

RUSSIAN PEOPLE THROW DOWN TROTSKY AND LENINE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

Bolsheviki Propose to Compromise by Establishment of Coalition Government—Developments Indicating That Masses of Slavs Do Not Approve German-made Peace Cause Radical Leaders to Agree to Submit to Authority of New Central Committee Representing Soldiers, Peasants, Workmen and Other Elements—Great Power Given War Office in Constitution Reported to Have Been Framed by Soviet—New Ministry Named

(By the United Press)

Petrograd, Dec. 10.—The executive committee of the Peasants' Council has issued a manifesto repudiating the armistice with Germany and strongly appealing to the people against the Bolsheviki and against a separate peace with Germany.

Haparanda, Dec. 10.—The Bolsheviki are already to agree on coalition government.

Returns from the Russia-wide election show the Trotsky-Lenine government that they have been overwhelmingly rejected by the Russian people at large.

Majorities at Petrograd and other large cities were completely reversed in the rural communities. Faced with this knowledge the Bolsheviki have agreed to submit to the authority of a central committee of the Workmen, Soldiers and Peasants, combined with representatives of other Russian political parties.

The new soviet committee is said to have approved a constitution and evolved a new ministry. The main point in the new constitution is a strict regulation that all people's commissaries appointed by the Maximists should subordinate themselves to representatives of the War Office and that all measures and acts must be approved by representatives of the central committee.

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION WITH BIG DOCKET BEFORE IT

Three Murder Cases—Extra Week Provided by Governor — Hoped to Greatly Reduce Docket During Coming Fortnight

Superior Court for the December one-week term, to be followed by a special one-week term, was convened by Judge W. P. Stacy, Wilmington, here Monday morning.

Between 150 and 175 cases are docketed. These include three murder cases. The court is expected to rid the docket of most of the business on hand during the double term. (Governor Bickett called the extra term at the request of the commissioners to handle the overflow. It is expected that none of the important cases will come up for two or three days yet.

The present sitting concludes Judge Stacy's six months here. He is due to go to another circuit for the first half of 1918.

Judge Stacy's charge to the grand jury was very brief, businesslike and meaty. He seemed to be in a hurry to get down to business. He touched upon no particular phase of lawlessness but impressed the jury with the fact that laxity in law enforcement was not to be tolerated.

A special venire to try William Williams, colored alleged murderer, was to be drawn immediately after the dinner recess.

NEW MINISTERS AT BOTH M. E. CHURCHES

Rev. M. H. Tuttle will succeed Rev. H. A. Humble as pastor of Queen Street Methodist Church here, and Rev. Daniel Lane, Jr., will succeed Rev. E. N. Harrison at Caswell Street Church, by appointments announced at the North Carolina Conference at Greenville Monday.

Mr. Tuttle comes from Hamlet. Mr. Lane is formerly of Ayden. Mr. Humble goes to New Bern. Mr. Harrison will go to Plymouth.

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NEW ENGLAND DOES HINDSOM'LY TOWARD STRICKEN HALIFAX

Maine and Massachusetts Send Building Materials, Blankets, Etc.

WEATHER NOT SO COLD

Wind Halted Searchers at Night But Warm Rain Now is Melting Snow That Covers Ruins of Nova Scotia Port

(By the United Press)

Halifax, Dec. 10.—A warm rain is turning the snow-white streets of Halifax into rivers of slush and debris. Sailors, soldiers and civilians are laboring. They spent a night of misery in a howling wind. The city is practically under martial law. Hundreds were forced into the open Saturday night when a heavy wind storm, together with rain, knocked down tents and other improvised shelters.

Massachusetts and Maine relief units have arrived and are doing heroic work. Bellevue, former residence of the British general commanding the Halifax garrison before Canada took over the defense of the Dominion, has been turned over to the Massachusetts Red Cross. One hundred and fifty patients can be cared for there. The State offered 400,000 feet of beaver board, 10 tons of putty, 300,000 panes of glass and 10,000 rolls of tar paper to erect shelters. Maine sent 11,000 blankets and has crews of carpenters and other workers on hand to assist in rebuilding the city.

Tommy Just Had to Capture Fritz: Was a Persistent Sort of Hun

(By the United Press)
London, Nov. 20 (By Mail).—The sergeant wiped the foam from his moustache and set the glass on the bar.

"I see Haig took 2,000 more prisoners today. Beastly bore, they are. I took one once myself—in fact he inflicted himself upon me."

"He was not a prisoner to be proud of," the sergeant continued. "When he adopted me I was busy repairing a telephone wire. The boys had just gone over the top and I was struggling with a half-yard of adhesive tape and a pair of pliers when something tripped over the wire and said: Mercy, I am your prisoner. I submit. I desire to be removed from here."

"I whirled around and looked it full in the spectacles—it was a very unhappy, small sized Fritz entirely surrounded by clay."

"Go away, can't you see I'm busy," I said.

"I am your prisoner," he repeated plaintively.

"You're a liar," I said severely. "You run away and let someone else's prisoner. You're not the sort of prisoner that appeals to me. Anyway I'm not going to have prisoners thrust upon me. This is my busy day. Get your legs out of that wire."

"For a moment he looked nonplussed. Then he dived into a pocket and produced a cheap Swiss watch.

"For you," he beamed. "I'm your prisoner."

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Jerusal'm In Christian Hands; Turks Ousted

(By the United Press)

London, Dec. 10.—Jerusalem, Christianity's most hallowed spot, has been captured by Gen. Allenby's British expeditionary forces.

This is one of the greatest moral victories of the Allies in months. London is jubilant. The success will be an incentive to the enemies of Germany to drive forward with renewed vigor, is the way officials regard it.

Gen. Allenby's men have had the Holy City as their objective many months.

WAR INSURANCE WILL LESSEN GREAT STRAIN.

The act which provides for Government life insurance for soldiers and sailors has now been in operation a little more than a month. The number of applications under the new law up to November 17 was 64,168, representing insurance in the sum of \$52,083,000. From 4,000 to 6,000 applications are being received daily. One of the primary objects is to lessen the tremendous burden of pensions which has followed as a consequence of all American wars.

DISAPPOINTING AUDIENCE FOR DR. WILLIAM RADER.

Dr. William Rader, the lecturer who appeared at the High School auditorium Saturday night as the third number in the City Schools Chamber of Commerce lecture course, was heard by about 50 persons. The bad weather was the cause of the smallness of the attendance.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST.

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the week beginning Sunday, December 9: For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Generally fair weather will prevail with slowly rising temperature after Monday.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

BRITISH HAVING IT EASY.

London, Dec. 10.—Gen. Haig reports that two German raids have been driven off. Southwest of LaBassee one raid was driven back before it reached the British line. At Klein Zillebeke another party was repulsed with losses.

LLOYD-GEORGE TO SPEAK.

London, Dec. 10.—It is believed that Premier Lloyd-George will respond to the demand for a clear, explicit definition of the Allies' war aims in the House of Commons Wednesday.

65 FINAL ESTIMATE OF DEAD.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Sixty-five men and officers is the final estimate of the loss on the Jacob Jones, the destroyer sunk by a submarine. The rescue list shows 44 officers and men brought safely ashore.

AUSTRIAN KAISER TO FRONT.

Amsterdam, Dec. 10.—Emperor Carl of Austria-Hungary has gone to the Southwest front, Vienna dispatches state.

INCREASE MORTGAGE RATES.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Federal Farm Loan Board has recommended to the twelve Federal land banks that farm mortgage rates be increased from five and one-half per cent. This will not affect loans already approved. A tight money market is given as the reason for the increase.

BEN AVI TELLS OF JEWISH NATION TO BE REBORN OVERSEA

Speaks Glowingly of Future of Palestine Under Its Own Flag—Noted Author Here Under Auspices Daughters of Zion

Long dreaming a dream that has evolved into a practical certainty, Itamar Ben Avi, Jewish scholar, writer and patriot, described to 300 persons here Sunday evening the future of the Jewish nation as he foresees it. He spoke at the Whitaker Building. There was a fair sprinkling of gentiles among his hearers.

The noted visitor edited "The Light," the first daily newspaper to be published at Jerusalem. He is a son of a famous scholar. Refugeeing in America, Ben Avi is doing what he may to help the cause of his country about to be restored.

The speaker's command of the language is quite good. He is a leader of the Zionist movement, and he predicted in all confidence the overthrow of kultur, the establishment of a Jewish Government in Palestine and a happy future for his race.

Mr. Ben Avi spoke here under the auspices of the Daughters of Zion. He was introduced in a few well-chosen remarks by Mr. Joseph Elshfeld. Miss Greenburg of Durham, a State leader of the Daughters of Zion, presided over the meeting.

Ben Avi calls upon the Jewish people to unite under a common flag and constitute a great force of Judaism. His clear-cut understanding of nations, his knowledge of Palestine, and his intimacy with international politics make him an interesting personality. He praises the American spirit of independence and self-sacrifice.

CHRISTOPHER TURNER DEAD.

Christopher Turner, 61 years of age, died at his residence eight miles South of here about midnight Sunday. He was a native of Lenoir County and a well-to-do farmer. Apoplexy caused his death. He is survived by his wife and several children. The body was sent to Mount Olive for burial Monday afternoon.

North Carolina Day State December 14

Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of public instruction, in a letter to the county superintendent of schools, urges them to give all the time necessary to making successful the celebration of North Carolina Day in every public school in the State this year.

Thrift, conservation and patriotism will be stressed in the observance. All patriotic and war-work organizations are asked to aid. The Statewide date for observance will be the 14th, but schools finding it impossible to prepare by then will be permitted to give their exercise on the 21st.

DR. HURT HEARD BY BIG CONGREGATIONS AT THREE SERVICES

Wilmington Minister eloquent and Powerful Speaker — Star-Spangled Bannery Sermons—Women Get Look In

Dr. John Jeter Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Wilmington, speaking to the community men's meeting at the First Baptist Church here Sunday afternoon, made some people mad.

Oh, dear, no! Not with him. Dr. Hurt's subject was: "If the Allies Should Win, Then What?" At 11 a. m., preaching to the congregation of the First Baptist Church, he had discussed: "If Germany Should Win, What?"

There were many, many women in the afternoon congregation. The men's meeting was thrown open to them.

Dr. Hurt summed up the war to date. He described the spirit which seized upon a pistol shot to plunge the world into conflict. He did not dwell upon the atrocities, nor deal in hatred. But he told the story in such powerful language and so effectively portrayed America's mission that had he started a recruiting campaign on top of the scene there would have been a lot of his male hearers deserting their families on the spot. At the finale he pointed to Old Glory hanging on the wall and recited a master poem that has been much in print of late. The poem tells of the flag standing for, and what, in the apostrophe, the red, and white, and blue stand for. Dr. Hurt had some of his hearer's hair bristling. The address was simply a masterpiece, and for a mere everyday critic to try to describe it would be doing it an injustice. At night Dr. Hurt preached upon the United States at the council table of peace.

Hundreds heard each address. Dr. James M. Parrott presided over the afternoon session. He declared that should the collection be a heavy one the women might perhaps be admitted to some of the future meetings. Dr. Parrott also told of the cost of the war to date. It has cost almost as much already as it cost to maintain the United States Government, including dredging un navigable creeks and building postoffices, during the time between the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the outbreak of the war. Dr. Parrott boosted the new savings stamps. If any man is richer a year hence than today he will be put to it to explain why, he said. If the people come out of the war with anything it will be what they have saved through being thrifty, he asserted.

Hon. N. J. Rouse introduced Dr. Hurt. He spoke only a short time. His little speech was very practical, patriotic and forceful. He hoped women would be permitted to attend coming sessions of the community series, he said.

Fastor B. P. Smith of Gordon Street Christian Church said a prayer at the beginning of the service. A large mixed choir sang several numbers, while a quartet comprised by Mrs. Dan. Quinley, Mrs. A. E. Rountree, Mr. B. L. Blow and Mr. J. H. Mowborn sang "Keep the Home Fires Burning." The rendition was beautiful. Several fuel dealers were present.

EASTERN SIBERIA A CHAOTIC LAND NOW; LIBERTY ANNOUNCED

Vladivostok and Other Communities Proclaim Independence of Russia

ANARCHY HOLDING SWAY

Chinese in Charge of Situation at One Point Poor Substitute for Iron Hand That District Seems to Need at Present

(By the United Press)

Haparanda, Dec. 10.—Chinese troops have entered Harbin. Japanese troops Vladivostok, to afford protection from disturbances, says an official announcement by the Petrograd agency.

Tokio, Dec. 10.—Vladivostok, Russia's principal Asiatic port and the gateway of the Transiberian Railway, with Amur, have both declared their independence, according to reports received here. A provisional government is being established. The ministry for a new republic has met and sent notification of the sections independence to other self-governing districts of Russia.

Vladivostok is an important center. A large quantity of munitions are stored there. Their loss to the Bolsheviki or any Russian faction not representative of the whole nation would be a serious one to the Allies. Anarchy is reported from this section of Asiatic Russia. An American society to maintain order is being organized. Harbin is wavering between support of the Bolsheviki and complete independence. Five hundred Chinese are depended upon to keep order and protect foreigners' lives and property from anarchy. Neither the Japanese nor Russian ministers in the Orient have recognized the Bolsheviki regime.

HORSESHOER, SADDLER, ETC. FOR THE MARINES NOW.

(Special to The Free Press)
Washington, Dec. 10.—Horace Lovett, U. S. Marine Corps, on duty "somewhere over there," has just been appointed a horseshoer for marines, with the rank of corporal.

In the same company Sergt. John Ochsner is stable sergeant and Corp. Stanley A. Smith is saddler.

No, you have guessed wrong. The captain's name is not Jinks but Drum—Captain Drum of the horse and other marines.

Bring on the Village Jokesmith; Skirted Firemen for Philly.

(By the United Press)
Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—"Fire women" are next! According to Fire Chief William H. Murphy the day is not far distant when women will be taken into the Bureau of Fire, not only for clerical duty but active work on the engines, trucks, and ladders. Chief Murphy painted an attractive picture of daring, heroic hose-women.

MEANS CASE NEARS CLOSE AT CONCORD

(By the United Press)
Concord, N. C., Dec. 10.—The Means case is almost over. Dooling, New York Assistant District Attorney, has withdrawn from active participation. Solicitor Clements closed the cross-examination with perfunctory questions at 10:40 a. m.

COTTON

The market was nearly out of business as the result of the cold Monday. Receipts were scant. Prices ranged above 28 cents. Futures quotations were:

	Open	Close
December	28.50	29.61
January	28.50	28.89
March	28.33	28.64
May	28.18	28.40
July	27.87	28.11

