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## London Fears Russia's Civil Strife Means German Control Of Baltic

### BOLSHEVIKI LEADERS IN GERMAN EMPLOY

PETROGRAD ENTIRELY IN THE HANDS OF FANATICS AND WILL PROBABLY BE THROWN OPEN TO GERMAN FLEET.

### KERENSKY FLED TO MOSCOW CAPITOL

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Stockholm, Nov. 9.—Arrest of Premier Kerensky is reported in a message received here.

Petrograd, Nov. 8.—(Delayed) The provisional government issued a proclamation to the army and people urging their support. The government is remaining at its post the statement declared. M. Kishkin, the minister of public relief has been appointed governor of Petrograd. Kerensky is expected back from headquarters tonight.

Petrograd, Nov. 9.—Petrograd is almost normal today with the new revolutionary government in full control and maintaining practically complete order.

The change from the Kerensky government to the new Bolshevik government has been accomplished practically without bloodshed, despite vigorous resistance, in which Petrograd is once more filled with sounds of firing.

The Woman's Battalion of Death, charged by the old government with the defence of the winter palace, held out to the last, and only surrendered when literally overwhelmed by Bolshevik troops and menaced by enough artillery pieces to blow up the whole place. The women resisted for four hours.

London, Nov. 9.—Russia is back again where she was last March. Bolshevik fanatics, the extreme radicals, who burn at once to make the world a brotherhood, who are set against all war, and who believe in the uttermost democracy, today seem to control all of Petrograd.

Premier Kerensky, and what remains of the provisional government, still apparently has the support of the remainder of Russia.

The situation is regarded as precisely similar to the first few days following the disposal of the czar. Then it was Itlyoff Milukoff, and other liberals, who first seized the outward symbols of government in Petrograd while the old regime clung to the other parts of Russia.

The danger, as London sees it, is in that Lenine and Trotsky and fellow fanatics of the Bolshevik might be able to extend their control beyond Petrograd and sway the great Russian peasant population.

Kerensky is reported to have escaped from Petrograd, and is reported to have been seen en route to Moscow. It is believed here that he named that city the (Continued on Page Eight.)

### THINK KERENSKY WILL SUCCEED

(By William Shepherd.)  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
New York, Nov. 9.—"I have recently returned from Petrograd and if Kerensky succeeds in getting away from Petrograd and establishing a new government at Moscow, I firmly believe he will be able to carry enough of the Russian army with him to keep up a semblance of war, and that is the best we can ask of Russia at this time. There will be civil war in Russia aside perhaps from some street fighting in Petrograd," stated the correspondent.

### HAWAIIANS PLEASED CRITICS

The Wiltse Royal Hawaiians entertained a very large house last night at the Dixie, and furthermore received a royal welcome, every number being enjoyed, the gallery, at times, being very boisterous.

The instrumental work of all was very commendable, the violinist being specially good, as was the Hawaiian guitar player, who rendered the "Star Spangled Banner" with the most alluring variations.

The lady in the company had a far reaching voice, and, whilst shrill, was quite musical in calibre. The male singers had no particular quality of voices, but singing the queer melodies that fascinate, as do all Hawaiian airs, the quality of voice is not as essential as smoothness and harmony, and this was satisfactorily afforded.

Before the last curtain the announcement was made that the quartette would return for another days engagement tomorrow, Saturday, when matinee and night performance would be given.

At seven o'clock the three male performers, led by their manager and Mr. R. J. Madry, visited the home of Mrs. A. M. Riddick and played to Mr. Newsom Riddick, who has been sick for several weeks, which he not only enjoyed but was a very kindly act on the part of the management to think of entertaining our sick folks without any thought of payment.

The ladies of the local Red Cross are doing excellent work for the "boys" who have gone across the ocean.

### RUSS. OFFICIALS ARE HOPEFUL

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, Nov. 9.—The Russian embassy was tremendously encouraged by the United Press reports from Petrograd that the Kerensky government was taking a stand against the Bolsheviks. The embassy regarded as a holm report that Kerensky had been arrested.

### JAPANS PRESS IS ENTHUSIASTIC

(By Ralph H. Turner.)  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Tokio, Nov. 9.—The Japanese press are united in enthusiastic approbation at the understanding reached between Secretary of state Lansing and Viscount Ishii. Particular emphasis is being placed upon American recognition of Japan's special interests in China.

## PRESIDENT THANKS-GIVING PROCLAMATION

"By the President of the United States of America.  
"A Proclamation—

"It has long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. That custom we can follow even now in the midst of the tragedy of a world shaken by war and immeasurable disaster, in the midst of sorrow and great peril, because even amidst the darkness that has gathered about us we can see the great blessings God has bestowed upon us, blessings that are better than mere peace of mind and prosperity of enterprise.

"We have been given the opportunity to serve mankind as we once served ourselves in the great day of our Declaration of Independence, by taking up arms against a tyranny that threatened to master and debase men every where and joining with other free peoples in demanding for all the nations of the world what we then demanded and obtained for ourselves. In this day of the revelation of our duty not only to defend our own rights as a nation but to defend also the rights of free men throughout the world, there has been vouchsafed us in full and inspiring measure the resolution and spirit of united action. We have been brought to one mind and purpose. A new vigor of common counsel and common action has been revealed in us. We should especially thank God that in such circumstances, in the midst of the greatest enterprise the spirits of men have entered upon, we have, if we but observe a reasonable and practical

### U. S. REFUSES LOAN ON PEACE

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, Nov. 9.—The balance of \$114,100,000 loans authorized for Russia may not be turned over by the United States to the Lenine-Trotsky peace faction that it may gain complete control of Russia. "The American government is not in the peace business," declared treasury officials.

### FOOD CONFRERES COMPLETE PLANS

(By United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 9.—The federal food administrators are in conference here over the food administration throughout the United States and the rulings set down by the administration may have far reaching effect upon the country when same are made public.

### AMERICAN AIRMEN MAY END THE WAR

THERE IS NEED OF BOMBARDING SQUADRONS FOR THE GREAT RAIDS INTO THE GERMAN TERRITORY

### "TEAM WORK" NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS

### SCOTLAND NECK MOUNTED RIFLES

So much interest has been shown in the story about the first cavalry company of Halifax county, organized before the war, that new data has been gathered, which in some instance corrects the former statements.

The probable survivors of this mounted company that fought through the civil war are as follows:

Richard Norfleet, W. W. Sumnerell, James Hobbs, R. R. Cotton, C. J. Austin, J. C. Arrington, B. O. Savage, Thurman Dowd, J. A. Higgs, John Hall, A. L. Plummer, T. M. Wiggins, J. H. Hunter, J. R. Tillery, Fred Whitehead, Thad Whitehead, Isaac H. Smith, Ike Smith, Jim Williams, Ed. Davis, J. H. Drew, B. D. Webb, J. N. Phelps, W. T. Joyner, Bennett Allsbrook, Wilson Allsbrook, W. E. Whitmore and J. Y. Savage.

The counties the men of this company represented during the war were, Halifax, Bertie, Edgecombe, Martin, Pitt, Nash, Granville, Wake, New Hanover, Cumberland, Bladen, Columbus, and Brunswick.

The commissioned officers who saw service in the Confederate War, of the original organization, were Captain P. M. Edmondson; First Lieut. W. H. Smith; Second Lieut. A. B. Hill; Third Lieut. G. A. Higgs. On the reorganization of the regiment in May 1862 the following were the officers, the three lieutenants having been promoted from the ranks. Capt. G. A. Higgs, First Lieut. B. G. Smith, Second Lieut. A. P. Hyman; Third Lieut. J. Y. Savage. The third organization found B. G. Smith the captain, J. Y. Savage first lieutenant and A. S. Wiggins the first man killed at Iver, Va., and Norfleet Smith, second and third lieutenants respectively. The fourth reorganization recorded the two first officers the same, with Norfleet Smith second lieutenant and D. C. Camp as third, but upon him being killed F. M. Pender took his place, who also was killed. T. B. Hyman was raised from the ranks to fill the third lieutenant.

WETS WIN OUT IN OHIO STATE.  
(By United Press.)  
Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 9.—In the face of the best returns obtainable early today the wets show a majority of 1,166 votes in the state wide prohibition election.

### WOODROW WILSON, By the President:

"Robert Lansing, Secretary of State."

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Paris, Nov. 9.—Captain de Kerillis, of the French Air Service, hero of innumerable air-raids, in an interview with the United Press today, pointed out the great importance of these enterprises and predicted at the cooperation of America. These undertakings would "shake the morals of the German people and hasten the end of the war."

"Air-bombardments," said the Captain, "are becoming one of the most scientific forms of warfare. Every day they are becoming more complicated."

"On June 21 of last year, we undertook a raid on Karlsruhe as a reprisal for a recent raid on Bar-le-Duc. The effect of the French raid was so salutary, that for a long time all German raids on French towns ceased. On the German aviators, whom we captured, we found strict orders to cease bombarding French towns."

"Finally, however, the Germans evidently decided that it was worth while beginning their terrorizing system again, so they started their air raids once more, though mostly on England."

"Our raids into Germany are from every point of view more formidable enterprises than the German raids in France or England. For, in the first place, we have to cover very long distances to attain our objective, and, secondly, we are obliged to descend very low when actually launching our bombs, as we have strict orders to bombard only such points in the enemy's territory which are actually of military importance, such as barracks, stations, etc."

"With the cooperation of America, this object should be quickly attained. This will be the quickest means of putting a stop to German raids in France and England. It will also do more than anything else to shake the morals of the German nation and hasten the end of the war."

MASONIC MEETING.  
A special communication of the Masonic Lodge No. 479, A. F. & A. M. for eight o'clock this evening at which work in the entered apprentice degree will be had.

### COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	27.43	27.61	27.43	27.59
Jan.	26.71	26.94	26.71	26.94
Mar.	26.27	26.46	26.27	26.46
May	26.06	26.24	26.06	26.22
July	25.83	26.07	25.83	26.07
Local Market 27 1/4 cents.				