

## Kerensky Said To Be Leading Plot

### Number Killed In Riot On Op- ening Day Of Constituent Assembly

Petrograd, January 18. (Delayed) via London, January 19.—Several persons were killed and many wounded in street fighting coincident with the opening of the Constituent Assembly.

The City Safety Commission announces the discovery of a counter revolutionary plot to overthrow the Bolsheviki, probably under the leadership of former premier Kerensky. The Bolsheviki have concentrated a strong force of troops in the city.

The Commission proclamation declares that Kerensky has arrived and is secretly hiding in the city. M. Lodvonoff of the Executive Committee of the Peasant's Congress, was among the killed. The wounded included many women.

There are many versions of how the rioting started. The most coherent is that the Society for Defense of the Constituent Assembly were attacked by the Bolsheviki and their banners destroyed.

M. Tcheroff, Socialist Revolutionist, former minister of agriculture under Kerensky, was elected President of the Constituent Assembly by a vote of 244 against 155 polled by Spiridonowa, former Duma leader.

## It's No Snap Conquer

### Powers of Government Centralized if United States Play its Part in the War

Washington, January 19. "Centralized power will conquer the Kaiser" is the slogan which is being dinned into the ears of Congress.

Senator Chamberlain has completed plans to press for immediate action on two bills summing up results to date of the investigation of war department measures. One of the bills will create a Director of Munitions to be given control of purchases of all armory equipment of the army and navy, shipping board and Allies; the other will create a War Council of three to five members, who next to the President, will have control of the war program.

The former bill has already been reported to the Senate. The latter is expected to go in Monday.

The committee plans to continue investigations, taking up cantonment construction for the aviation and medical corps.

The purpose of the two bills is to eliminate competition among the various war making agencies.

If the plan is adopted, the War Cabinet will be composed of Secretary Baker and Secretary Daniels and one or three others, preferably civilians of the highest business and trading experience, and will be responsible to no one but the President.

### DISPOSAL PRISONERS SUEJECT NEGOTIATIONS

America Wants Her Prisoners Kept in Germany Proper Hoping to Avoid Harsher Treatment.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Disposal of German and American prisoners is the subject of negotiations with Germany undertaken by the State Department at the request of the War Department.

Whether German prisoners shall be brought to the United States or left in England or France is the principal question to be solved.

The United States wants American prisoners kept within the territory of Germany proper, and this move is

### CITY STORES CLOSE MONDAY

County Fuel Administrator C. H. Robinson this morning gave this paper the following statement:

"By order of the United States Fuel Administration all stores both retail and wholesale are required to close their doors January 21st and each Monday thereafter to March 25th inclusive.

"Stores selling food products can maintain heat in their places until 1 o'clock.

"Retail drug stores may keep open all day.

"Office buildings will supply heat to doctors' offices and dentists' but heat must be cut off from all offices or stores except those permitted to keep open under the provisions of the fuel administration's order."

## Laundries Exempt From Fuel Order

### And Theatres Will be Closed on Some Other Day than Monday to Provide Legitimate Amusement on Workless Days

#### THEATRES OPEN MONDAYS

Washington, January 19.—The Fuel Administration has answered the cry of the actors and issued a modification of its fuel restriction order.

This modification permits theatres to remain open on Mondays.

On Tuesdays, however, playhouses will be closed. This also applies to movies, bowling alleys, billiard rooms, private or public dance halls or other places of amusement.

Washington, January 19.—Laundries are exempt from the operations of the fuel order, according to a new ruling of the Fuel Administration late today.

Exemption had been previously allowed the laundries on the five day period, but this has now been extended to cover also the ten Mondays beginning January 21st.

Saw mills working on ship contracts have also been added to the increasing list of exemptions under Administrator Garfield's industrial suspension order. This exemption was granted at the special request of the shipping board.

An order permitting theatres to open on Monday's provided that they are closed on some other day of the week is expected soon. Numerous protests have reached the ears of the fuel administration against closing all places of amusement on the very days that millions of workmen are idle. It is the belief that they should be given legitimate recreation on workless Mondays as a preventative against possible disorder.

### BALTIMORE BOY KILLED IN RAID

Had Won Many Honors And Was Only American In Raiding Party

(By United Press)  
Baltimore, Jan. 19.—The death of Ivan Cook, 14 years old, of Baltimore from wounds received in a trench raid on January 18th is announced here.

Cook was a volunteer in the French Foreign Legion in 1916 and the only American to participate in the raid on January 18th.

"This young man," said US officials, "was a hero, decorated with the war cross twice. He was wounded April 19th, 1917 in the head after killing five Germans and refused to leave the battlefield until he had killed another."

### FARMERS INSTITUTE BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Farmers' Institutes will be held at Newland next Wednesday and at Salem next Thursday. T. B. Parker will have charge of the institutes.

### SAYS FOODSTUFFS PRODUCERS EXEMPT

Word Comes From Raleigh This Morning Upon Authority of Herbert Hoover

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—State Food Administrator Henry A. Pace announced here this morning that authority of U. S. Food Administrator Herbert Hoover that all agricultural products of foodstuffs, hogs and other trades engaged in the production of foodstuffs are exempted from the order of Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield.

This exemption applied to all bakeries, flour and feed mills, creameries and similar establishments.

### MATCHLESS COMES IN FOR REPAIRS

The United States Coast Survey Schooner "Matchless" came into port here Thursday and is now lying at the Elizabeth City Ship Yard for repairs.

The Matchless has been ice-bound off Wades Point for the past few weeks and several large holes were

## Packing Plant Project Revived

### Chamber Of Commerce Again Offers Business Men Opportunity To Bring Splendid New Industry To Elizabeth City

By HERBERT PEELE

The proposition to establish a packing plant in Elizabeth City has been revived and within the last two days the question has been put before several gatherings of Elizabeth City business men and has met encouraging response.

To insure the establishment of such a plant in Elizabeth City \$100,000.00 in capital will be needed.

Although no active solicitations for stock have been undertaken, already two men have expressed themselves as being willing to subscribe to \$5,000 worth of stock provided that five other men can be found to subscribe an equal amount.

The Chamber of Commerce invites the business men of the city to a careful consideration of the proposition to establish a packing plant here.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce are concerned for the growth and development of the city. They want to see Elizabeth City become a great city among the cities of the South. It is their belief that the city will reach a population of 15,000 by 1920. They are convinced that the city will reach a population of 15,000 by 1920. They are convinced that the city will reach a population of 15,000 by 1920.

### CZERNINE TO REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Prague, Jan. 19.—Czeslaw Czernine, former minister of agriculture of the Czech Republic, is expected to reply to the letter of the President of the United States regarding the proposed establishment of a packing plant in Elizabeth City.

### MRS. C. W. BRIGHT DEAD

Mrs. C. W. Bright died Saturday morning at 5:30 a. m. after a long illness. She was 78 years old. Her husband, C. W. Bright, died in 1914.

There is no reason why what has happened in Moultrie might not happen in Elizabeth City—and more for in the section tributary to Elizabeth City the hog raising industry is already on its feet, while in Moultrie it had to be developed.

Think what an enterprise of this character would mean to Elizabeth City. Think what it would mean to the six counties to the north of Albemarle Sound. Think what it would mean to counties like Tyrrell that now ship their pork through Elizabeth City to larger markets.

Think what the development that would follow in the train of rural prosperity such as the establishment of a packing plant would create—think what this would mean to the PEOPLE of this city and section.

If you as an investor are interested in the proposition to establish a packing plant here, or you are interested in it from the standpoint of local patriotism and civic spirit you are invited to get in touch with Mr. Kramer and let him tell you how to put your interest into substantial form.

H. G. Kramer leaves Monday for Raleigh to attend a meeting of the State Bankers Executive Committee. Mr. Kramer is the member of this committee representing the Eastern district of the association.

### WEATHER

West portion probably snow tonight and Sunday, slightly warmer. East portion fair tonight. Sunday snow or rain and warmer moderate shifting winds becoming northeast and east.