

STATE OF WAR IS DECLARED IN PETROGRAD

REVOLT OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF LEADS TO A MOST SERIOUS SITUATION IN RUSSIA

Premier Was Asked to Deliver to the Commander of the Army All Civil and Military Matters for the Organization of the New Government--The Ministry is Considering What Course to Pursue and Will Defy Kornoloff--New Commander is Named to Take Charge.

Petrograd, Sept. 10.—Premier Kerensky has announced that a state of war exists in Petrograd and in the district of Petrograd.

The Premier has also ordered General Kornoloff, chief of the Russian army to resign his command and has placed supreme command in the hands of General Klembovsky, commander-in-chief of the Northern army defending the Riga section.

Premier Kerensky issued a proclamation in which he said that on September 8th a delegation composed of a number of members of the Duma, called on him in the name of Kornoloff and demanded that he hand over all civil and military matters to him as generalissimo to form a new government, at his pleasure.

The statement continues to effect that the commander-in-chief sought to profit by the serious conditions. In the proclamation Kerensky orders General Kornoloff to hand over all his functions to General Klembovsky, whose army is barring the way of the Germans to reach Petrograd.

"I declare a state of war in Petrograd and the Petrograd district," the proclamation continues, "and appeal to all civilians to remain calm."

Cabinet Ministers in Session Seeking Way Out.

Petrograd, (Sunday).—Eleven cabinet members have been in continuous session in the Winter palace to consider methods to face General Kornoloff's revolt, which they admit in conversation with the Associated Press to be the very gravest event since the revolution.

So far as the revolt is concerned the ministry is determined to defy the action of General Kornoloff, though no measure of defense is yet agreed on.

One plan on which they are proceeding is to place the affairs of the government in the hands of five men vested with supreme power.

A PEACE OFFER FROM GERMANY

Official London Looking for Such a Move Before Winter, on the Status Quo Basis.

SUCH TERMS WOULD BE REJECTED BY ENTENTES

Germany Endeavoring to Avert a Revolution at Home and a National Collapse.

London, Aug. 27.—(By mail)—Throughout official London belief is held that a definite peace offer will come from Germany before winter and that it will suggest the immediate cessation of hostilities on the status quo basis. Entente statesmen have fully indicated that they will refuse such terms and no doubt Germany is aware of this, but the German leaders regard the offer from the German side as an indispensable step in the reparation of the German public opinion for further concessions. High official authorities today gave the Associated Press the following statement as regards peace:

"There is no doubt the German government is anxious to get out of the war at the earliest possible moment on any plan that will insure against revolution at home and a national collapse."

Riot at Illinois Prison.
(By Associated Press.)

Joliet, Ill., Sept. 10.—A riot occurred at the state prison here today, during which one convict was shot and three guards stabbed.

The first trouble occurred yesterday at breakfast call when about 20 convicts broke from line and one seized a spade and is said to have threatened a guard. Later, after ordering the convict to drop the weapon, the guard shot him. This morning at the same hour the trouble broke out afresh. The men again broke from line and in the melee which followed three guards were stabbed.

The rioters had become angered at imposing of restriction on discipline.

JUDGE CLINE URGES LOYALTY OF PEOPLE

September Term of Rowan Superior Court Opens for a Two Week Term—3 Murder Cases

THE TIME FOR PATIENCE WITH CRIME HAS ENDED So Declares Jurist Presiding Over Court—Service and Duty Is What Counts New.

The September term of Rowan Superior court convened shortly after 11 o'clock this morning, opening up immediately after the arrival of Western 56 upon which Judge E. B. Cline, of Hickory, who is presiding, arrived. Immediately after court was called to order the drawing of the grand jury began and as soon as this body was sworn in Judge Cline proceeded to deliver his charge to the jury.

Judge Cline prefaced his remarks by saying some time ago he, along with other judges in this state, received a request from the State Council for Defense to dwell in his charges to patriotism and loyalty to the government at this time. Judge Cline said he had done this on several occasions but felt that there was little, if any, need of his doing this in Rowan. However, he touched on this phase and also on civic matters. He said that this was a time for all men to be loyal and patriotic and that those who are left at home should do their bit just as willingly and just as loyally as those of our boys who have gone to the front. He urged conservation, production, and paid a tribute to the good woman when he said if the men would do half as well in this crisis as the women there would be no cause to worry. He said that if ever there was a time that called for law enforcement and a time when there should be little patience with crime that time was now. The courts were the embodiment of freedom and justice and they must be upheld, the arm of the government must be strengthened and upheld. It was a call to duty, to service and for the citizens to put forth their best efforts at this time. Judge Cline also paid attention to the duties of the members of the grand jury in reporting any violations of the law to the solicitor and investigating thoroughly all matters coming before them. It was a charge in some respects out of the ordinary but was a timely one and an address that it would have done good for every citizen of the county to have heard.

The court adjourned shortly after the charge was delivered for the noon recess and this afternoon took up the criminal docket, which includes three murder cases, all of the defendants being colored. It is the two weeks term, the first for criminal cases and the second for civil docket. The grand jury is composed of the following:

Z. A. Klutz, foreman, Radford Freeman, E. L. Peeler, M. W. Klutz, G. B. Ketchie, J. R. Graham, W. L. Page, J. H. Horton, Henry Hill, T. L. Carriker, J. E. Alexander, E. J. Dry, J. L. Glove, Irvin A. Hill, R. C. Bost, E. L. Owens, W. A. Barber, Paul W. Whitlock.

LIGHTNING AT LANDIS.

Severe Rain and Electric Storm There Saturday Barn Was Destroyed by Fire; no insurance to the Building. Landis, Sept. 10.—There was a rain and severe electrical storm here Saturday evening. The lightning struck the noted large white oak in Martin Blackwelder's yard, however, it did slight damage to the tree. Lightning also struck the barn of J. J. Sechler one mile east of Landis. The barn and contents were completely destroyed, except the live stock was saved. There is no insurance and the loss is \$800 to \$1,000. This is another warning that every farmer in Rowan county should not be without insurance in the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company as the money they pay in all stays in the county for the benefit of the farmers who meet with misfortune from fire or storm.

MORE TEUTONIC ROTTENNESS SHOWN

State Department Finds That the Swedish Minister has Been Sending Unneutral Dispatches Through His Official Channels.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Copies of three brief dispatches made public by the state department today revealed another case of sinister German diplomacy, this time directed against Argentina, and involving the Swedish foreign office in an apparent grave breach of neutrality and diplomatic propriety.

They were messages to Berlin from Count Luxburg, the German charge at Buenos Aires, forwarded by the Swedish legation there as its own communication. Besides advising that no concessions be granted Argentina in the submarine controversy, they suggested that the South American country's ships be sunk "without leaving a trace" and gave information as to the sailing and positions of certain vessels.

The department's announcements were sent to the Argentine embassy and the Swedish legation here at the same time it was given to the public. There was no explanation at how the message came into the hands of the United States nor discussion as to what may be the result.

The action created a sensation, particularly among the neutral diplomats. The Baron Akerhelm, the Swedish charge, in absence of advice from his government, would not comment further than to say it was improbable that the Swedish minister at Buenos Aires knew of the contents of the dispatches. Axel Robert Nordvall, of the special Swedish economic mission, declared he was certain that Baron Lowen, the Swedish minister to Argentina, had no knowledge of the contents of the dispatches.

"Moreover, I am sure," said Mr. Nordvall, "that no Swede would have been a party to such a heartless proceeding. I know Baron Lowen very well, he is not in good health, and it is possible that he was unaware of the sending of any messages. If the dispatches were in German code, as I assume they were, even if he knew they were sent, he could not have known their contents and may have thought they were harmless business messages."

Mr. Nordvall was of the opinion that Baron Lowen would be recalled by the Swedish government and said he looked for an explanation and a disavowal of any intention to commit an unneutral act.

What effect the disclosure will have on Argentina's relations with Germany could only be guessed at both by state department officials and by Ambassador Naon. The ambassador already has transmitted message to his government and until instructions are received he will not comment on the incident.

It was suggested by some diplomats that Germany might have little difficulty in arranging her relations with Argentina so as to cause the South American country to maintain her neutral attitude. It was pointed out that having entered into an agreement with Argentina recently not to sink any more Argentine ships and to pay for damage already inflicted Germany was in a position to explain that she had not accepted the suggestion of her agent in Buenos Aires and that after all there could be no diplomatic conflict if he were removed.

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TRAINING OF NEGRO TROOPS OUTLINED

Those Called in States Having Cantonments Will Be Sent to That Place for Training.

WILL BE FIGHTING NEGRO REGIMENTS LIKE WHITES

Secretary of War Baker Gives Out a Statement Regarding the Handling of Negroes

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Sept. 10.—Negro troops of the national army will be organized in separate units as is done in the regular army and as far as possible will be trained in the states where raised.

The call for negroes to mobilize at camps will be postponed to allow officials at these camps to arrange for the organization of these separate units.

Both white men and negroes of the selective draft forces will be given opportunity to volunteer for service in battalions of troops for service on lines of communication, the work being military but non-combatant. However, there will be negro fighting regiments of the national army as well as regular and national guard.

Secretary Baker today outlined the policy of the war department in a statement dealing with the methods to be followed in organization and training of negroes liable to draft under the national army act:

"Presumably negro regiments of the national army and national guard will be retained as they are a fighting unit. All colored troops called in a state which has a cantonment will be trained there."

The heart-breaking moaning you hear is the coal barons parting with their graft.—New Orleans States. Pitcher Carl Mays, of the Boston Red Sox, vows he will not shave his upper lip until he loses a game.

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PEACE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH TWO GOVERNORS FAILED TO PREVENT.



When Governor Burnquist of Minnesota drove the Peace Council from his state the delegates hopped on a train for Chicago, and there, by permission of Mayor Thompson, they met for their convention. Governor Lowden of Illinois hurried troops to the scene, but the meeting had long adjourned before their arrival.

60 ROWAN MEN DRAFTED FOR ARMY

Exemption Board for Western District of North Carolina Passes on Many Other Claims

INCLUDES MEN FROM BOTH THE CITY AND COUNTY

Still Other Claims Filed by Local Men Are Being Considered by the Final Board.

The local exemption board in the new national army has received from the district board at Statesville another list of men from Rowan who had filed exemption claims and which have been passed on. This list is composed of sixty men who have been called into the service of the United States and not exempted or discharged, therefore will be among the number to be sent to the training camp at Columbia, S. C., at an early date. The list follows:

- James Robert Albright, China Grove, N. C.
- Milas Jacob Arey, Gold Hill, N. C., Route 1.
- Richard W. Arey, 423 E. Kerr St., Salisbury, N. C.
- Joseph W. Brady, Salisbury, N. C., Route 9.
- Roy N. Brown, Salisbury, N. C., 622 W. Marsh St.
- John A. Butler, 536 E. Henderson St., Salisbury, N. C.
- Charles M. Campbell, 121 S. Long St., Salisbury, N. C.
- Melton Hugh Campbell, Spencer, N. C.
- Thomas Melvin Casey, 201 1-2 S. Main St., Salisbury, N. C.
- Luther Casper, Gold Hill, N. C., Route 1.
- James W. Donaldson, 1103 W. Horah St., Salisbury, N. C.
- Emanuel L. G. Eagle, Gold Hill, N. C., Route 1.
- Martin L. Elliott, Barber, N. C., Route 2.
- Luther A. Fesperman, Salisbury, N. C., Route 3.
- Charlie Robert Fowler, 630 S. Main St., Salisbury, N. C.
- Arthur Leonard Frick, Salisbury, N. C., Route 9.
- John H. A. Gardner, Salisbury, N. C., Route 3.
- Vestie Garrett, 526 N. Caldwell St., Salisbury, N. C.
- Kade Gentry, Granite Quarry, N. C.
- David E. Gibson, Salisbury, N. C., Route 5.
- Frank T. Gill, 806 W. Horah St., Salisbury, N. C.
- Clyde M. Gillespie, China Grove, N. C., Route 2.
- Ross Graham, Union Hill, Salisbury, N. C.
- William U. Graham, 528 N. Shaver St., Salisbury, N. C.
- John Allen Grasty, 323 E. Horah St., Salisbury, N. C.
- Wm. Oddie Hannah, Salisbury, N. C., Route 1.
- John Richard Koon, Henderson St., East Spencer, N. C.
- John Quincy Kenerly, 311 Salisbury Ave., Spencer, N. C.
- John Lewis Kepley, Salisbury, N. C., Route 4.
- William Fred Klutz, Rockwell, N. C., Route 2.
- Walter Martin Klutz, Barber, N. C., Route 1.
- Robert Strange Latta, 215 S. Long St., Salisbury, N. C.
- John H. Lippard, Cleveland, N. C., Route 1.
- William Graham Lloyd, 402 Yad-

CADORNA'S GREAT BATTLE CONTINUES

Austrians Are Being Subjected to Unrelentless Pressure But Are Using Fresh Troops.

THE GERMANS FORCED TO ABANDON THEIR ASSAULT

German Advance in the Riga Region Is Definitely Halted, According to Current Reports.

(By Associated Press.)
The great battle which General Cadorna is waging for Monte San Gabriele is continuing uninterrupted despite inclement weather. The Austrians are being subjected to unrelentless pressure but by means of heavy concentration of fresh troops has been able to keep the Italians from achieving notable success which the completion of the campaign for the mount constitutes. The Italians captured 145 guns from the Austrians since the beginning of the offensive.

General Pétain's troops last night clinched the success won northeast of Verdun Saturday when they pushed their lines ahead materially in the Fosse and Carrières wood sector. The Germans were obliged to abandon their ferocious assault tactics because of heavy losses sustained in the attacks, leaving the French lines unshaken. Paris characterizes the repulse sustained by the Crown Prince's forces here as "important" and dwells upon the extremely serious extent of the casualties inflicted by French fire.

There was only raiding operations on the remainder of the French army front, and only similar activity of a major sort along the British lines. General Haig reports that he put in a busy night in successful consolidation of positions taken by them yesterday northwest of St. Quentin in the neighborhood of Hargicourt. London announces. Berlin, however, declares this ground was retaken by the Germans early today.

Macedonian fighting is again assuming importance. On the extreme western front the French apparently have massed a considerable force. Yesterday they were reported as occupying several villages in the Malik lake region and the German war office today admits the tenuous forces there were obliged to retreat before superior French pressure.

The German advance in the Riga region is definitely halted, according to indications in current reports. The only event reported there today by Berlin are clashes between Russian raiding parties and German reserves.

Army Horses Fed at Spencer.
One train stopped at Spencer today for six or eight hours in order that stock aboard might be fed and watered and rested in compliance with the law. This gave the men with the train an opportunity to come up to Salisbury on street cars and spend some time here and they took advantage of the lay over to do so.

kin Ave., Spencer, N. C.
William E. Ludwig, 418 N. Long St., Salisbury, N. C.
Elsie Clifford May, Railroad Ave., Salisbury, N. C.
John E. Melton, East Spencer, N. C.
J. K. Millikin, Salisbury, N. C.
Allie A. Misenheimer, Salisbury, N. C., Route 3.
William W. McSwain, N. Main St., Salisbury, N. C.
Shuford Parks, Thomas St., Salisbury, N. C.
John A. Peacock, Salisbury, N. C., Route 4.

Clarence Wilbur Peeler, Salisbury, N. C., Route 6.
Jacob W. Reid, East Spencer, N. C.
Joseph Henry Robertson, Kress Bldg., Salisbury, N. C.
John Linker Shaver, Richfield, N. C., Route 2.
Fate Smith, Rowan county, N. C.
Henry Smith, China Grove, N. C., Route 1.
John H. Smith, 205 Mocksville Ave., Salisbury, N. C.
William Julius Snipes, Salisbury, N. C.
Charlie Frank Sowers, Salisbury, N. C., Route 7.
Noah Franklin Stokes, Richfield, N. C., Route 2.
Clarence H. Summers, 603 E. Lafayette St., Salisbury, N. C.
Joseph Alexander Suther, China Grove, N. C.
Lonnie F. Swicegood, Woodleaf, N. C.
Walter Taylor, Granite Quarry, N. C.
Other C. Upright, Mooresville, N. C.
A. B. Waynick, 511 Yadkin Ave., Spencer, N. C.
Mack Wyatt, Gold Hill, N. C., Route 1.

SPENCER SCHOOLS ARE OVERFLOWING

Opened This Morning With More Than 700 Pupils Presenting Themselves.

IMPRESSIVE EXERCISES MARKED OPENING OF SAME

Mr. J. E. Redfern the New Superintendent, Mayor Burton, C. L. Bunch and Others Talk.

(By W. A. Hicks.)
Spencer, Sept. 10.—With seven hundred pupils in line the Spencer auditorium was packed to overflowing at the opening hour and many were turned away by the newly elected superintendent, Prof. J. E. Redfern. In a brief but stirring address Prof. Redfern laid down the basic principles upon which the school will operate this year and declared a deep feeling of responsibility in assuming the principalship of the school. He said that to make the school a success the superintendent must have the love, co-operation and respect of the patrons, the teachers, the school board and the pupils. A policy of fair treatment to all and special privileges to none will be followed. The child from the humblest home will have the same attention as one from the richest and if there is to be a difference it must be in favor of the former.

It is found that the school and especially the lower grades, are greatly crowded. Prof. Redfern explained that the school board has done all that is possible with the means at hand to give the school the best teaching force to be had. He asked the co-operation of both pupils and patrons in making the school a success. He declared that there must be order, that corrections will be made regardless of who the pupil may be.

Mr. C. L. Bunch, chairman of the school board was called upon and made a short talk stating that more desks have been ordered to increase the facilities of the school, that all children becoming six years of age in September may enter school now, that outsiders coming to Spencer just for the school privileges will be required to pay a tuition of \$2 per month, and asked that in the event of making a complaint during the year that it must be signed and sent to Prof. Redfern.

Mayor W. H. Burton who is a member of the school board made a strong talk in which he explained that the school will be run in accordance with the State laws, that the books used were selected by the State Text Book Commission, that all pupils must present a vaccination certificate before being enrolled, and that there will be ten medals offered this year for proficiency in various lines.

The school will soon distribute new 1917 catalogs containing much rules, books, etc.

The teaching force this year is composed of the following:
First grade, Mrs. Eva B. Harris, assistant, Miss Helen Dorton; second, Miss Maude Tate; third, Mrs. Lizzie B. Carrick; fourth, Miss Estelle Dorton; fifth, Miss Estelle Brown; sixth, Miss Cera Lyerly; seventh, Miss Ida Whitley supply teacher, Miss Alma Swicegood. High school department teachers include Misses Annie Graber, Sophia Lefler, Ada Worsham and Prof. J. E. Redfern. Recitations will begin at 8.45 a. m., and the first seven grades will get out at 2.45 p. m., while the High school will dismiss at 3.15.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON.

The President and His Wife Are On a Cruise Aboard the Mayflower and Were off Massachusetts Coast This Morning.

Gloucester, Mass. Sept. 10.—The President's yacht, Mayflower, with its convoy, is still in the harbor this morning, but is preparing to leave for sea and continue the cruise which President and Mrs. Wilson are now enjoying. Many people, learning that the presidential party would come ashore went to the wharf, but were disappointed when it was announced that the President did not wish any demonstration whatever.

French Gain on the Meuse.
Paris, Sept. The French troops made gains today on the right bank of the Meuse, Verdun sector, occupying important positions and capturing more than 500 prisoners, according to the announcement of the war office tonight.

The optimist is magnetic. The pessimist draws only his own conclusions.