

Weather report for North Carolina: Fair and continued cool tonight, Wednesday fair and slightly warmer, north to northeast winds, fresh on the coast.

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PETROGRAD FACES SERIOUS CIVIL SEIZE

GENERAL KORNILOFF AND HIS TROOPS REPORTED TO BE WITHIN 80 MILES OF THE CAPITAL AND ARE SUPPORTED BY THE "BIG INTERESTS"

KERENSKY GIVEN SUPREME AUTHORITY

(By Wm. G. Shepherd.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Petrograd, Sept. 11.—News of the first battle between the forces of militarism and democracy at Luga, eighty-five miles distant from Petrograd, is momentarily expected at the capital.

General Korniloff's revolt, at the advance guard of his main column has reached Luga, at which place a force of the loyal provisional government troops are stationed, who will fight Korniloff's further progress in his announced plan to seize the government control.

Meanwhile Petrograd is stirred in preparations for a vigorous repression of the revolt.

The entire cabinet has resigned, Kerensky "full freedom of action", though their resignations have not yet been accepted, therefore they will continue to act provisionally as cabinet ministers, however refusing any further participation in governmental affairs.

Some have expressed indignation that Kerensky had not conducted them as to his preparations for downing the revolt.

General Vasilovsky, the military governor of Petrograd, has wisely resigned, in apparent recognition of the full assumption of military powers of Kerensky. The premier has rallied his forces in the supreme crisis with which the new democracy is now faced, who are apparently firm in their confidence of his power to suppress the uprising.

A fact of most significance is the action of a delegation of Cossacks calling upon Kerensky and pledging their assistance in the prevention of civil war.

London, Sept. 11.—Petrograd faces a siege today, a counter-revolutionary force of troops under general Korniloff is less than fifty miles from the capital advancing in an attempt to secure the reins of government.

Detailed preparations are being made by the provisional government to resist these rebels. No movement is made in Petrograd at the new Russian democracy at stake. The provisional government regards the revolt as a concerted effort of the conservative "big business interests," of intellectuals, possibly the monarchists, to assume control.

Petrograd Russian cabinet resigned, announcing its purpose to grant Premier Kerensky a free hand in dealing with the serious situation presented. Korniloff's revolt is formally announced. Kerensky has asked

OFFICERS TALK CURES SERGEANT

(By J. W. Pegler.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

American Field Headquarters, France, Sept. 11.—The sergeant had been drinking. It is against the regulations, and especially against the spirit of the new American Army for a soldier—and a sergeant, of all soldiers—to get drunk.

So when the sergeant awakened he knew he faced a storm. But the morning routine in camp passed as usual. There wasn't a word of reproof. If the Captain knew, he wasn't letting on.

At noon-time the Captain hurried through his lunch and walked over to where his boys were sitting eating. The sergeant knew the worst was about to happen.

Without a word to the non-com the Captain called on all men of more than one year's experience to withdraw 200 yards.

"I want to have a little talk with the recruits," he said.

"A non-commissioned officer, who knows better, came in drunk last night. He has been in the Army for a long time. I've always told you to observe the older men and follow their example but you've got to use your man's sense in the army.

"You're all getting more money than you reasonably need over here. I can't disburse what you are going to do with it.

"But I hope you'll not go and blot up a lot of drinks.

"Every day I get letters from your mothers and sisters and the girl who is waiting for you back in the U. S. A., asking me to see that you don't go wrong in the Army. I'm bound in honor to reply to all those letters—and tell the truth—about drunkenness for example."

It is needless to say that his advice was taken—for our soldiers are manly men—and thoughts of home will work wonders upon them.

Kerensky, it is said, is thinking of re-opening that Siberian summer resort. For America, you know, is not the only country in which slackers and traitors thrive.

General Alexieff, the former chief of staff under Grand Duke Nicholas and subsequently acting commander in chief, to again assume the post of generalissimo to replace Korniloff.

SWEDEN DENIES ALL KNOWLEDGE

(By United Press)
Stockholm, Sept. 11.—"The government has not received any official account of the transmission of telegrams as mentioned by the United States, therefore the government has not received any position," is the declared formal statement issued by the Swedish foreign office.

SEABOARD MOVES NO FREIGHT

(By United Press)
Richmond, Va., Sept. 11.—The Seaboard Air Line by noon had virtually moved no freight over its main line through here as the result of the strike of its freight clerks here and at other points south.

The clerks this morning issued the following statement demanding primarily a recognition of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, his youth Governor Bickett has an eight hour day under contract, and time and half for overtime.

Every effort is being brought to bear upon the clerks at Portsmouth the "gateway" terminal to quit and thus virtually sew up the entire Seaboard system.

Grand president of the brotherhood, J. J. Forrester is sitting with a sub-committee, and the counsel of the national defense is expected here later today to assume personal charge of the strike.

WOMEN LOSE SUFFRAGE BILL

(By United Press.)
Portland, Me., Sept. 11.—Women in the main are not downhearted at the defeat of the suffrage amendment to the constitution in the special election yesterday.

A local nut suggests that Mr. Hoover compile a book of food jokes for the simple minded.

MIXED AMMUNITION A IMPORTANT PART

KILLING OF MRS. KING AT CONCORD REVEALS SEVERAL DIFFERENT CALIBRE GUNS - IN PARTY AND OTHER UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

NET DRAWING AROUND MEANS

(By United Press)

Concord, N. C., Sept. 11.—A So far it has been revealed that medley of firearms, loaded and the "target practice" party that unloaded, by whom carried and brought back the dead body of why of conflicting calibres played. Mrs. Maude Augusta King after discordantly through the King dusk carried three weapons, and a shooting mystery here.

GOVERNOR SHOWS LEE LENIENCY

(By UNITED PRESS)
Raleigh, Sept. 11.—Because of his path Governor Bickett has commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence for burglary against Eddie Lee, age twenty years, of Pasquotank county. Both the trial judge and solicitor recommended leniency.

EARL PRICE LOSES A HAND

A sad accident happened to Earl Price, the eight-year-old son of Mr. Charles Price, this afternoon about two o'clock, at the old pump, back of the cotton mill, east Scotland Neck, his hand being crushed in the cogs of the pump to such an extent it is thought that Dr. C. F. Smith have to amputate the left hand.

The little fellow was playing around the pump when in some way his left hand got caught in the cogs, and, though he extricated it himself, and ran home without assistance, the limb is so badly mashed that there is little hope of saving it.

PORT OFFICIALS IN CONVENTION

(By United Press.)
Cleveland, Sept. 11.—Delegates from practically every important port and terminal in the United States and Canada attended the opening session of the annual convention of the American Association of Port Authorities here today.

During their three day meeting the members will consider recommendations for legislation requiring common carriers to separate their terminal and through charges and to require common carriers and steamship lines to use their terminal facilities in such joint manner as will permit the utmost handling of all commodities.

GERMANY ATTACKS A CONVOYED FLEET

GERMANY ATTACKS CONVOYED FLEET. MEAGRE CABLE NEWS TO NAVY DEPARTMENT TELLS OF BIG BATTLE BY AMERICANS. LOST TWO SHIPS.

PROBABLY ALL SUBMARINES LOST

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 11.—The women of North Carolina will play a larger and more important part in the next State Fair than ever before—and that is going some, for no fair could be a success without the active and hearty cooperation of the ladies.

The new Women's Building at the State fair grounds has just been completed, will be inspected today and the elaborate equipment will be installed at once. The formal dedication of this building will take place on Wednesday of fair week, (October 17) when the only woman Congressman, Miss Jeanette Rankin of Montana (a native of North Carolina) is expected to make the principal address. These exercises and the Better Babies show and contest in the new building will attract thousands of women, for they are taking an active interest in it all over the State, especially the various organizations of women.

Secretary Pogue and Treasurer Denson say twice as many exhibits have been entered this year so far as are usual at this time and that the exhibits, especially the agricultural and pantry and food conservation exhibits and they will surpass all previous State Fair and continued cool tonight, too. Thirty counties will have official county exhibits.

The State Board of Education is extending the scope of its school book investigation, to ascertain if there is ground for complaint of other books than the readers, alleged to be offered in inferior quality of material. They will submit their report in a few days it is understood.

The formal announcement of the appointment of Mr. Travis of the North Carolina Corporation Commission to a position on the National Inter-State Commission, is expected to be made this week. Mr. Travis was virtually determined upon several months ago and the appointment is an especially appreciated one, for no man in the southeast is better qualified by ability and experience for the place. North Carolina owes E. L. Travis much for his splendid work as chairman of the State Corporation Commission and in his transfer we lose the best equipped man for that position in the State.

Although the legal distillation of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes was legally stopped on Saturday night under the new

(By United Press)
Washington, Sept. 11.—A great naval battle has taken place between a fleet of American steamers and six submarines off the coast of France, is announced by the navy department.

The battle occurred on September 5, in which the Westigo was the principal participant for the Americans. Two other steamers were sunk and the navy department states that "probably all the submarines were lost."

The Westigo is an American merchantman.

It is deduced by the navy department that Germany has adopted a definite policy of massing her U-boats for attack, apparently having learned of the recent announcement that American ships were traveling in groups under convoy.

The steamers attacked were bound for Europe under the convoy of American warships, according to navy reports, which are not yet complete.

From present information no lives were lost. Further particulars are hourly expected.

Navy men regard the Westigo fight as a brilliant piece of defense work, for the submarine is regarded as the worst enemy of the destroyer.

MINERS HEAD JOINS GARFIELD

(By United Press)
Washington, Sept. 11.—John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers has accepted the invitation of fuel administrator, Garfield, to act as one of his advisers.

federal law, the "revenue" report much activity in the moonshine circles, and the thirsty ones will doubtless consume more of the new, raw corn variety than ever from now on—because of the difficulty in importing it by rail or even the automobile route which are under closer federal espionage than ever.

Reports of probably a multiplicity of suits like unto the Meeklenburg case decided by Judge Boyd, to prevent the discharge or compel the re-employment of children in mills and factories in this State, are coming in. The object is to continue the State law limitation as to age and hours of work till the U. S. Supreme court passes on the appeal from Judge Boyd's decision—and if carried out this line of procedure is charged to the muzzle with trouble for all concerned.