

JEWS FLOGGED AND PLUNDERED, REPORT ASSERTS

Investigator Blames Polish Troops for Many Outrages in Galicia and Russia.

WOMEN CRUELY TREATED

Most Serious Outbreak at Lemberg—Many Killed—Rawhide Whips Used.

The British Zionist organization sent Isaac Cohen to Poland to investigate the pogroms against the Jews in the new Polish state. He has given a summary of the results of his investigations in an article in "The London Times," in which he says:

"Hostilities against the Jews in Galicia began to manifest themselves immediately after the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, while those against the Jews in Congress Poland followed very soon after. The departure or desertion of the Austrian troops anxious to return home left numerous towns without proper protection. The general state of confusion that arose was taken advantage of by peasants as well as by townsfolk, incited by anti-Semitic agitators, to make attacks upon Jewish shops and dwellings.

"Polish troops, instead of defending the Jews and their property, remained either passive or participated in the plundering expeditions. Attempts of the Jews to defend themselves were frustrated by the Polish military and civil authorities. As soon as the news of threatened disturbances in neighboring towns reached the Jews in Cracow they organized a militia numbering close upon 1,000 for defence.

"Sanctioned by Commission.

"The Polish Liquidation Commission which assumed the government of Galicia, agreed to the formation of this corps. The Jewish militia was supplied with arms, and detachments were sent to various towns, but only in very few cases, and then only for a very brief period, were they able to render any protection. For the military commander in Cracow, General Roja, objected to the creation of the Jewish militia, and ordered that it should be disbanded and dissolved both in Cracow and in the provincial towns to which detachments had already been dispatched. Moreover, the local Jewish communities were not allowed to form any self-defence corps, nor were Jews admitted to the town militia, so that they were at the mercy of any armed band that chose to attack them.

"The utter helplessness of the Jews still continues, as is shown by the frequent assaults made upon Jews almost daily in different parts of the country.

"During November alone there were pogroms of varying dimensions and gravity in 110 different towns and townlets. In all of them shops were plundered; in many houses were also looted; and in several synagogues were desecrated. In every riot Jews were brutally assaulted, often severely wounded and in several towns they were killed. The rioters were generally peasants from neighboring villages, reinforced by the hater elements of the town, while only in a few cases did they include deserters.

Troops Committed Outrages.

"The Polish legionaries remained either passive or else took an active part in looting and assaulting, but never defended the Jews from their attackers. The troops that marched southward against the Ukrainians were particularly active in onslaugths upon Jews. In several towns large contributions were exacted from the Jews, either as a fine for alleged disloyalty or under the pretext of supplying military protection, which was usually refused after the money was paid.

"The most serious pogrom was that at Lemberg, which, by reason of its magnitude and ferocity, and also of its political significance, requires separate consideration. Of the other pogroms, the most important were those at Przemyśl, Kielce, Brzesko, and Guranow. The riot at Przemyśl was begun on November 11, immediately after the city was captured by the Poles. The excuse given was that the Jews had shot with a machine gun at the Poles—an accusation for which not the least proof was offered. The Polish authorities disarmed and disbanded the Jewish militia, and uniformed legionaries took active part in the sacking of shops and houses, the profanation of synagogues, and the assaulting, arresting and robbing of Jews.

"The climax was reached by the demand of a contribution of 3,000,000 kronas (about \$120,000) from the Jews by the commandant, Colonel Tokarzewski, who threatened that if the money was not forthcoming within three days his soldiers would get it by force. The commandant had shot his bow too far; his outrageous demand led to his recall.

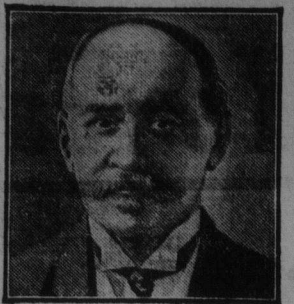
Many Hebrews Killed.

At Kielce the Jews held a public meeting on November 11 to proclaim their satisfaction at the creation of an independent Poland and to demand Jewish national rights. The rumor was spread that anti-Polish speeches were delivered, with the result that an anti-Jewish riot was started by the deputy commandant of the town militia, in which four Jews were killed, over 250 wounded, and numerous shops were plundered.

"A diabolical originality was displayed in certain places in the brutalities that were committed. At Chtyrow over 100 Jewish girls and women up to seventy years of age were driven by soldiers out of their homes, stripped of boots and stockings and forced to tramp in the cold under military escort to a neighboring town. On the way the commanding officer took the rifle of a different soldier in turn,

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"After the Poles captured Sandowa, Wischaya, legionaries, under the pretext that Jews had poured boiling water over them, not only plundered but cut off the beards of aged Jews and put ropes round the necks of some rich Jews, whom they threatened to strangle unless they surrendered their daughters.

Jewish Girls Mistreated.
Particular anger was displayed by the soldiers at Komarowka, near Biala, where the persecution of the Jews began in the middle of November last. Two Jews who went from Komarowka to the neighboring village of Przegalny to buy potatoes were arrested there, given twenty-five strokes with a rod, and had to pay one ruble (fifty cents) for each stroke. They had also to pay for a chain which broke beneath them. Two other Jews and a Jewish girl were arrested and taken to Przegalny, where they were kept in prison nine days and beaten with a stick three times daily, the men receiving thirty blows each and the girl fifteen.

"On Saturday, November 30, the soldiers plundered all the Jewish shops while their owners were in the synagogue. Then, by order of their commanding officer, they arrested thirty-two Jews, and took them to Przegalny, where they were flogged daily on the bare flesh. On the first day they were given one hundred strokes, the torture being inflicted by four soldiers, two on either side, with rods, while a fifth soldier sat on the victim's head and a sixth on his feet. On the next day (December 1) each Jew received another ten strokes. On the following day a Jewish girl came from Komarowka to Przegalny to buy potatoes; she was seized by the soldiers and dragged into the same room where the other victims were, and there given thirty strokes on the naked flesh. Later in the day six soldiers, in the presence of the Jews, outraged the girl one after another. On December 3 the officer ordered another ten strokes for each Jew, who had to say after each blow, 'Thank you, sir!' Thereupon he allowed four of his prisoners to go into the town and secure money for the release of them all.

"A memorandum narrating the outrage in detail was presented to the Polish government."

DENMARK WILL SEEK MARKET FOR ITS HOGS AMONG THE GERMANS

England Expected to Supply Its Own Bacon Hereafter and Stockmen Will Alter Breed to Suit Teutons.

Washington, March 28.—An official report from Copenhagen on the altered position of the Danish export market says:

"Before the war practically all of the export of bacon and more than 95 per cent of the butter went to the United Kingdom. During the war some large proportions of both these products had to be sent to Germany for political and neutrality reasons. Just at this time very little of either product is but it is confidently expected that the imports of foodstuffs will again be possible and that these industries will immediately resume their export status.

"For some unknown reason there has been a rumor current in Denmark for some time that the United Kingdom was preparing to supply itself with butter and bacon from within the empire and that Denmark would be forced to find other markets. Germany would be the obvious resort; but for that market certain changes would be necessary in the character of the products.

"The lean bacon so much prized in England, the so-called 'English breakfast bacon,' is not so much demanded in Germany. Fat pork and bacon are demanded there. Such a change in the product would involve considerable change in feeding and possibly also in the breed of the hogs.

"In the matter of dairy products,

Germany would gladly take the butter to compensate for the large amounts formerly imported from Siberia, but no longer available. But the dairy interests think they can get better profits by exporting milk to Germany instead of butter, and they are now experimenting on a process of 'homogenizing,' which is expected to change the character of the milk so that it can be shipped long distances, reaching destination after a week or more in practically a fresh state, and without having the cream separate.

"Milk powder also will be made and the condensing factories are preparing to increase capacity.

"Denmark has never been an extensive cheese country. The skimmed milk, from which cheese naturally would be made, has been fed to hogs for production of lean bacon. There is a chance that the change in the kind of bacon wanted may result in a more extensive production of cheese. In any case, there probably will be greater diversity in the animal products made for export, with a view to catering to more than one market."

ANDOVER

Andover, March 28.—Private Robert Knight went to St. John on Monday to receive his discharge. While in the city he is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crawford, formerly of this place.

Mrs. Joseph B. Porter went to St. John on Tuesday last to visit for a time with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Porter.

Mr. Frank Henderson was in Woodstock last week attending the annual convention of the Potato Growers Association. Mr. Herbert Maurer also attended the convention.

Mr. Edward Pilot was in Woodstock the past week on business for the United Farmer's Exchange. Messrs. William Curry, Leo Bedell, John Niles, Patrick Hefferman, Ralph Stashbrook, Herbert Baird, Murray Wright, Alexander Stevenson, James Porter and others were among those who went to Fredericton on Thursday to meet the Government members in regard to the extension of the Valley Road.

Signaller Carl Flemington, son of Rev. Chas. and Mrs. Flemington arrived from England on Thursday much to the delight of his family and friends.

Private Percy Cox arrived from France on Thursday and is receiving a welcome from friends and relatives.



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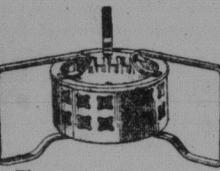
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