

GEN. KORNILOFF FATE IN BATTLE MUCH IN DOUBT

Contradictory Despatches Received From Petrograd Announcing Defeat by and Victory Over Bolshevik Forces.

STATE OF ANARCHY AT HEIGHT IN PETROGRAD

Correspondent Reports That 7000 Naked Bodies Have Been Found in Canals of City Within Last Three Weeks.

Counter-revolutionary efforts against the Bolshevik appear to have received a setback in the reported defeat of General Korniloff in a battle in south central Russia. Unofficial advices contain the rumor that General Korniloff was wounded and that his capture by the Bolsheviks is anticipated.

Reports of the battle which is said to have been fought are conflicting, some reports stating that Korniloff defeated the enemy.

In Petrograd the Bolsheviks continue their efforts to gain control of the constituent assembly, although available returns from the recent elections show that the Bolsheviks alone hardly have a majority in the assembly. Orders for the arrest and trial of the leaders of the constitutional democratic party, most of whom are supporting the Cossack revolt, have been issued by the Bolsheviks.

(By The Associated Press)
London, Dec. 13.—The Bolsheviks intend to compel the constituent assembly to be subservient to them, says the Petrograd correspondent of the Times. He quotes the Pravda, the Bolshevik organ, as saying:

"The only constituent assembly which will be recognized by the workers, soldiers and peasants is one giving them bread, peace and land. The nation recognizes only one law—the furthestance of its interests. Those who refuse to obey that law will be compelled to submit by force."

The correspondent adds that the constituent assembly now stands adjourned indefinitely.

HEAR KORNILOFF BEATEN

London, Dec. 13.—General Korniloff is reported to have been defeated and wounded in a battle between Bielegrad and Sumy, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Daily Mail. His capture is expected.

It is probable, the despatch adds, that the extremists will capture Rostov on the Don. All signs, it is said, are that the Cossacks rising will fall and they will join the Bolsheviks.

NO PEACE PROPOSED

Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—No German peace conditions have been submitted to the Russian delegates, according to an official telegram received here from Berlin. Up to this time nothing has been discussed except the armistice.

BOLSHEVIKI "IRON HAND"

(By The Associated Press)
London, Dec. 13.—In a long interview of the Russian situation, the Petrograd correspondent of the Post says there is no prospect of a peaceful settlement, and that henceforth force must decide everything. The secret of the successes throughout the country of the Bolsheviks, he writes, is that they represent the iron hand. What is behind them is as yet undisclosed, but among the influential members of their organization are men who are prominent in the secret political police of the empire which once ruled

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Hundreds May Lose Sight as Result of Halifax Disaster

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 13.—Official inquiry was begun by the Canadian government today to determine, if possible, responsibility for the ship collision with its resultant explosion and fire and the loss of nearly 1300 lives a week ago.

The most important need at present is said to be for expert oculists, who might be able to save hundreds of persons from becoming blind for life.

ENLIST IN THIRD COMPANY.

Hedley Holman and Chris Kling, Eugene boys, have enlisted in the Third company, Oregon coast artillery, and gone to Fort Stevens.

AUSTRIAN SHIPS SUNK

(By The Associated Press)
New York, Dec. 13.—The torpedoing of two Austrian battleships in the harbor of Trieste by Italian torpedo craft on the night of December 6 is reported in a message received here today by Commander C. Pfister, of the Italian navy. The information was contained in a telegram received by Commander Pfister from Captain L. Vannutelli, the naval attaché of the Italian embassy at Washington.

WOMEN ARE HEROES IN DISASTER AT HALIFAX

Nurses Work Despite Injuries; Save Patients and Minister to Persons From Outside.

(By The Associated Press)
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 13.—Belated credit was given today to two young women for their conduct following the explosion. When the explosion came the naval hospital had only two nurses on duty, Sister Alice Boutin and her assistant. Although the roof crashed in and the building was damaged, not a patient was lost. In addition to attending these patients, many injured from outside were brought in. With a fractured rib and a dislocated shoulder, Sister Boutin remained on duty until late in the evening, when she became exhausted.

Miss Jean Groves, operator at the private branch telephone exchange at the dockyards, remained at her post and sent out calls for doctors, fire department and other aid until ordered out of the building, which was badly damaged. Within an hour she was at another exchange reporting for duty.

COURT ORDERS BAIL DECLARED FORFEIT

Judge J. W. Hamilton Orders Action Taken Against Bondsmen of E. J. Frasier.

The bail of E. J. Frasier, convicted at Corvallis Saturday last, was declared forfeited by Judge J. W. Hamilton at Corvallis Wednesday and instruction given to commence suit against the bondsmen, stated Assistant District Attorney Donald Young Thursday.

Neither Mr. Frasier nor his attorneys appeared at Corvallis Thursday, and no action was taken looking toward a new trial.

Mrs. Frasier Wednesday evening denied any knowledge of the whereabouts of Mr. Frasier, nor could his attorneys give any information regarding him, though he is said to have been heard from at both Astoria and Tacoma.

Mr. Young stated Thursday that steps would be taken at once to recover the \$1500 bail. There has been some talk that the bondsmen could not be held because Mr. Frasier was not taken into custody immediately upon his conviction. Mr. Young stated that the bond is in Corvallis and that District Attorney Arthur Clarke, of Benton county, telephoned Wednesday night that the bond is good and to commence action to recover from the bondsmen.

OHIO GOVERNOR TOLD TO KEEP OUT OF WAY

Federal Fuel Administrator Warns Executive Not to Interfere With Coal Shipments.

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 13.—Fuel Administrator Garfield today informed Governor Cox of Ohio that he would not be permitted to interfere with distribution of coal in Ohio under the direction of the state fuel administration.

Dr. Garfield sent to Governor Cox the following telegram: "I must respectfully but firmly request that you do not interfere with the orderly distribution of coal in Ohio under orders issued by my authority to Homer W. Johnson, federal fuel administrator for Ohio. He has full authority to act, and F. C. Baird is co-operating with him. I must insist that the state authority be not permitted to interfere with the action of the United States fuel administrator."

Any pressing need for coal in Ohio that Governor Cox can show, will be met immediately, Dr. Garfield said, by the fuel administration. Seizure of coal by the governor, reported in press despatches, will only bring confusion and add to the difficulties of the situation, Dr. Garfield declared.

BENTON COUNTY MEN ATTEND CORN SHOW

G. W. Kable, county agricultural agent of Benton county; Will Whiteside, Harry Asbahr and W. K. Taylor, all of Corvallis, drove over Thursday morning to attend the corn show and listen to the afternoon program.

Mr. Whiteside is a prominent Benton county farmer and much interested in the Corvallis public market and the gentlemen gave our public market the "once over."

Harry Asbahr is a prominent farmer and one of the members of the Benton county agricultural council.

Mr. Taylor, who is the manager of the Clover Leaf dairy at Corvallis, was specially interested in the dairy phases of the corn question.

All expressed themselves as much surprised at the size and quality of the exhibition.

ITALIAN LINE IS FIRM IN FACE OF FIERCE ATTACKS

General Von Below With Large Force of Troops Joins Austrians in Effort to Force Defenders Back.

DENT IS MADE IN FRONT ONLY AT ONE POSITION

Teutons Make Slight Gain at Monte Spincina. Statement Sent Out From Italian Headquarters Is Optimistic.

(By The Associated Press)
Rome, Dec. 13.—Attacks in force were renewed yesterday by the enemy upon the Italian lines east of the Brenta, the war office announced today. The attacks continued the entire afternoon but because of his heavy losses, the enemy at night abandoned his effort.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy Wednesday, Dec. 13.—General von Below's German troops have joined the Austrians and Bohemians under Field Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorff, in a series of heavy assaults during the last two days between the Brenta and Piave rivers just north of Monte Grappa. The fighting has been severe and has been attended with large losses, but in the main the Italian line has been sustained with one slight indentation at Monte Spincina, where the enemy secured a temporary foothold which is still being contested bitterly.

Artillery preparation early yesterday was followed by infantry rushes with the Austrians on the right and the Germans on the left. The fourth Austrian division on the right had a number of Bohemian regiments in the front line. These men are fresh from the Russo-Galician front.

A desperate struggle went on around Col Boretta, where the Austrians were aided by enfiladed fire from batteries on the west bank of the Brenta river, in positions established when the lines were reformed last week. For some time the Beretta positions were in the hands of the enemy, but a brilliant counter attack has restored nearly all the Italian possessions.

German reserve forces were engaged for the first time since they were used in the big Isongo offensive. The fighting was bloody around Monte Spincina and Col Orso—"Bear Hill"—with the enemy gaining a foothold.

The result of the two days fighting has not advanced tactically the enemy's positions leading toward the Venetian plains, which is the real aim.

DR. KERR WILL STAY; PAY IS RAISED \$1400

Oregon Agricultural College Head Has Salary Increased to \$8400 Year by Regents.

Corvallis, Or., Dec. 13.—After carefully weighing all features entering into the offer from the Kansas Agricultural college and his present position as head of the Oregon institution, Dr. W. J. Kerr yesterday afternoon announced that he will remain here and devote his undivided attention to a continuation of the development of this state.

Dr. Kerr's salary has been advanced from \$7000 to \$8400 a year. Dr. Kerr made known his decision yesterday at a special conference with J. K. Weatherford, president of the board of regents.

Ask for Addresses of Red Cross Members

A number of membership receipts are at the Red Cross headquarters and undeliverable because of insufficient or no address. All the persons in the following list are asked please to call at the headquarters or write in their address, so that the secretary can give out all the old receipts before the new membership drive commences:

Mrs. A. C. Bonn, Eugene; J. A. Carlson, Florence; Margaret Casey, Mrs. J. G. Cherry, Mrs. D. Driscoll, Mrs. C. A. Fish, Mrs. E. V. Ford, Mrs. Della J. Gerlinger, Mrs. John Hamble, Mrs. Maude L. Hannum, College Crest, Eugene; Miss Eva Hansen, Eugene; Mrs. Anna V. Hawley, Eugene; Mrs. Minnie B. Holcomb, Mrs. George E. James, Miss Lucy Jay, Clifford Weaver, Mrs. W. F. Wheatdon, Miss Mildred Williams, William Wolter, Lenore Working, Miss Elizabeth Leuchner, Eugene; Mrs. Milan M. Miller, Florence; N. A. Phelps, Mrs. F. C. Ramsey, Mrs. G. F. Richardson, Neva Richardson, Crow, stage; Elsie Scott, Katherine Scott, Miss Mabel S. Spaul, Mrs. Ethel Smith, Mrs. Arthur Steele, Donald Thompson, Ellen Thompson, Cora B. Warner, Mrs. Clifford Weaver.

Appeal for Enrollment of American Labor Is Made

Washington, Dec. 13.—The possibility of Russian peasants swarming into Germany and greatly increasing the power behind the German armies as laborers was used today as the basis of an appeal for enrollment of American laborers in the United States public service reserve.

National Director Hall of the reserve declared the services of an increased number of skilled workmen would be needed during the coming year on the important war industries. Enrollment in the reserve, which carries with it an avowed readiness for industrial war service, was directed particularly at shipbuilding tradesmen, mechanics and technical men now employed in peace work.

GREAT SHORTAGE OF MEN AND MATERIAL NATION'S PROBLEM

Warning Against Danger of Paper Money Inflation as Means of Financing War Is Given by Vanderlip.

(By The Associated Press)
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 13.—Warning against the danger of paper money inflation as a means of financing the war was given today by Chairman Frank A. Vanderlip of the war savings committee, in addressing a bankers' luncheon in behalf of the war savings stamps campaign.

The government faced a shortage of men and material, not money, he declared, and therefore the printing press could never satisfy the needs arising from the war.

There are some impressive reasons why this campaign for economy should have the strongest support of men of large affairs, of great corporations of savings banks and of all interests that are concerned with the future security values, Mr. Vanderlip said. "The alternative of financing this war out of current savings," he continued, "will be the attempt to finance it by inflation; not by inflation of bank credits alone; that is almost inevitable. The danger is that we might come to inflation by the issue of paper money. This old fallacy comes up in a hundred different guises; it is in men's minds. They do not see that there is no lack of the mere facilities for making payment; they do not clearly apprehend that the thing that is limiting our efforts on all sides is the scarcity of men and materials; not scarcity of money. The government's want can only be satisfied through an augmented labor supply together with efficient organization and equipment."

"The printing press will never satisfy that need."

"At no time in the world's history when paper money inflation has anywhere been tried was there a corporate where there was a corporate where there were many, many billion dollars of securities issued by public service corporations whose income is fixed by law. The advancing price of all things which corporations must have to live—the prices of labor, fuel, equipment, supplies of every sort, would show quick response in the inflation of the currency, but the income of those corporations still would be governed by legal contracts or governmental regulations."

"The burden which always falls upon persons with stationary incomes in a period of credit expansions is well understood, but I am not sure that it is generally recognized that inflation and the consequent rise in prices would have a far more serious effect upon the financial condition of many corporations than was ever the case in former times."

Mr. Vanderlip left here for Omaha, where he speaks tomorrow.

25,000 MEN TO BE ENROLLED IN GUARD

Men in New Branch of Service Will Guard Supplies and Do Police Duty at Home.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The United States Guard will be the name of the 25,000 auxiliary force of troops authorized by the war department to supplement state and other forces now guarding war supplies and doing police duty essential to the conduct of the war.

The order for this force prescribed that it be raised by voluntary enlistment or draft.

Volunteers will be accepted only between the ages of 31 and 45. If resort to the draft is necessary men placed in the special classes under the new draft system as being fit for limited military service only will be used to fill up the ranks.

The guards will be clothed in regular army blue uniforms and will be armed with Krag-Jorgensen rifles.

As far as possible the men will be given service in the immediate neighborhood of their homes. Each battalion will be commanded by a major from the list of those classed as unavailable for arduous campaigning in Europe. Men who failed to qualify for commissions at the officers' training camps will be offered commissions or places as non-commissioned officers.

BIG SUBMARINE OFFENSIVE BY ENEMY FAILS

Defeat of Undersea Campaign of Great Magnitude Launched by Germans to Reinforce Land Operations Announced.

OPERATIONS AGAINST U-BOATS SUCCESSFUL

High Naval Authority in London Gives Explanation of High Rate of Sinkings During Last Three Weeks.

The Germans have been conducting a submarine offensive of great magnitude, complementary to their offensive on land, in the hope of inclining Great Britain toward peace, but have failed signally in their naval as well as in their military effort, according to a high naval authority in London.

The counter-measures of the entente naval forces, reinforced by the American naval contingents, are becoming increasingly successful, it is declared.

(By The Associated Press)

London, Dec. 13.—"The submarine menace, in my opinion, is held, but not yet mastered," said Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty in the house of commons today. "Our shipbuilding is not yet replacing our losses."

(By The Associated Press)

London, Dec. 13.—When the Associated Press inquired of high naval authority today, "if the anti-submarine war was going well and what was the reason for the high rate of sinkings in the past three weeks," the answer was: "The enemy has had more submarines at work. He actually has been attempting a submarine offensive of the greatest possible magnitude, in an effort to reinforce his offensive on land. He is trying to bring off a coup which will incline us to peace."

"He has failed signally on sea as on land, and he has had to pay a heavy price. Our counter-measures are meeting with increased success."

British shipping losses last week show an increase over the previous week. Twenty-one vessels were lost through mines and submarines, according to the latest report while 17 were sunk the week before. There was a decrease in the number of ships of more than 1,000 tons, however, the total for the past week being 14, a reduction of two. The number of ships attacked unsuccessfully reached eleven, the highest figure in several weeks.

OVER 700 PEOPLE ARE AT EUGENE CORN SHOW

Large Number of People Examined Exhibits; Awards Made on Scientific Score.

CORN SELLS AT HIGH PRICE

Seed from the first prize bush of corn at the Western Oregon Corn Show today sold at auction for 90 cents per pound. The corn was grown by E. E. Ross, of Santa Clara, C. E. Stewart, of Creswell, paid \$16.20 for an eighteen pound sack, the weight including cobs. The average price for the 15 one-bushel lots sold was between \$9 and \$10 a bushel.

E. E. Faville, editor of the Western Farmer, of Portland, was one of the principal speakers at the program of the Western Oregon Corn show Thursday afternoon. Mr. Faville, who is a native of Iowa and brought up in a belt of diversified farming, is strong on the value of corn and stock.

In his remarks he said urged the growing of corn as one of the crops, but expressed belief in rotation as the secret of farming success.

"The premier cereal crop of the United States is corn," said Mr. Faville. "This year for every bushel of wheat which has been produced in the United States there have been four of corn raised. The progress of corn in a locality means a greater livestock development. The northwest has had the experience of the middle west to use as an example of what a one-crop system of farming means and therefore appreciates the need of diversified farming, which has transformed districts where the one-crop plan prevailed into rotation of crops and greater livestock production. Wherever corn is produced one will find an increased production of livestock. With the growing of corn comes the lowering of the herd and the squeal of the pig."

Mr. Faville cited that the 1917 corn crop amounted to 3,101,000,000 bushels.

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ENTRY OF GENERAL ALLENBY INTO HOLY CITY IS ANNOUNCED

Guards Representing England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Australia, France and Italy Receive Commander.

(By The Associated Press)
London, Wednesday, Dec. 12.—In the house of commons today Premier Lloyd George read the following telegram from General Allenby, dated Jerusalem, Tuesday:

"I entered the city officially at noon today with a few of my staff, the commanders of the French and Italian detachments, the heads of the political missions and the military attaches of France, Italy and America."

"The procession was all afoot and at Jaffa gate I was received by the guards representing England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, India, France and Italy. The population received me well."

"Guards have been placed over the holy places. My military governor is in contact with the acting custodians and the Latin and Greek representatives. The governor has detailed an officer to supervise the holy places. The mosque of Omar and the area around it have been placed under Moslem control, and a military cordon of Mohammedan officers and soldiers have been established around the mosque. Orders have been issued that no non-Moslem is to pass within the cordon without permission of the military governor and the Moslem in charge."

The telegram also stated that a proclamation in Arabic, Hebrew, English, French, Italian, Greek and Russian had been posted in the citadel and on all the walls, proclaiming martial law and intimating that all the holy places would be maintained and protected according to the customs and beliefs of those with whose faith they are sacred.

Washington, Dec. 13.—After laying the strike situation in Minneapolis and St. Paul before President Wilson today, Secretary Baker telegraphed the president's labor commission now in the west to stop in Minnesota and take up the question of a settlement.

George W. Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota state federation of labor, today telegraphed the strikers in St. Paul and Minneapolis to return to work, in view of the order for an investigation by the president's labor commission.

ALL UNION WORKMEN IN MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL WILL STRIKE

General Walkout in Two Cities Called in Sympathy With Striking Employees of Twin City Transit Company.

(By The Associated Press)

St. Paul, Dec. 13.—After being in continuous executive session from 10 p. m. yesterday until 5 a. m. today, labor leaders of St. Paul and Minneapolis announced that all union men will quit work in sympathy with the striking trainmen of the Twin City Transit company.

Labor men refused to divulge the exact number of men expected to go out, but indicated that all unions were loyal and that a general tie-up of industrial activities in St. Paul and Minneapolis, as well as the northwest would result.

Before the vote was announced the local union men waited in vain for a report from Washington, where labor interests were conferring with representatives from Minnesota and government officials, with a view of averting the issuance of the strike order.

Home guard troops have been called into service and every effort will be exerted to preserve order. Governor Burnquist has declared that he will declare martial law if conditions reach a point where the local authorities are no longer able to preserve order.

Arguments on Draft Law Are Heard in Supreme Court

Washington, Dec. 13.—Arguments in the draft cases growing out of convictions in New York, Ohio, Minnesota and Georgia under the selective servitude act, began today in the supreme court. Nine separate suits are involved in which attorneys for the defendants attacked the constitutionality of the law, contending that it prevents political and religious freedom and denies citizens equal protection.

Sanitary Reserve for War and Peace Is Advocated

Washington, Dec. 13.—To combat outbreaks of disease both in war and in peace times, it is imperative that a sanitary reserve corps be established by the public service, Surgeon General Rupert Blue has reported to congress. Special legislation is necessary and congress was asked to appropriate \$300,000 for the purpose.

GERMAN DRIVE OF WEST FRONT MEETS SETBACK

General Haig's Forces Successfully Resist First Fierce Mass Attacks by Enemy on Battle Line Near Cambrai.

TEUTONS PLAN TO USE GREAT NUMBER OF MEN

Footing of About 500 Yards of Allies' Front Is Obtained Before Terrific Onslaught Is Finally Arrested.

Field Marshal Haig's troops have met and repulsed the first massed attacks on the western front in several days and have inflicted heavy losses on the Germans. The attack was made on a front of one mile east of Bullecourt and between that town and Quenot, and had it succeeded, might have had tactical effect upon the shortened salient before Cambrai.

Between Bullecourt and Ypres, the German artillery has been active, but no attacks have developed. The heavy enemy bombardments continue in the Champagne region east of Rheims. A German surprise attack against French positions near Courcy, in this region was without result. Northwest of Verdun the heavy artillery battle goes on without cessation.

AMERICANS WIN PRAISE

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 12.—Field Marshal Haig, the commander of the British forces in France, has expressed to General Pershing in a letter his thanks for the assistance given by American army engineers around Gouzeaucourt on Nov. 30. The field marshal's letter follows: "General Headquarters British army in France, Dec. 6, 1917."

"My Dear General Pershing: 'I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith for your information a copy of a report submitted to me by General Byng, commanding the third British army, on the gallant conduct of companies of railway engineers of the United States army in and near Gouzeaucourt on the 30th of November.'

"I desire to express to you my thanks and those of the British forces engaged for the prompt and valuable assistance rendered, and I trust that you will be good enough to convey to these gallant men how much we all appreciate their prompt and soldierly readiness to assist in what was for a time a difficult situation."

"I much regret the losses suffered by these companies."

"Yours very truly, 'D. HAIG.'"

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, Dec. 12.—It is learned, in connection with a report sent out by the official Wolff Telegram Bureau of Berlin, stating that one of four machines participating in a British raid over Luxembourg, was manned by an American, that no aviator attached to the American expeditionary force participated. The aviator possibly may have been an American in the British or French service.

SURGICAL DRESSINGS URGENTLY NEEDED

(By The Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 13.—"A serious calamity and a national disgrace are inevitable," if surgical dressings are not sent to France with all possible speed, according to a cablegram from Major Grayson, M. P. Murphy, head of the American Red Cross in France, which was made public today by headquarters here of the American fund for French wounded.

"Nothing in the situation here is as important," the cablegram read. "Surgical dressings must be sent in millions."

Women Prisoners Escape From Seattle City Jail

(By The Associated Press)

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 13.—Two women prisoners, Helen Fisher and Kate Carlston, escaped from the city jail here today, either by leaping from the second story window or by letting themselves down with a rope. The latter was later captured and said she fell out of the window. The other is at liberty. Both were in jail on vagrancy charges.

AMERICA IS APPLAUDED

Rome, Wednesday, Dec. 12.—There was a great demonstration in parliament today when Premier Orlando mentioned America's declaration of war on Austria-Hungary. The whole house rose and applauded and was joined by the public in the galleries, in crying "Viva America! Viva Wilson!"