

THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION IS GROWING

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Counter Revolutionists Are Hopeful That An American Army Can Be Sent to Restore Order and Strengthen Fighting Front.

The Bolsheviki power in Petrograd is now menaced seriously as the opposition becomes solidified. There is unrest in Petrograd and Moscow, the extremist strongholds, and the Cossacks are advancing from the Don region northward.

The political leaders opposed to the Bolsheviki expect to raise military forces able to dispose of the Bolsheviki soon and by spring intend to have a big force ready for efforts next year.

Detachments of the Bolsheviki troops and some of General Korniloff's forces have met in an engagement near Biologorod in the province of Kursk, 300 miles south of Moscow, and Cossacks are reported to be in Kharvov and Mohilev, north of the Cossack region.

Threats against the Smolny institute, Bolsheviki headquarters in Petrograd, are made by opponents of the Bolsheviki, who demand that their leaders be shorn of power.

In Moscow the Bolsheviki are having trouble feeding the populace and soldiers are threatening revolt.

The Bolsheviki are attempting to convene a constitutional assembly and will arrest any opponents who seek to gain control of the assembly.

There has been no break in the infantry inactivity on the western and Italian fronts. The artillery has been active along the greater portion of the two front sand on the western front allied and German airmen have engaged in many combats.

German reinforcements continue to be sent to the western front, although there is no sign as to where and when the expected blow will fall.

London, Dec. 12.—The Austrian battleship Wien was torpedoed and sunk Sunday night, according to the Vienna official report received in Amsterdam and forwarded by the Central News agency.

The battleship Wien displaced 5,512 tons and was laid down in 1893. She had a complement of 441 men. Her largest guns were four of 9.4 inches and six of 5.9 inches and she had four torpedoes tubes above the water line.

Air Activity. London, Dec. 12.—There was great activity in the air Monday in the Cambrai region, so today's official announcement states.

Armistice is Signed. Jaffy, Rumania, Dec. 10.—(Monday)—It was officially announced today that an armistice with the central powers had been signed, in accordance with which hostilities were suspended at 10:30 yesterday morning until further notice.

MRS. MAUDE A. KING



The trial of Gaston B. Means for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, which has been in progress at Concord for the past two weeks, is expected to end during the present week and a verdict of acquittal is expected for the defendant.

The verdict brought in at the first inquest attributed her death to accidental causes. An examination of the body later by the coroner's physician gave rise to the opinion that the woman was slain.

The exhumation of the body was made at midnight on order of a judge of the Criminal Circuit court, Chicago, where the body had been taken for trial.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO MEN AT CAMP SEVIER

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 12.—Personal identification tags are being struck off and distributed to every soldier at camp. The tags are small disks of aluminum, bearing on one side the name of the wearer, together with his grade or rank, and his organization.

PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY GENERAL KALEDINES

Declare That Cossacks Have Taken Over Power in Southern Russia. Stockholm, Monday, Dec. 10. A proclamation of General Kaledines, the Cossack leader, declaring that the Cossack government has taken over power in the Donetz region of southern Russia, is published in The Yuzhny Krai, a newspaper of Kharkov, a copy of which has reached Stockholm, having escaped the Bolsheviki censorship.

WAVE OF PATRIOTISM OF N. C. NEGRO MASONS

Salisbury, Dec. 11.—There are over 600 negro Masons in attendance of the grand lodge of their jurisdiction of North Carolina and a striking feature is the pronounced patriotism. There are in attendance Col. James H. Young, of Raleigh; Bishop J. W. Hood, of Fayetteville, who is the father of the organization among negroes in this state; Dr. C. S. Brown and a large number of representative negroes.

STATE ASKS A CONVICTION FOR MURDER

Solicitor Clement, in Beginning Argument at Concord Today, Asks Jury for Conviction of First Degree Murder.

Judge Cline Grows Positive When He States That He Will Allow No Comment Before Jury Concerning Any Counsel.

Concord, Dec. 12.—Solicitor Hayden Clement began the argument for the state just after 11 o'clock this morning. Just before the solicitor began Judge Cline, in a very positive manner, stated that the court would not permit any counsel in addressing the jury to discredit any witness because of his place of residence.

"I will not permit any other comment upon the town, country or state from which any member of the counsel comes," said Judge Cline.

Solicitor Clement today asked the jury for a verdict of murder in the first degree against Gaston B. Means, at the same time outlining the state's contention for one of three verdicts, the other two being second degree murder and manslaughter, only the first having a penalty of death.

The solicitor, in outlining the grounds on which the state will base its claims, stated the defendant had squandered and appropriated large sums belonging to Mrs. King and had killed her to escape an accounting. He stated that the first year Gaston Means had managed Mrs. King's affairs \$185,000 of her estate had been spent, whereas \$150,000 was spent during the nine years preceding, when she was living in Paris, Europe and America.

The state announced soon after the convening of court this morning that it would not offer any more evidence against Gaston B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King. State's counsel decided on this action during the night. It had been stated that the state would introduce several more witnesses this morning.

Solicitor Clement spoke for about an hour and was followed by Judge Frank Osborne, of Charlotte, who opened the argument for the defense. He referred to the relations existing between Mrs. King and Gaston B. Means and appealed to the jurors to observe the golden rule in rendering the verdict. He went over a part of the transactions between Mrs. King and Means. When Means took charge she had squandered all she had except an interest in the Woodruff Trust company, he stated.

EXPLOSION IN BIG SHELL PLANT TODAY

One Man Killed This Morning By Big Explosion at New Castle, Delaware.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 12.—A terrific bombardment shortly before 8 o'clock this morning with shells flying in every direction aroused New Castle and vicinity. Fire had broken out in one of the most dangerous sections of the shell loading plant of the Bethlehem steel company, at New Castle, a mile from this city.

The blaze started in a shell loading house where were stored 4,000 shells, loaded with T. N. T., one of the most violent of all explosives, and 30,000 empty shells. The fire had scarcely started when the loaded shells began to explode.

One man, Theodore Jacobson of Harrison, N. J., was killed. His head was blown off by a shell. So far as could be learned, no other persons were hurt.

PROF GRIER OF CHINA GROVE LEAVES FOR WAR

China Grove, Dec. 11.—Prof. B. M. Grier, whose home is near Charlotte, and who has taught in the China Grove High school for the past two years, resigned his school work and has left to join the aviation corps. He will go first to Kentucky and then to Texas for the necessary training.

FIRST SHOT FIRED ON THE AUSTRIANS BY AMERICA

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Tuesday, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The first American shot against Austria was fired by Representative Tinkham, of Boston, Mass., on the lower Piave when he pulled a string firing a shell from a 149 millimeter gun hurtling across the Piave into Austrian positions.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Congressman Tinkham, by firing the Italian gun at Austrian positions, has taken on the status of a non-combatant and according to the rules of war has laid himself liable to execution by the Austrians should he fall into their hands. Under the laws of war a civilian never takes part in hostilities.

The fact that war has been declared does not alter the circumstances.

SAVINGS CLUB PAID MEMBERS TODAY

About \$20,000 Distributed to the 900 Members of the Bank of Commerce Club.

The Bank of Commerce today mailed checks to the 900 members of its Christmas Savings club. The total amount distributed was about \$20,000, much more than the amount mailed out for the same purpose last December.

The 1918 club will open December 18 and it is confidently expected by Cashier Mills and other officials of the institution that the amount as well as number of members will double those of the present club. Mr. Mills is much pleased, he stated today, with the showing of the club for the present year and he will leave no effort unmade to increase the membership for 1918.

NO PRAYER MEETING AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH THIS EVENING

Owing to the cold weather there will be no prayer services at the First Baptist church this evening, the pastor, Rev. James A. Clarke, stated this morning. It is very unusual for this congregation to call off any service, but conditions are such that the pastor deems it best to postpone the meeting.

KEPT THEIR WHISKEY IN HOT WATER BAGS

Albemarle, Dec. 12.—A case of unusual interest coming up in the county court this week was that of state v. E. L. Sneed, proprietor of the Bellevue hotel at Badin. The defendant was charged with having more than the legal quantity of whiskey allowed by law in his possession.

The evidence showed that when the officers made a raid on the Bellevue hotel they found about eight gallons of whiskey and the unusual thing about it was that the whiskey was in hot water bags. Judge Brown adjudged the defendant guilty and ordered that he pay a fine of \$150 and that the whiskey be destroyed, and the hot water bags turned over to the local Red Cross chapter.

"DEBATING HANDBOOK" IS ISSUED BY THE UNIVERSITY

Chapel Hill, Dec. 12.—"Public Discussion and Debate" is the subject of a new number of the University of North Carolina Record, a 70-page volume. This number is designed to give aid, references and helps in debate, literary society programs, holiday exercises, etc. A number of timely questions are listed for debates, with special help on a "great many."

Its arrangement, content, and suggested methods of work, with slight modifications, are suited to the needs of farmers' union locals, women's clubs and other similar organizations.

SENATE ADOPTS "ANTI-SNOBBERY" RESOLUTION

Washington, Dec. 12.—The senate yesterday adopted Senator Overman's resolution asking facts concerning the relation of army officers to privates. The resolution reads: "Resolved, that the secretary of war be and he hereby is directed to inform the United States senate what, if any, rules or regulations there are of the war department which prevents officers from having intercourse with privates and mingling with them in social intercourse, or which tend to cast distinction between enlisted men and commissioned officers when they are off duty." No objection was raised to the resolution.

PREMIER KERENSKY AND GENERAL KORNILOFF



The developments in Russia during the past few days have caused people to wonder whether it is not about time that Kerensky again appeared on the scene and assumed the leadership of the counter-revolutionary forces.

YOUNG MAN FACES A SERIOUS CHARGE

Shirley Templeton, of Winston-Salem, Charged With Soliciting Funds Wrongfully.

Shirley B. Templeton, a young white man who claims Winston-Salem as his home, is detained by the local police authorities pending an investigation of his connection with the Winston-Salem Y. M. C. A. and a fund that institution is a legal to be raising for the purpose of dining sailors on Christmas day.

The young man was taken into custody about noon today following telephonic communication with certain persons who Winston-Salem whom, Winston-Salem claimed, were members of the committee for which he was working.

The young man approached Mayor Ragan for permission to canvass High Point for funds and the mayor asked for credentials. Those the young man possessed were not all convincing but the mayor informed him to go ahead with his canvass.

Templeton came to High Point from Lexington where he secured a note sure for the cause he represented, whether personal or for the sailors of the American navy. He had secured between \$5 and \$7 in High Point before being arrested.

Mayor Ragan stated this afternoon that unless it was "later found that the young man really represented the Winston-Salem Y. M. C. A. as he claimed, he would be arraigned in municipal court tomorrow morning under a charge of soliciting funds under false pretenses. In other he is thought to be a simon pure fakir.

THE HALIFAX DEATH LIST IS NOW 1,800

Reunited Relatives and Returning Refugees Serve to Greatly Lower the List.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—A revised estimate of explosion casualties reduces the death list to approximately 1,800. The known dead total 800 and it is believed 1,000 bodies, perhaps 900, still lie under the debris. The list of victims is steadily becoming smaller as relatives are reunited and refugees return.

From 300 to 500 are totally or partly blind and 200 children have each lost both parents, so Canadian and American relief work officials believe.

REPLACE THE MESS SHACKS DESTROYED BY FIRE SATURDAY

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 12.—Replacement of the six mess-shacks of the 19th Infantry which were destroyed by fire early Saturday morning has been completed. The mess halls of Companies A, B, C, and D, that of the headquarters and that of the supply company were totally consumed, together with all mess and provisions stored in that of company D, where fire originated, and the hall of the regimental infirmary was partially destroyed. Defective electrical wiring is believed to have been the cause of the fire. The 19th Infantry was formerly the Second North Carolina and is commanded by Col. J. Van R. Metts.

THIS SECTION VISITED BY A SNOW STORM

Heaviest Snowfall in Years is Experienced at Raleigh and Other Sections of the State—Traffic Not Hindered.

In South Carolina Fall of Snow and Ice is Reported in Western, Eastern and Central Portions—Soldiers Are Comfortable.

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 12.—The cold wave which has held the 30th division at Camp Sevier in its grasp for the past four days was accompanied last night by a heavy snowfall. The official weather registration bureau this morning reported the fall to be 5.7 inches. The camp has plenty of wood on hand and a large shipment of coal in sight. The soldiers are comfortable and warm in their tents.

INCH LAYER AT COLUMBIA

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 12.—A one-inch layer of snow and ice covered Columbia this morning and all towns in the northern, western and central sections of the state reported a precipitation of three or four inches during the night. The fall was not heavy enough to interfere with traffic.

RALEIGH BLANKETED

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—This city is blanketed in seven inches of snow. The fall began at 8 o'clock last night and continued until 9 o'clock this morning. It is the heaviest snowfall in a number of years.

SIX INCHES HERE

Late yesterday the first snow of the season began to fall in High Point and continued through a majority of the night. This morning the earth was blanketed from six to seven inches deep. The snow was of a fine variety, there being no large flakes observed, and it is sticking well. The sun peeped out from behind the clouds two or three times today but each time the peep was not sufficient to cause any disappearance of the snow.

Children, as usual, had a glorious time in the white blanket, while merchants and other older and dignified citizens were busily engaged in clearing the sidewalks so that pedestrians might safely navigate. Falls were few and not between as a result of the precautions.

CONDUCT OF BATTLE IS NOW QUESTIONED

London Times Demands Inquiry Into Conduct of the Cambrai Battle November 30.

London, Dec. 12.—The Times this morning prominently prints an editorial demanding an inquiry into the conduct of the battle on the south end of the Cambrai salient on November 30 and the following day, owing to disquieting first-hand rumors appearing in enclosed accounts. These are said to include the charges of blundering and that the British were caught unready.

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TECH VA. PENN.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12.—Georgia Tech and the University of Pennsylvania will clash on the gridiron next season, according to an announcement by the Tech athletic council. The game is scheduled to be played in Philadelphia November 16.

SULTAN IS III

Geneva, Dec. 12.—Dispatches received here by way of Vienna report that the sultan of Turkey is seriously ill.