

"MAN OF HOUR" IN RUSSIA TO TACKLE THE BIG PROBLEM

"Unlimited Powers Given" War Minister Kerensky to Meet Emergency

Difficult Task Looming Ahead Mandate of Powerful Factions Is to Restore Order—Both Western and Eastern Fronts Claiming Attention—Germans Attacking Both Lines

"Unlimited powers" have been granted the Russian provisional government, under Premier Kerensky, to grapple with the sinister forces threatening to wreck the new Russia, born of the March revolution.

RAILROADS AGAIN SHOW RECEIPTS ARE INCREASING

After Slump of Five Months Revenues Take Bound Upward

Figures Cover May of This Year Commission Makes Public Report Showing Increase in Revenues—Southern Roads

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 23.—After five months of decreased earnings, compared with a year ago, returns from all of the railroads to the Interstate Commerce Commission for May made public today show an increase in net revenue of approximately \$3,455,000 and an increase of \$1,100,000 in railway operating income over May, 1916.

ADMITS AMERICA WILL COUNT

Cutting Off Exports to Neutrals Will Cut Off Germany's Supply (By Associated Press.) London, July 23.—That high German command has based its calculations on food supplies which America has been sending to neutrals became known, according to the Daily Mail, through the famous speech of Herr Erzberger, head of the Catholic party in the Reichstag, made before a secret session of that body.

NEXT GOVERNOR TO BE DECIDED ON IN FRANCE

And That's the Hon. Jim POU'S Idea of Politics In General

SOLDIERS WILL CONTROL COUNTRY Colonel Cox Has Not Yet Quit the Bench—Would Exempt Soldiers From Poll Tax

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, July 23.—Poll tax exemption of all North Carolina soldiers, expected to come from the resolution of the Wake county bar, which has placed this issue before the governing bodies of the county.

The small attendance of the bar left the question of non-appearance open, as the bar did not wish to pass a resolution of such character without notice to everyone. But the State Council for Defense is seeking to advance the idea generally. It believes that every patriotic lawyer left at home ought to be willing to protect the property of men at the front.

Colonel Cox took the regiment with just a start made and in a few days he has made a great showing. The government has indicated its willingness to finish the regiment, when Colonel Cox has 678.

Until the War Department ruled on the right to enlist any time before the exemption boards do their work it looked very doubtful. Many are now drawn for the service and they will have some option in the service done.

Colonel Cox has not resigned as judge of the Superior Court and Judge Thomas H. Calvert, his successor, has not been commissioned. It is fully expected that Judge Cox will do so, however, no matter whether his resignation is raised or not.

EXPLOSION IN NEW YORK THIS AFTERNOON.

(By Associated Press.) New York, July 24.—An explosion on a steampship pier at the foot of West Twenty-third street and the blowing up of manholes along the water front for five blocks this afternoon called out fire apparatus and ambulances.

CANADIANS IN DARING ATTACK

Make Dashing Raid on German Trenches and Take Positions and Prisoners

(By Associated Press.) British Headquarters in France, July 23.—The Canadians carried out a daring and highly successful raid early this morning on German trenches southeast of Avion. After heavy artillery preparation the raiding party forced its way to the second line of German defenses, along a front of 700 yards, where it made determined assaults on strongly fortified German dugouts along the Avion-Herincourt railway.

CANT JOIN AFTER NAMES ARE POSTED

Provost General Makes Ruling as to Status of Registrants and Regular Army

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 23.—Registrants under the selective draft law are not eligible for voluntary enlistment in the regular army or the National Guard after their names have been posted by local exemption boards as summoned for examination.

The ruling of General Crowder was necessary in order to establish definitely the time when a registered man was to be considered as falling within this prohibition. General Crowder held that posting of the name of a registrant by the local board at its headquarters constituted notification to the registrant that he was called for examination and thus set the period when he would be no longer eligible for voluntary service.

PLANNING FOR U. S. AVIATORS

France Getting Ready for American Airmen—Part They Will Play

(By Associated Press.) Paris, July 23.—Plans have been completed for bringing all American aviation forces here under a single direction, working in conjunction with other military units. Aeroplane squadrons will be divided into two classes, tactical and strategic. The tactical units will operate within a range of 25 kilometers and the latter within a range of 200 kilometers.

WILSON WANTS BUT ONE MAN TO HANDLE CRISIS

President Said to Favor The House Measure on the Food Control

MAY TAKE HAND IN THE FIGHT Reported He Will Bring His Personal Influence to Bear Upon Senate Members This Week

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 23.—President Wilson probably will bring his personal influence to bear on Senate and House conferees on the Food bill to accept the House provision for a single food administrator instead of the board of three, as voted by the Senate. The President may take a hand in some of the other conflicting sections.

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CHARLOTTE MAY LOSE THE CAMP

(By Associated Press.) Charlotte, July 23.—Unless Charlotte provides camp facilities for 50,000 guardsmen and regular army regiments instead of a camp for 26,400 guardsmen alone, as originally stipulated, the camp will be removed to another city.

DUTCH MISSION TO COME AMERICA

(By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, June 23.—The Minister of Agriculture and Commerce has appointed a commission of three to proceed to America to represent Dutch interests in connection with American exports. The members are: Engelen-Van der Velden, ex-vice president of the Dutch Council, and Van Vollenhoven, director of the Netherlands Bank.

ORDERED TO CUT OUT EXTRA FEES

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 23.—All customs collectors were ordered today to discontinue charging extra fees for clearing sundays, holidays and at night, which recently has been on the increase at certain seaports, the practice it was said, apparently originating from misconception of the law of 1913, amending in certain respects practices and fees.

AMERICAN ARMY OFFICERS BACK FROM WAR FRONT

MEMBERS OF SPECIAL COMMISSION TO EUROPE HAVE RETURNED

EVIDENTLY HAD BEEN UNDER FIRE Confirm Report of Enthusiastic Welcome Given American Soldiers—Bring Back Grim Souvenirs From the Front

(By Associated Press.) An Atlantic Port, July 23.—Eleven American army officers, members of a special commission sent to France, as investigators of army conditions, England and Belgium early in June, arrived here today on an American steamship.

ORDERS GO OUT TO SHOOT ALL WHO DESERT

Demoralization Is Rampant in All the Russian Armies

STERN MEASURES TO MEET SITUATION

Word Goes Forth to Let Country Know the Truth and Then Act Without Mercy Towards Enemies

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Sunday, July 22.—The chaotic changes prevailing on part of the Russian front are disclosed in a telegram sent to Premier Kerensky, the provisional government and the council of workmen and soldiers' delegates by the executive committee and the commissioner of the provisional government with the second army, on the southwestern front.

AGREE ON RULES TO GOVERN THEM

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 23.—Regulation of ocean steamship rates between the United States and allied nations has been agreed upon in principle by the American and British governments.

SHOT AT SOLDIERS AND WERE LYNCHED

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, July 23.—Three occupants of a motor car dressed as sailors and soldiers shot at a group of officers and soldiers on the steps of the Peoples Palace. Two soldiers were wounded at the first shots from the revolvers of the assailants. The guard of 150 soldiers rushed from the building and fired on the three men, who attempted to escape, but who were lynched by the crowd. Fifteen civilians were wounded in the firing, some seriously.

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IMPORTANCE OF THE CORN DEBATE

(By Associated Press.) London, July 23.—The importance that the government attaches to the debate on the Corn Production bill, which proposes to pay fixed prices to farmers for cereal crops for a number of years after the war, is shown in a statement by the government whip wherein the request of supporters to attend is trebly underlined and a division on the minimum wage of \$6.25 a week it is proposed to pay farm laborers is declared vital.

FRENCH CROSS OF WAR FOR AMERICANS

(By Associated Press.) Paris, July 23.—The French Cross of War has been conferred upon Basil H. Nettel, of Larchmont, N. Y., and Ora M. Murray, of Madison, Wis., both of the American field service. The awards were for the courage and devotion of the men in removing wounded while under fire.

WOULD ELIMINATE ALL WAR GRAFT

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 23.—To permit prosecution of war contract graft, if any be discovered, Representative Clark, of Florida, today introduced a bill to suspend the operation of the statute of limitations until 3 years after peace is declared.

PROTEST AGAINST WOMEN PICKETS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 23.—The National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage today made public a letter from Mrs. Jas. W. Wadsworth, its president, to President Wilson, protesting against the picketing of the White House by suffragists of the Woman's Party, and declaring that the 16 pickets were justly sentenced to 60 days in the workhouse.

REVOLT IN PETROGRAD SUPPRESSED

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SIAM JOINS WAR AGAINST GERMANY (By Associated Press.) London, July 23.—Siam has declared that a state of war exists with Germany and Austria, according to a Reuters dispatch from Bangkok. Nine steamers, aggregating 19,000 tons, have been seized.