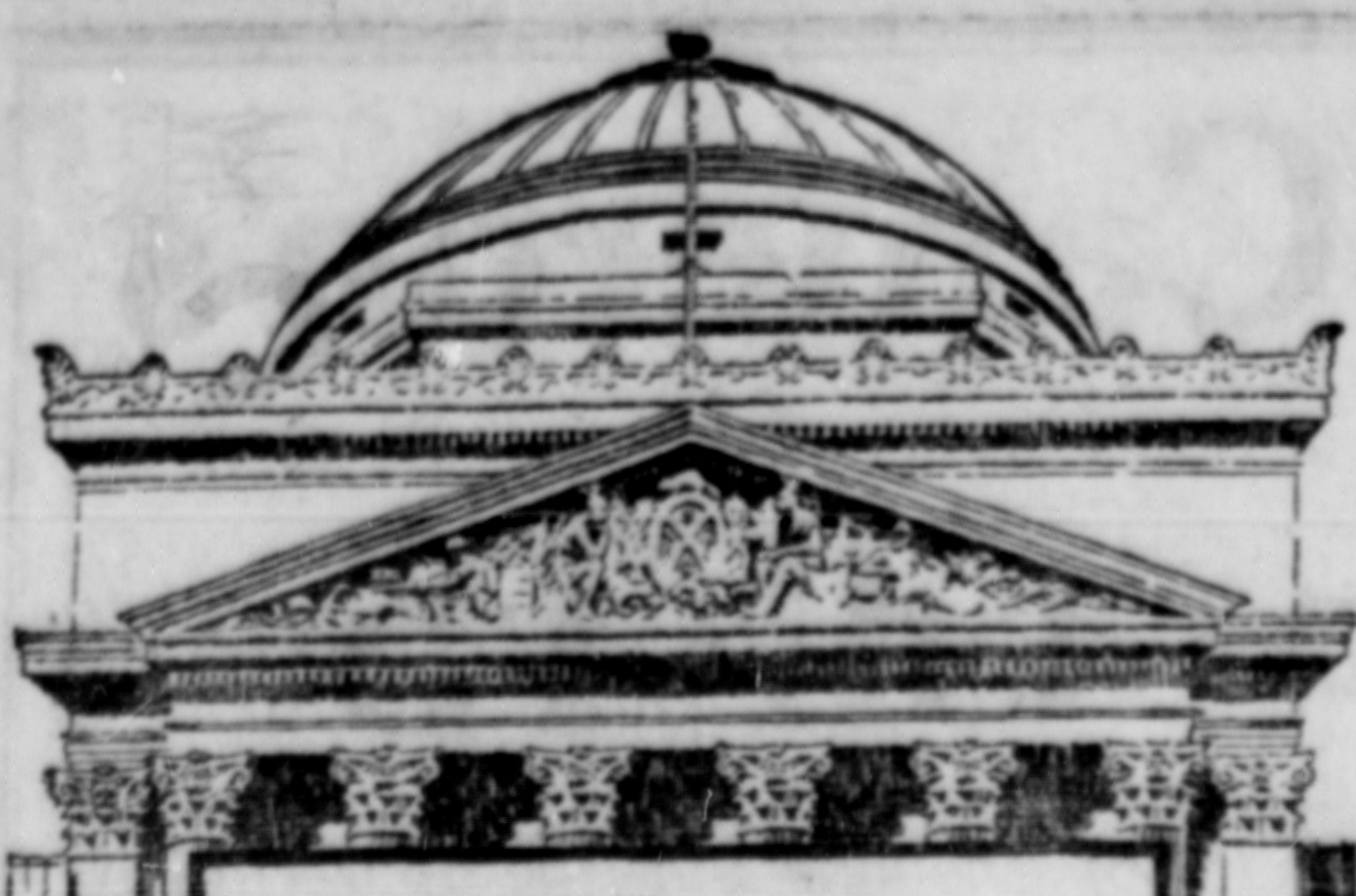




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## BOLSHEVIKI WEAKENING

Famine in Soviet Nation Demoralizing Present Form of Government.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 27.—(By Canadian Press)—"Now that all Northwest Ukrainians are freed from the Soviet beast let us have done with communism." This is the cry of the insurgent army of the Ukraine, awakened to new life by the last demand of famine-ravaged Russia. This year, in two provinces of the Ukraine, and two only—Kiev and Podolia—were the crops good. Upon them swooped the Russian devourer. The Bolsheviks of Moscow gave orders on October 26 to requisition two million pounds (30 million lbs. of grain) and three armies of pillagers were sent to secure this from the peasants.

Exiled officials of the former Petlura Government, as shown in letters to a resident of Toronto, had been expecting a revolution in the spring. But even they did not anticipate this sudden rising of an exasperated people. M. Andrew Livitzky, former prime minister of the Petlura government, wrote to Rev. Paul Craith of Toronto under date of November 3 to this effect, being then ignorant of the outbreak.

### Short Shift for Reds.

The "Saborna Ukraina" of November 9, a paper published in Poland, says that the Polish and Ukrainian press give much space to news of the revolution now blazing in Podolia, Kherson Gov., Odessa, Kiev, and even in the Eastern Ukraine. Its leaders—peasants—are Iritunik, Sheple, Zabolonik and Colonel Paley. Refugees from Podolia say that the Bolshevik army of occupation is entirely demoralized. Many Bolshevik squads have torn

off the red stars from their caps—their only mark of a regiment—and are roaming the country as marauders while they claim to be Ukrainians. They receive short shifts at the hands of the latter, when it is discovered that they speak Russian and not Ukrainian. They are exterminated without mercy for Ukraine has suffered too much at the hands of the criminals whom Soviet Russia appointed as Commissaries.

Russia, even if she would cannot govern these men whom she allowed to govern, revolver in hand. They know no other law, even when Moscow speaks. Lenin may wish to modify edicts; they do not understand him and would not obey if they did.

### Tricking Bolsheviks.

The Bolsheviks are to be found in large numbers only in towns. When famine drives them to the country they now meet the armed insurgents. Sometimes, by stratagem, the latter seek them out in the city. Disguised as friends one such group of men told the Bolsheviks of insurgents whom they could secure. "But first," they said, "give us the credentials of your trusted men." So, selecting the sheep from the goats, they fell upon the leaders and hanged them on the spot.

Dr. A. Sushko of Winnipeg has just welcomed his brother-in-law, a refugee, who says "Petlura is still 'Petlurizing.' 'Petlura' in the Ukrainian means a man who grinds flour to the finest powder. Two years ago Petlura said that his time for returning to the Ukraine would come when the Bolsheviks had shed so much peasant blood that they could be endured no longer. Now that time has come. The Bolshevik boundary guard on the Rumanian and Galician line have not been seen since the 13th. They had previously announced that they were no longer Bolsheviks.

### Rush to Ukraine.

Boris Craith, a flight officer in the insurgent army, writes Nov. 17 to his brother, Rev. Paul Craith, of Toronto, saying that Kamenetz, Podolsk, Winnitz and even Kiev were in the insurgents' hands. Gen. Petlura's soldiers who were interned in Galicia by the Poles disrupted their guards and rushed into the Ukraine and all cities in Poland and other states are trying to come to the help of their countrymen.

A fortnight before the insurrection the Bolsheviks demanded of Poland the expulsion of all Russian and Ukrainian refugees promising to pay therefor twenty million roubles. The Russian Anti-Bolshevik, protesting vigorously, left Poland for western Europe, but the Ukrainians decided to return to their own land and the Revolution helped them when they reached their homes. The Bolsheviks had claimed that Poland and Rumania, owing to French propaganda, had aided them in their escape, but despatches show that Poland had been strictly neutral and had guarded her boundaries as well as she could. The revolution is not even Petlura's work but is a national development hastened by a crisis.

### Blessed Insurgents.

The most hated Bolshevik organization in the Ukraine is called "Cha-Ka." (Extraordinary Commission to arrest and kill Anti-Bolsheviks). Recently some of these men were evacuating a town and their own drivers turned on them and killed them. When the insurgents pass through villages the priest comes out to bless them and pray for victory and the people bring them food. The Jews, (who usually join the strongest) have joined the insurgents in large numbers. One, Dr. Rabinovich, has organized a Jewish regiment.

The spirit of the revolution is shown in this proclamation, issued by Colonel Paley. "The hour for which we waited has come—the day of reckoning with the communistic invaders. Throughout Ukraine is heard the clamor of insurrection. All have risen at the call, Death to Bolshevik rule and its servants!

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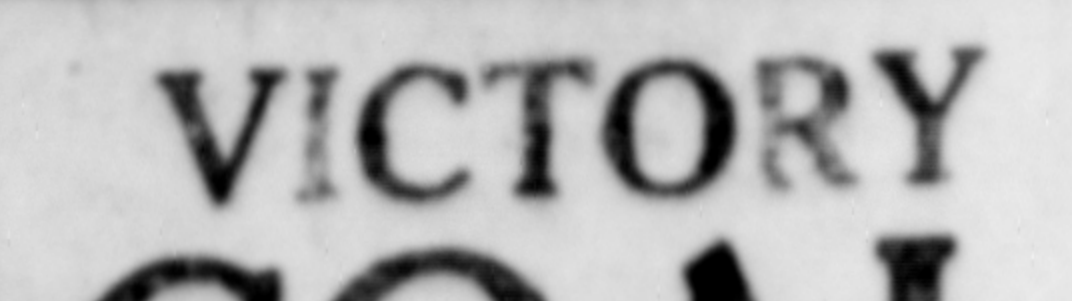
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