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Kronstadt, Important Naval Port of Russia, Reported Seized by Germans.

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Summary Action Taken at Moscow and Petrograd Toward Those Persons of Counter Revolutionary Sentiments.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 17.—Kazan, an important city in the Volga region, has been surrounded and is being bombarded by soviet troops, according to a telegram from Moscow received by way of Berlin.

The telegram states that a number of English and French have been placed under arrest at Kazan. The city is being mobilized by the soviet for the construction of trenches.

Bolshevik troops, advancing toward Omsk Bay, have occupied Kirov, in the government of Novgorod, east of Petrograd.

It is reported that violent fighting is proceeding on the southern front, in the direction of Tcherkassk, for the possession of the Don railway bridge.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—Seizure by Germany of the Russian naval port of Kronstadt, to which recent advances have indicated that the seat of Bolshevik government was to be removed from Moscow, is reported in Stockholm advices to Le Matin.

Officers Summarily Shot. Advices from Amsterdam today say that out of 1000 officers arrested at Moscow and Petrograd because of counter revolutionary tendencies, 236 have been summarily shot.

The Amsterdam advices quote from a Moscow dispatch to the Kreuz Zeitung of Berlin.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 17.—German intervention in Russia to assist the Bolshevik government is strongly opposed by the German government, which is in close touch with Chancellor von Hertling.

The newspaper declares that Germany's sole interest in Russia lies in the restoration of orderly conditions. Germany, therefore, has been friendly to the soviet government.

Berlin Press Opposes Action. Berlin newspapers of all shades of opinion express an opposing intervention in favor of the Bolsheviks.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Statements that entente diplomatic and consular agents have not received authorization to leave Russia are denied in a Russian wireless message received here.

The Russian government, it is added, is awaiting a reply from Germany to the request that safe conduct be given agents wishing to leave Russia by way of Petrograd and Stockholm.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—American Consul-General Poole at Moscow, who recently burned his code book and turned the code to the British and Swedish Consuls, notified the State Department in a cablegram received today that he intended to remain in Moscow to assist the British and Swedish consular officers there, who are in great personal danger.

The Consul-General reported that with the aid of the Swedish representative, he had succeeded in securing the release of several hundred entente citizens, mostly British and French who were arrested by the Bolsheviks and held as hostages for soviet members imprisoned in the north.

Ninety Civilians Held. About 90 of these civilians were still in custody. Mr. Poole said he had been able to ameliorate their situation.

Mr. Poole reported also that the Japanese Consul had left Moscow under pledge of safe conduct. The Japanese representative will make a complete report of conditions in Moscow to the allied nations.

Members of the International Red Cross, including several Americans, are doing excellent work in Moscow, the consul-general reported, and are getting adequate protection at present. They are greatly assisted by members of the Y. M. C. A., who are also given protection.

From Finnish news reports transmitted through Sweden the state department heard today that the soviet government is making hasty preparation to move state banks and other state institutions from Moscow. For this reason, it was said, all private passengers and freight traffic from Moscow has been stopped.

I. W. W. ARE CONVICTED (Continued From First Page.) patriotic labor organization. And no effort is being made by the Government to justify mob violence, the Hulse deportation, or other lawless acts.

Every State Involved. "At its very start the I. W. W. struck at the foundations of our Government. Is it not peculiar that in every state of the Union these fellows got into trouble? In a little town an ordinance is passed. They go and violate it, and say they are going to violate it.

The documents issued by the defendants themselves are enough to convict them. When you consider the definitions made by the witnesses on the stand and compare them with what they have written and the books they authorized, the case of the Government is complete."

Verdict Ready in One Hour. After the instructions of Judge Landis, the jury retired at 4:10 P. M. and just one hour later announced that its verdict was ready. The court was hastily assembled and the verdict was read at 5:25 P. M. There was no demonstration and the defendants were returned to their cells after Judge Landis had announced that he would hear arguments for a new trial next week, the exact date to be set later.

Before the instructions to the jury were read, Judge Landis ordered 83 of the 100 defendants, who had been out on bail during the progress of the trial, taken into custody and searched to make certain that no weapons were brought into the courtroom.

An exact police guard was on duty when court reconvened in the afternoon and every visitor was carefully scrutinized before being admitted.

Courtroom Closely Guarded. At 2 o'clock the courtroom was crowded. Scores of policemen, detectives, and agents of the Department of Justice were present.

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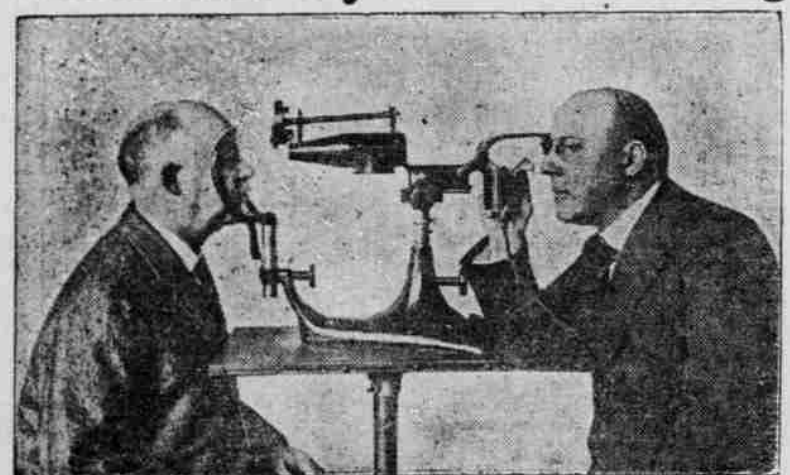
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