

Snow in North portion. Warmer in east portion. Thursday probably fair.

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RUSSIA BREAKS OFF NEGOTIATIONS: BOLSHEVEIKI TO CONTINUE WAR

Harrisburg, Pa., Has Quarter-Million Dollar Fire Early Today

NORFOLK'S FIRE LOSS OVER \$2,750,000

BOLSHEVEIKI NOW PREPARING TO MAKE DEFENSE AGAINST GERMANS NEGOTIATIONS ARE BROKEN OFF

(By United Press)

LONDON—The Bolsheveiki are making preparations for a defense against Germany.

They have broken off peace negotiations due to the fact that Germany has refused to withdraw her troops from Poland and other occupied portions of Russia.

This is in accordance with a sensational dispatch which is printed in the Daily News written by Arthur Ransome, this paper's correspondent at Petrograd. Correspondent Ransome says:

"I have reliable information regarding the breaking off of peace negotiations. When the honesty of the Bolsheveiki purpose has been established beyond question the Central Powers to make a more detailed statement of their terms than that which has already been published, including the demand that the German Garrisons be retained at Riga, Libau and other strategic points. This the Russians are uncompromisingly against. This declared self definition of the people of Poland as well as those of the other occupied parts of Russia, is stated to be impossible until the last German soldiers had left.

The Germans have asked for time to consider this refusal by the Russians. They have also begged that this stage of the negotiations be not published. The Russians have refused this plea and have already left Brest Litvotok. The Red Guards are now being sent to reinforce the front and other preparation is being made for defense."

GERMANY WILL NOT CONSIDER BREST LITOVSK DECLARATION BINDING UNLESS ALLIES ACCEPT

(By United Press)

PETROGRAD—Germany will not consider the Brest Litovsk declaration as binding unless the Allies accept the invitation to negotiate general peace.

This information is according to a statement made by M. Pav of Lovitsk, a non Bolsheveiki delegate who has just returned from the conference.

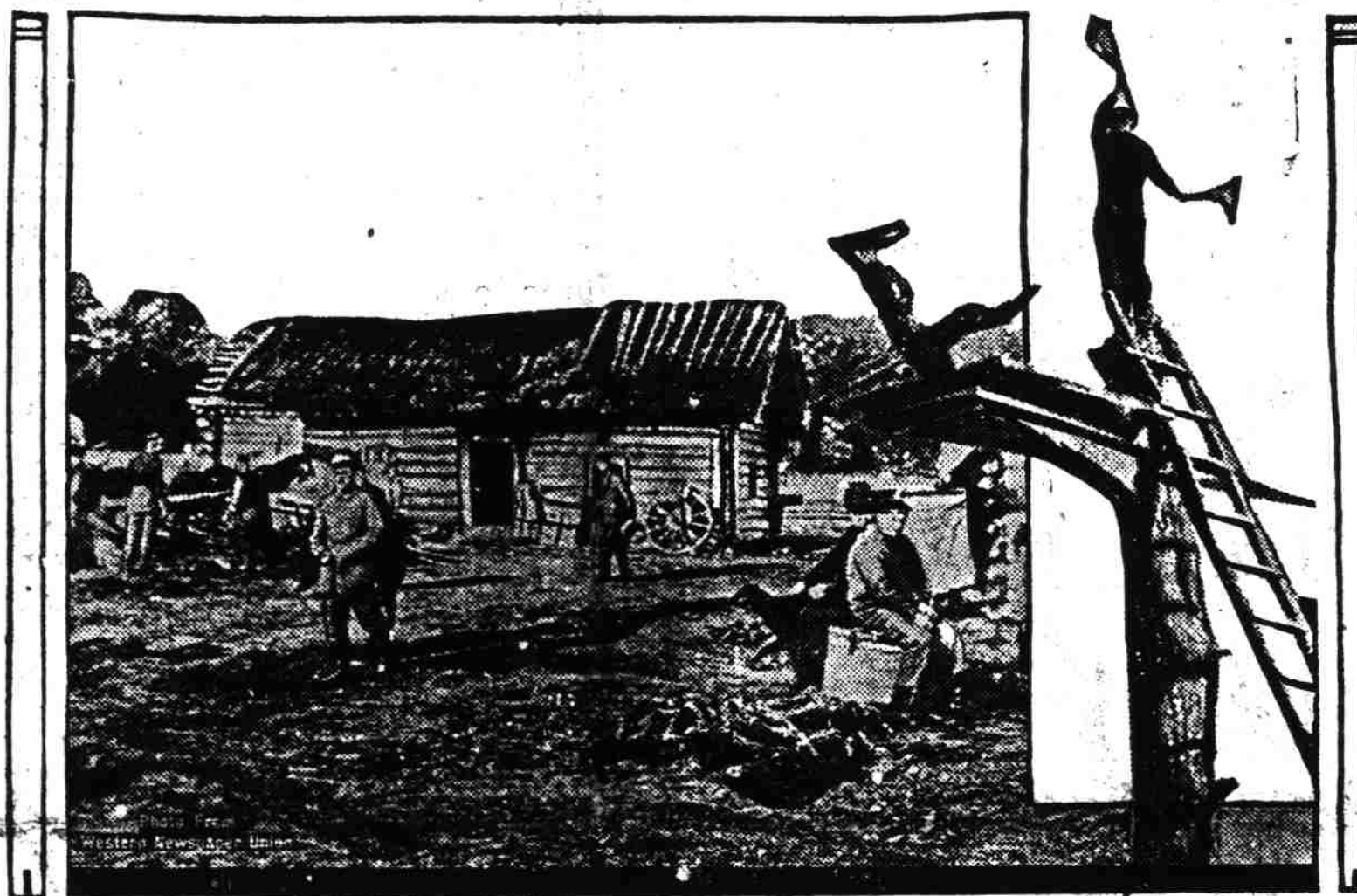
FATE SEVEN AMERICANS OUT OF TWELVE CAPTURED IS UNKNOWN

(By United Press)

WITH AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE—The fate of seven American prisoners out of twelve taken in a raid on the American trench by the Germans on November 3 is unknown.

A picture of the five Americans has been published in a German illustrated newspaper. What has become of the other seven, the bulletin makes no suggestion as to the fate of the missing men, but a few are still hopeful that they yet may be alive.

GERMANS APPARENTLY PROPOSE TO REMAIN ON OESEL ISLAND



This photograph of the Germans on Oesel island, near the mouth of the gulf of Finland, is the first to arrive in America and indicates, by the shelters the soldiers are building, that they intend to stay there through the winter at least. At the right of the illustration is a German soldier signaling to a transport in the harbor.

\$250,000 FIRE AT HARRISBURG DESTROYS MUNITION PLANT CO.

(By United Press)

HARRISBURG—Fire early this morning destroyed a part of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company's Mmunition Plant Company, now working on a big government contract for navy shells. The blaze wiped out the Paint Shop, the Cplinder Rough Turning Shop, with a loss estimated to be \$250,000.

PITT COUNTY GOES OVER THE TOP IN RED CROSS CHRISTMAS DRIVE

(By H. E. AUSTIN)

Manager Xmas Campaign
The Pitt County Chapter of the American Red Cross closed its Christmas Membership Campaign yesterday. The allotment for Pitt County was twelve hundred. The reports in hand today from the Chapter and sister auxiliaries show that twelve hundred and sixty nine were added to the membership of the Pitt County Chapter as the result of this drive. Rountree's and Gum Swamp were the only auxiliaries that failed to secure members. Greenville Chapter secured four hundred and seventy six Christmas members. The Auxiliaries have reported new members as follows:
Arthur 10, Ayden 93, Ballard's Cross Roads 49, Bethel 154, Falkland 18, Fountain 53, Farmville 100, Griffon 133, Grimesland 5, Pactolus 40, Simpson 11, Stokes 79, Winterville 17, Greenville (colored) 30.
As the result of the drive throughout the Nation over 15,000,000 Christmas members have been added to the American Red Cross.
I wish to thank all who contributed to the success of the Campaign in Pitt county, especially those ladies who in spite of storms and cold and the demands of the Christmas season were faithful to the call of their country and humanity.

Saturday Jan. 5 Is Your Chance

That is surely going to be a great sale conducted by the Atlantic Coast Realty Company next Saturday, January 5, when the Anderson Farm on Fifth Street extension, owned by O. L. Joyner, is to be auctioned off in one acre lots and small farms. This sale starts at 10:30 a. m. At 2:30 p. m. the same company will sell 30 high class lots for colored people, the W. H. Dail block, adjoining the Knitting Mill property, just off of Dickinson Avenue. This is indeed a great opportunity. What a fine opportunity this will be to secure property that is valuable at your own price. See the half page advertisement elsewhere.

Let Us Hope His Forecast True

Greenville was visited by another snow storm today. It began to fall in the early morning and did not stop until about noon. During the night the temperature moderated a little but not enough to keep back the snowflake. This second snowstorm has been practically without wind or cold and worse still, the chances are slim for an adequate supply. The weather man gives out some encouragement by forecasting that there will be snow again tonight in the northern portion but warmer in the eastern portion. This means that this section is promised a rising temperature and let us all hope this prediction will come true. Thursday, says the prophet, in all probability, will be fair. Let us again hope so.

Big Attraction Here For Tonight

The White's Theatre will have as its attraction tonight "The Beauty Shop," the best and most successful musical comedy written by Channing Pollock, Renold Wold and Charles J. Gebest, their other two efforts having been "The Red Window" and "My Best Girl."

While like all musical comedies, in that it is not overburdened with any great amount of plot, it having been written for laughing purposes only, the book contains many bright lines and funny situations, and the score includes at least twenty distinct song hits, it must be said that "The Beauty Shop" is one of the most elaborately mounted and extravagantly costumed attractions taking the road this season.

There are seventeen characters in the cast each and every part having been entrusted to capable players, many of whom are well known in the musical comedy and vaudeville world, and has for a background, a large chorus, mostly girls, many of whom are noted for their having been with Broadway productions.

Among the most popular of the songs are "In A Beauty Shop," "I Want To Look Like Lillian Russell," "Saturday Afternoon On Broadway," "Sometime," "Was In September," "The Tale Of A Mermaid," "When The Creditor Comes To Call," "All Dressed Up And No Place To Go," "The Sunshine Maxixe," "I Love You Just The Same" and many others.

Seats now on sale at the box office. Curtain rises promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

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TONIGHT

"THE BEAUTY SHOP"
(Musical Comedy)

The Biggest and Best of the Season

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WORK OF INCENDIARIES IT IS THOUGHT CAUSED NORFOLK FIRE SUSPECTS NOW UNDER ARREST

NORFOLK—The city is now quiet after the greatest fire in the annals of this modern city.

J. M. Walthal, Frederick Bisler, Otto Burch and wife, Hugo Schmidt, Ida Wintermantel, M. Wintermantel, John Emmes, William Wilhelm, Jacob Antonio are now being held as suspicious characters.

The work of re-building the city is made more difficult due to the extreme cold weather and the labor shortage also the lack of material. The dense snow storm adds to the difficulties.

The \$2,000,000 fire in Norfolk started by explosions, which first originated in the old Granby Theatre building at 3:45 o'clock yesterday morning. It started with a distinct explosion and the entire structure, three stories, was swept away. Shortly before 7 o'clock an explosion occurred on the sixth floor of the Monticello Hotel, reducing the building quickly to a shell. About noon yesterday, when the hotel seemed to be practically under control, an explosion occurred in the Lenox building, a six-story structure, and this building was quickly gutted.

During the afternoon yesterday the police rounded up over a score of men and women as suspects, but all but ten or twelve of these, including two women, were released. The others are being held for further investigation. The prevailing opinion in naval, military and business circles is that there had been an effort, probably organized, to destroy the business section of the city. The only tangible evidence was that at least two, probably three explosions occurred at about the time the fires were discovered.

Early in the morning yesterday one fireman was killed and seven injured when the roof of the Monticello Hotel caved in. Last night three men were injured, one probably seriously. James West, a fireman, suffered a fractured skull and his condition is precarious. T. A. Cronin, an enlisted sailor and James D. Lopp, a marine, were badly hurt, whether or not others were buried beneath the debris is not known. The various emergency stations about 20 have been treated for minor injuries.

The suspicious persons arrested as suspects included Hugo Schmidt and H. K. Lessing, said to be Germans. They have been turned over to the Department of justice agents. There is no question the officials think, that all of the fires were of incendiary origin.

The fire area is bounded by the Granby and Tazewell Streets, Monticello and City Hall avenues on the east side of Granby street, and on the west side from Brooks avenue to Tazewell street extending back about 150 feet to a lane, which undoubtedly saved the Naval Y. M. C. A. and a number of other large structures. On the west side of Granby street, the Lenox, Carpenter and Tazewell buildings, all six stories high, were completely destroyed or practically wrecked. On the east side of the street the Monticello Hotel and the old Granby building were swept away. The Dickson building and big commercial structure between the Granby Theatre and the hotel, were damaged only by water.

The blaze was gotten under control last night after burning fourteen hours.