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PEACE DESIRE IS CAUSE OF RUSSIAN COUP

KERENSKY'S UNPOPULARITY IS DUE ENTIRELY TO PEOPLE'S DESIRE FOR PEACE

CONFLICTING REPORTS RECEIVED

Bolsheviki Seem to Still Control Petrograd With Kerensky's Whereabouts and Strength Unknown

Communications with the city of Petrograd have been resumed, but no direct word has been received from the capital as to the situation there. One report states that the bolsheviki still control the city while Kerensky and his troops are retreating. Another report says that they are marching upon Petrograd.

Efforts of the socialists to effect a settlement with the bolsheviki and form a new coalition government, has failed. Still another report says that Lenin and Trotsky are losing their popularity.

The bolsheviki are reported to have been defeated in the Moscow street fighting.

Stockholm, Nov. 16.—A Russian who arrived at Haparanda from Petrograd Wednesday says Kerensky's troops had not entered Petrograd Monday and he did not believe they would enter, as the garrison, numbering 50,000, remained faithful to the Maximalists.

The cause of Kerensky's unpopularity, according to this Russian, was his opposition to peace, and he further declared that if the Maximalists could have made peace they would be masters everywhere. All hope was in the proposed coalition cabinet and he added: "If such a government cannot be formed, we will have civil war."

DON'T KILL TURKEYS THAT ARE TOO SMALL

Portland, Nov. 16.—The following instructions have been issued by Acting Federal Food Administrator W. K. Newell here, to turkey growers of Oregon:

"Ship no birds weighing less than 10 pounds dressed weight for toms and nine pounds for hens. There is absolutely no call for light, thin birds. Ship all birds dressed and thoroughly chilled overnight before packing. Pack carefully in barrels or boxes, washing blood from heads and wrapping heads in paper. The important point is to ship only fat, mature stock. The cost of additional feed for carrying thin birds over for Christmas trade will be more than met by the additional price paid for good stock."

COUNTIES WILL HAVE FUEL SUPERVISORS

Portland, Nov. 16.—To assist the federal fuel administration, Bruce Dennis, director of work of the state council of defense is asking county chairmen of the council of defense to appoint local fuel inspectors. One man will be named in each city or town and he will report direct to Fred G. Holmes, federal fuel administrator, on the fuel needs of his section.

The local fuel inspectors must not engage in the fuel business even indirectly. They represent the people and their duty will be to see that the amount of fuel in the hands of local dealers and the probable demands for fuel, are reported each week to the fuel administrator.

XMAS DRIVE FOR R. C. MEMBERSHIP

Great Campaign to Triple Membership in Organization Will Precede Coming Holidays

Washington, Nov. 16.—A great membership drive for the American Red Cross will be launched the last half of December. It will commence December 17 and continue unceasingly until Christmas eve.

Theo. N. Vail, president of the American Telegraph and Telephone company has been appointed by the war council as chairman of the national Christmas membership drive committee, with such men as Dr. H. N. McCracken, president of Vassar college, Cardinal Gibbons, Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Ex-Mayor John Paxon Mitchell of New York and John W. Britton of San Francisco, as members of the same.

By this drive the organization hopes to increase the membership from 5,000,000 to 15,000,000.

NAVAL LEADERS FIX ON ALLIED PROGRAM

Washington, Nov. 16.—As a result of preliminary conferences between Admiral Benson and allied naval leaders in London, agreements have been reached on certain features of the allied naval policy. Secretary Daniels said today. He would give no details of the agreements.

Admiral Benson is the naval member of the American delegation to the inter-allied war council which is about to meet in Paris.

MARSHFIELD IS AFTER NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

Marshfield, Nov. 16.—The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce will entertain Adjutant General Williams and his staff Thursday night with a smoker at the Millcooma club. The party are here for the purpose of passing on the armory site offered to the state by the city of Marshfield.

FIRST INSTALLMENT ON LIBERTY BONDS RECEIVED

Washington, Nov. 16.—Installment buyers of Liberty bonds paid in about \$685,000,000 today, the first 18 per cent required. Of this \$300,000,000 will immediately be turned over by the treasury to take up a recent certificate issue.

ENGLAND THINKS SHE HAS PETROLEUM LAND

London, Nov. 16.—It was announced in the house of commons this week that "certain eminent American geologists, who have come from the United States to advise the government, hold that it is well worth while to spend a considerable sum of money in exploring the possible petroleum deposits in Great Britain."

The speaker, a spokesman for the board of trade, added: "It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of finding oil in this country. We cannot yet say that it is here, but it is certainly worth looking for. Oil is almost more important at this moment than anything else. You may have men, munitions, and money, but if you have no oil you are without the greatest motive power we are using, and the rest will be of little value."

AMERICAN STEAMER IS BELIEVED TO BE LOST

Washington, Nov. 16.—The American steamer Kansas City is believed to have been lost at sea as it has not been heard from since it was separated from its convoy during a storm on September 15.

CANAL GATES OPENED TO PROTECT VENICE

Teutonic Forces Are Only Seventeen Miles From Venice. Civil Population Has Fled Taking All Portable Art Treasures—Italian Lines Still Hold

Rome, Nov. 16.—All along the mountain front from Aslago to the Piave river, the Austro-German attacks, seeking to crush the Italian line, have been repulsed. All the positions attacked have remained in the Italian's hands.

The greatest portion of the population of Venice has left the city, from which all portable art treasures have been removed. The city is now a scant 17 miles from the battle line. It may not be defended in case of an attack, so as to spare the monuments of art and treasures still remaining.

Rome, Nov. 16.—Great enthusiasm and patriotic feeling marked this afternoon's sitting of the Italian chamber of deputies. Professor Vittorio Orlando, in his first speech as premier, struck the keynote of his policy, namely, that the situation called for acts rather than for words.

The premier spoke feelingly of the assistance being rendered by the entente allies to Italy, and expressed the cordial gratitude of Italy to the "great American republic, for her willing and powerful aid."

Alluding to the creation of an inter-allied supreme council and a military council, Professor Orlando announced they would include representatives of the United States.

A vote of confidence in the government calling for national concord was moved by former Premier Boselli and was carried without division amid great enthusiasm.

COUNCIL STUDYING CITY FIRE SYSTEM

The city council held their regular semi-monthly meeting last evening with all members present except Councilman Bunch.

An ordinance was passed amending Sec. 5 of Ordinance No. 158, relative to the seizure of stock running at large within the corporate limits of the city and fixing the cost of seizure at \$2.50 for a single animal and \$1 for each other animal should more than one be seized belonging to one person, also fixing the price of 50 cents a day for feeding each animal.

The matter of better fire protection for the city was brought up and discussed and while nothing official was passed in regard to this, steps were taken to get prices on a pump to be installed on the fire truck to give greater water pressure.

The matter of a better fire alarm system was brought up with the result that probably an electric alarm system from the city hall to the homes of the several firemen will be installed in the near future.

A new chemical engine containing one tank will probably be purchased and the chemical tank of the truck now in use placed on the new one giving a double tank for the new machine, as well as making room for the pump before mentioned. As a majority of fires are extinguished by the chemical engine this idea seemed to meet with favor. It is expected that another paid fireman will be added to the force.

SUGAR DISTRIBUTED TO CELEBRATE ELECTION

New York, Nov. 16.—Jimmy Kelly Tammany captain, distributed three-pound sacks of sugar to his constituents today to celebrate Hyland's election as mayor.

A JAPANESE STEAMER IS WRECKED IN HOME WATERS

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—The Japanese steamer Saikai Maru is ashore off the Japanese coast.

Washington, Nov. 16.—General Fayolle will command the French armies now being sent to Italy, according to an announcement made here today. General Foch, the chief of the French staff, is only temporarily in command of the French forces.

From Nice comes a report that train loads of French and British troops are rolling through that place on their way from France into Italy and are greeted with great popular enthusiasm.

Italian Headquarters, Nov. 16.—The flood gates of the Piave and Sile rivers, northeast of Venice have been opened by Italian engineers. This probably is an effort to drown out the enemy forces which crossed the Piave at Grisolera, 17 miles northeast of Venice. The flooding of this triangle by the waters of the Piave, Sile and the Adriatic would probably render ineffective any German attempt to debouch in force against the right flank of the Italians along the Piave.

The gates where opened were constructed as a protection to the Venice lagoon.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—The town of Clusone on the northern Italian front was captured yesterday. Near the Adriatic on the western bank of the Osave, the Hungarian troops advanced, capturing thousands of the Italians.

NAVY WANTS MORE SHIP ENGINEERS

Portland, Nov. 16.—The local recruiting station has received telegraphic instructions that navy recruiting stations of Pacific division shall recruit 2,000 firemen by December 15th, and raising the age of apprentice seamen from 25 to 30 years, making age limits 18 to 26.

These firemen are for manning those vessels of the 737 ships—merchant and naval—recently taken over and contracted for by the navy department.

Congress provides by law that all men entering the navy for engineer work aboard ship must enter as firemen, but commanding officers of ships have authority during war time of raising rating of such men, and all firemen first class, water tenders, chief water tenders, machinist's mates, etc., must come from these men recruited. This offers an unusual opportunity for advancement for all men wishing to enter the engineering force of the navy and all men who have mechanical experience in civil life, as all the higher ratings are needed at once.

FEDERAL OFFICERS TAKE LURID BOOKS

Chicago, Nov. 16.—"Ho! Hell," "Shanghai into the European War," "Shanghai into an American Prison" and quantities of other literature said to constitute anti-war propaganda of the League of Humanity, is in the hands of the federal authorities here today after a raid on the league's headquarters.

EXPRESS COMPANIES ASK TEN PER CENT INCREASE

Washington, Nov. 16.—Express companies today applied to the interstate commerce commission for an increase of 10 per cent in their rates.

SEND DELEGATES TO Y.M.C.A. MEET

Sunday Schools and Boy Scouts Will Send Youths to Older Boys' Conference at Eugene

Each of the four Sunday schools and the Boy Scouts of this city will send delegates to the older boys' conference of the Y. M. C. A. to be held at Eugene November 30 and December 1 and 2. The Boy Scouts at their meeting last evening, elected Stanley Summers, Geo. Riddle and Harold Isham as their representatives, each of the boys agreeing to go. It is understood that there will be at least two boys from each of the four churches.

The older boys' conference to be held at Eugene just following Thanksgiving is one of three such conferences under the direction of the interstate Y. M. C. A. committee which are to be held before the middle of December. The other two are scheduled for LaGrande, Ore., and Twin Falls, Ida.

The conference last year at Corvallis registered over three hundred. Leaders feel that with the important issues to come up this year, and the splendid co-operation being given by other state organizations the registration at Eugene will not fall below four hundred and may go to five hundred. Leaders from southern Oregon and some central Oregon counties are expected to play a large part in swelling the enrollment this year.

DYNAMITE FUSE IS CAPTURED IN RAID

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 16.—Federal officials today are endeavoring to ascertain the ownership of 6,000 feet of gutta percha dynamite fuse that was found late yesterday in a raid conducted on a branch headquarters of the I. W. W. in the Alaska hotel building. Besides the fuse nearly a wagon load of I. W. W. literature, record books and documents, were seized by the raiders and this is being examined by government agents today.

Pete Densmore, proprietor of the hotel, said the fuse was left in the room by a rancher who planned to use it in clearing some land he owned in the lower part of the county.

POLISH PEOPLE HELD IN PRACTICAL SLAVERY

Copenhagen, Nov. 16.—The conditions of semi-slavery in which Polish laborers in Germany are living is illustrated by an advertisement appearing in a recent issue of the Deutsche Tages Zeitung offering to exchange 50 Polish laborers, 20 men and 30 girls, for the same number of other hands.

HENRY FORD WILL HELP SPEED UP SHIP BUILDING

Washington, Nov. 16.—Henry Ford will become assistant to General Manager Pies of the Emergency Fleet corporation, without pay, in an effort to speed up ship production.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS WANT TO TALK PEACE

London, Nov. 16.—The independent socialist vote in the German reichstag has requested that that body be convened at once to discuss the peace offer of Nikolai Lenin, leader of the bolsheviki, according to a dispatch to Amsterdam. No definite word has reached here of a peace offer by Lenin.

VILLA PLANS ATTACK UPON JUAREZ NEXT

NOTORIOUS BANDIT LEADER EXPECTED TO ATTACK KEY CITY TO NORTH MEXICO

UNITED STATES SOLDIERS BUSY

American Town Kept in Turmoil of Excitement Throughout Night by Marauder's Threats

Presidio, Tex., Nov. 16.—Presidio is prepared for another Columbus N. M., raid. All day rumors that Villa's forces would cross the river and raid American stores were circulated here until the residents were almost panic-stricken. Even the native Mexican element, which rarely becomes frightened at such reports huddled in their homes during the night.

The United States army forces here had complete control of the situation throughout the day and all night.

After the Ojinaga battle started, two Mexican federal officers appeared at the military headquarters with the report that 1,000 Villa soldiers had announced they would cross to the American side to get ammunition and provisions after they took Ojinaga.

No one from the American side has been permitted to enter the Mexican town proper, heavily armed guards being stationed along the winding road from the ford to the mesa.

Francisco Villa is in command of Villa troops now occupying the Ojinaga port, according to Colonel Miguel Trillo, Villa's personal secretary, who talked to the Associated Press correspondent at noon today at the main Ojinaga ford. He said Villa was making a trip of inspection of the country in the vicinity of Ojinaga and would return tonight.

Juarez is Francisco Villa's next border objective, after which a general attack on Chihuahua City, the state capital, is planned, according to plans revealed today by Villa leaders in the Ojinaga garrison. The capital of the new movement headed by Villa is to be established there, according to this plan.

The Villa movement is a new one, having no connection with the Felix Diaz or other revolutionary movements, according to General Porfirio Ornelas, permanent commander of the Ojinaga garrison. It is called the Conventionalist party, and is a revival of the former movement by Villa called the conventionalist movement.

SEATTLE BLOCKS A STRIKE SETTLEMENT

Seattle, Nov. 16.—It is stated here today that the prospects of a reversal of the decision of the striking telephone unions here not to send representatives to San Francisco, made yesterday, will be reversed. This comes as a result of a conference today between Governor Lister's representative, H. L. Hughes, and representatives of the unions.

GERMANS BOMB CALAIS IMPORTANT NAVAL BASE

Paris, Nov. 16.—Many civilians were killed in Calais when German aircraft bombed the city on Tuesday, it was announced here today. Calais is one of the chief allied military and hospital bases on the English channel.