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RUSSIA IS NOW FACING BLOODY REVOLUTION

ALLIES TAKE COMMAND OF ITALIAN ARMY

WAR COUNCIL DECIDES ON JOINT CONTROL WITH GEN. DIAZ IN COMMAND

FRENCH-BRITISH TROOPS ARRIVE

Defense of Venice Depends Upon Timely Arrival of Aid From Armies of Italy's Allies

Rome, Nov. 9.—The Italians are holding back the Teutons, was the report which came to this city this afternoon from the northern front. The rear guard action is serving to allow the main army to become established in positions which have been selected for them.

General Diaz has been appointed first in command of the Italians.

Italian Army Headquarters, Nov. 9.—The conference of the allied nations resulted in the creation of a permanent inter-allied military committee which will provide a new leadership for the Italian army.

General Cordona, who has been in supreme command of the Italians is given a place in the committee.

Italian Military Zone, Nov. 9.—Both British and French troops are going toward the front to help the Italian forces stem the Teutonic tide of invasion.

Representatives of the ministries of Britain and France, as well as Italy, who recently came to the front for a conference on the best way the allies could assist Italy in her crisis, had a two hours conference with the king of Italy today and upon leaving they visited, in company with the Italian king, the lines of British and French soldiers on their way front-ward. In the party were Lloyd George, Premier Paul Painleve, Vittorio Orlando, Italian premier and several generals and their staffs.

HOPE ABANDONED FOR 21 MISSING SAILORS

Washington, Nov. 9.—All hope for the safety of Lieutenant John T. Melvin and the 20 enlisted men, reported missing after the torpedoing of the American patrol ship Alcedo, has been abandoned.

Secretary Daniels authorized this statement:

"The navy department has received a report from Vice-Admiral Sims stating that no trace had been found of the one officer and 24 men reported missing after the sinking of the American patrol vessel Alcedo. Several vessels which were searching for possible survivors, have given up the search. It is believed that most of the missing men were killed by the explosion of the torpedo."

The Alcedo, a converted yacht, was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine early Monday morning, being the first American warship to go down since the war began. No details have been made public.

BRITISH CONTINUE TO DRIVE THE TURKS

London, Nov. 9.—Tekrit, on the Tigris river in Mesopotamia, 90 miles northwest of Bagdad, was occupied by the British on November 6, the war office announced today.

GILL WILL CLEAN CITY OF SEATTLE

Seattle Mayor Says He Now Understands What the Federal Government Wants and Will Comply

Seattle, Nov. 9.—As a move in Mayor H. Gill's plan to "clean up" Seattle 40 men and women were arrested today in various resorts and booked as disorderly persons.

Tacoma, Nov. 9.—In answer to the statement of Mayor Gill of Seattle yesterday that he "now has a good idea of what the government wants and will undertake to meet every demand that the army authorities may make to better conditions in Seattle," Colonel M. E. Saville, head of the military police at Camp Lewis, last night issued the following statement:

"As head of the military police of the largest cantonment in the United States, I wish to publicly explain exactly what is wanted and why."

"First, Mayor Gill should prove the sincerity of his statement by at once replacing the present chief of police, chief of detectives and inspector of police with men with whom the federal authorities can work with confidence. If there are any federal officials who have any confidence in these men, I have failed to find them."

"Second, Seattle is today a hotbed of treason and cannot be cleaned unless all officials put in their best likes together. The nation is now doing its best; the city of Seattle is not."

SEATTLE STRIKERS NOT IN CONFERENCE

Seattle, Nov. 9.—Northwest telephone operator strikers will not be represented at the mediation conference called by Secretary of Labor Wilson at San Francisco tomorrow. The Seattle workers claim the conference should be held in Seattle.

FOOTBALL GAME IS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

For the first time in years the football team representing Grants Pass high school will play for the football championship of the Rogue river valley when the locals meet Ashland high school on the high school field tomorrow in this city. For a number of years the local high school team has been eliminated from the championship race early in the season, by being defeated by both the other high school teams in the valley.

Ashland and Grants Pass played a scoreless tie at Ashland on October 27, and since that date both teams have defeated Medford by scores of 52 to 0 and 48 to 0 respectively so the teams are evenly matched and a first class game of football should be seen when the teams tangle tomorrow afternoon at 2:30.

TURKS RETREATING OUT OF PALESTINE

London, Nov. 9.—The entire Turkish army in Palestine is retreating toward the north. British airplanes are following the retreating Turks and bombing them. Forty Turkish guns have been captured by the British and French naval forces co-operating against the Turkish lines of communications along the Mediterranean coast.

KERENSKY IS DEPOSED RADICALS IN CONTROL

Conservative Thought Among the Allies Sees in Russian Situation Little Hope of Preventing an Armed Clash Between Various Factions

Washington, Nov. 9.—Reports from German sources are the only news received on this side of the waters today on the Russian situation.

There is no authentic confirmation of the reports that Kerensky has been arrested or that the army of any part of it has joined the Maximalists.

A Finland dispatch states that delegates from the Baltic fleet and committees from the armies, have resolved to adhere to the revolutionary party, which has occupied strategic positions at Reval.

Petrograd, Nov. 9.—At a meeting of the Soldiers' and Workmen's council held here today, a member of the revolutionary committee stated that Kerensky addressed 6,000 soldiers Wednesday at Catchina, 23 miles from Petrograd, who were then on their way from the front to Petrograd.

After a conference, following Kerensky's address, the soldiers decided not to proceed to Petrograd for the time being.

A military committee will bring General Koruloff, leader of the recent revolt, and some of his supporters, to Petrograd to place them on trial for that action.

It is stated here by members of the new government that the arrest of certain members of the Kerensky government was not an act of vengeance but to try them for complicity in Korniloff's revolt. This is the explanation given also by Leon Trotsky, president of the executive council of the Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates.

Amsterdam, Nov. 9.—A dispatch from Stockholm states that Kerensky has been put under arrest.

London, No. 9.—A telegram from a German source states that the Russian army on the northern line has joined the Maximalists and is marching upon Petrograd.

GREAT IMPORTANCE OF ARMY MORALE MAKES Y.M.C.A. WORK A NECESSITY

Second only in importance to the flotation of the two issues of the Liberty loan of 1917, is the campaign to be waged during the week of November 11th to 19th by the National War Work council of the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of raising a fund of \$35,000,000 in the United States with which to continue the work of the association in the national army cantonments and along the battle fronts overseas.

The necessity for such a large sum is clearly set forth by John R. Mott, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in the November issue of "Association Men" wherein he says:

"The sum of \$35,000,000 is needed because of the vast number of men to be served. Before next July the American army and navy will in all probability include 2,500,000 men. The National War Work council is also called upon to extend its work throughout the Russian army of over 7,000,000 men, the French army of about 4,000,000 men, the Italian army of possibly 3,000,000

Berlin, Nov. 9.—The Austro-Germans, having overcome the resistance of the Italian rear guard, are advancing toward the Piave river.

Petrograd, Nov. 9.—The congress of soldiers and workmen has appealed to the army to protect the revolution against attempts at imperialism until the new government has "succeeded in securing a democratic peace."

A delegation was named to initiate peace negotiations with the other revolutionary and democratic organizations, "with a view to taking steps to stop bloodshed."

The official news agency today made public the following statement: "The congress of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates of all Russia, which opened last evening issued this morning three following proclamations:

"To all provincial councils of workmen's and soldiers' and peasants' delegates:

"All power lies in the workmen's and soldiers' delegates. Government commissaries are relieved of their functions. Presidents of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates are to communicate direct with the revolutionary government. All members of agricultural committees, who have been arrested, are to be set at liberty immediately, and the commissioners who arrested them are, in turn, to be arrested."

The second proclamation reads as follows:

"The death penalty re-established at the front by Premier Kerensky is abolished and complete freedom for political propaganda has been established at the front. All revolutionary soldiers and officers who have been arrested for complicity in so-called political crimes are to be set at liberty immediately.

The third proclamation says:

"Former Ministers Konavaloff, Kisjhhken, Terentschenko, Malyanovitch, Nikitin and others have

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CHRISTMAS CHEER SENT TO SOLDIERS

Local Red Cross Committee Sends Splendid Allotment of Packages to Boys Along French Front

The Red Cross committee appointed to look after the sending of Christmas packages for the soldiers overseas, has made its report. The committee consisted of Mrs. Jennie Moss, chairman; Mesdames O. S. Blanchard, P. B. Herman, G. H. Carner, Carrie Allyn, C. H. Demaray, Ernest Lister, and Misses Fannie Abrams, Jessie Mastin, Anita Crolin, Kathryn Ryan and Grace Greene.

The Seattle headquarters allotted to this chapter the filling of 100 packages and that number was sent forward in two shipments—on October 29 and November 3. Each package contained: Khaki handkerchief, tablet, envelopes, pencil, soap, half pound candy, half pound fruit cake, package gun, 25-cent plug of tobacco, and either a deck of playing cards, or dominoes or knife and a scrap book or humorous magazine.

The packages were wrapped and shipped in full accordance with instructions received from the Seattle office.

Warm praise is due this committee for the thorough and expeditious manner in which they discharged this duty. The packages went forward in first class shape and will doubtless bring much comfort and good cheer to their recipients.

DICKENS SON HAS HIGH JUDICIAL POST

London, Nov. 9.—Henry Fielding Dickens, sixth son of Charles Dickens, the novelist, has just been appointed to the lucrative post of "Common Sergeant," as the chief justice of the London city courts is called. The salary of the post is \$15,000 a year.

Mr. Dickens is 68 years old, and has been a practicing member of the London bar since 1873. His youngest son, Major Charles Dickens, was killed in action last year.

AGED WOMAN IS ABLE TO KNIT FOR TOMMIES

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 9.—The fact that Mrs. Margaret L. Bobb of this city has just passed her 84th birthday does not prevent her from doing her share in helping to win the war.

She recently completed knitting six sweaters, six helmets, six pairs of socks and six pairs of wristlets for the men of the United States navy.

Mrs. Bobb has been active in church work during her 28 years residence here and for 18 years has been secretary of a local children's home.

RESTRICTIONS DUE TO COAL SHORTAGE

Washington, Nov. 9.—The fuel administration has forbidden the use of coal to create the current used in electric sign advertising before 7:45 p. m. or after 11 p. m. It plans to reduce the allowance of coal to non-essential industries shortly and may cut the supply off entirely if the shortage lasts.

GRANT LANDS TAX MONEY TO LOWER DEBTS

COUNTY TREASURER CALLS IN MANY OUTSTANDING WARRANTS FOR REDEMPTION

SCHOOL DISTRICTS BENEFIT

Large Tax Payment From Federal Government Will Reduce Josephine County's Interest Bill

The money received by the county from the government for the delinquent tax list on the O. & C. land grant will go far in reducing the indebtedness of Josephine county and thereby stop the interest as well as adding to the treasury of a large percentage of the school districts within the county.

The amount of the government check for the O. & C. lands was \$109,304.33 out of this amount the school districts containing these lands will receive \$11,989.64.

The Grants Pass school district receives the largest amount, being \$944.89. Merlin, district No. 7, is next and gets \$899.67. Kerby, District No. 3, is the third and receives \$852.36. The other school districts receive amounts according to the amount of O. & C. land within their border.

The county general fund was given \$73,096.83.

Within the past week the sheriff's office has turned over to the county treasurer \$204,577.66 and the assessor has remitted \$666.50 in payment for the unsecured personal property tax.

The reduction of the county's indebtedness by the calling in of outstanding warrants dated up to July 1, 1912, will be approximately \$76,000. Besides, road warrants to the amount of \$13,866.77, while another call for more outstanding warrants will be made November 15, amounting to \$22,255.47.

The total amount of these calls is \$112,092.24, which will be a saving of the county in interest of \$19.33 a day.

In order to pay these outstanding warrants as quickly as possible in the office of the county treasurer it was necessary to have an assistant in the office of the county treasurer, the work of computing the interest on the vast number of warrants together with the other work of the office was more than Treasurer Calhoun could attend to and Mrs. B. M. Hall has been secured to assist. Some of these warrants are held by parties in the east and other parts of the county but the bulk of the money will remain at home and find its way to the pockets of Josephine county citizens.

WORK BEGINS UPON WOLF CREEK GRADE

Salem, Ore., Nov. 9.—J. E. Nelson, who has been engineer for the state highway department on the Clatsop county paving work, was in Salem today on the way to Douglas county to begin work on the Wolf Creek-Graves Creek stretch of the Pacific highway.

A contract for this work was awarded Tuesday. Mr. Nelson will establish headquarters at Wolf Creek. The main part of this job is rock work and the contractors will be able to operate practically all winter.

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