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## IRELAND A POWDER MAGAZINE, EXPLOSION IS IMMINENT

### Russo-German Alliance Threatens to Plunge Europe Into Great War

#### GERMANY IS IN PACT WITH REDS OF RUSSIA TO START GREAT WAR

Germany Will Put Lid on Bolshevism as Soon as Peace Treaty is Revised to Meet Her Desires—Poland Really Theatre of War Between Huns and Entente Allies.

BY B. F. KOSPOTH. (Special Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World and Philadelphia Public Ledger)

Geneva, July 31.—"Bolshevism in Russia will cease automatically as soon as Germany obtains the revision of the peace treaty according to her wishes," was the prediction made in my presence the other day by a Russian statesman who is deeply initiated into all the obscure diplomatic secrets of Moscow and Berlin.

Recent events, indeed, have dispelled every vestige of doubt that Lenin is Germany's occult powerful ally in the attempt to substitute a "German peace" for the peace made by the victorious allies at Versailles. From the time of the armistice, until quite lately, the assistance rendered by the red dictator to Germany consisted in revolutionary propaganda in the allied countries and their intimidation thru an internal Bolshevist menace. Now he is giving Germany military aid against the nations that frustrated her plans of world domination.

In reality, the war between Germany and the allies has begun once more. Its battles are being fought in Poland. The red army fighting to realize the aims of the Prussian militarists, its victories over the Poles are German victories over the entente, impelling and nullifying the triumph of western democracy achieved on the battlefields of France.

While the allies were struggling to "disarm" her, Germany has launched a vast attack against them with an army of at least a million men, organized chiefly by German officers strategically "inspired" by Ludendorff's secret staff. Germany is fighting the allies again, and fighting successfully after having demoralized and divided them by intrigues and diplomatic manoeuvres of all sorts. She has started the war again, in the east, where she knows they are impotent and can be most easily forced to sue for peace, the kind of peace she wants.

Relies on Armed Force. The Spa conference was dominated by this alarming fact that Germany, without renouncing her diplomatic machinations, has resorted to force of arms to impose her conception of peace on her conquerors. The advance of the red armies on Warsaw forced the allied statesmen to stand on the defensive for the first time since the collapse of the Kaiser's armies. Already the future position of Poland in Europe, which is of paramount importance to Germany, depends no longer on the deliberations of diplomatic conferences, but on the sword. So far as Poland is concerned, the revision of the peace treaty is being carried out by the victorious Bolshevist leaders—in Germany's favor.

Peace with the Bolshevists will leave Poland so greatly diminished in territory and population and prestige that she will cease to exist as a military factor capable of frustrating the alliance of the military despots of Germany and Russia and the subsequent joint onslaught on the democracies of the west which they are planning.

From the first, the vanquished German realized clearly that the establishment of a powerful Polish state would definitely frustrate their schemes of revenge and prove an insurmountable obstacle to Germany's premeditated plan of world domination. The German statesmen concentrated all their efforts on the east and secretly prepared the destruction of Poland with the help of the Russian dictators. Russo-German Alliance. It was vain to attempt to conceal the fact that the allies have lost Russia, and that Russia has gone over definitely to Germany. Today, there is no Russian political party in existence that does not hate and distrust the

allies and that is not supporting or ready to support the Germans. In trying to conciliate the Bolshevists, who are irreconcilable and will never renounce their plans of destroying western democracy, the allies have made mortal enemies of all the Russian anti-Bolshevists, monarchists, as well as democrats, who feel that they have been betrayed and deserted.

The Soviet dictators are implacably hostile to the allies, and neither "trade relations" nor even recognition of their criminal government will ever divert them from their course of destruction, which coincides with Germany's interests; but if they are overthrown, as they probably will be, sooner or later, their successors will carry on their foreign policy unchanged.

The alliance between Germany and Russia, which allied diplomacy sought to prevent by means of measures as ambiguous as they were ineffective, (Continued on Page 2, Column 6).

YOUTHFUL RAFFLES ARRESTED BY POLICE

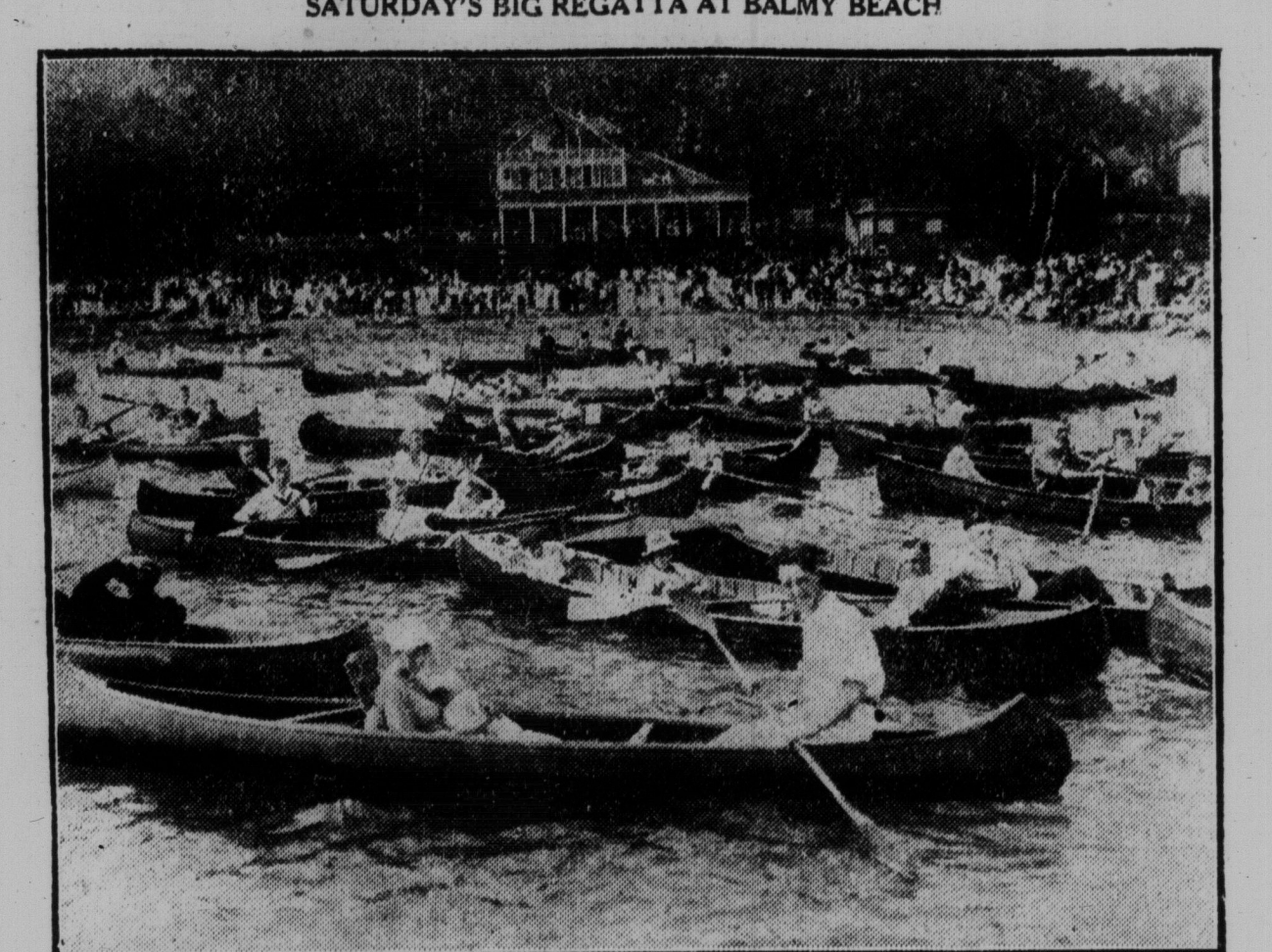
Fifteen-Year-Old Boy is Blamed For Numerous Robberies.

A fifteen-year-old boy, wearing his father's boots, was the clue that led Detectives Waterhouse and Sullivan to arrest the youngster Saturday night, and incidentally resulted in the apprehending of a party that all of the shopkeepers in the downtown section of the city had been the work of this fifteen-year-old boy and two younger boys, who, as yet, have not been arrested.

George McPherson, aged 15, of 255 West King street, was arrested at the corner of King and Peter streets. When questioned, he admitted having entered no less than thirteen different factories during the past two months. Up until a few weeks ago, the police believed the store robberies to be the work of experienced crooks. About \$2,000 worth of goods were reported stolen from the various places, and several hundred dollars' damage done to buildings by the juveniles.

Robbed Same Place Twice. On two occasions, McPherson and his two younger associates broke into the Dominion Hardware Co., 16 Young street. Here they climbed to the roof of the building and dropped down the skylight. Breaking into the Dominion Hardware Co., 16 Young street, they stole a quantity of aluminum ware and did hundreds of dollars' worth of damage. They found several cans of red paint and proceeded to paint everything in the factory. All of the electric bulbs in the building were painted, as were a number of articles which had been prepared for shipment.

After spending as much time in the factory as they desired, they wrote a note stating that the young man who robbed the factory had been in again. They signed a fictitious name and address. The note was traced to that of the young man who had been in again. A quantity of paint had been spilled on the floor, and one of the boys (Continued on Page 2, Column 2).



The picture gives a general view of the crowd of spectators on shore and of the canoe-dotted waters of the lake on the occasion of the regatta of the Western Division of the Canadian Canoe Association.

#### AUSTRIAN ARSENAL IS RAIDED BY HUNGARIANS FOR MUNITIONS

Guards Overpowered and Many Rifles and Machine Guns Taken—Rumors That Raid Is Preliminary to Polish Invasion.

Vienna, Aug. 1.—A Hungarian force of more than 500 armed and uniformed men crossed the Austrian frontier early Friday morning, overpowered the guards and raided the Furstenfeld Arsenal, snatched 2,000 rifles, 2,000 uniforms and 21 machine guns. The raiders returned to Hungary with the booty loaded on motor-trucks.

The government has protested to the Hungarian minister, demanding punishment of the raiders, return of the loot, and an apology and payment for damages. It has also communicated the fact to the foreign missions.

It is feared that in other raids of other armaments the raiders obtained more than 4,000 small arms. An official account asserts that Hungarian and Austrian reactionaries plotted the raid, which was thoroughly organized, and caused renewed rumors that the Hungarians are planning to aid Poland.

#### RAILWAYS GRANTED INCREASED RATES TO SWELL REVENUES

Washington, Aug. 1.—Rate increases granted United States railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission are designed to give the carriers an annual net operating income of \$1,124,000,000 or \$24,000,000 more than the amount returned by the government in 1916, but is \$93,000,000 less than the total of \$1,233,000,000 net operating income which they sought in presenting their applications to the commission.

Rate experts of the commission and the carriers will set to work tomorrow on the tremendous task of preparing the new tariff schedules which it is planned to file in time for the increased rates—freight, passenger and Pullman—to become effective on September 1. On that date the government guarantee of the standard return of 4.52-000-000 annually will expire and a provision of the transportation act limiting this guarantee to six months after the carriers were returned to private control.

Experts of the commission and the carriers will also undertake to figure the actual money return which will accrue to the roads from the rate increases granted, which are about 32 per cent on freight rates, 20 per cent on passenger, excess baggage and milk rates, and 20 per cent on charges for space in sleeping and tourist cars.

Increased Revenue Problematical. The annual increased amount to be received by the roads as a result of the rate advances has been estimated at \$1,200,000,000, but until the new tariffs are worked out and put into operation, the exact amount is problematical. With passenger fares increased one-third and Pullman charges advanced one-half, passenger travel probably will be reduced.

Based on the present passenger traffic, these increases are expected to yield the roads a return of \$277,000,000, all of which was sought to absorb the wage advance to railroad workers, which the United States railroads (Continued on Page 2, Column 2).

#### HEIFER GOES FARMERS; ONE DIES, ONE BADLY HURT

Bellefonte, Ont., Aug. 1.—(Special).—Robert Watts, well-known and highly respected farmer, residing near Wellington, on Friday afternoon was fatally injured by a two-year-old heifer. Edwin and Edward Harnes were driving cattle along the road when a heifer became unmanageable and jumped a fence on Mr. Watts' farm. The latter went to the assistance of the men when the animal attacked him, going him in a freight wagon. Death ensued shortly after. Ed. Harnes was also knocked by the heifer and an ugly wound in the abdomen was received.

#### Wheat to Teeter and Totter and Make Commissions.

"What will we get for this year's crop of wheat? It is to be the supreme question with the farmers of Canada and the States.

There is a free market in both countries; last year both governments bought all the wheat and sold it. They may not be authorized to do it this year, but not likely. It is to be a year of teetering and tottering, in wheat. The speculators who have all been kept out of the wheat market for this year, will be tried, and if it can be got to teeter up and down the boys will be delighted. There will be "a game" anyway.

Whether the British and French governments working together to place their orders now, or waiting for the market to be opened, the exchange of Chicago and Winnipeg will be the main cause of success. But they can play it either way and both ways and make the air bristle with transactions on which the broker can at last get commission. And the bill can also get in the game in a very short time. The wheat will be much higher on the railways, that move the wheat; the inland steamers also; perhaps ocean boats, too. So, in the first place, there will be lots of stories sent out one way, one another, but in any case "to make the teeter go!" (Continued on Page 2, Column 2).

#### WIDE CONFLAGRATION IN IRELAND IS FEARED

##### FAILURE OF CIVIL LAW

#### OBJECT TO TAKE SOVIET'S ORDERS

Berlin, Aug. 1.—Strong opposition to obeying orders from the Moscow government has sprung up in the Russian army on the Polish front, it is declared in a despatch to The Tageblatt, from Koenigsberg. It is pointed out that the soviet army is to a great extent led by former officers of the imperial army.

#### LORRY WAS BOMBED; SOLDIERS WOUNDED; FURTHER OUTRAGES

Belfast, Aug. 1.—Five soldiers and two policemen were wounded and a number of buildings were burned in disturbances reported here from various sections Friday night and yesterday.

A military lorry, carrying mail from Cork to Fermoy, was attacked. A bomb thrown from a hedge wounded five of the nine soldiers in the lorry. An airplane, accompanying the lorry, brought the news to Cork. The wounded were taken to a hospital. No arrests were made. The soldiers on the lorry were reported to have used a machine gun during the fight.

#### MORE PLACES BURNED

The Athlone courthouse and police barracks were burned here from various sections Friday night and yesterday.

A large creamery at Thurles was burned during the night, and two policemen were wounded by explosions, chiefly because production in the shipbuilding, textiles and woolen industries has more than caught up with the demand. Secondly, the home public has ceased to buy both necessities and luxuries at the extravagant rate of 1919 and thereabouts. Capitalists are declaring that the excess profits tax does not allow a fair return on investment, and they are therefore unwilling to start fresh enterprises, while the middle class, owing to heavy taxation, is equally unable to act as the consumer.

The announcement that Great Britain was building more than half of the world's total output of ships was hailed here as a great triumph and as proof that England had regained her supremacy in this threatened industry. This is, however, a little less promising than it seems on the surface. The enormous war profits in shipbuilding caused a great rush of capital to this industry and, consequently, the situation of the trade which expected prosperity are reporting depression now available.

In the cotton trade the depression is increasing and has been during the last two months. Twenty-seven mills are reported idle by Blackburn, and others are running on part time. In raw cotton prices, but more serious is the failure of demand in the eastern markets, and the fact that the home demand has been satisfied. In wool the situation may be judged from this fact. In the Yorkshire district, which is the centre of this industry, the workers are asking for an increase in wages, and this demand, coupled with a threat to strike, was actually welcomed as the one way to cut down over-production.

We are having shoe sales here very like those which are reported from America. There is a general fear of a slump in prices, and retailers are holding off on their purchases. In other industries: Glassware and cutlery are already beginning to feel the results of importation of German goods, which come in at very low prices and without marks of the country of origin. The heavy steel industry is in a bad way, but it is far less of a thermometer of prosperity than in the U.S. Products are high, but there has been a slump of about 50 per cent in canned goods.

#### ENLISTMENT IN CANADA VOIDED U. S. CITIZENSHIP

Boston, Aug. 1.—Men who, when citizens of Massachusetts, enlisted in the Canadian and other allied forces prior to the entry of the United States into the war, have lost their citizenship and cannot vote, according to an opinion handed down Saturday by Attorney-General J. Weston Allen, at the request of Secretary of State Langrey. They can regain their citizenship by taking the oath of allegiance.

#### Three Bulgarians Killed by Lightning at Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 1.—(By Canadian Press).—The city and district were visited by a brief, but severe, electrical storm yesterday afternoon. Three Bulgarians, who had taken shelter from the storm below a big shovel on the Hydro canal, were killed when a bolt struck the shovel. Another man who was with them escaped with severe burns.

A big chimney stack on the Vaughn Lumber Mills here was struck and the top torn off. The lightning cracked it all the way down and blew a heavy furnace door a distance of 20 feet. Bricks were thrown a considerable distance, but no one was injured. Trees in the city and district were struck and shattered.

#### Now Between Sixty and Eighty Thousand Troops in Ireland and Are Being Steadily Reinforced — Country Houses Now Being Burned—Attacks on Coast Guards Stopped by Sinn Fein.

Dublin, August 1.—Fears that the Irish situation, which is daily growing more tense, may burst into a general conflagration at any moment, are expressed in responsible quarters here. At the present there is virtually no civil law south of the Boyne River, except that administered by Republican courts, but it is pointed out that each day finds the balance between military and revolutionary rule growing more equal.

It is estimated there are between sixty thousand and eighty thousand fully equipped British soldiers in Ireland, and they are being reinforced daily by men arriving from across the Channel. As a result there are more frequent and more stubborn battles between the troops and the Republican volunteers, who, for a time, had things much their own way. There have also been more arrests for carrying arms and seditious literature, as reports to courts-martial show. It is expected the number of these arrests will increase if the government succeeds in carrying its "drastic measures" in the house of commons next week.

Reprisals by policemen and soldiers on villages suspected of harboring men responsible for attacks against the armed forces of the crown are also expected here, the police being particularly aroused over the attacks made on their fellow members. In the meantime, the Sinn Feiners, in carrying on their campaign, have been particularly active in burning down the country houses of the aristocracy. They are now turning their attention to country houses where military forces might be housed, and a number of these have been burned during the last ten days.

Nothing Safe in Ireland. Attacks on coast guard stations for the purpose of capturing explosives have been stopped. It has been established that this practice was imperilling the lives of seamen, who could not be warned of marine dangers except by these guards. Homes of coast (Continued on Page 2, Column 4).

#### FRENCH SENATE RATIFIES TREATY WITH BULGARIA

Paris, Aug. 1.—The senate yesterday ratified the peace treaty with Bulgaria. The chamber of deputies had already acted favorably on the treaty, having passed the act of ratification on July 27.

#### TWO BY-ELECTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—(Canadian Press).—By-elections will be held in St. John city and county (New Brunswick) and in Colchester (Nova Scotia) on Monday, September 20. Nominations will be on Monday, September 6. The by-elections are necessary by the appointment to the new government of Hon. Rupert W. Wignmore, minister of customs and inland revenue, and member for St. John, and of Hon. F. B. McCurdy, minister of public works, who represents Colchester in the house of commons. Both, of course, will seek re-election. W. B. Armstrong, barrister of Bible Hill, N. S., will be the returning officer in Colchester. The returning officer for St. John is not yet announced.

#### Pressure on Army Defending Brest-Litovsk Will Soon Be Relieved, Experts Think.

Paris, Aug. 1.—The Russian soviet army is now within 75 miles of Warsaw. It has captured Lomza, which is just that distance northeast of the Polish capital, and the towns of Kolno and Sazowag, near the German border, in the Lomza region.

In spite of these and other Bolshevist successes, the military experts of the Anglo-French mission in Poland are reported to be optimistic because of the remarkable stiffening in the resistance of the Polish northern army under Gen. Haller.

The chief concern of the experts is the position of the Fourth Polish army, defending Brest-Litovsk. Polish advice declares the pressure upon that army will be relieved shortly by the Polish counter-offensive which is being directed northeastward from the region of Brody, northeast of Lemberg.

A large number of ships are arriving at Danzig daily from French and British ports with munitions which are being unloaded rapidly and rushed to the Polish front, according to word received here. An efficient unloading system has been organized by military experts, and in putting this system into effect, French, British and Polish workers are laboring side by side without interference, it is declared.