

RUSSIA WILL OFFER ARMISTICE AT ONCE

Maximalists Eager for Any Peace Proposals.

LENINE ANNOUNCES POSITION

Army Told to Be Firm Until "Just Peace" Is Obtained.

UPPER CLASSES TO SUFFER

Congress of Workmen and Soldiers Advises Army That Requisitions Will Be Made to Aid Soldiers' Economic Status.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 9.—Rumors in Petrograd today were to the effect that General Korniloff had made his escape.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—A meeting of the allied representatives in Petrograd was held in the British Embassy, where measures to insure the safety of their nationalities were discussed, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd today.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Petrograd says the members of the Petrograd municipal council and the peasant delegates to the workmen's and soldiers' congress, together with the Minimalists have decided not to acknowledge the authority of the Bolsheviks and will appeal to the nation regarding the coup d'etat.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 9.—"We plan to offer an immediate armistice of three months, during which elected representatives from all nations and not the diplomats are to settle the questions of peace," said Nikolai Lenine, the Maximalist leader, in a speech before the Workmen's and Soldiers' Congress today.

"We offer these terms," M. Lenine added, "but we are willing to consider any proposals for peace, no matter from which side. We offer a just peace, but will not accept unjust terms."

Authority is Extended.

The congress of workers' and soldiers' delegates, which, from their headquarters in the Smolny Institute is endeavoring to bring about a permanent government, has today extended its authority that it has wrested successfully from the Kerensky Cabinet, has set about speedily to extend its power all over Russia and bring about an early consultation over its aims. The congress already has selected commissaries to assume control of the various departments pending the institution of a permanent government.

The revolutionary committee has arranged a search for Premier Kerensky with the intention of arresting him, and has taken many other measures to further its control. The congress is meeting in the dimly-lighted commencement room of the Smolny Institute, where previously the daughters of the nobility and the rich were graduated from their studies.

The delegates are still deliberating over Lenine's proposal of an immediate three months' armistice and a speedy peace, and land and industrial reform.

Lenine in Laborer's Garb.

Lenine, who wears workman's garb, sat during the sessions of the congress on a raised platform with Leon Trotsky, president of the executive committee of the Petrograd delegates, M. Kamineff and other Bolshevik leaders. Last night they outlined the aims and decisions of the military revolutionary committee as follows:

"The abolition of capital punishment.

"The immediate release of all soldiers arrested by the Kerensky government for political offenses.

"All members of the Kerensky government to be arrested and all revolutionary committees to arrest Kerensky himself and to punish those aiding him to escape."

No Annexations Urged.

"We must take practical measures immediately to effect the promises given by the Bolshevik party," Lenine said. "The question of peace is a burning one today, therefore, the first act of the new government which is to be formed is to offer to all nations a democratic peace based on no annexations and no indemnities. Such a peace is to be concluded not by diplomacy, but by the representatives of the people."

Lenine explained that by annexation he meant the forcible seizure of any territory in the past or the present without consent of the people. He asserted that all secret treaties meant to benefit the bourgeoisie must be published and voided to benefit all.

Building Is Guarded.

There were machine guns and a field piece and a strong guard of infantry protecting the three-story building in which the workmen's and soldiers' congress met. The spacious commencement room of the Smolny Institute was crowded with delegates, with soldiers predominating. There also were a number of sailors seated among the peasant delegates.

The audience wore an expectant, earnest air. Though many factions of the Socialists are represented there was no grouping of seats to the left or right. On the platform Leon Trotsky was seated, carefully groomed, smiling and triumphant. Nikolai Lenine, quiet, reserved and stolidous, was beside him.

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400 AVADAVATS, 7 BARBETS ARRIVE

PALLAS CAT, FISHING CAT, TWO DIGTAIL MONKEYS IN CARGO.

Animals Take Sick on 10,000-Mile Voyage to New York Zoo. Many Die.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—An assortment of strange animals and birds of various descriptions destined for a New York zoo was included in the cargo of a British freighter which arrived here today after a voyage of 10,000 miles from the Far East.

The steamer rounded the Cape of Good Hope to avoid submarines in the Mediterranean, and during her long voyage many of her animal passengers contracted pneumonia and died.

Deaths among the monkeys were heaviest, more than half of the 640 with which she started the trip being buried at sea.

In addition to the monkeys the steamer brought 400 avadavats, two birds of paradise, seven barbets, three hornbills, two pigtail monkeys, five bear cubs, three tiger cubs, two leopards, a lynx, a pallas cat and a fishing cat.

LARGEST SHIPMENT READY

Special Train of 48 Cars of Apples to Leave Wenatchee Soon.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—The largest trainload of apples that ever left this state will start from Wenatchee soon for territory East of St. Paul. The train will consist of 48 cars, containing from 1000 to 1200 boxes each, valued at Wenatchee at \$1.75 to \$2 a box.

The shipment is under the direction of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, of Seattle. The bulk of the shipment is moving on previous cash sale.

Refrigerator cars are scarce and the fruit will be moved in boxcars. To combat the dangers of frost bite and freezing, the cars have been double floored or insulated with shavings. Some of the cars will be heated.

CORVALLIS HENS WINNERS

High Pen at Pullman Lays 971 Eggs and High Bird 237.

PULLMAN, Wash., Nov. 9.—The five hens entered by J. A. Hanson, of Corvallis, Or., were declared today to be the winners of the All-Northwest egg-laying contest, conducted by the Washington State College. The contest extended over a year. The five hens of Mr. Hanson laid 971 eggs in 12 months. The hens entered by P. W. Harries, of Seattle, laid 952 eggs and the hens of J. R. McRae, of Milwaukee, Or., laid 937.

In the contest of hens laying the largest number of marketable eggs the hen of Mr. Harries laid 237 eggs in the year. A hen entered by J. L. Crab, of Seattle, was second, with 232 eggs.

I. W. W. ARE WHIPPED

Tar and Feathers Applied by Black-Robed Mob in Oklahoma.

TULSA, Ok., Nov. 9.—Twenty members of the I. W. W. were taken from the police tonight by a band of masked men dressed in black robes, who took them to Osage Hills, applied the lash, a coat of tar and feathers and warned them to quit the country. Tonight placards were placed conspicuously throughout Tulsa bearing the warning: "I. W. W.—Don't let the sun go down on you in Tulsa."

They were signed "The Vigilance Committee."

NEW YORK TO RECIPROCATE

More Than 100,000 Dresses Will Be Sent to Women of France.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—New York's dress and waist industry will endeavor to show its appreciation to Paris for the fashion inspirations that be invaluable to the local industry by sending 100,000 practical dresses for the women and children of France as a Christmas gift, it was announced today.

These much-needed garments will be distributed by the French division of the Red Cross.

NO LOAFING IS TOLERATED

In Lincoln Men Must Work or Get Out of Town.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 9.—Under orders of the Mayor of Lincoln, the police of the city are accosting every man who does not appear to be busy, and unless assurance is received that the persons addressed are employed, they are either supplied with work or urged forcibly to get out of town.

The number of unemployed in Lincoln at present is said to be lower than ever before.

RAILROAD HALF FINISHED

Regular Service Will Be Established in Alaska Next Summer.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 9.—Before the end of next season the first regular train service over the coast end of the Alaska Government railroad will be established, according to William C. Ede, chairman of the Alaska Railroad Commission, who arrived here today.

The Alaska railroad is to be 508 miles in length, and 245 miles have already been completed and preliminary work done over many miles more.

GERMANS DRIVING FOE TOWARD PIAVE

Italian Army Advances Across Plain.

REAR RESISTANCE STUBBORN

Rain of Shells Poured on Advancing Host From Hills.

DIAZ REPLACES CADORNA

Permanent Inter-Allied Military Committee Takes Charge of Operation—Lloyd George and Painleve See King.

(By the Associated Press.)

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 8.—The Italians continue their retreat, in accordance with the plan of the general staff. Although the plain over which they are fighting offers no new natural defenses with the exception of the hills in the province of Treviso, the Italians are offering more determined resistance to the enemy. From the Treviso hills they are pouring a rain of shells on the Germans and Austrians, making them pay a heavy price for the ground they gain.

A dozen bridges have been blown up on the Livizna River to arrest and delay as much as possible the advance of the Austro-Germans toward the Piave River. The Livizna is a smaller river than the Tagliamento and offers fewer difficulties to the invading army to cross it, but the retiring Italian army is now better organized than it was on the banks of the Tagliamento.

Main Army Prepares for Stand.

The Italians are still holding back the Austrians and Germans by rear-guard actions, while the main body of the troops is establishing itself on the positions chosen for the resistance, says today's official statement.

Berlin, Nov. 9.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—The Austro-German forces in Northern Italy, overcoming the resistance of the Italian rear-guards, are advancing ceaselessly on mountain roads and on the plain, in driving snow and pouring rain, toward the Piave.

"The Livizna River has been crossed," says the communication. "The allied (Austro-German) armies, overcoming the resistance of the Italian rear-guards, are advancing ceaselessly on mountain roads and on the plain, in driving snow and pouring rain, toward the Piave."

(By the Associated Press.)

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Thursday, Nov. 8.—The conference of British, French and Italian representatives has resulted in the creation of a permanent inter-allied military committee. New leadership for the Italian army has been provided.

Diaz Replaces Cadorna.

General Cadorna, who has been in supreme command of the Italian army (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

A. H. EATON DENIED LANE COURT HOUSE

EX-UNIVERSITY TEACHER FAILS TO FIND MEETING PLACE.

County Judge Bown, in Refusing Use of Building, Says He Acts for Nation's Interest.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Allen H. Eaton, member of the State Legislature from Lane County, who resigned as a member of the faculty of the University of Oregon following a demand for his removal because of his participation in a meeting of the People's Council for Democracy and Terms of Peace, will not be permitted to hold a meeting in the Lane County Court house, County Judge L. Bown, who has a son serving in the Third Oregon, announced tonight.

An effort first was made several days ago to obtain the use of the Circuit Courtroom for a meeting to be held Friday night. The person making the inquiry did not disclose the object of the proposed meeting. Mr. Eaton subsequently called County Commissioner Harlowe by telephone and was told that, as Circuit Court was in session, the room probably would be in use.

Today it developed that the room would not be in use tonight, and County Judge Bown gave the custodian of the building directions to see that the doors were locked.

"Mr. Eaton cannot hold his meeting in the Lane County Courthouse tonight, nor any other time," Judge Bown said. "This is no time for meetings of that sort. The County Court believes that it is acting in the best interests of the county and Nation."

Mr. Eaton announced at the time his resignation was accepted by the board of regents of the university that he would hold a meeting and explain his position.

FOOD PLEDGES NEAR GOAL

More Than 9,119,400 Housewives Offer Support to Hoover.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The food administration has come within less than a million of its 10,000,000 goal for food-pledge cards.

The total pledges signed by American housewives stood early today at 9,119,417, an increase of more than 250,000 over the last report given out by the campaign headquarters here.

ARMY BUILDING BURNED

Fire, Igniting From Defective Flue, Results in Heavy Loss.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 9.—Fire starting from a defective flue in a quarter-master's building at Camp Nicholls, in the old City Park racetrack near here, early today partially destroyed Army quarter-master buildings, causing a loss of several thousand dollars.

Virtually all Army supplies were removed.

DIRECTED VERDICT FREES

Attorney-General, of Iowa, Acquitted on Serious Charge.

LOGAN, Ia., Nov. 9.—A directed verdict of not guilty was returned today by the jury in the trial of H. M. Havner, Attorney-General of Iowa.

The indictment charged him with "wilfully and corruptly oppressing a person under color of office."

SHIPS MOST NEEDED TO WIN GREAT WAR

Vice-President Talks to Ship Workers.

STRIKES TO DELAY VICTORY

Be Good, Everyday Americans, Asserts Executive.

LUMBER PILE IS PLATFORM

Accompanied by Mrs. Marshall, Vice-President Leaves for Aberdeen, Where He Talks on "National Tendencies."

"Here in this shipyard you are doing something really worth while. You are rendering your country a real service in producing ships with which to win this war. The worst that could happen would be for this industry to be crippled. This is no time for strikes. The sooner the Government's need for ships is supplied, the sooner will the war be brought to a close."

The speaker was Vice-President Marshall, who during the noon-hour yesterday addressed 600 workmen in the Grand Smith-Porter-Guthrie Shipbuilding Company's yards at St. Johns. Using a pile of lumber as a platform, Mr. Marshall commended the workmen, who stood on freight trucks and railroad cars, for their industry and patriotism.

Sacrifices Are Needed.

"We are at war with the imperial German government and it is not the time for wrangling among ourselves over petty differences," said Mr. Marshall. "Let's be good, common, everyday Americans. You men are equally interested with the President and the members of his Cabinet in having this war prosecuted successfully. My idea of patriotism is not how much a man can make as a direct result of wartime conditions, but how much of a sacrifice he can make. We all should and must make some sacrifice, no matter how small it may seem when compared to the sacrifice the soldier in the trenches is making."

"Go ahead, you have 20 minutes more to talk," shouted one of the enthusiastic workmen as Mr. Marshall concluded his remarks.

Inspects Local Plants.

Upon his arrival from Salem yesterday shortly before noon, Mr. Marshall was met by Eric V. Hauser and Andrew E. Porter, of the shipbuilding concern; M. J. Cloutier, manager of the Hotel Multnomah; R. H. Atchison, city passenger agent for the O.-W. R. & N. Co.; F. N. Carlson, general superintendent, and George Tausel, department superintendent, and taken in an automobile to the shipbuilding plant.

Accompanied by Mrs. Marshall, the Vice-President left yesterday afternoon for Aberdeen, Wash., where he gave his lecture on "National Tendencies" last night.

CHICAGO AROUSED AT PEACE MEETING

PEOPLE'S COUNCIL SETS CONFERENCE FOR TODAY.

Aldermen Fear Reign of Terrorism if Such Gatherings Are Allowed. Governor's Aid Sought.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Intense feeling was aroused at the City Hall today by the announcement that the Chicago branch of the People's Council for Democracy and Terms of Peace intends to hold a meeting here tomorrow.

Leading members of the Council demanded that the police authorities prevent the meeting from being held and that in case they refuse to do so, Governor Lowden bring troops to Chicago to enforce his order against public gatherings by the pacifists.

Mayor Thompson was not at the City Hall today, but Chief of Police Schuttler said he would take up the matter with Corporation Counsel Eitelson. The latter refused to discuss the situation.

Mr. Eitelson rendered an opinion that he refused to interfere with a previous meeting, which resulted in Governor Lowden sending troops to Chicago from Springfield. The soldiers arrived too late, however, to stop the gathering.

Aldermen predicted that if the meeting tomorrow and others of its kind are not suppressed, serious trouble will follow in Chicago and in the end such gatherings will bring about a state of anarchy.

SONS, GRANDSONS, CHUMS

Grandfathers of Two Boys Who Enlist Together Long Neighbors.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—The fighting blood of the early Oregon pioneers has not cooled with the passing of the years.

In 1843 James W. Nesmith and S. T. Burch, one of them afterwards United States Senator and the other a Judge, settled on adjoining claims in Polk County. Today word was received here from friends of Linn W. Nesmith and John T. Burch, grandsons of the old pioneers, that they had enlisted together in the 23d United States Volunteer Highway Engineer Regiment and expect to leave Vancouver for Baltimore soon.

United States Senator Nesmith was chairman of the committee on military affairs in the Senate during the Civil War.

Fathers of the two boys who enlisted today were born on the adjoining farms at Richcraft and were close friends all their lives.

AUSTRIAN CANNOT PLAY

Youngstown Doesn't Want to Hear Violinist Who Is Army Officer.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 9.—Fritz Kreisler, Austrian violinist, did not appear in concert tonight as scheduled, Mayor Carroll Thornton having refused to issue a permit.

Civic organizations presented petitions declaring that the appearance of Kreisler would be unpatriotic, owing to the fact that he is an officer in the Austrian army.

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RIGID RULES WILL GOVERN HONOR MEN

Late Escapes to Change System at Prison.

INCREASED COST DEFENDED

Governor Declares Conditions at Prison Are Good.

FLAX FARM HEAD TO GO

Failure of Flax Industry and Attack Made Upon Warden Minto Said to Be Responsible for Removal of Mr. Crawford.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—More rigid selection of the men who are granted honor-system privileges at the State Penitentiary and an establishment of a closer surveillance are "new rules which will become effective at the state prison at once, following a conference between Governor Withycombe and Warden Murphy today."

Flax Head May Lose Job.

Incidentally, as another important change in the course of prison affairs, Superintendent Crawford is due to lose his job at the head of the flax plant in the near future and will be succeeded by two men. This change, however, will cut the administration cost down.

Governor Withycombe, who has just returned to the city after a trip to Lewiston, Idaho, had an opportunity to express himself here on the workings of the honor system for the first time since six convicts made their break from the honor gang at the Penitentiary wood camp, a few days ago.

Governor Not Discouraged.

"I never have been enthusiastic over a radical honor system," asserted the Governor. "A lot of mankind sentimentality clusters around it. But I believe a modified form of an honor system can yet be made practical and wholly beneficial. I am not at all discouraged with recent events. The conditions at the prison are better at the present than perhaps at any time in its entire history."

"This Summer more than 100 men have been worked successfully without guards. Those who recently escaped had been working as honor men since early Spring and were excellent workers. Their escape is evidently the result of a brainstorm. Those men are more to be pitied than to be condemned, as they had not the power to resist the impulse to escape."

Error of Mercy Favored.

The former administration at the prison evidently lacked the milk of human kindness which sweetens human souls. Warden Minto and his associates have a little too much of that same milk of human kindness. I nevertheless have absolute confidence in his administration. I would much rather err in that direction than be unmercifully harsh with the prisoners.

"Conditions as a whole, as I before stated, are very good and especially has the parole system proven itself remarkably successful. Seventy-five per cent of paroled men and those who have been conditionally pardoned are making good, and that is a record which I believe is unsurpassed in any similar institution in the United States."

Flax Industry May Aid.

"I am hopeful that the flax industry will ultimately solve the prison labor problem."

"Criticism that has been directed at the alleged high per capita cost really is unfounded. There have been many extraordinary expenses to meet during the past few months, with a small population, and the same number of guards is required to handle 600 men as to handle 500 men. The smaller the population the greater the per capita cost."

"When slight friction between employees is settled the flax plant at the prison will be placed on a working basis."

"For some time it has been my purpose to lessen the cost of the administration of the flax industry. It is now costing \$250 a month and two men at \$160 a month apiece can operate it just as successfully. This will mean the dispensing with the services of Superintendent Crawford at \$200 per month, and two men, now employed at the prison and now perfectly familiar with the work, will carry on the conduct of the industry."

Crawford Long in Danger.

Probability of Crawford's walking the plank as a state employee has been considered likely for some time, but today is the first actual intimation given by the Governor that Crawford would soon be informed that his services no longer are needed.

Suspicion has been pretty well grounded in the mind of the executive that Crawford has been responsible for attacks, more or less in the dark, on Warden Murphy. Crawford frequently has gone to the Governor with allegations as to interference on the part of the Warden. Just how far these allegations have injured the Warden are indicated plainly by today's developments.

The Executive did not state positively how soon Crawford's name will be erased from the state payroll, but gave the inference that it will not be in the distant future.

