

KERENSKY SAID TO HEAD NEW ARMY BEFORE PETROGRAD

Dispatch Through Berlin Indicates That Battle of Bolsheviks May Be Expected.

FOLLOWING SAID TO NUMBER THOUSANDS

There Are No Details of the Strength of the Kerensky Forces But News Comes Through Source That Would Be Oposed to Activities.

London, Dec. 18.—A Reuters dispatch received here today declares that former Premier Kerensky, of Russia, supported by some thousands of troops, has appeared in the vicinity of Petrograd and is expected to fight his way through to the city.

NEGRO BLIND TIGER FROM WILSON CAUGHT

Arthur Lavel, a negro, was caught early this morning by members of the Rocky Mount police force with four cartridges, one containing a bullet, in his possession. He is charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

This should be a warning for any other fugitives of the lawless variety that take it upon themselves to come to Rocky Mount to "pay their dues" and they had better head in some other direction.

COMMENTS ON COL. HOUSE'S RETICENCE

London, Dec. 18.—Emphasizing the timidity of Colonel H. H. House, head of the American mission in the International War Conference, an English newspaper descriptive line is a man who would go so far as to admit it was "leaving it to the world as to whether it should be a success or a failure."

Colonel House met the newspapermen in the library upon his arrival from the United States. He stood in front of the big English fire and looked calmly at the press of the house that were waiting for him.

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—The terms of the Russo-German armistice, according to a statement issued here, obligates no transportation of troops until January 14 (Jan. 1, Russian). No increase of troops on the fronts or in the islands of the Mezz sound or in the group of islands.

PROHIBITION NOW UP TO STATES

The Senate Completes Congressional Action by Accepting House Amendment.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The proposed constitutional amendment for national prohibition was today finally submitted by Congress to the states for ratification or rejection within seven years.

OLD VETERANS TO BE HONORED

Washington, Dec. 18.—Old soldiers past the age when they are acceptable for the service, who have served in any one of the armies of the United States, will be honored by the United States government by being organized in relief-fighting troops.

RAILWAY PROBLEMS TO BE THRASHED OUT

Washington, Dec. 18.—Investigation by the Senate Interstate Commerce Commission of the Interstate Commerce Commission recommendation for solving the railroad transportation difficulties was ordered today by the Senate on motion of Senator Cummings of Iowa.

LOCAL PYTHIANS ELECT OFFICERS

The local lodge of Knights of Pythias elected officers for the coming year at a recent meeting of this organization. The officers named were: Chancellor, Commander, W. G. Robbins, Vice Chancellor, E. L. Fleming, and others.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE VOTE ON JAN. 10TH

Washington, Dec. 18.—Vote in the House on the woman suffrage constitutional amendment on Thursday, January 10, was assured today when the rules committee agreed on that date.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 18.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness today. Trading was quiet at the start and there was no material realization, but the small offerings were readily absorbed.

The North Carolina Day exercises which were to have been given by the children of the Rocky Mount Public Schools on Thursday night, at the First Methodist church, have been postponed indefinitely.

PORTUGAL PLEDGE TO ALLIES CAUSE

Allegiance of the New Government is Pledged and Report of German Intrigue is Resented.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Allegiance of the new government of Portugal was pledged to the Allied cause today in a statement issued at the Portuguese legation which also denounced statements that the recent revolution was brought about in the interests of Germany.

CITY PLANS TO PURCHASE WOOD

Would Be Used in Event of a Real Wood or Coal Shortage Occurs.

NO SHORTAGE AS YET

City is Also Aiding Dealers to Make Quicker Deliveries to Customers. Mayor Thorne Says No Real Suffering Reported.

Mayor P. T. Thorne announced today that the city of Rocky Mount had taken steps to avoid a shortage of fuel in event local dealers could not supply the demands of the public.

But this is not all, that the city has done, says Mr. Thorne. The local woodlands have plenty of wood and coal at the present time, but their delivery facilities seem to be inadequate to deliver all the orders on hand.

MAY PROBE THE SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, Dec. 18.—Investigation of the delays in the American merchant marine by the shipping board and other agencies was ordered today by the Senate.

CONSCRIPTION WINS OUT IN CANADA

Election Results Show Nation Overwhelmingly in Favor of New Government and Their Platform of Conscription.

MR. ALEX ROBBINS RESIGNS AS CLERK

Well Known Man Who Has Been Employed in Local Post Office For Past 18 Years Gives Up Job.

Mr. Alex Robbins, who has been employed in the Rocky Mount post office for the past eighteen years, has resigned. Mr. Robbins began his duties with the government post office here as general delivery clerk.

DECREASE SHOWN IN UNFILLED ORDERS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The six business branches of the Rail Road Commission, authorized the following: Reports of the R.R. Board.

SHIPPING BOARD IS TO BE REORGANIZED

Charles Piez of Chicago, Is Today Appointed General Manager of The Emergency Fleet.

ADMIRAL HARRIS QUILTS

Chairman Hurley Says Conditions Better Than Ever Before and Over Eight Million Tons Shipping Under Construction.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Charles Piez, of Chicago, was today appointed general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, succeeding Rear Admiral Harris who resigned.

A general reorganization of the fleet corporation will follow. Rear Admiral Bowles, and Admiral Harris, will be given an important place in the new organization.

TARBORO MINISTER JOINS THE SERVICE

Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 18.—Rev. R. E. Brown, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, announced Sunday in his sermon that he had offered his services as a chaplain to the United States Army.

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EFFORT KILL THE CALIFORNIA GOV.

Home at Sacramento Blown Up By Powerful Blast While He Slept Last Night.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 18.—What is believed to have been an attempt to kill Governor William D. Stephens, by means of a powerful explosive bomb at midnight last night resulted in the wrecking of the executive mansion, the entire rear end of the building being blown out.

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WHAT THE BOYS IN FRANCE ARE DOING

By J. W. PEGLER. With the American Expeditionary Army, France, Nov. 25.—(By Mail)—French people applaud anything American, whether it is American or not.

FRANK GOTCH DIES AT HIS HOME IN IOWA

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 18.—Frank A. Gotch, retired champion heavyweight wrestler of the world died at noon Sunday at his home, Humboldt, Ia., of uremic poisoning. He had been in failing health for two years.

ROCKEFELLER HOME CLEVELAND IS LOST

Fire Does Great Damage Early Today and Was Burning Furiously During Morning. Part of The Furnishings Removed.

TODAY'S SESSION OF MUNICIPAL COURT

The following cases were disposed of at this morning's session of municipal court, no distinction between the cases being made.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 18.—Fractional gains in government stocks during the early stages of today's trading were balanced by further material recessions in special issues.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today upheld railroad rates on pine lumber from Norfolk, Richmond, Petersburg, Suffolk, Lynchburg and Roanoke, Virginia amounting to 173 for hundred pounds to Pittsburg and 198 cents to Buffalo.