

AMERICAN RELATES BOLSHEVIK HORRORS

U. S. Consul at Omsk Saw Scores of Bodies and Evidences of Rapine at Ufa

LAUDS ADMIRAL KOLCHAK

New York, July 1.—A graphic story of a reign of terror in Bolsheviki Russia was recited here last night by John A. Embry, American consul at Omsk, the seat of the Kolchak Government, who has arrived here on a leave of absence. Mr. Embry declared no language could adequately picture the scenes of murder, violation of women, theft and arson which he had seen personally or had had described to him by credible eyewitnesses.

Mr. Embry backed his story, particularly that of the ravage of Ufa, by photographs of many of which he declared he had taken himself, and which recorded appalling instances of wholesale butchery of men, women and children.

Mr. Embry said he had visited Ufa immediately after the Bolsheviki withdrawal before Kolchak's forces. He learned from survivors of Bolsheviki occupation, he said, that the Bolsheviki soldiers had looted the entire city and then organized a "Government" consisting of committees. One of these committees, he said, was called the extraordinary committee on investigation, but, he added, a more fitting name would have been "Committee on Executions."

Executive City Officials
This committee, he declared, had all members of the city government rounded up, and ordered virtually all of them shot. The head of the committee, a Lord named Belt, he said, had personally executed the president of the city council, who was brought before the committee ill on a stretcher.

A few days after his arrival in Ufa, Mr. Embry said, he followed a crowd of residents into a nearby woods, where they came upon scores of bodies of women and children, disclosed by the melting snow, who had been driven into the woods and brutally slain. He exhibited a photograph showing twenty of these victims, the bodies of many mangled past recognition. About 200 bodies were found in the woods, he said.

Pupils of the Ufa High School, he said, had been lined up and questioned as to their sympathies, and all Bolsheviki were shot or not to work of a most degrading character.

Melting Snow Reveals Bodies
At Ossa, a city of about 20,000, Mr. Embry declared, many bodies were found on the outskirts when the snow melted. He disclosed photographs of some of these victims, taken by Colonel Tesler, of the American Red Cross.

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of murder and pillage were enacted in Kurgan, Bugulga and scores of other cities throughout Bolsheviki-occupied parts of Russia. He recited scores of instances of extraordinary tortures and murders of men and women, many of the latter, he declared, being taken into slavery that was worse than death.

Mr. Embry spoke highly of Admiral Kolchak, declaring "he was the greatest man the Russian revolution has produced" and predicting that he would lead Russia out of the chaos and disorder and then retire. Kolchak, he said, has no ambition to be dictator or president.

To Buy Berlin Trolley System
Berlin, July 1.—(By A. P.)—The municipality of Greater Berlin has decided to purchase the big Berlin tramway system, paying 137 per cent of the amount of capital stock outstanding. A strike of Berlin's tramway and underground railway workers is threatened.

OVERT ACT SEEN IN MEXICO'S MOVE

Carranza Guilty of Confiscation in Driving U. S. Drillers From Oil Fields

SITUATION IS CRITICAL

Washington, July 1.—The Mexican Government committed an overt act of confiscation in preventing American oil well drillers from working on lands owned by American individuals or companies by sending soldiers into the fields and driving away the workmen, State Department officials said today.

Complaint was made to the Mexican Government on April 2 of this year, it was learned, against the refusal of the government to grant permits to the oil companies to drill. No answer was received until after the Juarez incident, it was said, and then President Carranza announced no permits, provisional or other, would be granted until the companies had complied with the law. Compliance with the law, it was said by State Department officials, would constitute recognition by the companies that the Mexican Government owned the oil lands.

The orders to the military forces to prevent drilling by force of arms was issued by President Carranza last May 16, according to advices from Mexico City today. The petroleum department instructed the Mexican War Department, by direct orders of Carranza, to use any force necessary to prevent drilling without permit, although the lands on which drilling was being done were legally acquired by the present owners.

The War Department transmitted the orders with specific directions as to action to be taken by the soldiers to the military commanders at Tampico and Tuxpan, and immediately companies of soldiers were sent into the fields. It was not known how many drilling gangs were driven out of the oil fields by the soldiers.

AUTO DRIVERS MUST BE PHYSICALLY FIT

Speed of 30 Miles an Hour Allowed on Open Roads by New State Bill

GARAGES TO KEEP RECORDS

Harrisburg, July 1.—(By A. P.)—Approval of the two automobile regulation bills was announced today from the Governor's office.

One is a code governing the licensing and operation of all motor vehicles, and the other regulates the sale and transfer of second-hand cars. Both are effective at once.

The State Highway Department, which is charged with the various duties in connection with them, is preparing to enforce the provisions. The new registration fees, however, are effective January 1.

The code allows a speed of thirty miles an hour on open roads and fifteen miles in built-up communities. Use of cutouts is forbidden. The registration fees are to be forty cents per horsepower, with a minimum of \$10 for automobiles. Motor trucks are licensed by classes, according to weight, from \$20 to \$150, the latter being for 10,000-pound classes.

Truck lengths are limited to twenty-eight feet, width to ninety inches, and weight to 28,000 pounds. Trucks are also limited to speed by classes, ranging from ten miles per hour for heavy grades to twenty miles for lighter grades.

Sworn Statements
Sworn statements that applicants for licenses are physically able to operate cars are required when applications are made for licenses, certain qualifications

as to vision, hearing and use of hands being necessary. Authority to have special examination is given.

The code contains penalties for destruction of identifying marks and requires records to be kept by garage keepers of cars left for storage or repair, while provisions are made for use of lights, and that trucks with licenses of other states may run in this state once a week.

The "second-hand car" bill requires complete description with bills of sale, statements as to ownership and changes made in the car, all to be sworn, one copy to be filed with the state highway commissioner and one with the chief of police or clerk of quarter sessions court. Operation is forbidden until such statement is filed when a car is sold.

Another new feature is that all dealers in used cars must take out a state license at annual fee of \$100, and be vouched for by two persons.

Records Must Be Kept
Various other provisions for tracing cars are made, while every garage keeper must keep records of all cars left with him. No one may have a car from which the identifying marks have been removed. Notices of discovery of tampering with such marks are required. The penalties range from \$100 to \$1000.

Highway Commissioner Sadler today gave notice that beginning today the state would require observance of the

act requiring lights on all moving vehicles at night, including farm wagons, but not agricultural machinery, hay wagons or wheelbarrows. He also called attention today to the operation of the law forbidding the use of traction or portable engines within 300 feet of a building unless equipped with spark arresters. There are fines of from \$50 to \$100 for violation.

Shonts Continues to Improve
New York, July 1.—Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, who has been ill for the last month at his home, 930 Park avenue, continued to show improvement last night, according to an announcement made at 9 o'clock by Dr. J. Bentley Squier, of 40 East Forty-ninth street, his attending physician.

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