

COSSACKS PLAN REBEL DEFEAT; DEFEY GERMAN

Counter Revolutionists Expect to Depose the Bolsheviki Soon and by Spring Have Formidable Fighting Force to Meet Germans; Growing Unrest in Petrograd and Moscow; Cossacks Advance Northward

London, Dec. 11.—Russian officials in London who are establishing direct communication with General Kaledines and other leaders of democratic organizations in Russia, declared to the Associated Press to-day that the movement to overthrow the Bolsheviki was supported not only by the Cossacks but by almost all the leaders of the other parties. These leaders, it was said, are confident they will be able to make short shrift of the Bolsheviki. They also feel certain they will be able to present a formidable fighting force by spring. It is said thousands of Cossacks already have left the fighting front and rallied to Kaledines' support and it is expected he will soon have the entire force of 400,000 Cossacks at his disposal.

The officials in London assert the plans embrace the solidification of the loyal fighting forces, the complete elimination of the Bolsheviki organizations in the cities and towns of Southern Russia, the re-establishment of order, the reorganization of supplies and the establishment of a new allied fighting front to protect the rich Russian granaries and coal and mineral fields from the Germans.

They added that a form of guerrilla warfare may possibly precede the re-establishment of a solid fighting front, owing to the present disorganized state of the Army on account of the Bolsheviki peace negotiations.

The question of allied support, which the officials declare is necessary for Kaledines and the other forces loyal to Russia and the allies are to be successful, is one on which much stress must be laid, especially the question of the eventual sending of an American expeditionary Army to co-operate with the forces of the Allies. It is pointed out that this would not be in the nature of American interference in Russian internal affairs, but a case similar to American and British troops helping France.

Hard as it may be for Russia to carry on in the face of the tremendous sacrifices made at the beginning of the war and the paralysis of the Army under the Bolsheviki and German propaganda, the officials assert that Russia will carry on till the time a general peace is agreed upon in common with the allies. The fact that the Germans themselves cannot make up their minds regarding the Bolsheviki peace meeting, the approval of the Russia people is shown, it is said, by the report of a meeting held in German headquarters early this month. News of this meeting was received in Russian sources here through what is said to be a trustworthy neutral source and was to the effect that the civil and military authorities differed on the question. The civil authorities were willing to accept the Bolsheviki peace terms, but the military leaders pointed out that to make such a peace would only compromise Germany. This opinion also is said to be held in Austria.

ONLY 1 DAY left for men between the ages of 21 and 31 years to enlist in the war against the Hun. After that time all registered men must take their chances in being placed in whatever branch of the service the government decides.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair this afternoon; probably light snow to-night and Thursday; somewhat warmer, lowest temperature to-night about 15 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably occasional snow to-night and Thursday, not quite so cold; fresh northeast to north winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will remain generally ice-bound without material changes in stages. About 3.5 feet, ice reading, is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning. General Conditions Pressure has diminished decidedly over the eastern half of the country, except the northeastern portion, where it has increased. Moderate rain has fallen in the Gulf and South Atlantic States, except Florida, and light to moderate heavy snows in the Middle Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley and Tennessee. Light to moderate snows fell from the Great Lakes westward to the Rocky Mountains, and rain in the West. There has been a general rise of 2 to 18 degrees in temperature over nearly all the eastern half of the country, except in New England. Temperature 8 a. m., 14. Sun: Rises, 7:25 a. m.; sets, 4:33 p. m. Moon: New moon, December 14. River Stage: 3.6 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 20. Lowest temperature, 7. Mean temperature, 14. Normal temperature, 34.

UNFIT FOR PARTNERSHIP



MUNITION PLANT BURNS; DEL. TOWN IS BOMBARDED

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 12.—A terrific bombardment, shortly before 8 o'clock this morning with shells—such as are used in the war zone of Europe—flying in every direction, aroused New Castle and immediate vicinity, as well as Wilmington and other distant points and soon developed into a fire which had broken out in one of the most dangerous sections of the shell-loading plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company, about a mile below New Castle.

The blaze, which is of unknown origin, incendiary, man believe, started in the shell-loading house in which were stored 4,600 shells, loaded N. T., one of the most violent of all explosives used in war, and 20,000 empty shells. The fire had scarcely started when the contents of the loaded shells began to fly in every direction. The building, which was a frame structure, about 100x150 feet,

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That there is no immediate danger of the proclamation, name a permanent president of the court and six jurors the latter serving only one week. They have full power to impose fines, imprisonment and banishment. Each juror can cause the arrest in an emergency, but the entire court must approve later. Any member can be charged as a prisoner to be released. The Petrograd advocates congress has decided to ignore the law.

Following Zero Weather Governor Seizes Coal

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Governor James M. Cox went over the heads of Federal fuel administration officials today and has taken the Ohio coal shortage problem in his own hands. The first move to-day was to order solid trainloads of coal assembled and immediately to points in the state most seriously in need of fuel. The order is directly contrary to instructions of F. C. Baird, Federal fuel administrator in charge of the Lakes coal pool, Cleveland, who refused by long distance telephone to-day to sanction such action.

ZEMBO ELECTION TO-NIGHT Much interest is being taken in the annual meeting of Zembo Temple of the Shriners to-night. It will be held at Chestnut Street Auditorium at 7.30 o'clock.

FIRST AMERICAN SHOT FIRED AT AUSTRIA IN ITALY

Representative Tinkham Pulls String and Hurtles Shell Across the Piave

Greater Air Activity Heavy Bombardment on Western Front Is Believed to Presage Huge Attack

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Tuesday, Dec. 11.—The first American shot against Austria was fired by Representative Tinkham, of Boston, on the lower Piave, when Mr. Tinkham pulled a string firing a large 149-millimeter gun sending a shell hurling across the Piave to the Austrian positions.

A huge cloud of black smoke marked the place where the shell burst. The Italian batterymen gathered around the gun and raised a cheer as the American Congressman fired.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Congressman Tinkham, by firing an Italian gun at the Austrian positions has taken on the status of a noncombatant attacking troops and, according to the rules of warfare, laid himself liable to execution by the Austrians should he by any chance fall into their hands. Under the law of war, a civilian may never engage in hostilities. The fact that war has been declared does not alter the situation.

London, Dec. 12.—There was great activity in the air on Monday, especially in the Cambrai region, according to the official statement on aerial operations issued last night. British airplanes dropped bombs on enemy villages and the Germans began to send westward. Five German airplanes were brought down and three British machines are missing. On Tuesday British aviators dropped bombs on large railway junction northeast of Pirmasens in the Bavarian Palatinate, about 100 miles east of Verdun.

There has been no break in the infantry in activity on the western and Italian fronts. The artillery on both sides has been active along the greater part of the front, and on the western front the allied and German airmen have engaged in lively combats. German reinforcements continue to be sent westward, but there is no sign of when and where the expected blow will fall. Heavy bombardments by the big guns are continuing on the trench fighting activity and the impression prevails in allied capitals that the Germans will make a supreme effort before very long.

Each Ward to Have Commander and Teams of Fifty Workers

Announcement was made this morning of the commanders who will lead next week's Red Cross membership campaign in the fourteen wards of Harrisburg. Each of these commanders will appoint his or her team captains in the fifty-three voting precincts of the city. The captains make selections of their team members, the men having fifteen to thirty on a team, the women from ten to twenty.

The ward commanders are as follows: First ward—Mrs. C. N. Hunter, W. J. Everett. Second ward—Miss Letitia Brady, Charles E. Pass. Third ward—Mrs. Edward R. Sponner, H. A. Keller Jr. Fourth ward—Mrs. Ross A. Hickok, Arthur D. Bacon. Fifth ward—Miss Mary Heister, F. C. Neely. Sixth ward—Mrs. John Dapp, Anson P. Dore. Seventh ward—Mrs. Mary Leonard, J. W. Bayles. Eighth ward—Mrs. R. E. Holmes, George A. Shreiner. Ninth ward—Mrs. W. T. Scheffer, A. G. Eden. Tenth ward—Mrs. Herman Miller.

Usual Supply of Light and Heat Expected by Evening, Says Kaltwasser

By to-night Harrisburg will have its usual supply of heat and light was the prediction of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company had made today. The company's plant, too, was partly out of commission. "Harrisburg should have heat and light today," said the company's spokesman, "and I doubt the rest of the winter."

Another deficiency which has been partly filled is the receipt of an automatic stoker which had been ordered months ago and the absence of which caused the lack of heat. This stoker was put going to-day and fourth will be installed in a few days. Mr. Kaltwasser said that the firm would have the recent emergency even though disappointed by the slowness in manufacturers the York Haven plant had not frozen up. It was expected that Harrisburg would have heat and light today and the assurance from the head of the Light and Power Company, "and I doubt the rest of the winter."

Children to Aid Less Fortunate Youngsters in Having Happy Christmas

The 275 children under the care of the Associated Aid Society will have a happy Christmas if the Junior Aid Society's plans materialize. The Junior Aid Society, composed of children between the ages of 10 and 15 years, is making arrangements to fill the stockings of the needy and the charitable organization. Toys, candy and other gifts to please the tots will be given. Miss Annette Bailey, 401 North Front street, is president of the society and Miss Lydia Kunkel 1607 North Second street, is chairman of the committee in charge. The Associated Aid Society and 194 are in various institutions. All are wards of the Associated Society.

Falling Snow Raises Optimism in Italy

With the French Armies in Italy, Tuesday, Dec. 11. (By the Associated Press)—Snow began to fall this morning in the mountain district where the Austro-German armies are trying to break through. The beginning of the snow falls adds to the optimism of those who have been confident the drive would be checked within its present limits.

FIREMEN'S UNION WANTS TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY

Would Have Mayor Supervise City Department Along With Police

Protest Against Auditing of Accounts Contributed by Members

The Firemen's Union met last evening in the Hope Enginehouse, and before adjournment expressed the desire that the entire department be placed under the mayor, in connection with the police department, or under the superintendent of public safety.

There were criticisms on account of the Sunday afternoon fire, the assertion being made that if the first firemen on the ground had had smoke masks, and the appliance asked for more than a year ago whereby everything in a room filled with smoke can be plainly seen—and which masks and appliance were promised—the loss probably would have been \$5,000 less than it was.

The firemen who have funds made up by dues, fines and voluntary contributions of members and friends, and not in any way coming from city funds, are opposed to having such funds audited or examined into by public officials. They look upon such money as their private property.

An examination of books shows that every fire company in the city, with the exception of two, has a deficit, notwithstanding the most rigid economy. Our fire department has been invited to take part as an entire division in the great state firemen's parade to be held in Lancaster next summer. It was stated that such an invitation had been accepted by the Delaware county firemen, and also by the fire department of York—and others to follow.

Brewery Bankrupt After Lebanon Saloons Close

Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 12.—The passing of the Iron City Brewing Company, of this city, into bankruptcy in the United States Court for the Middle District at Scranton, marks the rapid decline of the business here during the last several years. Not long ago the brewery interests were sold for \$60,000, but to-day the liabilities foot up \$10,000. The campaign waged by the Anti-Saloon Leagues of Lebanon county, resulting in the closing of sixteen license places in three years, is credited with having played a large part in the failure of the Iron City Company.

PARK EXTENSION FILLING STARTS WITHOUT DELAY

Making of Detailed Plans Ordered by the State Board of Public Grounds

WORK WILL GO AHEAD Architects and Officials Will Work Out the Preliminaries Immediately

"The Board of Public Grounds and Buildings last night directed the preparation of detailed plans to be started at once by Arnold W. Druner and Warren H. Manning, the architects for the beautification of the old Capitol Park and the landscaping of the extension, and we will begin the first filling immediately," said George A. Shreiner, Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings, to-day. "This means we start. The project will go ahead and there will be no delays."

The discussion of the plans for the park occupied most of the time of members of the board. In addition to the orders to the architects it may be stated that the board arranged the following: To start at once filling in the new

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GEN. ALLENBY IN NAME LEADERS TO DIRECT RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Jerusalem; Holy Places Guarded

London, Dec. 12.—Premier Lloyd George to-day announced in the House of Commons that General Allenby, the British commander in Palestine, entered Jerusalem on foot on Tuesday.

Guards have been placed around the Holy places, the premier said. The Mosque of Omar has been placed under control of the Mohammedans.

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Surrender of Jerusalem Surprise to the British

London, Dec. 12.—The surrender of Jerusalem came as a complete surprise to the British public. A week or ten days ago it was repeatedly reported that the city had been taken but these rumors were set at rest by an authoritative statement that another pitched battle would be necessary before the British could hope to enter Jerusalem. In fact, the public had almost given up its much cherished hope that the task General Allenby had set his troops would be accomplished by Christmas Day.

The British general, however, proved himself a supermaster of strategy, and while the Turks and their German officers were expecting a stroke from the northwest, Allenby made a sudden advance from the south and west and succeeded in throwing a cordon about Jerusalem and its garrison. The British might have been taken some time ago, but the British were determined that there should be no bombardment of the holy places, and that even if time were lost the Turks must be forced out of their positions without any big gun actions which might cause damage.

The news of the capture of the Holy City was received the bell of the Roman Catholic Westminster Cathedral was rung for the first time in three years and a solemn Te Deum was sung.

Demobilization of Russian Forces Already Begun

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—The semi-official German news agency says demobilization of the Russian forces already has begun and that peace negotiations, restricted to the Russian front, have been authorized. The news agency's dispatch says General Oberstachoff has been appointed commander-in-chief, with the assistance of the allies' (Austro-German) and that he has been authorized to open peace negotiations with Germany.

GRANTLAND RICE GETS COMMISSION

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 12.—Grantland Rice, the sporting writer, who came here from New York City Sunday to enlist in the One Hundred and Fifteenth field artillery at Camp Sevier has been made a sergeant of a battery of a unit from Tennessee.

GERMANS MASS MEN IN ITALY

Washington, Dec. 12.—Reinforcements from the Russian front for the Austro-German invaders of Italy are still arriving, an official dispatch from Rome to-day announced. The German plan of action, however, has suffered much delay.

ITALIANS RETAKE LOST POSITIONS

Rome, Dec. 12.—The enemy has resumed the attack. Today's official statement says that the Italians resisted stubbornly yesterday throughout the day and that a few positions which were abandoned in the beginning of the fighting were recaptured in nearly all cases. In the evening the enemy effort was reduced to the normal artillery fire.

FIRE DELAYS GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Fire late last night destroyed the plants of J. M. Suskind and A. Schmeier and Company. The firms were making coats and caps for the Army and much material was burned. The blaze started in a work room and incendiarianism is suspected. The loss is \$150,000.

MEANS CASE GOES TO JURY TOMORROW

Concord, N. C., Dec. 12.—The prosecution in the case of Gaston B. Means on trial here for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, the wealthy New York and Chicago widow, closed its case at the opening of court to-day. The case was expected to go to the jury to-morrow.

THREATENED TO BURN BREAKER

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 12.—Charged with threatening to burn the breaker of the Evans Coal Company at Beaver Meadow, because the company would not reinstate him in a position he quit voluntarily some time ago Peter Schwaar, 17 years old, was to-day imprisoned to await the action of the Federal authorities.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Edgar A. Walton and Lily R. Arnold, Harrisburg; Reuben R. Weiser and Catherine C. Kichman, Penbrook; William White and Katherine Taylor, Harrisburg.