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BOLSHEVIKI DECLARES WAR ON THE COSSACKS

Troops Being Dispatched From Kazan Through Kharkoff to Meet Forces of General Kaledine.

Korniloff in Command of One Army of Rebel Troops—Martial Law Proclaimed by the Cossack Leader in Territory of the Don.

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—War against General Kaledine and his Cossack revolters was formally declared by the Bolsheviki today. Troops were dispatched from Kazan on an armored train through Kharkoff.

REIGN OF TERROR INAUGURATED BY COSSACK LEADERS

London, Dec. 11.—Violent denunciatory charges of terrorism were made against the Cossack rebels by the Bolsheviki today. Proclamations issued at Petrograd and reported in dispatches here declared Cossacks had mounted guns on top of houses at Rostoff "for the purpose of terrifying the population."

FEARS OF OUTBREAK

At Moscow it was reported there were grave fears of an outbreak—presumably open revolt against the Bolsheviki. Moscow is the stronghold of Cossack strength and an attempt to throw off the Trotsky-Lenin yoke there is to be expected as a logical result of the Cossack revolt in the southeast.

The city has already been put into the posture of defense, according to today's dispatches. The Bolsheviki have mounted quick firing guns on houses. Troops in the garrison, however, were reported to have mutinied and refused obedience to the Bolsheviki commander—Private Muranoff.

FIGHTING IN THE STREETS OF MOSCOW

Stockholm, Dec. 11.—Fighting in the streets of Moscow between Bolsheviki and members of the Kaledine-Korniloff revolutionaries is in progress and the situation has reached a critical point, according to advices from Haparanda today.

BOLSHEVIKI WILL IGNORE ELECTIONS

New York, Dec. 11.—The official organization of the Bolsheviki has announced that it will ignore the elections to be held in the Russian republic.

Negroes Hanged For Their Part in the Houston Riot

Thirteen Executed at Camp Travis, 41 Sent to Prison for Life, Four Given Short Sentences and Five of the Accused Acquitted by Courtmartial—First Executions of Soldiers on American Soil Since America Entered the War.

Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 11.—Thirteen negro soldiers, members of the Twenty-fourth United States infantry, were hanged here today for participation in the Houston riot, the night of Aug. 23, in which 17 persons were killed and 22 injured.

So far as it is officially known, this is the first execution of American soldiers on American territory since the United States entered the war. Aside from the 13 blacks hanged at 7:17 this morning, 41 were given a life sentence in federal prison, one a sentence of two years and six months, and three sentences of two years. Five were acquitted.

THE EXECUTED SOLDIERS.
Corporal Charles Baltimore was one of the executed. The others were: Sergeant Nesbit, Corporal L. J. Brown, Corporal Wheatley, Corporal Jesse Moore, Private William Breckenridge (first class), Private Thomas C. Hawkins (first class), Private Carlos Snodgrass (first class), Private Ira B. Davis, Private James Divins, Private Frank Johnson, Private Riley W. Young and Private Pat McWhorter.

SEVENTEEN KILLED IN RIOT.
The riot which resulted in the conviction and imposition of sentence on negro soldiers occurred at Houston, Tex., on the night of Aug. 23, 1917. The riot resulted in the death of 17 persons and the wounding of 22. Among those dead were four policemen, three negro soldiers, one Mexican and nine whites, the latter including white soldiers.

This came from an outbreak of about 150 negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth United States infantry at 8 o'clock at night. During the day the negroes became inflamed against the white police at Houston because of the reported shooting of a negro sergeant by a police officer.

MOUNTED POLICE SHOT.
Stealing company ammunition, the negroes seized their rifles and left their camp, starting toward the city, shooting indiscriminately. Warning was given immediately and mounted police officers sought to halt the negro mob, surrendering their lives in vain efforts to drive the soldiers back.

STRAGGLERS ROUNDED UP.
The negroes then took the open country in flight, some returning to camp, where they were placed under guard and others hiding in fields and ditches along the nearby roads. Armed citizens assisted the military authorities in the search and finally all the stragglers were rounded up.

Excitement ran high not only in Houston, but throughout all Texas. Martial law was declared in Houston and rigorous measures taken by both civil and military authorities. The war department promptly conducted an investigation and during its progress the negro troops were transferred to the west, finally being sent to Columbus, N. M. Later there was an official inquiry at El Paso and nearly 70 negroes were taken to Fort Sam Houston, where a court-martial was held.

VERDICT OF NOV. 30.
The court martial lasted 11 through November. The verdict was reached Nov. 30, but was not known publicly until 13 of the negro participants were hanged today.

BRITISH AND FRENCH DIG IN ON THE PIAVE RIVER

Impregnable Defenses of the Western Front Duplicated in Northern Italy by the Allied Forces.

Austro-German Armies Being Prepared for Greatest Assault of War in Effort to Break Through Lines and Over-run the Plains.

By HENRY WOOD.
With the French Armies in Italy, Dec. 11.—British and French troops today are duplicating on the Italian front the impregnable British and French trench lines on the west front, while Germany and Austria prepare their greatest of all assaults to break through.

The geographic advantages are with the enemy. The Austro-Germans now occupy the crest and the southern slopes of the Alps. Their positions completely dominate the entire Venetian and Lombardy plains. Every movement of the Italian, French and British armies on the flat ground is plainly visible to the enemy.

DOORWAYS FOR INVASION.
The Brenta, Piave, Adige and other valleys traverse the Alps and furnish doorways for an invasion which are exceedingly difficult of defense.

Behind the enemy's lines, the Alps are traversed east and west by roadways permitting rapid transfer of troops and materials for sudden, changing attacks. They furnish great arteries of communication from east to west of the Piave—or even from west of Lake Garda.

EASY COMMUNICATIONS.
Not only does the actual battle line contour thus favor the enemy, but Germany and Austria both have access to the easiest and most direct Alpine passes for the line of communications back home.

Y. W. C. A. NOT IN PAID DANCING GAME
Last Saturday a statement was published in Seattle and wired over the country to the effect that plans had been perfected for dance halls for soldiers under the supervision of the Y. W. C. A. It was proposed to employ girls at \$15 and give them 50 per cent of the cost of each dance in which they participated, tickets to be 10 cents apiece for the soldiers.

The Boise Y. W. C. A. wired Jane Nell Scott, of Seattle, head of this division of the Y. W. C. A. and received the following from her: "Story absolutely false in every detail. Am in close touch with committee having in charge concessions at Camp Lewis and know that no concession has been granted for dance hall association. Would not supervise it in any event."

WILL TESTIFY FOR GOVERNMENT; THEN RECEIVE SENTENCE

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Testifying for the government, H. R. Schroeder, former vice consul at Honolulu, will take the stand in the Hindu plot trial here before he is sentenced for his part in the conspiracy. It became known today. Schroeder with George Rodick, former secretary of the Honolulu consulate, and Lieutenant Wilhelm Brincken, already have pleaded guilty. Schroeder is to be sentenced Saturday.

MAY GIVE STREET IN ROME NAME OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Rome, Dec. 11.—President Wilson's name may be given to one of the principal streets in the eternal city in grateful commemoration of America's aid to Italy in the great war. Such a plan was urged today by the patriotic association of Trento-Trieste. Formal resolutions were adopted urging the mayor of Rome to take this action.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

GENERAL STRIKE CALLED.
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 11.—A general strike of union men of the twin cities was called for Thursday at 10 a. m., this afternoon. The strike is in sympathy with the union street car men. Forty thousand men are involved.

MORE TROOPS BROUGHT UP.
Washington, Dec. 11.—Germany is still bringing up troops around Cambrai. To date prisoners have been identified from at least 27 different German divisions—indicating presence in this sector of at least 450,000 soldiers. All these have been brought up hurriedly since General Byng's smashing blow.

LOOTER SHOT AT HALIFAX.
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—One looter has been shot in Halifax. His body was strapped to a post and over his head was placed a placard bearing the words: "This was a looter."

FLYING TO SAN FRANCISCO.
San Francisco, Dec. 11.—A dispatch to the Southern Pacific announced that Miss Katherine Stinson, aviatrix who ascended at San Diego this morning in an effort to fly to San Francisco, passed Bakersfield at noon.

URGED TO SEIZE ROADS.
Washington, Dec. 11.—Members of President Wilson's cabinet today were bringing pressure to bear on him to take over the railroads and run them for the period of the war. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, it was learned today on unquestionable authority, is the leading advocate of government control. He urged the president to cut the Gordian knot of the whole transportation problem by seizing the country's railroads and doing anything necessary to insure their efficient operation to win the war.

NO NEW PROJECTS.
Washington, Dec. 11.—Elimination of all new waterways projects except those of military value was forecast by Chairman Small of the rivers and harbors committee today, just before conferring with President Wilson. All present projects are to receive curtailed appropriations unless of military value, he said.

JUDGE LINDSEY CALLED.
Denver, Colo., Dec. 11.—Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Denver, has gone to Washington in answer to a personal appeal from President Wilson, to consider assuming the supervision of orphaned children in Belgium and France, it was learned here today.

House to Dispose of Big Issue

Unanimous Agreement Reached to Vote on the Prohibition Amendment on Next Monday.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The national prohibition amendment to the constitution will come up for consideration in the house next Monday, under unanimous agreement reached by the house today.

FAVORABLE REPORT.
Shortly after the house agreed to consider the amendment today the house judiciary committee by a vote of 15 to 5, reported it favorably.

PEACE MOVE FROM GERMANY THROUGH A NEUTRAL POWER

London, Dec. 11.—Germany made a move for peace through some neutral government last September, according to an announcement in the house of commons today by Foreign Minister Balfour.

MONEY STOLEN FROM BANK IS RECOVERED

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Seventeen hundred dollars of the \$10,000 stolen from the Stockmen's Trust and Savings bank by five motor bandits last Wednesday had been recovered early today.

GERMANY'S GUNS ROAR CHALLENGE TO ALLIES

Believed the Teutons Are Preparing for Heaviest Attacks Since Their Invasion Early in War.

AFTER SPECULATORS.
Washington, Dec. 11.—The federal trade commission, at Herbert Hoover's request, will soon smoke out dishonest food speculators. An investigation, led by Commissioner Victor Murdock, will proceed under Hoover's charges that "some dishonest wholesale and retail merchants and food brokers have been criminally responsible in no small measure for shortages in many foodstuffs—especially perishables—and also for mounting prices."

HINDENBURG AGAINST PEACE.
Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—"Peace is not to be thought of unless we are victorious," declared Field Marshal Hindenburg in an interview, accorded an Austrian journalist, the text of which reached here today.

AUSTRIANS ARRESTED.
New York, Dec. 11.—More than 50 Austrians have been arrested in New York as enemy aliens, and interned on Ellis Island.

CAILLAUX TO BE TRIED.
Paris, Dec. 11.—The government announced in the chamber of deputies this morning that it would demand immediate trial of Joseph Caillaux, former minister of finance, accused of improper political and treasonable practices in connection with the Bolo Pasha and other recent scandals.

TO DISCUSS WAR AIMS.
Petrograd, Dec. 11.—Formal announcement that Britain will be ready to discuss war aims when a stable government is established in Russia was made by British Ambassador Buchanan today. He expressed Great Britain's sympathy with Russia and explained the impossibility of allied participation in armistice negotiations.

SEEKING WEAK SPOT.
Field Marshal Haig's battle front report today gave further emphasis to the belief that Germany is seeking a weak spot in the western line. He reported "south of the Scarpe and north of the Lys particularly, unusual aerial and artillery activity yesterday. Heavy shelling" at a number of localities was reported.

FOR GRAND OFFENSIVE.
The report was in line with the general belief here of Germany's preparations for a grand offensive. The aerial activity indicated energetic attempts to seek out British positions and disposition of forces, the artillery showed preliminary hunting out of weak spots and the raids were of the sort which one side employs constantly prior to an attack to ascertain exactly what forces oppose them.

SMOOTHING OUT TROUBLES.
Most encouraging of the evidences that Russia may be smoothing out her troubles was the indication that the Bolsheviki resent such an attitude by the Austro-Germans and appreciate what such a step would mean to the allies—even if they do insist the allies are waging an "imperialistic war."

DEFENSE RESTS IN THE TRIAL OF MEANS
Concord, N. C., Dec. 11.—The defense in the Means case rested this afternoon after closing testimony with Mrs. Gaston B. Means, wife of the man charged with murdering Mrs. Maude A. King.

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