

POLAND SCOURGED BY INVADING FOES

Austrians and Germans Produce Worse Conditions Than in Belgium.

DEATHS BY STARVATION

Twelve Babies Died in One Village in One Day From Hunger.

LONDON, July 25.—The desperate fighting now going on around Warsaw and through the eastern zone of operations centres attention on the colossal tragedy of Poland.

The entire theatre of eastern fighting is within the territory of the old Kingdom of Poland, with Austrian armies tramping over the country from the south, and German armies from the north and west, all compressing Poland as in a double vise from four sides, marching and fighting on a scale of unprecedented magnitude, and leaving a trail of wreck and desolation even greater than that of Belgium or Serbia.

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There are, she went on, "about 12,000,000 Russian Poles and about the same number of Austrians and Germans. All of them have that intense longing to see Poland rise again as a unified kingdom. And yet of these 24,000,000 Poles, a million are soldiers fighting in the Russian ranks and another million are fighting in the Austrian and German ranks—literally brother against brother.

It was natural that the Russian side should charge its lot with cursing and this loyalty has been rewarded by the inspired proclamation of Grand Duke Nicholas, promising freedom for Poland, a pledge which the Russian Tsar accepts in good faith as fore-shadowing the reunification of the Polish nation.

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CITY'S ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

Certain facts with regard to the city's current expenditures since 1910 have been embodied in a report by the Bureau of Municipal Research. The report in part is as follows: The population for 1916 can, of course, be only roughly estimated, while the assessment figures for 1914 and 1915 are taken from the estimates. It goes without saying that the increase in assessment does not necessarily correspond with increase in actual values.

Since 1910, the assessment has increased over 84 per cent, while the population has increased 23 1/2 per cent. This indicates greatly increased per capita wealth, higher rate of assessment, or both.

In itself, increase in total assessment has little meaning to the taxpayer. The actual cost of government is not affected by the assessment, altho what government costs the individual may be seriously affected by the equity or inequity of the assessment.

It is, of course, actually impossible to tell what the real increase in the real estate tax has been, because we do not know the real tax rate and will not until we know what.

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Of 127,000 square kilometres in old Poland, 84,000 square kilometres have now been occupied by the German armies. The departments which have suffered most are Kalliska, Piotrowska, Kielciska, Radowska, Suwolska and Policka; also four districts of the government of Lonsynsky, 10 districts of Warsaw, which is a department half the size of Wales in addition to the city of Warsaw, four districts of Lubelski and five in Cheminsky. Out of 12,000,000 inhabitants of this region, 3,000,000 have suffered. Of 27,000 villages, 5,500 or about 20 per cent, are partially destroyed, and another 1,000 villages are completely leveled to the ground, not a trace of them remaining beyond the heaps of smouldering rubbish and ruin.

The peasantry are pictured as moving about like great tribes of gypsies, pushing their scant belongings in small carts. Miss Alma-Tadema gives a graphic picture of this wholesale destruction: "Industry is at a standstill; millions are out of work; the meadows and arable lands are furrowed by deep trenches, riddled with shell holes; the same tracts have been swept over and over by immense battle waves; no living remains left of the barns and ricks; the horses and cattle all slain; women and children have been driven out into the open, they cover the woods; the manse, the manor house, the old castle in the park, all are destroyed; there is no one to help; there is nowhere to fly to, nothing to do but to hide in ruins, in woods or in hollows, gnawing roots and the bark of trees, while the children starve and starve to death."

There are many other enthusiastic Polish workers here, notably Mme. Szymanowska, the Polish wife of the prominent English painter, Robert Bevan, who is chairman of the committee looking after Polish refugees in Poland, has sacrificed her jewels to aid in caring for her countrymen. It is significant of the burning hope underlying the Polish cause. It is an old family heirloom, bearing date just after Poland was torn into three parts and passed around to Austria, Prussia, and Russia. What appears to be a seal on top is in truth a miniature coffin emblematic of Poland's burial. But when a tiny spring is touched, the coffin opens and a Polish rises with sword aloft from his tomb in which Poland, has slept since she was dismembered.

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Since 1910 the population has increased almost exactly 23 1/2 per cent, while general taxation has increased 125 per cent. That is, while there are four men in Toronto now for every three in 1911, Toronto raises in general taxes now \$2.25 for every dollar raised in 1911. The result is that whereas the citizen, on the average, in 1911 paid \$14.72 in general taxes, he makes a payment now of \$32.84, an increase of 88 per cent. This is, of course, entirely irrespective of the water tax.

Cost of Running City. In estimating real taxation, local improvement rates must, of course, be included. Probably the general taxation includes a good deal which should have been paid for by the citizens as local improvement taxation. Conceivably the opposite may also be true. Both elements are necessary in computing the annual cost of running the city.

Table with 3 columns: Year, General Taxation, Local Improvement Taxation (Citizens' Share). Rows for 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915.

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As before stated, it is impossible to tell the exact total cost, and, therefore, the exact cost per head of running the city, but a comparative statement, which represents a minimum, is instructive:

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The adoption and putting into actual practice of the report on municipal accounting, now before the city government and the building upon this of a thorough budget system, would enable the city to locate unnecessary expenditures and other leaks, and to cut its goods according to its cloth more effectively than at present.

W. T. OTT BROUGHT BACK TO TORONTO Alleged That He Embezzled Funds of Columbia Gramophone Company. SUNDAY WORLD ITEMS Flossie Jones Does Not Live at University Avenue Address, Says Tenant.

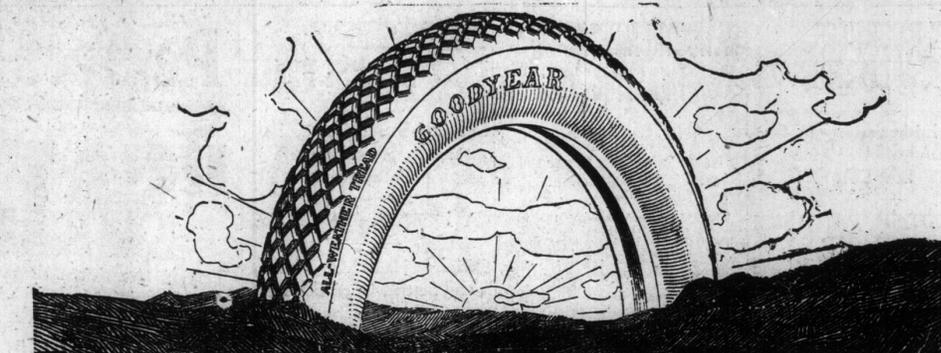
"I'm mighty glad the chase is over," said W. T. Ott, to the Superintendent Joseph Rogers of the provincial police Saturday at noon, when he was brought into the superintendent's office.

Ott had been an employee of the Columbia Gramophone Company for about two years, and skipped off on April 1, supposedly to go on his honeymoon. It was found that Ott had worked eleven different schemes to relieve the company of some of its earnings, which included a number of forgeries and the raising of a number of cheques. The amounts total about \$20,000.

Flossie Jones does not live at 134 University avenue, for 134 is there for two years, said George Burns on Saturday.

On Friday night last, a Chinaman, whose name is Lee Hung, was dragging a girl along Armstrong street, and the timely interference of the police prevented the mobbing of him. Lee Hung told the crowd that the girl was his wife, but at the police station he said that she was only his girl. When taken to the station she was in a state of semi-stupor and was the same when she was brought into court Saturday morning.

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Advertisement for CANADA WILL GET MORE WAR ORDERS, featuring text: 'CANADA WILL GET MORE WAR ORDERS. Gen. A. Bertram is Encouraged by Work Already Accomplished. INSPECTED FACTORIES Finds Work Being Done Well and Expresses Satisfaction. General Alex Bertram, chairman of the Canadian shell committee, was a guest at the Queen's Hotel yesterday, and spent Sunday in Toronto visiting the various munitions industries. He was accompanied by Colonel Lafferty of Quebec. Leaving the Niagara camp on Friday, the general visited the plants at Hamilton, St. Catharines and Galt on his way to Toronto. General Bertram said the manufacturers of Canada were responding to the call for munitions in a way that had given him a great deal of encouragement. In making shells, the manufacturers were working under circumstances absolutely new to them, and were doing wonderfully well. General Bertram said there was no question but that when the present munitions orders were filled new ones will come. "The government," he said, "is not worrying about future orders. The thing now is to set to work completing and going ahead with the orders now in hand." He pointed out that contracts amounting to \$152,000,000 had already been received in Canada. Only \$10,000,000 worth of these orders have so far been shipped. General Bertram left last night for Ottawa. METHOD TO INSURE RETURN OF UNIFORM Some complaints have been made by soldiers who have recently enlisted that they are charged \$10 for their uniforms. The paymasters of the city regiments state that the military regulations demand them to retain a sufficient sum from the men's pay as a guarantee for the safe return of the uniform. Many uniforms have been lost and the officers themselves have often been held responsible. The system of protection which is now being used is to keep back about 25c a day from the men's pay until \$10 is made up, and after a period of six months elapses this money will be refunded. HAVE SECURED STORE TO RECEIVE COMFORTS No. 139 Yonge street will be a busy spot all this week, or at least the Toronto Women's Liberal Association here it will be busy for on the six business days ending with Saturday the store at that number will be a depot for receiving tobacco, noddies and acid drops for the Canadians in the trenches. Today the Ladies' Circle will be in charge of the depot while other circles will get their turn on the other days. LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S HATS of all kinds cleaned, dyed and re-modified. Work excellent. Prices reasonable. NEW YORK HAT WORKS. 566 Yonge St. Phone N. 5165.

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