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FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR

KORNILOFF PROCLAIMS HIMSELF MILITARY DICTATOR OF RUSSIA

KERENSKY JAILS THE RINGLEADER OF PLOT

MANIFESTO ISSUED BY KERENSKY

Command Of Army Taken Away From Gen. Korniloff

By Associated Press.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 10.—Premier Kerensky has issued the following proclamation:

"On September 8th a member of the duma, M. Lvoff, arrived in Petrograd and called upon me, in the name of General Korniloff to hand over all civil and military powers to the generalissimo, who would form a new government at his pleasure. The authenticity of this summons was afterwards confirmed by General Korniloff himself, who had a conversation with me over the direct telegraph wire between Petrograd and main headquarters.

"Considering this summons addressed through me to the provisional government as an attempt by certain quarters to profit by the difficult situation of the country and establish a state of things contrary to the conquests of the revolution, the provisional government has recognized the necessity of charging me for the safety of the republican regime, to take the urgent, indispensable measures necessary to cut at the roots all attempts against the supreme power and rights of the citizens won by the revolution.

"I, therefore, for the maintenance in the country, of liberty and public order, am taking all measures which I shall announce at the proper moment to the people. At the same time, I order General Korniloff to hand over his functions to General Klembovsky, commander in chief of the armies on the northern front, which bar the way to Petrograd, and I order General Klembovsky to assume provisionally, the functions of generalissimo, while remaining at Pskov.

"Secondly, I declare a state of war in the town and district of Petrograd. I appeal to all citizens to remain calm, maintain the order necessary for the welfare of the fatherland and the army and navy, and tranquilly and faithfully fulfill their duty in the defense of the fatherland against the foreign enemy."

Americans Injured By Shell Fragments

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The war department announced today that Sergeant Calderwood and Private Brannigan, Company F, Eleventh Railway Engineers, have been slightly wounded by shell fragments while off duty in France.

TO FIX COPPER PRICE

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—A meeting of the members of the sub-committee on copper, of which J. D. Ryan is chairman, with the National Council of Defense has been called to be held in Washington tomorrow.

Austrians' Stories Meet With Denial

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.

—An official denial of the Austrian communications of the past few days is contained in dispatches to the Italian embassy from Rome. They declare the Italians not only resisted the counter-attacks of the enemy, but advanced their lines between Castagnvizza and the sea. The Austrians made temporary gains between Cello and Hermana, but even this gain was taken from them. The Italians captured all of the tunnels on the Duino railroad where an immense amount of material was taken.

RUSS CAPITAL IS IN PROCESS OF EVACUATION

GOVERNMENT IS TAKING MEASURES TO HASTILY EMPTY PETROGRAD FOR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY REASONS.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—Dispatches to the Exchange Telegraph from Petrograd tell of the commencement of partial evacuation of Petrograd. "The people," says the correspondent, "are hastily leaving the city. Outgoing trains are filled to their utmost capacity and the government is taking measures to empty the city. It intends to also remove the numerous educational institutions having boarding establishments. The steps are principally connected with the question of subsistence and are only partly the result of the military situation."

RUSSIANS BEGIN OFFENSIVE IN RIGA SECTOR

PETROGRAD, Sept. 10.—Russian troops yesterday took the offensive against the Germans in the region of Zegevd, 32 miles northeast of Riga, in certain sectors. The Petrograd statement says that the Russian death battalion defeated the Teutons and forced them back, the battle proceeding between the advanced German detachments and the Russian rear guards, holding the Burnetsk line to the Pskoff road.

To Fix Retail Price Of Coal This Month

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Retail coal prices will be announced in every city and community before the end of the month, Garfield announced.

A CHANCE TO WORK

SAN ANTONIO, Sept. 10.—A committee from the California beet fields is on its way to Columbus to offer employment to the 602 remaining Industrial Workers deported from Bisbee, it is reported.

DEMAND OF DEPOSED MILITARY COMMANDER FOR CONTROL OF NATION IS BACKED BY DUMA ELEMENT AND THE CONSERVATIVE FORCES

Cabinet Holds Secret Meeting And Discusses Measures To Crush The Revolt; Centralized Form Of Government, Capable Of Dealing Swiftly And Decisively With Situation, May Be Outcome Of The Session.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 10.—Concerning the detailed developments of Korniloff's rebellion the ministers of the provisional government refuse to make public the details, but the Associated Press, from fragmentary sources, has been able to collect the main facts.

At 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Premier Kerensky had inspected a deputation of soldiers from the Balkans, when Deputy Lvoff called him by telephone and demanded an interview, declaring the mission was of great importance. At the interview, Lvoff declared that he had come as Korniloff's plenipotentiary in order to demand the surrender of all power into Korniloff's hands. He said the demand did not emanate from Korniloff only, but from a group of political workers, meaning an organization of duma members, Moscow industrial interests and other conservatives who opposed Kerensky at the Moscow conference.

Kerensky obtained a confirmation of the plans from Korniloff by telegraph and refused the demands. Lvoff was placed under arrest and gave the details of the conspiracy, and the names of prominent men who were involved. The cabinet late in the evening held a session to consider measures to crush the revolt. The measures were kept secret except for the announcement of the proposed creation of a directory or some other system of concentrated government, capable of acting swiftly and decisively.

WASHINGTON VIEWS SITUATION WITH ALARM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The crisis precipitated by the forced resignation of General Korniloff as commander of the Russian armies is regarded here as possibly the most serious of the many in that country's six-months' existence as a democracy.

The open fashion in which the deposed commander demanded from Premier Kerensky a virtual dictatorship and the adherence to the plans of Deputy Lvoff with his following of duma members and powerful members of the intellectual and military classes, indicates that the Korniloff forces feel sure they can succeed. Unless their differences can be composed, it is feared that Russia may sink deeper into political disorganization and fall prey either to German conquerors or the threatening monarchial section of the provisional government. The declaration of martial law and the substitution of General Klembovsky as commander is accepted as indicating that Kerensky does not count on compromise tactics. The Russian embassy received scant reports today and official comment was limited to admitting that the situation was serious.

SUBMARINE USES SCHOONER AS A SCREEN

IN EFFORT TO SINK A TANK STEAMER, DIVER HIDES BEHIND SAILING VESSEL, AND IS LATER SUNK BY TANKER'S CREW

By Associated Press.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 10.—How a German submarine hid behind his schooner until it got within range to attack an American tank steamer and was later sunk by the tanker's gun crew, was told by the captain of a sailing vessel arriving here today. When about 15 miles from Gibraltar, he said, the U-boat ordered him to stop. The U-boat then kept behind the schooner until the tanker was within range. Eight shots from the tanker sunk the submarine. Both steamers escaped injury.

Submarine Sinks British Freighter

By Associated Press.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 10.—The British freight steamer City Corinth, owned by the Ellerman lines, is reported sunk by a German submarine, according to reports.

Painleve Takes Job Of Forming Cabinet

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Sept. 10.—Paul Painleve, minister of war, informed President Poincare tonight that he had accepted the task of forming a ministry to replace that headed by Alexander Ribot.

ITALIAN WARSHIP REPORTED SUNK BY A MINE

By Associated Press.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 10.—The news of the sinking of the Italian warship Umberto I, by striking a mine, while conveying merchant vessels through the Mediterranean was brought to an Atlantic port by a Norwegian steamship. Fifty of the crew are reported dead.

Hoover Hopes To Get Cheaper Bread

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The food administration today turned its attention to fixing the price of bread. Hoover hopes to establish a loaf of 16 ounces for six cents and 14 ounces at five cents.

WILL WATCH ALL EXPORTS GOING TO SWEDEN

GERMAN INTRIGUE HAS EFFECT OF TIGHTENING RESTRICTIONS PUT ON SHIPPING TO SCANDAVIAN PORTS.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—One of the effects of the disclosures of German intrigue in Argentina involving Sweden, will be a general tightening of export restrictions. It was made clear that the exports administration in granting licenses for exports to Sweden will require tangible evidence that they are for consumption in Sweden and will not go to Germany. Heretofore the word of the Swedish government has been sufficient. Official figures show that exports of American food to Sweden jumped from \$14,000,000 yearly to \$80,000,000 after the war.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Sept. 10.—Officers are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of J. C. Jackson and wife, whose almost destroyed bodies were found yesterday morning in the ashes of their home on a ranch seven miles west of here. A pistol was found near Jackson's body.

Big War Tax Bill Passes The Senate

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.

—The war tax bill, the largest single taxation measure in American history, was passed tonight by the senate. It provides for a levy somewhat under \$2,400,000,000, as compared with \$1,867,870,000, proposed in the bill as it passed the house on May 23rd. The vote today was 69 to 4. Senators Borah, Gronna, LaFollette and Norris being recorded in opposition.

SILVER

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Silver, 97 3/4 cents.

RUSSIANS LYNCH WAR PRISONERS FOR ARSON

SLAV TOWN OF LAISHV PARTLY DESTROYED BY FIRE OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN AND SOLDIERS HANG TWENTY.

By Associated Press.

NIJNI-NOVGORD, Russia, Sept. 10.—The town of Laishv in the government of Kazan has been in large part destroyed by fire. People of the town suspected the fire was an incendiary one set by prisoners of war quartered in the vicinity. An attack upon the prisoners was made by soldiers, 20 of the prisoners being lynched and a number of others badly beaten in the village of Nichol Visk. In the government of Samara soldiers began looting wine. Two hundred were trapped and burned to death.

SUFFRAGE DEFEAT IS REPORTED IN MAINE

By Associated Press.

PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 10.—Woman suffrage was defeated by a 2-to-1 vote at the special election in Maine, if the voting ratio indicated by newspaper returns from approximately one-third of the State, prevails in the remainder.

Largest County In Texas Votes "Dry"

By Associated Press.

DALLAS, Sept. 10.—Dallas as the populous county of Texas voted dry in the local option election. With but six precincts the drys had a lead of 1,500.

GALLERIES PLEASED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Applause swept over the house floor and through the galleries today when Speaker Clark in a brief speech defended the soldiers' and sailors' insurance bill as the best measure before congress since the declaration of war.

WAITING FOR SWEDEN TO EXPLAIN

Argentina Is Expected To Demand An Explanation

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The government today still was waiting for some indication of how the Swedish government regards the disclosures of the part taken by its legation in Buenos Aires in transmitting German legation dispatches to Berlin.

Neither the Argentine ambassador nor the Swedish minister here presented any message from their governments, and it was indicated that until one or both had communicated with the State department this government would take no step towards the development of what may lead to a serious alteration of Sweden's position among the neutral governments.

At the State department today it was made clear that there was no disposition to question the good faith and honesty of the Swedish people. The distinction between the people and the government was carefully pointed out.

That Argentina will take prompt steps toward securing an explanation from Sweden is assumed, and the State department will be surprised if the Argentine foreign office does not force the recall of Count Luxburg, the charge de affaires who advised the sinking of Argentine ships "without leaving any traces," and who referred to the head of the foreign office as a "notorious ass."

That the incident has been regarded by this government as a war like act by Sweden was absolutely denied. What may develop is a different thing. At present there has been no change in the position of the two governments. This government has attempted no restriction upon free communication between Sweden's representatives and this government and there was no indication that any would be imposed. This government regards the entire question as a more direct grievance of the Allies than of the United States.

Whether this government got the dispatches it published from its own agents or from those of one of the Allies remained a secret. Refusal also was made to discuss the question as to whether all the information in possession of the department had been made public.

Sheriff Is Told To Stop Peace Meeting

By Associated Press.

PIERRE, S. D., Sept. 10.—On orders of the governor, Sheriff Carleton of Minnehaha county, was ordered to prevent the proposed meeting at Sioux Falls of the People's Council of Democracy and Terms of Peace.

COPPER

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Copper nominal, September and later, 25 to 26 cents.