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RUSSIA PLANS NEW CABINET; ORDER NEARS

Government and Council's Committee Confer on Coalition Scheme

U. S. AIDS IN HARMONY



GENERAL MICHAEL ALEXIEFF
His resignation as Commander-in-Chief of the Russian armies is rumored in Petrograd. General Alexieff's tenure dates from April 15, when he was named by the provisional Russian Government to chief command of its armies.

PETROGRAD, May 17.
General Alexieff has resigned as Commander-in-Chief of the Russian armies, according to a rumor circulated here today. There is to be a military conference in this city shortly. It will be attended by the commanders of the various army groups and will be held for the purpose of considering the general military situation.

PETROGRAD, May 17.
Russia appears today to have passed the crisis of political sickness and to have started on the road to convalescence. Differences between the Duma Government and the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Deputies were melting away and the formation of a cabinet which seems certain to command full support of all factions went on space.

PETROGRAD, May 17.
Today the executive committee of the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Deputies met with the Duma ministry. They asked that the ministry include in the reorganized cabinet three Social Democrats and three National Socialists—six out of twelve of the Cabinet posts. Official denial of alarmist reports of conditions of aarchy at Vladivostok was issued today. It was asserted the army commandant there reported complete quiet and co-operation of all classes ever since the revolution.

DETAILS OF SITUATION
Few people outside of Russia will understand why there has been so much fluctuation about a coalition Cabinet—why the soldiers and workmen's delegates first refused the Duma Ministry's proffer of such a plan; why they changed this refusal into acceptance on certain specified terms; why the Duma leaders rejected the specified terms and how it comes today that there is so much "hockeying" between the two factions for the reorganized Cabinet. An understanding of what the soldiers and workmen's council really amounts to is essential.

PEOPLE ELECT DEPUTIES
But with the revolution a success, the people began electing delegates to meet in the Duma building to act as a sort of Russian organization to aid in governmental administration. Workmen all over Russia met in barracks, trenches, workshops, and peasant-including women—in all settlements to choose delegates. These delegates hastened to Petrograd. Entirely unofficial, they nevertheless really constituted the old autocratic rule. Such organizations as the Zemstvo many times saved Russia under the old regime by assuring food to troops at the front and endeavoring to balance distribution of food. Many of the present leaders of the Ministry were prominent in these organizations—having become prominent because they were originally chosen by the people.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST
For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair weather and moderate temperatures tonight and Friday; gentle northerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY
Sun rises... 5:33 a.m. Moon rises... 2:17 a.m.
Sun sets... 7:59 p.m. Moon sets... 8:28 a.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES
CHESTNUT STREET

Low water... 5:15 a.m. High water... 1:12 p.m.
Low water... 5:45 p.m. High water... 1:45 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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GREAT ARMIES IN BATTLES ON THREE FRONTS

Big Conflicts Raging on Western, Italian and Macedonian Fronts

HAIG EXTENDS GROUND

French Again Crush Counter-Assaults Between Moulin and Laffaux

LONDON, May 17.
All of the southern part of Palestine has been laid waste by the Turks, according to a Milan dispatch printed in the Daily Telegraph today. It is said that the Turks have evacuated that part of the Holy Land, laying it in ruins as they fell back, taking a lesson from the Germans, the Turks destroyed the greater part of the city of Jaffa before retreating from it.

LONDON, May 17.
The entire village of Bullecourt, on the Arras front, is in the hands of the British troops, the War Office announced today.

Three big battles are under way in as many theatres of war.
On the western front the tremendous engagement between Lens and the Artois forest still rages; in the Austro-Italian zone the Italians have opened their spring drive against the Austro-Hungarians, and violent fighting is in progress along the Isonzo River front; in Macedonia the Allies have opened an offensive, and in the region of Monastir the German allies are held in check.

MORE PROGRESS REPORTED BY HAIG AT BULLECOURT

LONDON, May 17.
More progress at Bullecourt was reported by Field Marshal Haig today. "There was fighting around Bullecourt again," he said. "We progressed further through the village and reached the western edge."

PARIS, May 17.—F. The second successive night German troops were shelling attacking waves last night against French positions north of Moulin and Laffaux and were again repulsed, today's official statement declared.

WAR TO FINISH, NOW TEUTON CRY

Chancellor's Speech Reveals Germany's Peace Feelers as Diplomatic Mask

HOLLWEG STANDS FIRM

COPENHAGEN, May 17.
Germany is no longer "playing possum"—letting lions creep out through her censorious showing alleged popular waves for peace and seeking to lull her enemies into the belief she is weakening. On the contrary, it is war, uncompromising and bitter, to the end. And Americans here see in this new development the necessity for throwing all America's weight immediately into the fray.

Judge Speeds Up Court Cases

CARLEISLE, Pa., May 17.—Judge Sadler served notice in court here that only delay of attorneys will hold up trials of cases in the local courts, the "business of justice" argument to be henceforth a dead letter in this county. This was made following the disposition of eighteen important cases in three days.



SOLDIER SHOT BY COMRADE
Patrick J. Crawford, 236 Berkeley street, Germantown (upper), member of Company A, First Regiment, killed by Peter F. Devereaux (lower), a private in the same company, while on guard duty at the Yardley, Pa., railroad bridge.

P. F. DEVEREAUX HELD IN DEATH OF GUARDSMAN

Patrick J. Crawford Shot in Altercation by Fellow Private

VICTIM DRUNK, OFFICERS ASSERT

Teased Slayer While on Sentry Duty—Fires in Air With Fatal Result

TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

BRITAIN WILD OVER COMING OF U. S. SHIPS

Destroyer Flotilla Starts Immediate Duty, Needing No "Tuning Up"

BRUSH ON VOYAGE ACROSS

LONDON, May 17.
Knowing that American destroyers are today coming the seas alongside British warships searching for submarines, the terse announcement of the American commander, "We're ready for immediate duty," upon arrival of the flotilla at queenstown, sent a thrill through England.

IMMEDIATELY PUT OUT TO SEA

After the formalities had ended and the heads of the destroyers were attended to the American ships at once put out to sea, from captains to ordinary seamen. They held the Channel in the pink of condition and apparently enthusiastic for their task.

QUICK NEWS

U. S. HAS NO INDEMNITY PACT WITH ALLIES

WASHINGTON, May 17.—There exists no agreement between the United States Government and the Entente Allies concerning demands for annexations and indemnities at the close of the war. This was made emphatic by State Department officials today. The question was not even discussed informally with the British and French missions, it was stated.

REVENUE BILL IS SHY \$445,000,000

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Four hundred and forty-five million dollars additional must be added to the \$1,800,000,000 revenue bill now before the House, Chairman Kitchin of the Ways and Means Committee today told the House.

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WEEKLY STATEMENT OF CITY TREASURER

According to the report of City Treasurer McCoach, the amount paid in during the week ending last night was \$607,840.72 and the payments for the same period totaled \$1,822,816.41. This, with the balance on hand from last week, not including the sinking fund account, leaves a balance of \$17,141,050.21.

ARGENTINA RE-ESTABLISHES WHEAT EXPORT BAN

Buenos Aires, May 17.—The Argentine Government's embargo on exportation of wheat has been re-established. It had been lifted for a brief spell as a result of the vigorous protests of Great Britain, backed by the United States.

AMERICAN RED CROSS HOSPITAL IN FRANCE OPENED

PARIS, May 17.—The American Red Cross Hospital, established by Dr. Joseph Blake, of New York, has been opened and a number of wounded were received today from the Alsace River fighting front. Elaborate dedication services were held, with Cardinal Amette, Archbishop of Paris, officiating.

ASKS VOLUNTEERS FOR DRAFT REGISTRARS

CARLEISLE, Pa., May 17.—With ten applications for the position of registrars under the selective draft plan, Sheriff Greenwood sent out a call for men to volunteer for this service. In Carlisle a celebration, including a parade, fetes and band concert, will be held on the date.

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