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KORNILOFF SAYS CHAOS RULES ARMY

Russian Commander Depicts Deporable Conditions—Asks Restoration of Death Penalty and Iron Discipline Both in Army and Behind It—Mutinous Soldiers Lack Spirit to Fight and Slay Commanders at Front.

MOSCOW, Monday, Aug. 27.—The second general sitting of the national conference was held this afternoon. General Korniloff, the commander in chief entered the hall in company with Premier Kerensky. His appearance was the signal for prolonged cheers.

Vladimir Nabokoff, a prominent Social Democrat, speaking in the name of the first duma, declared the country ailing at the establishment of a strong and independent power, uninfluenced by political parties; a power, which based on democratic principles would establish obedience to the law, civil liberty and personal security. The speaker emphasized the absolute necessity of the independence of the high command of the army from every private influence.

Dumas for War.

M. Nabokoff said the members of the first duma repudiated with indignation all thoughts of a separate peace and that if they were to have peace they did not desire it to be the result of German victory but the consequence of the triumph of Russia and her allies.

M. Alexinsky made a similar declaration on behalf of the second duma.

Premier Kerensky then introduced General Korniloff, saying the government had thought it necessary to invite the commander in chief to lay before the conference the situation at the front and in the army. General Korniloff said the death penalty restoration of which he asked, together with other measures, constitutes only a small part of what was necessary in an army stricken with the terrible evils of disorganization and insubordination.

In the present month, General Korniloff said, soldiers and killed four regimental commanders and other officers, and ceased these outrages only when they were threatened with being shot. Quite recently one of the regiments of Siberian rifles, which had fought so splendidly at the beginning of the war, abandoned its position on the Riga front. Nothing except an order to exterminate the entire regiment availed it to return to its position.

Korniloff Fights Anarchy.

"Thus we are impossibly fighting anarchy in the army," declared the commander. "Undoubtedly it will be finally suppressed, but the danger of fresh debacles is weighing constantly on the country."

"The situation on the front is bad. We have lost the whole of Galicia, the whole of Bukovina and all the fruits of our recent victories. As several points the enemy has crossed our frontier and is threatening our fertile southern provinces. He is endeavoring to destroy the Rumanian army and is knocking at the gates of Riga. If our army does not hold the line of the Gulf of Riga, the road to Petrograd will be opened."

"The old regime bequeathed to Russia an army which despite all the defects in its organization nevertheless was animated by a fighting spirit"

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MORE SPECIAL AGENTS WATCH FOR BOOZE

SALEM, Or., Aug. 28.—Governor James Withycombe today announced he had asked federal co-operation toward checking illegal importations of liquor to Oregon. Seven special agents are after the Governor said. Two of these are stationed in Northern California and two others on trunk highways leading from that state.

ALLIES ADVANCE ON TWO FRONTS AGAINST TEUTONS

British Establish Themselves in Third German Defense System in France—French Repulse Crown Prince Italians Make Further Progress North of Gorizia—Rumanians Run Away.

In Flanders the British effected considerable local improvement in their positions yesterday in their attack east of Lombaertzyde. They advanced their line on a front of more than 2,000 yards, establishing themselves further in the third German defense system.

The French on the Verdun front have pushed in their forward movement. Apparently they are preparing for further attacks in the region of their latest success on the edge of the Beaumont village east of the Meuse, for considerable artillery activity is reported there.

In the Alpine region, General Petain's guns stopped short two attacks by the crown prince in the Calornie plateau and Chevreux regions.

General Cadorna has made further progress against the Austrians north of Gorizia. Austrian counter-attacks have been repulsed. Signs of disaffection on the Russian front keep cropping out at points along the line. The voluntary retreat is announced of Russian forces which were being subjected to artillery fire in the region east of Czernowitz, near the Bessarabia border.

Italians Victorious.

ROME, Aug. 28.—The Italians made further progress yesterday on the Bainsizza plateau, north of Gorizia, the war office announced. The Austrians made violent counter-attacks but failed to recover positions taken by the Italians.

Russians Run Away.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 28.—Russian infantry left its trenches before an enemy attack in the Bayany region and is retiring eastward, the war office announces.

The retirement was occasioned by the beginning of an offensive in the region east of Czernowitz, Bukovina, yesterday by the Germans and Austrians. The troops retreated without waiting for the attack on their trenches which were occupied by the enemy.

British New Advance.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—As the result of a British attack on the Flanders front yesterday, the British lines have been advanced along a front of more than 2,000 yards astride the St. Julien-Poelouelle road, the war office announced today.

German attempts last night to drive back the British from their positions in the Inverness Copse on the Ypres-Menin road were frustrated and prisoners were taken from the attacking forces.

SOAKHOMLINOFF BETRAYED RUSSIA

PETROGRAD, Aug. 28.—At the trial for high treason of General Soukhomlinoff, former minister of war, General Ivanoff, former commander in Volhynia and Galicia, testified yesterday he had information showing that military secrets had been communicated direct from Petrograd to Germany and Austria.

Former Emperor Nicholas, General Velitcheko said, should not be held responsible for the military misfortunes of Russia, as he saw everything through the spectacles of General Soukhomlinoff.

ITALIAN COMMISSION HERE TO BUY AIRSHIPS

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 28.—A commission of 26 Italian army officers, the majority belonging to the aviation corps, arrived today on a French passenger steamship. It is understood they have been sent to purchase aircraft.

HAIL RUSSIA'S SAVIOR General Korniloff Greeted at Moscow Conference as Russia's Man of the Hour

Commander Predicts Resurrection of Army But Demands Full Support of Stringent Measures Both in and Back of Battle Line.

MOSCOW, Sunday, Aug. 26 (Delayed).—A conflict at the national council between Premier Kerensky, backed by the moderate socialists and a majority of the Council of Workmen and Soldiers delegates and the constitutional democrats and other non-socialist parties, the Moscow industrial group and that party of the army which stands for ruthless army discipline is approaching. The opposition to the premier looks to General Korniloff, the commander in chief of the Russian army, as its champion. The line up of the delegates to the conference is indicated in interviews the Associated Press has had with members of all groups represented at the conference.

In this connection the newspapers remark that Petrograd is being brought into sharp opposition with Moscow. This opposition is emphasized by the fact that the Moscow committee of public work which met temporarily to organize Moscow's representation at the conference, today declared that it intends to sit permanently.

Korniloff Man of Hour.

At present the name of General Korniloff is on every tongue. His coming was awaited with something akin to fear by the extreme left, which still inclines against discipline in the army, and with open exultation by the opposition group. The latter group today made the general's arrival the signal for a demonstration seldom accorded even to a general victorious in battle. The import of the demonstration is emphasized by the fact that not one member of the cabinet was at the railway station, but instead there was an imposing display by the military and civilian admirers of General Korniloff.

During the morning General Korniloff's biography and his photographs were distributed free by the organizers of the demonstration. Officers went about the streets exhorting veterans of the war and particularly cavaliers of the Order of St. George to go to the railway station, explaining to them that duty compelled every patriot man to support the "destined savior of Russia" from foreign defeat and internal disintegration.

Support for Measures.

At the station when the commander in chief arrived was General Verhokoff, commander in chief of the Moscow military district; Mayor Rudnitch; a group of socialist members of the conference, headed by M. Roditzoff, the veteran member of the duma, as well as leaders of Moscow's industries.

The sole subject of conversation was the necessity for supporting General Korniloff's demand for measures, including capital punishment among the forces of disorder at the front.

The station was filled with deputations of the Cossacks and guards of honor, the chief guard of honor being composed of the much decorated Cavaliers of St. George. Every man of the guard of honor, following the Russian

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CHINESE OFFER TROOPS FOR EUROPE

PEKING, Aug. 23.—(Delayed).—Generals La Pei-Ching, Lung Chi-Kwang and Ku-Chin Tan, commanding 50,000 troops of Yunnan, Kwel-Chow and Kwang-Tung provinces, have offered their forces for service in the war in Europe. The provisional governors of Yunnan and Kwang-Tung provinces have given official recognition to Peking's declaration of war against Germany, apparently having been reconciled to the government of the acting president, General Feng Kwo-Chang. The hostile movement in the southern provinces is now plainly a fiasco.

Eighteen provinces have approved the project for a national council, which probably will be established within a fortnight. The press generally is urging China to present an undivided front to the enemy.



GENERAL L.G. KORNILOFF

EXTRA POSTAGE CUT OUT OF WAR REVENUE BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—In resuming consideration today of postage sections of the war tax bill, the senate, by a vote of 39 to 29, struck out the provision levying a one-cent tax on letters and postcards designed to raise \$50,000,000 in revenue. A provision giving American soldiers and sailors abroad the privilege of mailing letters free was retained.

Eight amendments to the war tax bill providing for levies on war profits ranging from 76 down to 48 per cent were introduced today by Senator La Follette.

The entire section levying taxes on first-class mail was eliminated on motion of Senator Hardwick of Georgia. The senate then proceeded to the periodical tax provisions.

Senator Smoot announced he would seek later to reconsider elimination of the letter-tax section.

Senator La Follette said he would offer the amendment for the highest, 76-per-cent rate, and if it was rejected, would ask consideration of the next in order.

SHIP WORKMEN TO HOLD CONFERENCE

PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—Organized workmen of the steel-shipyards of Portland have called a conference for tonight to consider wage issues pending. G. Y. Harry, federal conciliator for the Pacific coast district, has been invited to attend. Otherwise it will be a closed meeting.

While all sides to the controversy profess eagerness to avert a strike, an undercurrent of unrest among the men has become increasingly evident within recent few days. Union officials, through their principal spokesman, Joseph Reed, business agent of the Metal Trades union, have said that the delay on the part of the employers and the government in formulating a policy is considered unreasonably long.

CODFISH FLEET RETURNS FROM BERING SEA

SEATTLE, Aug. 28.—The schooner Charles Wilson, the first of the Bering sea codfishing vessels, arrived last night with 185,000 fish. The whole fleet is southbound. Some of the vessels hail from San Francisco and Astoria.

BANDITS GRAB \$8100 PAYROLL; KILL MESSENGERS

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—Two men carrying \$100, the pay roll of the Winslow Brothers Iron Works, were shot to death in front of the plant today by five bandits, who escaped with the money in an automobile.

Louis Osenberg and Barton Allen, the slain pay roll messengers, were returning from a bank in an automobile. As they stepped in front of the entrance of the iron works, a car containing the robbers drew up.

Three of the bandits fired from the machine and opened fire with revolvers. Osenberg and Allen fell with bullets in their heads. The bandits fired more than twenty shots. A score of pedestrians witnessed the killing.

Two of the bandits remained in the machine, the motor of which was kept running. As Osenberg and his companion fell, the satchel containing the money was seized and the bandits jumped into the car and sped away.

WASHINGTON FIRES ARE UNDER CONTROL

SEATTLE, Aug. 28.—All the forest fires in the state of Washington are under control, according to reports of the Washington Fire association. The situation is much better than at any previous time during the past week. The problem is to hold the fires in check until drenching rains begin, about September 10.

NO MORE SCHOOL BOOKS FOR GERMANY

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 28.—The supply of school books in Germany will soon be exhausted, according to the Vlaasche Zeitung. Publishers of school books have been notified that they may use what stocks of paper they have on hand, but they will not be allowed any more paper for books.

CONFERENCE OF WOMEN TO BE HELD AT STOCKHOLM

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 28.—An international conference of women from both belligerent and neutral countries will be held here September 16-18. The conference will be of a semi-private nature.

WILSON'S REPLY TO POPE'S PEACE PROPOSAL SENT

Does Not Find That There is Any Ground on Which to Discuss Peace in Absence of Announcement by Germany as to Terms—Replies of Entente Also Forwarded.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—The reply by the United States government to Pope Benedict's peace proposals has gone forward. It is understood it will be transmitted through the British foreign office through which the Pope's communication came.

In the best informed quarters it is believed that the reply while responding to the pontiff's proposal with the delicacy and respect which the latter commands, does not find that there is any ground on which to proceed to an decision of peace in the absence of an announcement by Germany as to her terms.

The reply to the Pope's communication is about one thousand words long and will be given out here by the state department for publication in morning papers of tomorrow.

Dispatch of the American reply indicates that the replies of the entente allies are ready if, indeed, they already have not been made. Exchange of views have all the proceeding for several days and all the replies are supposed to be in harmony. The note also will be published in Wednesday morning's London papers.

Copies of the American reply have been delivered to the diplomatic representatives of all the entente countries which received the pope's communication.

FRISCO TROLLEY STONED BY STRIKERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—Determined efforts of the United Railroads to run its cars in the face of a strike of 1750 platform men, who are demanding increased wage and shorter hours, led to disturbances again today. One of the company's screened cars was stoned shortly after it had left the car barn. No injuries were reported.

Strike leaders notified the board of supervisors and Mayor Rolph of their willingness to arbitrate the matter of hours, wages and working conditions, but declared at the same time that "no arbitration was possible involving their right to organize."

President Lilienthal of the company had declared previously that "under no circumstances would the United Railroads recognize the striking carmen's new union."

SERIOUS FOREST FIRE EAST OF WALLACE

SPOKANE, Aug. 28.—A forest fire of serious proportions was reported today to the local forestry department to be raging a few miles east of Wallace, Ida., near the Bitter Root mountain divide in the Coeur d'Alene forest. One hundred fire-fighters and equipment were sent to fight the fire.

Thirty-five additional men were sent this morning from Spokane to Fortine, Mont., to join the 300 forest fire-fighters who have for several days been in the Blackfoot forest.

The supply of forest fire-fighters in Montana has been exhausted, it was said here, and Eastern Washington is now being called upon to furnish fire-fighters.

RUSSIAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM LOOTED

PETROGRAD, Aug. 27.—Art treasures and pictures valued at 5,000,000 rubles have been stolen from the great historical museum of the late Grand Duke Michael Nikolalevitch. A painting by Corregio valued at 500,000 rubles was among the articles taken.

SOUTHERN SLAVS PLAN TO FORM NEW KINGDOM

Self Governing Democracy to Consist of Serbs, Montenegrins, Croats and Slavines—Approved by People and Allies—Contains Fourteen Millions of People Speaking Common Language.

CORFU, Island of Corfu, Aug. 1 (By Mail).—The premier and minister of foreign affairs of Serbia, the venerable Nikola Pachian, today summed up for the Associated Press the main features of the proposed new nation of the southern Slavs which is to unite under one flag and one King a self governing population of some fourteen million people.

This in effect is the sisterhood of a new state in the appearance of nationalists. And it is no dream of enthusiasts, for it is the careful work of all the political leaders of the various nations and has besides the powerful support of entente allies. M. Pachitch had before him the formal proclamation of this state—a sort of new declaration of independence—which has been agreed upon after lengthy councils between the various ministries, the president of the Serbian parliament, the King and regent now at Saloniki, and all the other elements affected.

Unites All Southern Slavs.

M. Pachitch first took a large map of the Balkans and pointed out the sweep of territory included in this new Slav kingdom.

"It embraces," he said, "the territory over which the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes are distributed through the western Balkans. They are all essentially one race, with one language, which has been kept broken into small groups by the political policy of Austro-Hungary. We now propose to bring these scattered groups together again and give them a democratic government based on the noble principles defined by the United States."

Pointing to the map, M. Pachitch drew a large circle to include Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Dalmatia, Croatia, Slavonia and the eastern part of Istria, back of Trieste, where the Italians are heading. These, together, make an imposing area—double or triple Spain or any of the secondary powers of Europe in area and population, and approaching some of the great powers.

A Real Democracy.

"Here we propose to establish a united Slav nation," M. Pachitch went on, "with a government having these essential points: A monarchy based on democracy and the rights of the people to be consulted; with a constitutional system, a parliament and a responsible ministry. Elections will be universal, equal and direct suffrage, with secret ballot. All titles of nobility, baron, count, etc., will be abolished. The ancient form of a monarchy is retained in deference to tradition, and in recognition of the eminent service of the Kara-georgievitch dynasty, which will be at the head of the new state."

HOUSTON PROBES NEGRO TROOP RIOTS

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 28.—The City of Houston today began what Acting Mayor D. M. Moody terms the horror of the "real story of the horror of last Thursday night, when 100 negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth Infantry rampaged through the west end, shooting down 15 whites and losing two of their own number.

The board of inquiry appointed by Moody began the examination of witnesses.

EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 28.—Under a guard of troops, approximately 100 negro soldiers of the 24th U. S. infantry are today being transferred from regimental headquarters at Columbus, N. M., by special train to Fort Bliss, here. The negroes are charged with implication in the riot at Houston last week, in which 17 persons were killed.