

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
North Carolina: Probably rain tonight and Saturday; much colder Saturday.  
South Carolina: Rain tonight; Saturday partly cloudy and much colder.

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## RUSSIA PREPARING TO MOVE CAPITAL FROM PETROGRAD

### City of Moscow to Again Become Seat of Russian Government

**FORTIFIED CITY OF REVAL EVACUATED**  
Approach of Germans and Internal Troubles Cause Decision to Transfer Capital—Baltic Fleet Eager to Meet Enemy.

(By Associated Press.)  
Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The government has definitely determined to move its seat to Moscow in the very near future.  
The newspapers publish an official announcement that the evacuation of the fortified port of Reval, on the Baltic, at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, has begun.  
The inhabitants of Reval have been ordered to leave the city and to be sent to the interior of Russia.  
An announcement that the government will move to Moscow was made today by M. Kishkin, minister of public welfare.  
The sailors of the main Baltic fleet are reported to be keen to fight. The men at Kronstadt are demanding that the ships be sent out to meet the Germans but the government is understood to have taken the position that as the enemy forces are of superior size, it would be disastrous to have Petrograd undefended.

After the capture of Riga by the Germans, preparations for removal of the government to Moscow were begun. The failure of the Germans to develop their offensive after taking Riga, as well as the approach of winter weather, making open campaigning impracticable, relieved the fears for the safety of Petrograd for the near future. Last week an announcement was made that the preparations for transferring the seat of government had been stopped, as there was no prospect that such action would be necessary, at least for some time. The offensive operations by the Germans leading to the capture of Ostrov, the islands and the threat of an invasion of Estonia, again changed the situation, however, and made responsible for the decision to move the government to Moscow, the present capital. The turbulent political conditions in Petrograd and the presence there in large numbers of extremists and agitators may also have influenced the cabinet.

Reval, a town of about 65,000 inhabitants, 200 miles south of Petrograd, is a naval station and with Helsinki and Helsingor on the northern coast of the Gulf of Finland, guards the approach to the gulf. The landing of German forces on the Estonian coast would menace this town from the rear.

Hampered in Moscow.  
Washington, Oct. 19.—Russian officials here had no dispatches today on the removal of the Russian provisional government from Petrograd to Moscow, but said the plan of moving the seat of government, conceived long ago, undoubtedly has been hastened by the German advance in the Baltic territory.

Removal of the capital.  
The removal of the capital from Petrograd to Moscow, it is believed, would have been completed by the Russian officials here, but the Kerensky government felt it could work with the hampering influences in Moscow, and in Petrograd which is the scene of the opposition. The German advance, Russian officials here undoubtedly has strengthened the extreme radicals in the "Soldiers' and Workmen's Councils."

### JACKSONVILLE CLERKS STRIKE IN SYMPATHY

(By Associated Press.)  
Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 19.—Forty-four clerks employed in offices of the Atlantic Coast Line railway here, struck this morning in sympathy with the clerks of the same line who walked out several days ago in protest. The clerks are demanding recognition of their union and the abandonment of one of their members yesterday lost his position.

Robinsons Seriously Ill.  
New York, Oct. 19.—There was no change in the condition of Robert Robinson, former world's heavyweight champion, who is critically ill with pneumonia, at 1 p. m. today. His chances and his chances for recovery are almost wholly in his hands.

## TWO BILLION IN SUBSCRIPTIONS SATURDAY NIGHT

Treasury Officials Believe Maximum Liberty Loan Will Be Reached

**RALLYING CRY HEARD THROUGHOUT LAND**  
Approximately \$1,750,000,000 Had Been Subscribed Today, and Success Has Inspired the Workers

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Oct. 19.—The Liberty loan campaign continued to gain today and Treasury officials announced that many estimates placed the total so far subscribed at above \$1,750,000,000 and "within striking distance" of the \$2,000,000,000 hoped for by Saturday night.

Unofficial figures made public by the department show that a minimum of \$1,525,000,000 had been subscribed up to the close of business Wednesday night. Officials were optimistic that the \$5,000,000,000 mark would be attained by the close of the campaign, October 27.

"More than \$2,000,000,000 in subscriptions by Saturday night," today's announcement says, "is the rallying cry to Liberty loan workers being echoed from coast to coast. Revealing that the combined totals of all districts are within striking distance of this work—possibly up to \$1,750,000,000—have given new courage to local committees and renewed their determination to attain the maximum of \$5,000,000,000 by the close of the campaign October 27."

"Many estimates placed the total for the country today at above \$1,750,000,000. It may not have reached that point, but it certainly is well above \$1,500,000,000. A carefully compiled total, based on conservative estimates of sales officially and unofficially reported, shows that a minimum of \$1,535,000,000 has been established. Here are the unofficial figures:

New York, \$560,000,000; Chicago, \$300,000,000; Cleveland, \$115,000,000; Philadelphia, \$115,000,000; Boston, \$110,000,000; St. Louis, \$80,000,000; Richmond, \$75,000,000; Kansas City, \$50,000,000; San Francisco, \$50,000,000; Minneapolis, \$45,000,000; Atlanta, \$20,000,000; Dallas, \$15,000,000.


"Total official returns from the 12 Federal Reserve banks stand at \$27,900,000, but this figure probably will be greatly increased in next few days by additional reports from outside banks. Many reports, it has been ascertained, contain only the total of subscriptions actually filled with the reserve banks.


"The reserve banks have been asked to obtain the total from all the banks in their districts and forward them to the Treasury."

### THE BRITISH FLEET SHOULD HAVE AIDED

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Oct. 19.—The Daily Mail condemns what it calls the failure of the British fleet to prevent the German fleet from becoming master of the Gulf of Riga and demands that "the admiralty make an explanation of this humiliating display in the Baltic."

After recalling the successes of the British submarines against the Germans in the Baltic in the summer and autumn of 1915 the newspaper adds:  
"The Germans have accomplished all they were prevented from achieving in 1915 and they have done so without a single blow being struck at them by any arm of the British navy, a navy far stronger than it was two years ago, and recently reinforced by the addition of the American fleet."

  
"The time has come to conquer or submit."  
"For us there is but one choice. We have made it."  
President Wilson.

  
"Shall we be more tender with our dollars than with the lives of our sons."  
Secretary, McAdoo.

### GERMANS LAND ON DAGO.

(By Associated Press.)  
Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The Germans on Wednesday began to land troops on Dago island south of the entrance to the Gulf of Finland.  
In the naval battle of Wednesday in which the Russian battleship Slava was sunk, two German destroyers were sent to the bottom and hits were obtained by Russian battleships on German dreadnaughts. The statement says that not less than 10 enemy dreadnaughts of the newest Kaiser and Koenig types took part in this battle.

## BERNSTORFF KNEW NOTHING OF BOLO

German Newspaper Declares That Lansing's Telegrams Were Forgeries

(By Associated Press.)  
Amsterdam, Oct. 19.—Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, did not know Bolo Pasha, the Frenchman held as a spy in France, according to The Tageblatt. Discussing the Bolo affair, the newspaper says:  
"In connection with the Bolo Pasha episode and the disclosures of Secretary Lansing concerning the part alleged to have been played by Ambassador von Bernstorff and Foreign Secretary von Jagow, we are informed by a competent source that the personality of Bolo Pasha was not known to von Bernstorff in Washington, inasmuch as the ambassador did not have resources in the United States which might have been at the disposal of official quarters there. It is also established that the name of Bolo Pasha was never made known to von Bernstorff and his banker intermediaries; did not mention him. Consequently, the passage in the alleged telegram published by Secretary Lansing in which von Jagow asked von Bernstorff 'What is new about Bolo?' is false. This warrants obvious deduction regarding the trustworthiness of other details in this telegram."

The Tagliche Rundschau says that the mention of Bolo's name in the von Jagow dispatch is "another forgery of Secretary Lansing's for transparent purposes." It adds that Bolo's name was not mentioned for the simple reason that von Bernstorff did not know that Bolo was the man who was negotiating for The Paris Journal.

Among the telegrams given out by Secretary of State Lansing on October 5 was the following:  
"Number 206, May 31. The person announced in telegram Number 692 of March 20 has not yet reported himself at the legation at Bern. Is there any more news on your side of Bolo?"  
In the inquiry into the Bolo affair in New York early this morning, it was learned that Bolo had an accomplice in Switzerland through whom he had learned the terms on which Germany would conclude peace with France. Bolo Pasha is said to have received more than \$1,700,000 from von Bernstorff to aid in carrying out his plot.

Storm Warnings Displayed.  
Washington, Oct. 19.—Storm warnings were displayed today on the Atlantic coast from Norfolk to Eastport, Me.

## HONOR ROLL PUBLISHED FOR FIRST TIME TODAY

Miss Sallie Garrell Leads Entire Field, Closely Followed by Misses Nettie Lewis, Beatrice Brown, Mattie Britt, Pauline Underwood, Bertha Allsbrook, Eula McCarley, and Mrs. Sessoms

- | TODAY'S LEADERS.                 |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Miss Sallie Garrell . . . . .    | 60,775 |
| Miss Nettie Lewis . . . . .      | 60,365 |
| Miss Beatrice Brown . . . . .    | 60,305 |
| Miss Mattie Britt . . . . .      | 60,125 |
| Miss Pauline Underwood . . . . . | 60,045 |
| Mrs. A. G. Sessoms . . . . .     | 59,990 |
| Miss Bertha Allsbrook . . . . .  | 59,900 |
| Miss Eula McCarley . . . . .     | 59,880 |

ton unless some of the city candidates do more than they have been doing.  
Other leaders for today are: Miss Beatrice Brown, Clarendon; Miss Mattie Britt, Conway, S. C.; Mrs. A. C. Sessoms, Lumberton, and Miss Bertha Allsbrook, Allsbrook, S. C.  
Several other candidates are very near the top of the list and the question is, "Who will be the leaders tomorrow?"  
The second period of the contest, which began October 27 will close Saturday night, Oct. 27, and after that date there will be another reduction of 10,000 votes on each \$15 worth of subscriptions.  
Quite a number of the contestants are making efforts during this period to capture the \$60 Diamond Ring offered as a special prize for new business. This prize is to be awarded the contestant who turns in the largest amount of money for new subscriptions this and next week, who does not win a more valuable prize or the first special prize. Contestants realize that the subscriptions turned in toward the special prize will all receive votes toward the automobiles and the other grand prizes, and the money made will also help make a \$15 "club" which if completed will have 140,000 extra votes.  
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## SUGAR FAMINE IS THREATENING ENTIRE COUNTRY

Wholesalers' Supply Cut Off and Refiners are Without Materials

### NEW YORK FIRST TO FEEL SHORTAGE

Many States Have No Sugar and Others Limiting Sales—Chicago is Not so Uneasy Over its Supply

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Oct. 19.—With wholesale sources of supply virtually shut off and refiners unable to get the material, New York is threatened with a sugar famine. Many stores have been without sugar for several days, and those dealers who have a supply on hand are limiting sales to a few pounds to each customer. Alarmed at the scarcity, many housewives went about the city today buying a pound or two and carrying it home as fast as they could find it. Prices have gone up and some sales as high as 15 cents a pound have been reported.  
Henry Moskowitz, the newly appointed city commissioner of markets, planners to meet with refiners, wholesalers and retailers today in an effort to arrive at some solution of the problem. Meanwhile householders have been urged by the commissioner to practice rigid economy in the sugar supply. Many restaurants already have abolished the sugar bowls and customers are served one lump aperice.

The coal shortage is also causing concern. The real trouble, however, according to one of the largest coal sales companies, is that there is an unequal distribution on the part of the wholesalers and retailers, which has enabled some dealers and customers to lay in larger supplies than are actually needed. It was said by this company that New York City's supply of coal exceeds last year's by 223,000 tons.

Chicago Will Suffer Little.  
Chicago, Oct. 19.—A nation-wide shortage of sugar which threatens to curtail the supply of candy for the Christmas holidays, will be less felt in Chicago than elsewhere, according to wholesalers. The promise of relief for Chicago, it was stated today, is the result of a "gentleman's" agreement between the Western Beet Sugar Manufacturers and wholesalers that this city shall be taken care of first.

Reports from various cities received here indicated that meager supplies are held by retailers and that in many places dealers are refusing to sell more than one hundred pounds to a customer.  
The sugar beet harvest is now under way in the West and the product will begin to be marketed about the last of next week. Chicago dealers expect to have shipments of the new sugar within 10 days, but many sections of the country will get none of the new crop for 60 days or more.

Storm Warnings Displayed.  
Washington, Oct. 19.—Storm warnings were displayed today on the Atlantic coast from Norfolk to Eastport, Me.

## STATE PRESIDENT SENDS WARNING TO COAL MINERS

If Not Back at Work by Monday Will Revoke Charter

### STRIKE HAS ALREADY CREATED A SHORTAGE

Over a Million Tons Behind—Hope Expressed That the Strike, Which is Unauthorized, Will be Settled

(By Associated Press.)  
Springfield, Ill., Oct. 19.—In telegrams sent this morning to local miners' unions in Illinois, now on strike, Frank Farrington, State president of the miners' organization, declared that in mines where the men are not back to work by Monday, October 22, local charters will be revoked.

Hope For a Settlement.  
Chicago, Oct. 19.—Hope for the early settlement of the unauthorized strike of nearly 70,000 coal miners in Illinois was held out today by Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois Federation of Miners, who said the men are beginning to realize the futility of trying to force Dr. Harry A. Garfield, national fuel administrator, to grant increased prices of coal at the mines.

Mr. Farrington was to meet pit committees of the miners in Springfield today and in a telegram to Dr. Garfield he expressed the hope the men would be back at work by next Monday.  
In the meantime word was awaited from Washington by a decision by the National Fuel Administrator on the request of operators to raise the price of coal at the mines upon which depends an increase in the wages of the miners.

During the four days the miners have been on strike, a shortage of nearly 1,200,000 tons has been created, which will be felt, according to dealers, as soon as present stores are exhausted.

### COLD STORAGE MEN CRYING FOR HELP

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Oct. 19.—The use of cold storage eggs as army rations will be suggested to the government, it was learned here today, by representatives of the butter and egg exchanges of Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and New York and the mercantile exchange of New York. A committee plans to go to Washington with the further suggestion that the Federal food official fix a price which would be on usual basis of cost plus 10 per cent.

Chicago packers are said to own millions of cold storage eggs for which there is no demand because the supply today greatly exceeds that which existed at the time the eggs were put in storage. The holdings are said to be 13.2 per cent. greater than a year ago, and the market value is considerably less than when they were put in storage. Wholesalers are said to be facing millions of dollars in losses unless a cost plus ten per cent. price is fixed arbitrarily by the government. It was pointed out today that action making these eggs an army ration would take care of the over-supply.

## NEW GERMAN LOAN CAUSES OUTBREAK

Cities of Alsace-Lorraine Give Vent to Anti-German feeling

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Oct. 19.—Advices reaching here today from Switzerland say the people of Strasburg, Metz and other points in Alsace-Lorraine responded with a general outburst of anti-German feeling to attempt to float part of the new German war loan and celebrate the birthday of von Hindenburg.

In spite of the terror that the Prussian military authorities produced in the country, on the occasion of the birthday of Hindenburg, October 2, many posters bearing the likeness of the marshal were scratched out and torn down over night in Strasburg. At Metz, the official advertisements and posters of the new war loan also were torn down and so far, the outraged German authorities have failed to find any one to punish.  
These reports are regarded as more contradictory evidence of Foreign Minister von Kuelmann's repeated assertions that the people of Alsace-Lorraine do not wish to be separated from Germany.

Nicholas Uses Bread Cards.  
(By Associated Press.)  
Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The family of Nicholas Romanoff, former Emperor of Russia, now procures its food supplies by the use of cards. The authorities in the Tobolsk district are issuing food cards and the Romanoffs must obtain their food the same as other citizens.

## HEAVY ARTILLERY FINE ALL ALONG FLANDERS FRONT

MONOR ROLL PUBLISHED Active—Haig Reports Little of Activities

### FRENCH AND GERMANS EXCHANGING RAIDS

French Infantrymen more Active Than for Several Days Past—Two German Boats Sunk by Mines

On the western fighting front the French have been engaged in some intensive operations in the Alsne region, centering in the district south and southwest of Laon. Extensive raids were carried out after the guns had prepared the way and several scores of prisoners were brought in by the French infantrymen who likewise inflicted notable damage, while they were within the German lines.  
The activity of the German infantry along the French front was apparently confined last night to the Verdun region. Here another local attack was made on the French lines east of the Meuse, which the French repulsed.

Field Marshal Haig's report from the Flanders front today gave little idea of what is occurring in this important fighting area. Only the activity of the German artillery at certain points was mentioned. Berlin's statement, however, indicates that an extremely heavy bombardment is in progress in Flanders, the area where the big gun fire is intensive taking in the front occupied by the French, near Houthout wood on the British left flank, as well as the lines to the south held by the British themselves.

Recent reports have made it apparent that the British airmen have been unusually active, flying far behind the German lines and handling roughly the enemy formations that attempted to penetrate behind the British front, the clear weather prevailing facilitating these important preliminary operations.

Two additional German fighting craft have met disaster in the area of the naval operations around the Gulf of Riga. Petrograd reports today the sinking of two German torpedo boats which ran into the mine fields in Moon sound yesterday.

### MORE RIOTS AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Oct. 19.—Demonstrations by pupils against the Gary system of instruction continued today. The police dispersed the disturbers quickly and parents sided in inducing their children not to congregate outside the buildings.

In Brooklyn several hundred women, armed with stones, forced their way into a school in Brownsville, a Jewish section, and demanded their children be allowed to go home. Some windows were smashed and several persons were injured, including three policemen, while police reserves were quelling the riot. The 3,000 children were dismissed for the day.

### HISTORIC SENIORITY RULE SET ASIDE

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Oct. 19.—The historic seniority rule for army promotions was formally set aside today to govern promotions in the national army and national guard.

Officers of either the regulars, the guard or the national army are held to be equally eligible for temporary appointment to promotion, which must be based solely on demonstrated fitness without regard to seniority.

The new regulations make officers interchangeable within their own arms and grades in the service and the list of reserve corps second lieutenants of the regular army is also made available for appointment of men in that grade to the other branches. Stress is laid upon the desirability of promoting men within the unit in which a vacancy occurs where this is advisable. In naming second lieutenants, commanders may select non-commissioned officers or officers of the reserve corps as they deem best.

### ALLEGED PLOT TO BLOW UP VESSEL

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Oct. 19.—An alleged plot to damage or blow up a United States converted transport here is believed to have been frustrated when the police arrested today a Scandinavian charged with attempting to bribe a ship mechanic to go aboard the vessel.  
The man arrested is Charles Wallman, a pantyman, employed on a yacht owned by Harry Payne Whitney. The transport is a former German liner, seized when the United States entered the war, and being overhauled at a Brooklyn drydock.

From Berlin to Riga.  
(By Associated Press.)  
Amsterdam, Oct. 19.—Through trains are now running from Berlin to Riga, the trip consuming 24 hours. A person can now travel from the Baltic seaport to Ostend, Belgium, with one change of cars at Berlin, in 45 hours.