

Teuton Bandit's Arrest Ends a Daring Career

Max Hoelz Establishes Communist Regime With Series of Bold Rascalities.

TOOK PART IN RED REVOLT

Brigand Boasted of Touching Off World Uprising From Seat of Government—Seized Mansions and Burned Them Before Quitting.

Berlin.—The arrest of Max Hoelz several days ago in Bohemia, closes one of the most romantic chapters in the history of revolutionary Germany. It is also one of the most significant chapters, for it shows how communist doctrines work out practically when held by a criminal of exceedingly erratic mind; how far some of the German working classes will go in making common cause with a common robber, if he but throw the charmed hood of socialism about his head, and how weak socialist government is in dealing with such a situation.

Hoelz suddenly appeared upon the German firmament at the time of the Kapp adventure and he was soon registered by newspapers as a star of the first magnitude. But he had a previous history. Last year he had played a prominent part in Spartacist turbulence in the Vogtland, as the southern part of Saxony is called. When the military moved into the region and the situation grew serious Hoelz decamped in good time, leaving his followers in the lurch. These latter were captured and were in prison when then, awaiting trial toward the end of March Hoelz was meanwhile living in concealment somewhere in northern Germany.

But his opportunity to rehabilitate himself arrived when Kapp held sway in Berlin. At Plauen, chief town of the Vogtland—famous for its manufacture of lace and embroideries—the Reichswehr, or national troops, showed signs of wavering and going over to Kapp. This caused trouble with the working population and a rash seemed inevitable. But the military was withdrawn. That was Hoelz's opportunity. He was apparently holding himself in readiness just behind the scenes, for the next night he appeared in Plauen.

Free Followers in Prison.

Gathering together a handful of his former followers—they still had faith in him, for the man has a dangerous gift of voluble and fiery rhetoric—he stormed the prison the next morning at dawn and liberated his 18 accomplices of last year. Then they turned themselves to the prosecuting attorney, hauled him out of bed and demanded the documents in the cases against these liberated prisoners. He was not able at once to produce them, and so they carried him off as hostage to Falkenstein, a town about 15 miles to the east. Here Hoelz seized the old castle of Baron Trutzler von Falkenstein, dismissed the baron, and made it his seat of government for the following four weeks. By the afternoon the prosecuting attorney had thought better of the matter and had the documents produced. Hoelz burned them in his presence and then discharged his hostages.

Then Hoelz inaugurated his communist regime with a series of high-handed rascalities. He dismissed city officials or drove them out of town, he looted upon manufacturers and repossessed their automobiles. Mounted in those he and his chosen band made incursions upon neighboring towns, making people think that the far-off period of robber bar-

ons had returned. He organized his little army and had his little scrimmages with such opposition as presented itself in his way. With 120 of his band on automobile trucks he went to Markneukirchen—famous for the manufacture of violins—disarmed the home guards after a little fight, and then liberated the Spartacist prisoners in jail there. Incidentally he carried off 100,000 marks, "as pledge that the arms would be delivered up," he said.

Made Threats of Slaughter.

Whenever he went he breathed out threats of slaughter. His proclamations teemed with expressions like "will be shot."

Hoelz delighted in strong talk, in giving himself the airs of a bloody bandit; but he was not half so bad as his talk. In fact, there was a quality of mercy in his rascalities. Once he had the Munich-Berlin express train held up and searched by his band, but took nobody's purse, though one report said so. They were evidently looking for somebody, and when they heard that several passengers who looked suspicious had got off and gone to the lending hotel they went there and searched it.

One of the guests was correspondent of a Leipzig newspaper. They arrested him and took him off to Falkenstein because they found on him a notebook containing the substance of a news report which he had telephoned to his paper. In the castle at Falkenstein he found two young university men who had been held in captivity for more than a week, waiting for some kind friend to pay the 20,000 marks ransom demanded for them by Hoelz.

Warned Tender Hearts.

As Hoelz grew in fame and renown as an outlaw he found that he was touching many tender female hearts with his deeds of courage. He was flooded with letters from women that annoyed his virtuous soul. Finally, he had printed in heavy type in the Falkenstein Anzeiger a notice warning "all unmarried and married women persons upon pain of heavy fines and the publication of their names, against tempting him with love letters and less obvious allurement." He was a married man, the notice concluded, and he "energetically forbade" this indiscriminate love-making.

While Hoelz was amazing all Germany and the world with the boldness of his robberies and impressments, the Saxon government was equally the cause of amazement through its suppleness. Herr Gradnauer, the socialist minister-president of Saxony, at first did nothing whatever against Hoelz, and later explained that he had hoped the workmen would themselves take measures to restore order or, failing in that, would come and ask the government for troops. As late as April 3, about two weeks after Hoelz began his "reign," Gradnauer was still calling upon the various "action committees" that had been formed in the larger towns of the Vogtland to "see to it that the unconstitutional state of things instituted by the communist Hoelz in the Vogtland be remedied as speedily as possible." If this was not done in the very next days, this pronouncement went on, the government "would be compelled in the general interests of the state to restore legal conditions with all the power at its disposal."

Workmen Ordered to Arm.

At the same time news from Chemnitz, which lies near the Vogtland, was to the effect that Gradnauer had promised no troops should be sent for the present, and was depending upon the Chemnitz executive committee (of the socialist organizations) to negotiate

with the "action committees" in the Vogtland to put a speedy end to Hoelz's doings. This statement was made at a general meeting of the shop councils of Chemnitz, whereupon a resolution was adopted calling for arming the workmen and declaring that a general strike would be proclaimed at the first attempt of the government to send troops through Chemnitz. The executive committee had promised several days before this that it would settle the Vogtland troubles by peaceable means, and Minister Gradnauer was still promising mild treatment for Hoelz and his gang.

This attitude of organized labor at Chemnitz corresponded to the attitude of the more extreme socialists elsewhere. The independent socialists either excused or openly encouraged Hoelz. Their leading organ at Dresden declared that the workmen would resist an armed intervention by every possible means, and "the responsibility would fall with full weight upon the government." And the Freiheit, the national organ of that party, say nothing worse in Hoelz's doings than a breach of party discipline. He was "acting contrary to the interests of the revolutionary proletariat." "Proletarian campaigns," this organ continued, "require closed ranks at the battle front, obedience to general orders; and all dancing out of one's turn means weakening and hurting the revolutionary struggle."

Decide to Fight Bandit.

Finally about three weeks after Hoelz had been in possession at Falkenstein, Gradnauer decided with extreme reluctance, that he would have to ask the Berlin government to send the Reichswehr against the marauder. His hopes that the workmen in the Vogtland would come and say: "The thing can't be done without the Reichswehr," had not been realized. An attempt was made by Plauen workmen, indeed, to shake Hoelz, but without success at first. The action committee there called four big meetings; at which a resolution against him was to be proposed; but Hoelz himself boldly appeared at the meetings, and by means of his usual fiery harangues defeated the resolutions.

As the troops began to move, however, the laboring people began to assert themselves. At Chemnitz, the decision of the shop councils to call a general strike in support of Hoelz, was nullified by a large majority on a general vote of the entire laboring population; and about the same time a conference of the communists at Chemnitz voted to exel him "from their party." On the other hand, about the time when the troops were drawing their net around Vogtland a conference of socialists at Gera, attended by delegates from many Thuringian towns, voted unanimously to demand that the troops be recalled, otherwise to declare a general strike for all Germany.

Hoped to Make Escape.

But the troops gradually gathered around the Vogtland, coming in with many apologies and explanations on the part of the Dresden government and the general. Airplanes were sent in advance to scatter handbills designed gently to soothe the fears of the workmen. Moreover, a civil commissioner was sent along with the troops to restrain their thirst to kill on sight Hoelz and his band.

Hoelz sensed the danger from afar, but he made good use of the few days of grace still left him. He did not remotely dream of making a stand against the troops. When they were still several days' march from Falkenstein he shifted his headquarters over to the little town of Klingenthal, which lies immediately on the Bohemian frontier.

On the last day of his stay at Klingenthal he made hay in two ways. He sent a detachment of his forces once more into Plauen to raise money by going into the leading restaurants and emptying the pockets not only of guests, but even of waiters. Then at Klingenthal he summoned fifteen of the leading manufacturers to a conference at the town hall, demanded of them 1,000,000 marks before nightfall, and locked them up as hostages till it should be produced. Later he decided to let them go out and make their arrangements to obtain the money. At the appointed hour they returned and counted out the money for him on the big center table.

Burns Mansions Before Quitting.

Before quitting Falkenstein Hoelz had set fire to the mansions of five leading manufacturers, after he had been melting them for several weeks to meet the expenses of his "army." He also ordered the torchlight that went to Plauen to rob the restaurants; that they also burn several fine villas there, but this was apparently not done; the valiant band contenting themselves instead with pillaging several homes.

As the troops closed in on the scene of war they began to make captures of Hoelz's Red guards, all stuffed with stolen money. There was a sort of skirmish somewhere, in which Hoelz was engaged until things grew too hot for him. The official report records the fact that his automobile was captured, containing his hat; but that Hoelz himself escaped, "ostensibly in woman's clothing."

He succeeded in some way in getting across the frontier, which was probably not very hard to do, as it is a wooded, semi-mountainous region. Several days later the Czechs arrested him at Marienbad; and now he is to be brought back to Germany for trial. If a military court tries him it is not doubtful what his fate will be; but more probably he will be brought before a civil tribunal. In that event he may get five, perhaps even ten years in the penitentiary.

lean Red Cross warehouse on the waterfront at Marseilles.

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bees are now kept going to keep off the bees, but still they come.

Another Scandal in High Life.

Athens, O.—An odd incident in bird life was observed here, where robins are planning their summer homes. A pair of robins arrived early and started a nest in the vines. Soon afterward a lone female robin appeared and Mr. Robin adopted her, too, starting another nest. Mrs. Robin No. 1 set up an awful squall about the affair and drove off the second Mrs. Vobin.

Went at Four Months.

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LABOR IS SCARCE AND TWINE IS CHEAPER AS HARVEST TIME NEARS



Doctors, Lawyers, Merchants and Fair Folk of the Cities Donned Old Clothes and Overalls to Help in the Harvest Fields During the War—the Famous "Shock Troops," to Whom the Secretary of Agriculture Has Issued an Appeal for Similar Aid This Year.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Labor and binder twine.

On the eve of the harvesting season the wheat-growers' thoughts turn to these two necessary items, particularly the former, which caused him much worry during the years of the war. Of course, labor is the chief problem, but binder twine is something that must be reckoned with as well, and in its own way is a very important feature in the harvesting operations.

The wheat-grower need have no apprehension as to the supply of binder twine this season. Reports coming to the bureau of plant industry indicate that there will be a plentiful supply of this commodity available for the American farmer. Not only will it be plentiful, but it is likely to be cheaper this year than for some years past.

Yucatan—the chief and cheapest source of binder twine, from which the twine is made—produced a large crop this year, which, coupled with the termination of control of prices by the commission regulators, was responsible for a drop in the price of fiber from 15 to 10 cents a pound early in March. The price is now re-



Not Afraid to Don Overalls and Do Their "Bit."

ported to be 8 cents a pound. This reduction should be reflected in the price of twine this season.

Supply Not Affected by Revolution.

Thus far the recent revolution in Mexico has not affected the henequen industry of Yucatan and Campeche, the two important fiber-growing states of that country. It is too late now for any disruption of this industry to affect seriously the supplies of twine for this year's harvest, as practically

all the fiber necessary for the present needs have already been imported to the United States.

Although there is no danger for this year's twine supply, officials of the department of agriculture are somewhat apprehensive over the effect that the low prices for fiber prevailing now will have upon the production of henequen during the next few years. Low prices, according to reports to the department, are leading the growers in Yucatan to reduce their planting, with the result that a real shortage of the fiber five or six years hence is a very likely possibility.

The labor outlook is not so cheerful. The supply of hired farm labor is about 72 per cent of the normal. Although no appropriation was made by congress this year for carrying on the department of agriculture's war time activities in aiding the farmers to get laborers, the department is doing what it can to assist farmers with this problem. The state directors of extension and the county agents are aiding in bringing together farmers and men who want jobs on farms.

Calls for "Shock Troops."

Results are expected from the appeal of Secretary of Agriculture Meredith to city men, college students, and others to spend their vacations working on farms, particularly as helpers in harvest fields. Frequent inquiries are being received by the department from university and college students as to where their services could best be used. The need for the now famous "shock troops"—volunteer helpers from the city who shocked wheat—that gave such a good account of themselves in the harvest fields during the war is believed to be as urgent this year as in those trying days. The mobilization of these forces is what Secretary Meredith is seeking to accomplish.

According to reports of the department, Kansas leads all other wheat-growing states in its demands for labor—50,000 outside men is its estimated need. Nebraska requires 6,000 additional men for its harvest, and Oklahoma, 4,000 or 5,000. No figures have been received as to the requirements for the Dakotas. It is expected, though, that the labor shortage there will be largely met by the workers in the other wheat states which have earlier harvest seasons. The central employment office established by the department of labor in Kansas City is undertaking the task of gathering the laborers and distributing them in the various localities.

ECONOMICAL METHOD IN THRASHING WHEAT

Task Should Be Performed Directly From Shock.

Grain That is Handled When Damp Will Sweat Too Much and Become Hot and Burned—Community Plan Most Desirable.

When thrashing can be done early, the most economical method is to thrash directly from the shock. Thrash when the grain is dry, either before or after it has gone through the sweat. If the grain is too dry, it will crack in thrashing.

Wheat threshed before sweating in the shock will go through the sweat in the bin, giving the grain a darker and richer color. Grain that is thrashed when damp will sweat too much and become hot and bin burnt. When grain is cracked it should be allowed to go through the sweat before thrashing.

Community thrashing is desirable where the farms are not large. The individual farmer will get his thrashing done more rapidly and economically where a group of farmers can own and operate a thrashing outfit together.

See that the separator is well cleaned before the thrashing is started. In order to prevent the mixture of grain and the scattering of weed seed from the threshing machine.

Watch carefully the working of the machine to see that the grain is entirely removed from the straw and that the chaff is blown out.

Stack the straw, use it as feed or bedding for live stock, and so convert it into manure.

Write to United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., for a copy of Farmers' Bulletin No. 678, "Growing Hard Spring Wheat."

Buy Labor-Saving Tools.

If labor is scarce and high priced, buy labor-saving machinery and implements.

Best Land for Tomatoes.

Select land for your tomatoes that you have not been planting in tomatoes. This will help to control root knot and wilt.

Agricultural Progress.

Agricultural progress has been made by men who were not satisfied with what was good enough for their grandfathers.

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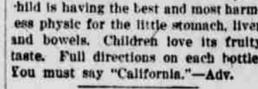
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"What of it?"

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Music of the Shepherd.

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SUGAR FIRE ATTRACTS BEES

Parasitic Workmen Can't Get Near Heap of Caramel to Dump It Into the Water.

Honey should be more abundant than ever in France this year. This is due not so much to any special conditions in the flower juices nor even to any exceptional assistance of the bees, but to an immense fire which melted into caramel hundreds of tons of sugar stored in the Amer-

ican Red Cross warehouse on the waterfront at Marseilles.

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