

### KERENSKY IS DICTATOR OF SLAV NATION

**RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION: GIVEN FULL POWER**

### TROOPS FIGHTING BUT RETREAT

**German Troops Hastily Reaping Crops in Galician Territory Taken From Retreating Russians**

Petrograd, Aug. 7.—The Russians have been driven back across the Tyrradeus river near Focsan, it was officially announced today. West of Zebruca the Teuton troops are hastily harvesting crops in the valleys of the Sereth and Suceany rivers.

The Russian forces fighting northeast of Chernovits, in an attack, drove back the enemy upon several villages, capturing guns and machine guns, but later, in the face of superior forces, were compelled to withdraw to their main position, according to the official communication issued today. In central Bukowina, around Radauts the Austro-Germans continued to make progress.

A democracy that has created within itself a rule of absolutism, approved by the people, was Russia's latest contribution to "war governments" today.

Having been given a vote of confidence by councils representative of



Alexander F. Kerensky

all Russians, Premier Kerensky is in a position to proceed with his work of regeneration with absolute power. The portfolios of all cabinet ministers are again in his hands. He may endeavor to form a new cabinet or continue with the present ministry as he chooses. The workmen's and soldiers' council, the peasants' council and other bodies look to the dictatorship of Kerensky to save Russia.

A great improvement in the morale of troops at the front is reported.

### HIGHWAY BONDS DO NOT SELL AT PAR

Salem, Aug. 7.—The Lumberman's Trust company, was the highest bidder for \$900,000 highway bonds. The state highway commission and state board of control today opened bids on two allotments of bonds. All bids were below par.

For the first allotment of \$500,000, the highest bid was \$471,300. The second issue of \$400,000, the highest bid was \$372,720.

### SENATE TALKS FOOD CONTROL

**Bitter Clashes Over Measure to Allow Herbert Hoover to Control Nation's Food Supply**

Washington, Aug. 7.—The senate spent the day in wrangling over the conference committee's report on the food control bill. Several bitter clashes were indulged in, with Chamberlain, the senator in charge of the bill, Reed of Missouri and Gore of Oklahoma doing most of the scuffling. Senator Gore charged that Chamberlain and his fellow members on the conference committee had yielded the senate's opinions to those of the president.

"I had rather be charged with following in the footsteps of the distinguished president of the United States in the conduct of this war," said the Oregon senator, "crawling, if you please, on my knees and licking the dust from his feet, as has been suggested here, than to stand in opposition to him and to be charged; to be conspiring and treating with the enemies of the president."

Most of today's debate was occupied by democratic senators opposing approval of the conference report. The republicans were said by their leaders to be almost a unit for immediate and favorable action.

### GOVERNOR MAY GO TO COAST ROAD MEETING

The manager of the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce has secured a tentative promise from Governor Withycombe and Chairman Simon Benson of the state highway commission, to go to Crescent City with the Grants Pass delegation to confer with Governor Stephens and the California state highway commission. The matter of a paved road between this city and Crescent City will be the "piece de resistance" of the conference.

### GERMAN PRESS DOES NOT APPROVE CABINET

Berlin, Aug. 7.—The liberal German press has expressed open dissatisfaction with the new cabinet.

The Tagblatt has stated with much bitterness that the people were given no choice in the new government. It declared, "A real democratization of Germany or a parliamentarism resembling an exotic sea monster, is the choice confronting Premier Michaelis."

"Germany has received a new government as a gift from above. It is impossible to acknowledge or refuse it. The German people are exposed to the lightning stroke of fate."

### MILLS, LUMBER AND FORD CARS BURNED

Weiser, Idaho, Aug. 7.—A fire, believed to have been incendiary, was started in the Gem State Lumber yard here this morning. The damage is estimated to be fully \$100,000, including five carloads of Fords which were entirely destroyed.

The blaze spread to the city's ice plant, cold storage plant and coal yards.

### AMERICANS LOOKING FOR AN ATTACK BY VILLA

El Paso, Aug. 7.—The American border patrol at the Presidio has been doubled in anticipation of an attack upon ~~the~~ Villa is known to be a few hours south from Ojinaga. An attack is expected hourly.

### FEDERAL AID NECESSARY IN LABOR CRISIS

**AUTHORITIES AT WASHINGTON ALARMED AT LABOR UNREST THROUGHOUT COUNTRY**

### SELECT COMMITTEES TO STUDY

**Progress of Necessary Activities in War Preparations Threatened by Labor Conditions**

Washington, Aug. 7.—The labor situation is threatening war work to such an extent that the government today started a concerted campaign to dispel the disturbed condition in labor fields. The war, navy and labor departments have named committees to study an adjustment of wage schedules. The plan includes an arrangement whereby employees shall have an opportunity to submit appeals from the schedules fixed.

A re-alignment of wage schedules in all navy yards, arsenals and other government plants will be undertaken by a special committee of government officials appointed today through an agreement between the war, navy and labor departments. Officials of the various plants will be asked immediately to report regarding labor conditions and later the employees will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The members of the committee are Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy; Walter Lippman of the war department and William Blackman of the labor department. They expect to report their conclusions to the departments for approval early next month.

### HASTY CONSTRUCTION OF GERMAN PLANES SHOWN IN WAR TESTS—LESSON FOR U. S.

With the British Armes in the Field, July 10.—(By mail)—There's a lesson to the United States not to make haste too precipitately, in recent air battles here. The structural defects of German aircraft have been strongly illustrated of late. They were of machines hurriedly built as a result of Germany's "speeding up" of aeroplane construction. Now that America is going to hustle up and build great fleets of such craft she will do well to note some of the results of too much speed and not enough precaution.

"In one week recently seven German planes were seen literally to break up in the air, the pilots and observers being hurled to the earth below. These accidents were unmistakably the result of faulty construction. Two other Prussian biplanes suddenly burst into flames in view of British fighters—for no accountable reason.

Moreover, the new German planes are exceedingly vulnerable, probably due to faulty material and rush work. One British lieutenant the other day fired 40 rounds at 25 yards range—and broke the German's wings clear off. Another British fighter turned his machine gun fire at the tail of one of 15 Prussian machines, from a distance of 60 yards. The Boche's tail slid clear off and the machine crashed to earth.

On the same day as this last incident, five British flyers attacked a fleet of Albatross scouts among the clouds. The fighters got separated shortly in the fleecy clouds and then it was every man for himself. One British captain, after driving off three Germans, hid in a cloud and awaited the fourth, whom he saw approaching. At the correct moment, the Britisher dived out, got below his enemy, and fired 58 shots. He broke the German plans completely in two.

On the following day a British air-fighter, battling with nine planes, broke one into several pieces with a few shots, and then saw two other

### CANNONS ROAR ABOUT VERDUN FRENCH HOLD

**TERRIFIC CANNONADING FOLLOWED BY TEUTON ATTACKS WHICH ARE REPULSED**

### ACTIVE FIGHTING ON LONG LINES

**Germans Seem to Be Trying to Bolster Up Domestic Situation by Fierce Attacks at Front**

Paris, Aug. 7.—Heavy fighting has started in the Verdun sector following a terrific artillery bombardment.

The Germans have launched an attack along a three-mile front on the west bank of the Meuse. The French commander reports that the Germans have suffered terrible losses and that the intense French artillery action drove the Germans back without gain.

Renewed activity, especially violent artillery bombardment, is reported on the Belgian coast.

The war office communication issued this evening says:

"Both artilleries have been rather active in the Champagne in the region of the Monts and on both banks of the Meuse, especially in the sectors of Avocourt and Lequemont." "Belgian communication: During the night the enemy artillery was active against our communications. Gas shells were fired in the region of Masepelle. Some patrol fighting took place to the south of Dixmude. A few projectiles fell during the day on various parts of the front."

of his enemies burst into flames. One fell, like a comet, the second burned slowly. On this second one the pilot, unable to bear the agony of the fire, leaped out. The observer, left with a pilotless machine, crawled out along the fuselage, but fell off as the plane reared and plunged.

Once again, six British flyers attacked 12 enemy planes. One of the German machines burst into flames, one was crumpled by gunfire, and another just simply collapsed after 18 rounds of fire.

The moral is that Americans will need the best machines and their best men against the Germans. Even then it would be foolhardy to expect a walkover.

Right now the German high command is grouping his flyers, aware of the British aerial supremacy,—just as a year ago he grouped artillery into traveling "circuses." The idea is that since the Germans are unable to maintain equality of the air everywhere along the front, they can concentrate a flying "circus" at some weak spot, or at some place in the line which is threatened.

### LABOR LEADER SEES REVOLUTION AHEAD

Clifton, Ariz., Aug. 7.—The Arizona state federation of labor yesterday sent a telegram to President Wilson asking what action he intended taking respecting the deportation of 1,200 I. W. W. from Bisbee.

In addressing the convention, John L. Donnelly, president of the federation declared the Bisbee affair was a "beckoning finger to revolution," and that the time was near when radical action would be required to preserve "the liberty and freedom which this country has enjoyed for over 140 years."

### SUGAR PEOPLE WANT BEETS

**Silly Rumor Concerning Factory Starts From Attempt to Buy Sugar Beets for Stock Feed**

The anxiety of certain parties in this and the neighboring county to purchase sugar beets for stock feed, has started a rumor that the local sugar factory would not run this season. Several growers have been approached with propositions to sell their crops and have had it represented to them that the local factory would not buy for sugar purposes.

It is needless to say that there is not a word of truth to the report. The acreage of growing beets is ample to give the factory a good run this season; far better than last. The sugar company wants all the beets it can buy; will pay prices several times as high as stock men can afford to pay and will pay cash.

Field men of the sugar company are anxious that growers should keep their crops well watered. Where sufficient irrigation has been had, the crops are in fine shape. By keeping them moist good returns will be realized. This unusually dry spell can stunt the growth if water is not used.

### CHINA READY FOR WAR LEADER ONLY LACKING

Washington, Aug. 7.—That China will soon enter the great war is the opinion generally held in official circles here. It is believed that the opposing factions are not widely separated and that a compromise can be effected with the question of leadership settled.

The whole dispute about China's actual entrance into the war, following America's step has centered about the method. All parties in China are said to be in favor of war and to be disputing only the question who shall lead.

### URGING MORE SPRUCE FOR AIRCRAFT WORK

Washington, Aug. 7.—A delegation representing the federal government's aircraft production campaign will visit the Pacific coast this week to hasten the manufacture of parts for the immense fleet of aeroplanes the United States plans to put into the field in France.

Producers of ship spruce wood particularly will be urged to increase their output as much as possible. The delegation left Washington Thursday and will make its first stop in the west Tuesday night at Seattle. Later it will visit Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco and a number of smaller cities on the coast.

### COAL SHORTAGE MAY HINDER WHEAT HARVEST

Twin Falls, Idaho, Aug. 7.—A shortage of coal may seriously affect the output of grain in Idaho, in the opinion of coal dealers and grain men here today.

Inability to get coal may prevent the threshing of part of Idaho's huge grain crop, unless straw burners are installed by the threshing outfits.

### RANKIN WOULD HAVE U. S. OPERATE MINES

Washington, Aug. 7.—Miss Jeanette Rankin, congresswoman from Montana, today introduced a joint resolution authorizing President Wilson to take over and operate metaliferous mines. The resolution applies particularly to Montana and Arizona.

### NATION WIDE STRIKE SAID TO BE IMMINENT

**LYNCHING OF FRANK LITTLE GIVE RADICALS EXCUSE FOR GENERAL TROUBLE**

### HAYWOOD SAYS MOVEMENT ON

**Grain Harvests and Lumber and Mining Operations Are Particular Objects of Attack**

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Sentiment is growing for a general strike of I. W. W. all over the country, according to William D. Haywood, general secretary of the organization.

He declared that harvest hands in South Dakota are rapidly striking and that walkouts by 25 per cent of the lumber industry of the northwest has been halted as result of strikes and walkouts. More than 75,000 men are now out, he said, and added that he had received telegrams from all parts of the country endorsing a general strike in retaliation for the lynching of Frank Little.

Meanwhile comes word that federal authorities are determined to bring charges of treason, the penalty for which is death, against the leaders of the recent Oklahoma anti-draft rioters.

Clashes between the bands of revolutionaries and some have been three lives, two of the participants falling before the well directed fire of the citizens' force, and one innocent man being killed when he evidently misunderstood an order to halt. Numerous injuries have occurred, but none, it is believed, will prove fatal.

### CREWS OF SUBMARINE VICTIMS ARE LANDED

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 7.—A French steamer reached this port today with the crews of seven vessels all but one of which had been sunk by German submarines. Three of the sunken ships were Norwegian, one British, one Canadian, one Italian and one American.

The procedure of the Germans was the same in all cases, according to the crews. The vessels were stopped, boarded by the submarine commander and the men ordered to the lifeboats, after which mines or bombs were placed in the ships and exploded. Then the submarine towed the lifeboats a few miles toward shore and gave them the right direction before submerging.

It required two days or more in most instances for the crews to sail and row to St. Maria, in the Azores.

### CONGRESS FINALLY PASSES TWO BILLS

Washington, Aug. 7.—Two bills were sent to the president today for his signature by the senate's adoption of the conference committee's report on the bill increasing the membership of the interstate commerce commission from 7 to 9 and the bill providing for the president's determining the priority of shipping. Under the priority bill the president is empowered to order, through the interstate commerce commission of such persons as he may designate, that preference be given by common carriers in the transportation of such commodities as he may deem essential to the national defense. Provision is made for the maintenance of the railroads of a central board at Washington, such as the existing railroad war board, to carry out the president's priority orders.