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ONLY MIRACLE CAN SAVE PETROGRAD EXPERTS DECLARE Russian Capital Closely Invested by Anti-Bolshevik Forces, Say Advises

NO CONFIRMATION OF KRONSTADT SURRENDER Trotsky, Bolshevik War Minister, Refers to Anti-Bolsheviks as 'Pack of Bourgeois Curs' and Declares Petrograd Will Not Fall; General Denikine Pursues Successes

TROTSKY DESCRIBES HIS PURSUERS AS PACK OF CURS London, Oct. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Following description of the situation in the Baltic is attributed to Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik minister of war, by a wireless message from Moscow.

BARRETT DECLARES THAT FARMERS WILL HELP LABOR Washington, Oct. 18.—In a statement today C. S. Barrett, president of the Farmers National Co-operative Union and a member of the employers group of the industrial conference, declared agriculture generally would support labor in its demand that the right of collective bargaining be recognized by the industrial conference.

British to Reduce Navy. Portsmouth, Eng., Oct. 18.—The personnel of the British navy will be reduced to 50,000 men when the United States ratifies the peace treaty, it is stated by the evening news today on what it declares to be authoritative information.

STEEL STRIKE CENTERS NOW ON SECRET MEETING Rumored That Labor Leaders Meet in Chicago To Consider Offer of Armistice

Chicago, Oct. 18.—With the end of the fourth week in the steel strike, interest in the Chicago district was focused tonight on a secret session opened here today by strike leaders said to number 200.

WILSON HAS BEST DAY SINCE ILLNESS No Operation Will Be Necessary To Relieve Complication, Grayson Says

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS MADE TOWARD RECOVERY Program of Complete Rest From Official Cares Will Continue To Be Enforced; Unless Veto Is Desired, No Bill Will Be Referred To President For Signature

Washington, Oct. 18.—President Wilson passed the best day he has known since his present illness began, Rear Admiral Grayson, his physician, said tonight. No operation will be necessary to relieve the swelling of the prostate gland which has complicated the case and the President is making slow but satisfactory progress toward recovery from his nervous exhaustion.

SOLD SUGAR TO FRANCE NEW YORK BANK STATES New York, Oct. 18.—Simultaneously with the prediction today by Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator, of a sugar famine in New York by next Tuesday unless the longshoremen's strike is settled the Harriman national bank published a paid advertisement in an evening paper asserting that the surplus war material recently sold by the United States to France included 22,000,000 pounds of sugar.

Army Now Below 300,000. Washington, Oct. 18.—The army is now well below the 300,000 mark, an official statement today giving the strength as 290,477. The net reduction since November 11, last, has been 92 per cent. American forces abroad total 35,000, including the 8,000 in Siberia.

BOLSHEVIK CAUSE IN RUSSIA FACES ITS FINAL CRASH Trotsky-Lenine Regime Will Be Crushed In Few Weeks, Washington Hears

Washington, Oct. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The final crash of the Trotsky-Lenine regime may be delayed some weeks but it is inevitable. Official information received here thus summarizes the situation in Russia. The closing act of the Red drama is already under way, according to reports from military attaches and special agents.

WELLESLEY GETS SOUVENIR. Wellesley, Mass., Oct. 18.—The helmet worn by General Pershing under fire in France, and the starred flag which accompanied him every where were placed today among the treasures of the Agora Society, one of the fraternities of Wellesley college.

VICE-PRESIDENT WILL ENTERTAIN KING ALBERT Washington, Oct. 18.—King Albert will be received in Washington by the Senate on October 28. Leaving Washington on October 30, the party will proceed either to New York or Newport-News to embark for home.

FOURTH WEEK OF STRIKE VARYING CLAIMS MADE Steel Employers Say Men Are Returning To Work In Increasing Numbers Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 18.—The fourth week of the strike in the steel mills of the Pittsburgh district ended tonight with the employers declaring their men were returning to work in increasing numbers every day, and the strike leaders insisting their figures showed that steel production in the Pittsburgh district is "only ten per cent of normal."

College Gets Souvenir. Wellesley, Mass., Oct. 18.—The helmet worn by General Pershing under fire in France, and the starred flag which accompanied him every where were placed today among the treasures of the Agora Society, one of the fraternities of Wellesley college.

PROPOSE DRASTIC STEPS TO PREVENT RAILROAD STRIKES Senate Committee Completes Its Bill For Returning Railroads To Owners

Washington, Oct. 18.—Permanent railroad legislation was advanced a step today, the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee completing work on its bill providing for return of the railroads to private ownership and operation under strict government supervision and with drastic provisions against strikes or lockouts.

Propose Regional Systems. Creation of not less than 15 nor more than 25 competitive regional railroad systems by the transportation board is proposed and the Interstate Commerce Commission is authorized to fix rates which will make certain a return of at least five and a half per cent of the actual value of the railroads in the regional systems, plus one-half of one per cent for improvements.

SUMMARY OF MAYNARD'S TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRIP New York, Oct. 18.—The following table shows the destinations reached by Lieutenant Maynard at the end of each day's flight in his 5,200 mile journey; the time of arrival and the distance between the stages he started and landed.

WEST COAST. Left Mineola, October 8 at 9:24 a. m. Place. Time of arrival. Distance. Chicago, Oct. 8. 5:35 p. m. 895 miles. Cheyenne, Oct. 9. 6:27 p. m. 788 miles. Salt Lake, Oct. 10. 5:08 p. m. 487 miles. San Francisco, Oct. 11. 1:12 p. m. 818 miles.

Presbyterians to Join. New York, Oct. 18.—The Presbyterian Church in the United States today announced from its headquarters here definite affiliation with the interchurch world movement for co-operation in missionary, benevolent and educational enterprises.

SECRETARY BEAMAN IN WASHINGTON ON RATE BUSINESS He and Wilson Secretary of Chamber Consult With Lawyer Fishback

Washington, Oct. 18.—Mr. M. R. Beaman, Secretary of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, and Harry Barlow, secretary of the Wilson Chamber of Commerce, have arrived here today to begin a series of conferences with J. Howard Fishback, interstate Commerce practitioner, who is representing the Commercial Organizations of North Carolina in the fight against the railroads and the railroad administration for an equitable adjustment of freight rates in North Carolina.

Raleigh and Winston Air Route Stations. Raleigh and Winston-Salem were today officially recognized by air service division of the war department as stations for the Air Mail routes which will be inaugurated soon from Washington.

SCANT HOPE OF AVERTING STRIKE OF COAL MINERS Presdt. Lewis Announces That Unless Demands Are Met They Will Walk Out Washington, Oct. 18.—There seemed little hope tonight of averting the strike of half a million bituminous coal miners called for November 1. After a series of conferences with labor leaders here and telephone talks with others in the central coal territories, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, announced that they would go out unless all demands, including the five-day week, were granted.

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TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING Committee Members of Industrial Conference Will Consult Further Today

Washington, Oct. 18.—A tentative agreement on collective bargaining was reached by the general committee of the National Industrial Conference tonight after an all-day session. Committee members will consult with their respective groups tomorrow and final action on framing a report to the conference will be taken by the general committee tomorrow night.

SPECTRE OF DEATH ATTENDS FLIGHTS Ten Lives Already Toll of Army's Great Trans-Continental Air Derby Disabled Planes Dot Route of the Flight Many Fliers Injured and Twenty Control Stations Saw First Aid Work From Day to Day Since Race Started Oct. 8 With Sixty-Two Contestants Entered

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MAYNARD FINISHES GREATEST TEST IN AVIATION ANNALS First To Greet Tar Heel Flyer at Mineola Was Tar Heel Wife and Children

Mineola, N. Y., Oct. 18.—Steering by compass and flying at an average speed of nearly two miles a minute, 5,400 miles across the continent and returning through snow, fog, clouds and rain, Lieutenant B. W. Maynard landed on Roosevelt Field, at 1:50 o'clock this afternoon, the first aviator to finish in the army's great trans-continental air race and reliability test. He carried as passenger Master Electrician William E. Klein, of Harrisburg, Pa., whom he described as deserving the "greatest credit," and "Trixie," a German police dog.

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