

LITTLE OPPOSITION TO BOLSHEVISM SEEN

Student of Russian Affairs Points Out That Other Cities Are Silent.

PREDICTION IS BORNE OUT

Rheta Childs Dorr Sees Only One Reason for Doubting Revolutionary News and That Is Faith in Women Soldiers.

BY RHETA CHILDS DORR.
Too much credence should not be given the news that is coming from Petrograd just now. In general, we know that the Bolsheviks have captured the government, deposed Kerensky and set up a government of their own, with Nikolai Lenin, agent of the German government, at its head. That is all we do know, except that the crisis, which the readers of the Oregonian were warned weeks ago was nearly due, has arrived. Russia is face to face with a choice—Germany or the allies. Which will she choose?

We cannot guess the answer because we know so little of what has actually happened in Petrograd. Embargo Put on News. The Bolsheviks have control of all the means of communication, all posts and telegraphs, and what news comes out of Petrograd is carefully censored—unless it is somehow smuggled out over Siberia. This sometimes happens.

All last Summer when I was in Petrograd the censoring of news by the extreme radicals was freely commented on. Printers in the big newspaper offices often refused to put into type news which was unfavorable or complimentary to the council of workmen and soldiers' delegates. They declined flatly to set up editorial in which the Root commission was warmly praised; or so, at least, I was assured.

Sometimes the printers were induced to accept extra money to set up articles of news stories reflecting on the soviets or indicating a weakening of its power. In the words of the immortal Pooh Bah, "I called them, but they did it."

Last June a band of workmen and soldiers marched to the office of a fairly conservative newspaper, walked in the offices and the composing room, presented loaded revolvers to the heads of the editors and took possession of the place. They wanted another proletarian newspaper, they said, and this was an easy and simple way to secure one.

Paper's Policy Changed. A young Bolshevik with whom I discussed the incident remarked: "The working people had a right to seize that particular newspaper, because it was started in the first place as favoring the rights of the people and it went back on its principles."

After a few days of fighting and bringing Cossack troops into the street, the Bolsheviks lost their new property. But I never heard of any of the hold-up men being arrested or punished for their deed.

This being the state of affairs in Petrograd since last Spring, the public may well discount all unverified reports coming from Russia at the present time. Other Cities Silent. We must face all the facts in this Russian situation. We hear constantly the remark that, after all, Petrograd is not Russia. We do not know that this is true. We do not know that all Russia is not ready to back up the reds of Petrograd.

It is apparent that the Bolsheviks lost in municipal elections in various cities of the empire, but it is also apparent that none of the worst of the hold-up men of the acts of the Petrograd Bolsheviks.

Petrograd does not control communications from Odessa or even Moscow, and those cities have been silent so far. The first stories that came over the cables gave the impression of a revolution for a four hours' defense of the Winter Palace. Later reports contradicted this. The contradiction sounds a little forced. Lenin and company would probably object to favorable publicity for the women soldiers. No one who knew the women could doubt that they would fight gallantly and to the last in any engagement.

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Nun in Death Battalion. It is by no means certain that the regiment said to have defended the palace was Botchkareva's command. It may have been the First Women's Regiment, of Petrograd, 1300 strong, that drilled all Summer in the great courtyard of the Engineers' Palace on the Sordovia. These women were much more thoroughly trained than Botchkareva's battalion. They drilled for three months in the city before they were marched out into camp some 15 miles from Petrograd. They would be fully trained and equipped by this time.

These women were to be completely officered by women, 15 picked members of the regiment attending the officers' school daily all Summer. Finding the commissioning of the women officers the regiment was being trained and drilled by men.

They were a fine-looking set of soldiers the day they marched into camp. Most of them showed the same zeal, almost religious in character, that fired the hearts of Botchkareva's band. One of the women had been a nun. Horrified by German outrages perpetrated in convents and hospitals, this woman had torn off her nun's robe and coat and substituted the uniform of a soldier.

This regiment, in my opinion, would be extremely likely to die fighting, die to the last woman, rather than surrender easily, as the latest censored reports from Bolshevik Petrograd stated.

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LEON TROTSKY.

LEADER'S RISE RAPID

Bolshevik Head \$12-a-Week Reporter 3 Months Ago.

TROTSKY LONG HARASSED

President of Petrograd Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates for Years Associated With Russian Revolutions.

Three months ago he was a \$12-a-week reporter on an East Side newspaper in New York City. Today Leon Trotsky is one of the leaders of the Bolshevik revolution who have overthrown Kerensky and set up a new radical government. Through a vagary of fortune in one bound he has changed from practically an unknown to a person of world-wide importance. Trotsky is about 40 years old. For years he has been associated with the Russian revolutionary movement. He was sent to Siberia for the 1905 outbreak of 1912. Released a few months later, he went to Germany. From there he was expelled at the beginning of the war. Later he was expelled from Switzerland, France and Spain. He went to New York early this year and was living in the Bronx when the Czar was overthrown.

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BIG MOSS CROP IS FACTOR

Youngsters Do Thriving Business Collecting Food for Stock.

GOLD HILL, Or., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—The oak forests of Southern Oregon produced beautiful crop moss this season, which has been quite a factor in supplying feed to take the place of the early fall grasses, which failed, due to the prolonged drought. The deer, cattle, horses and swine on the ranges feed quite extensively on the acorn, which is rich in fattening qualities. The boys of girls in the line with the Government bulletin recently issued by the Department of Agriculture, wherein the nutritive value of the acorn is emphasized and its utilization is urged to save consumption of grain in fattening swine, have experienced a lucrative season gathering the fallen moss, which they sell to stock feeders at an average price of 1 cent a pound.

HUNS ARE DRIVEN BACK

(Continued From First Page.) gondolas, being used for transportation purposes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—A description of Saturday's fighting in the Italian retreat is contained in the following official cablegram from Rome, received here today:

"Between the Tagliamento and the River Piave, where in 1848 took place the epic defense of the Cadore, led by Fortunato Calvi, yesterday a large detachment of our troops, surrounded by superior enemy forces, far from surrendering themselves, opposed a desperate resistance and finally succeeded in opening their way by breaking through the enemy in a furious bayonet assault.

"Our extreme rear guard showed admirable fighting spirit in sharp encounters near the Piave bridge. Cavalry squadrons charged the enemy, while patrols of Arditi molested the invaders with sharp guerrilla attacks. Superior enemy forces, far from surrendering, managed to cross to the right bank of the River Piave in perfect order and then destroyed the bridges.

"Yesterday was a day of reaction against the enemy all along the line.

TASK CONFRONTING ALLIES HARD ONE

Secretary Baker Comments on Effect of Germany's Latest Offensive Moves.

ALL CAREFULLY PLANNED

Action on Eastern and Southern Fronts Political as Well as Military—Allies' Gains in West Most Encouraging Feature.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The effect of Germany's political offensives against Russia and Italy upon the task ahead of the allies is recognized in Secretary Baker's weekly review of military operations, issued today by the War Department.

"The close interrelation of events on all fronts cannot be too frequently emphasized," says the review.

"The political situation in Russia made it possible for Germany to detach important contingents in the east which were speedily transported to the Italian front.

"It is not unlikely that before initiating their powerful drive against the Italian forces, the enemy made painstaking and systematic attempts to undermine the morale of the Italian troops, with a view to breaking down their resisting power.

"This carefully planned political offensive conducted preparatory to their military offensive reveals clearly the present methods of the Germans.

Decision Sought in South. "Surveying the broader aspects of the European situation today, we find that the enemy in the east is confining its efforts to political propaganda. Along the Italian sector he has recently made desperate attempts to secure a decision by means of a politico-military drive. In the west, while attempting to sap the fighting strength of the belligerent peoples, the enemy has been compelled to act on the defensive and is being slowly but surely driven back.

"It should be borne in mind, however, that the further disintegration of the Russian forces will mean that the Germans will be able to thin out their lines along this front, which will thus automatically contribute to the stiffening of their defense in the west, as well as render added contingents to take part in the engagements now proceeding in Italy.

British and French Gains. "During the week just closed, both the British and French were able to record significant tactical gains, the culmination of a long series of powerfully driven offensives.

"With Passchendaele securely in British hands, the first stage of operations begun during the last week of September has been brought to a successful conclusion.

"The French counterpart of the British success took place north of the Aisne. Here the retreat of the enemy anticipated last week was carried out. The pressure of the French offensive, which has grown slowly and methodically in volume and intensity, reached its climax in this sector, they were enabled to enfilade the German lines along the crest of the Chemin des Dames.

"For the past three years, the presence of the enemy on this ridge had been a source of anxiety to the French. To dislodge them was a principal objective of the repeated offensives developed by General Petain since last spring. The sudden forced evacuation of some 40 square miles of the most important terrain in this sector of the western front has been the tangible result achieved.

French Advance Important. "The importance of this successful French advance must not be overlooked. It means more than a mere gain of so many square miles of territory. It means the penetration of the powerfully fortified Siegfried line, hitherto considered by the enemy as an inviolable barrier. It pushes back his main defensive positions to within five miles of the fortress of Laon, the major objective.

"In the sector where a small detachment of our troops had taken up their places in the trenches as a part of their training, the enemy was customary in trench warfare when fresh troops are believed to have taken places in front-line trenches for reconnaissance purposes, executed a well-planned raid and succeeded in temporarily penetrating the short segment of the line held by our forces, inflicting a few casualties and taking prisoners.

"A unit of our artillery also in the course of its training came in contact with the enemy and acquitted itself very creditably in this first encounter.

Eastern Front Is Quiet. "In Italy the situation is developing as normally as can be expected under the circumstances. The decisions of military importance took place. The enemy, instead of attacking, has renewed his efforts to fraternize with the Russians. Owing to the involved political situation and the fresh outbreaks of the extremist elements, it is probable that these may have a marked influence on the general strategy of the war which we must be prepared to meet."

Sale of Condemned Scales Costly. VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—Andy Johnson, a local fisherman, recently sold a set of scales which had been condemned by the state inspector and Monday he was arrested, charged with selling condemned scales without the consent of the state. H. W. Myers, state scaler, preferred charges, and Mr. Johnson was fined \$25 and costs by E. J. O'Connell, Justice of the Peace.

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TRACTORS NEED OPERATOR Exemption From Draft Urged for Skilled Farm Motorists.

MEIKED, Cal., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—A resolution from the County Farm Bureau was sent to the State Council of Defense Monday asking that an effort be made to have operators of farm tractors exempt from draft and to have soldiers in the National Army possessing skill as operators returned to the farms for service.

The resolution points out that at least 80 per cent of the grain farming on level land is done by tractors, that those on board are this Cuban Minister to Argentina and the Cuban Minister to Uruguay. These diplomats have protested against the government's action.

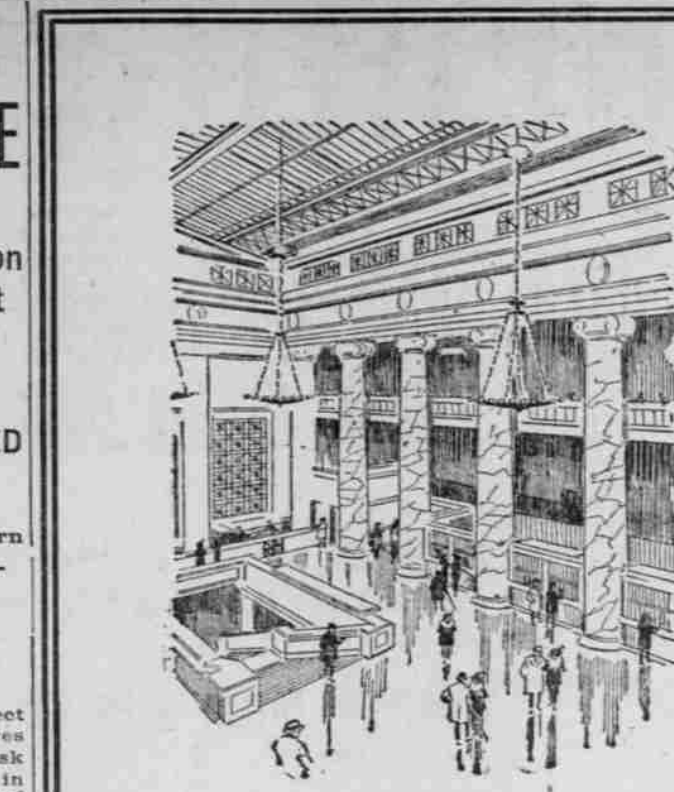
RELIEF STEAMER HALTED

Haelen, From Montreal for Rotterdam, Taken Into Swinemuende.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 13.—The Belgian relief steamer Haelen, from Montreal for Rotterdam, has been taken into Swinemuende for technical reasons, according to the Telegram.

In view of the prevailing danger of famine in the occupied district of Belgium, the capture of the Haelen increases the acuteness of the situation.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The Belgian relief commission states that the steamer Haelen was taken into Swinemuende for examination. The German government reserving the same right as the British to examine vessels. The commission expects that the vessel shortly will be released.



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University to Have Annual Home Coming This Week.

SONS IN SERVICE EXPECTED

Big Feature of Entertainment Will Be Football Game Against Berkeley Saturday, but Other Attractions Are Billed.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, November 13.—(Special.)—Three hundred graduates, ex-students and enlisted men of the university are expected to return to the campus Friday and Saturday for Oregon's third annual homecoming, which is to be featured by the Oregon-California football game Saturday afternoon, when for the first time in nearly 15 years the Berkeley eleven will invade Eugene. Invitations have been sent to every graduate of the institution and the percentage of acceptances has been much larger than was expected.

Both the Army and Navy will be well represented, many enlisted students, who are stationed on the Pacific Coast, having written that they have obtained leaves of absence for the week-end. Athletic contests will make up a large part of the programme for the two days. Besides the classic of Saturday afternoon, the freshman eleven will meet the Portland Interscholastic League contenders, Coach "Dick" Marjorie's Columbia University aggregation. Saturday morning Oregon's soccer squad will attempt to regain the laurels lost to the Oregon Agricultural College team at Corvallis last Saturday. Several inter-mural contests between the various women's athletic teams will also be staged.

Friday night the annual student homecoming parade through the downtown streets will hold the attention of the visitors and will be followed by a rally around the freshman bonfire on Kincaid Field at which Representative Hawley, President Campbell and Coach Bendick will be the principal speakers. The Alumni Association will hold its regular semi-annual meeting Saturday morning, at which officers for the coming year will be elected. In place of the annual alumni banquet the women of the university will serve a Hoover luncheon on the campus at noon Saturday. Brown and rye bread will be used in making the sandwiches and potato chips will take the place of meat. The committee in charge of the luncheon is making preparation to feed 1100.

Saturday evening the alumni and members of the California Agricultural College will be the honor guests at an informal ball, given in the Eugene armory. The patrons and patronesses will be: Governor and Mrs. Withycombe, President and Mrs. P. L. Campbell, Mayor and Mrs. C. O. Peterson, of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jenkins, Dean and Mrs. John Straub, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dixon, Dean Elizabeth Fox, Dr. and Mrs. O. F. Stifford, Judge and Mrs. E. O. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Piper, Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Schmidt, Dr. John Landis, Miss Ada Hall and Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Bates.

Eugene business men are co-operating with the university in every way possible to make the homecoming a grand success. The downtown decorations will be extensive and all of the business houses will close Saturday afternoon.

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