS

Bandaged Men Forced Back Into Line With Partly Trained Youths

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Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. Archangel, Aug. 16.—(Delayed.) The chief strength of Bolshevism may be said to lie in the number and variety of its enemies. It is compassed about by diverse groups of foes in solid sections of the population, each with a glowing, growing sense of wrong, each waiting to unfold its separate banner of emancipation. But where a community is honeycombed by half a dozen independent avenues of intrigue—and only through intrigue can disarmed men wrest the sword from their oppressors—premature disclosure and overwhelming disaster are apt to ensue. Such is the story of Archangel and other towns, where the Bolsheviki have most bloodily punished undeveloped risings. Such is not the story of Archangel, and I am about to tell you why.

The true voice of Russia, the voice of non-Bolshevist Russia, besought the help of the Allies, and the Allies could not continue deaf to that insistent appeal. Patriotic Russians, in common with the world at large, perceived that Russia stood in great need of food supplies, in greater need of armed intervention, and in greatest need of coordination. When one thought of the size of Russia and the completeness with which through the play of German subtlety on Russian simplicity, grim fanatic chaos had taken the place of law and order in the land, imagination might well have shrunk from such a mammoth task of national salvage.

But the story of Archangel will be a new reminder that obstacles and difficulties dwindle in proportion to the courage with which they are confronted. Large events are usually described in general terms that cover developments converging from various quarters. In this narrative, however, Allied co-operation will chiefly be focused through the control of Consul General Poole. But first let us glance at interior conditions.

Repugnance for Bolsheviki Long months went by and the sway of the Bolsheviki engendered a rebellious repugnance in all classes of the population, in all, at least, save the class which is suffering from a pitiful lack of property. General knowledge, self-respect and moral culture found itself on fraternal terms with the most effective elements in the disorderly, armed forces of Bolshevism, German, Lettish and criminal elements.

Broadly speaking, the principles of domination were three in number: First, instead of fostering production and taking toll of increase after the manner of conventional governments, the Bolsheviki, that they might be in a position liberally to feed and fee their soldiers and agents, forcibly entered warehouses and banks, and helped themselves to food and money, thereby paralyzing industry and destroying the foundation of security on which the fabric of civilized society rests.

Second, All newspapers were suppressed save one official organ, which published the Bolsheviki mandates to the people of Archangel, and industriously sought, by erroneous statements, to breed enmity with the Allies, especially the British.

Third, There was furtive killing of influential opponents. Within the town no shot was heard, and no blood seen. The victims were merely missing, a fact of no significance save to an inner circle of intimates, for most men and women of the better classes remained voluntary prisoners within their own dwellings. They and their children seldom or never ventured out of doors, and only trusted servants of the household went into the streets, chiefly to purchase food that ever tended to become scarce, coarser, and more expensive; for in that topsyturvy world, the well-to-do had become the submerged class and only persons in rags and humble raiment could hold up their heads and breathe the air of freedom.

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So much by way of introduction. Now for the story proper. Having besought aid from the Allies, the responsible citizens of Archangel naturally accepted their aid. During the period of waiting, preparation and restraint there occurred certain stirring incidents which resulted not only in five English sailors being cast into prison by the Bolsheviki, but in the terrible penalty which a gallant Russian officer had to pay for his attempt to aid them.

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By the Associated Press

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