

ARMY HEADED BY KERENSKY NOW IN FIELD

Former Premier Appears Near Petrograd at Head of Troops

MENACE BOLSHEVIKI

Cossacks Reoccupy Rostov and Disarm Red Guards

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—Former Premier Kerensky has appeared at the head of several thousand troops, according to a dispatch via Haparanda printed today by the Berlingske Tidende.

The dispatch asserted that the Bolsheviks had sent out armed forces to meet this newest counter-revolution against them.

Whether there has been any actual fighting between the sides was not stated.

Kerensky was last reported in a little village in Finland, to which he had escaped despite a price on his head set by the Trotsky-Lenin Government.

Recent elections to the constituent assembly showed that the former Premier had been elected to that body by the city of Samara as well as by the southern troops.

With Kerensky reported in the field there are now apparently two separate and distinct counter-revolutionary movements being waged against the Bolsheviks.

One is the Cossack-Cadet Party revolt, and the other is the movement of the National Army soldiers to leave the big cantonment to visit their homes except in urgent cases, such as death or sickness.

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Four former members of the Russian Government were arrested by the Bolsheviks today. Those arrested were M. P. Pevnev, former Minister of General Treasury; M. Skovodoff, M. Chatskhanoff and M. Talabanoff, former directors of the Ministry of Finance. The men were taken into custody, it was said, at a meeting of the upper classes.

By JOSEPH SHAPLEN

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 18.

The Maximalist regime is slowly but inevitably riding to a fall.

Reliable information from travelers reaching here today, as well as anti-Bolshevik newspapers smuggled through via Haparanda, indicate even the Petrograd garrison no longer supports the Lenin-Trotsky ring.

Twenty-six of Russia's provinces and territories have formally refused recognition of the Bolshevik "Government." Every Bolshevik claim from Petrograd must be heavily discounted.

Terrorism reigns in Petrograd. The citizens' indignation of the old Russian regime are adding the torch to the flames on the minds of the ignorant masses of soldiers by fairy tales that there will be an immediate revolution in Germany.

The data set for opening of the constituent assembly was the occasion for a monster demonstration in Petrograd. Not only was the meeting suppressed, but the Bolsheviks have not permitted any news of it to be sent out. The demonstrators expected strong condemnation of the Bolshevik efforts to wreck the assembly.

LET'S POLICE CAPITAL.

That the Maximalists feel they can no longer rely on the Petrograd garrison, once their greatest source of power, is indicated in notice that Lettish troops have been ordered to surround them and are now bottling the city.

Such known German provocateurs as Kommissaroff, Orloff and Uriski are now Bolshevik police chiefs. The notorious Russian agent, Schevareff, was playing a role at Mohileff on the day General Dukhonin was murdered, and in Petrograd the anti-Bolshevik forces whispered that it was Schevareff who engineered the assassination.

Kerensky has been chosen a member of the constituent assembly not only from Samara, but as a delegate representing the entire southwestern army.

Mass-meeting in denunciation of the Bolshevik rule are becoming frequent in Petrograd. Workmen and soldiers held one there last week, at which the labor leader, Beretelli, angrily warned the Bolsheviks that they must not dissolve the assembly. Leading educational, technical and journalistic institutions have issued similar proclamations denouncing the Lenin-Trotsky combination thus to defeat the will of the people.

BOLSHEVIKI DESPERATE.

Meanwhile the Bolsheviks are desperately trying to coax over to their camp some of the revolutionary forces of Vladimir Bourzoeff, custodian of private archives under Kerensky and a veteran of early revolutionary activities, and George Pichanoff, another social revolutionary, both of whom are now confined in St. Peter and Paul fortress because of their support of Kerensky. They were offered terms under certain conditions which would make it appear they supported the Maximalists. Both refused.

The provinces of Bessarabia, Vitha, Kaluga, Kostroma, Novgorod, Nizhn, Novgorod, Orenburg, Orloff, Riazan, Simbirsk, Smolensk, Tauris, Tver, Tula, Ufa and Cherson and the territories of Trans-Baikal, Semirech, Tashkent, Kutais, Amur, Vladivostok, Yakutsk, Samara and Kurek have been added to the list of provinces which have refused to recognize the Bolshevik "Government."

"Let no American complain because he is asked to give, and to give and to give again," he statement read in part. "The Government which, now APPEALS to him has the right to TAKE, and if he is allowed to retain a comfortable livelihood and the liberties of peace times, he is blessed above millions of others, who have given up everything."

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UPPER HOUSE ACCEPTS DRY AMENDMENT

Nationwide Prohibition Now Up to Legislatures of States

BUT 8 VOTES OPPOSED

Favorable Three-fourths Necessary for Constitutional Change Within 7 Years

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—Billy Sunday was "shouting happy" today when informed that the nationwide prohibition constitutional amendment had successfully passed both House and Senate.

"I am shouting happy to think that I am going to live long enough to preach the funeral services of the liquor business in America. I am overwhelmingly glad that I can see the end of this lawless, anarchistic, pimple-making, vice-producing, Sabbath-breaking, pocket-smoking, honor-wrecking, rag-bedecked, blood-polluting, riot-making, infamous, corrupt, God-forsaken business," he said.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Senate today concurred in the House amendments to the nationwide prohibition resolution.

A rising vote was taken. Forty-seven Senators voted for the House amendments and eight against them.

The Senate's action transfers the fight to the State Legislatures. Three-fourths must ratify the amendment within seven years to make the amendment a part of the Constitution.

One year after such approval "the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territories subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes" would be prohibited.

The drys have already laid plans for fights in Ohio, Missouri, Massachusetts and Kentucky, now wet States. Much territory in all of them, it was pointed out, has long been forbidden ground for John Buller local option.

About 85 per cent of Massachusetts is dry under local option.

Representative Webb, who engineered the amendment through its legislative pitfalls to success, announced that he and other leaders would stump wet States during summer vacations until the required thirty-six rubber-stamp their approval.

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RED CROSS GAINS 214,500 MEMBERS

New Enrollment Nears Halfway Mark on Campaign's Second Day

WORKMEN JOIN DRIVE

RED CROSS FIGURES

Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter allotment, 500,000
Total enrollments today, 214,500
Total enrollments needed, 285,000
Campaign days remaining, 6

The 200,000 mark in new enrollments in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross was passed today, the second day of the great Christmas membership campaign, according to an announcement this afternoon.

The exact number of actual memberships reported at headquarters in the Lincoln Building was 214,500.

So great is the demand for seats for the women's mass-meeting at the Metropolitan Opera House tomorrow afternoon, it was announced today, that an overflow meeting will be held outside the building.

Several thousand workmen at the car-building plant of the J. G. Brill Company, Sixty-second street and Woodland avenue, were addressed at noon by A. G. Neary and Joseph Spear, Liberty Loan workers now campaigning for Red Cross "members—not money."

Prominent women distributed literature. Announcement of the support of other fraternal organizations was made today by Frederick Gaston, president of the Grand Fraternity, which is endeavoring to line up its membership solidly in the Red Cross ranks. Indorsement came from the Woodmen of America, Fraternal Mystic Circle, Royal Arcanum, Knights of Pythias, Knights of the Macabees, Woodmen of the World and Klks.

An appeal to America's "army at home" to make sacrifices for the armed forces was issued today by Joseph R. Grundy, chairman of the Bucks County campaign committee and president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association.

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WEATHER BUREAU TRIES TO CHEER COAL-USERS

Through the Clouds, Forecaster Sees Prospect of a Warmer Tomorrow

"Cloudy weather but a rising temperature is predicted by the local weather bureau office for tonight and tomorrow. Officials said this afternoon that the lowest temperature tonight would be about 28 degrees, or four degrees higher than last night.

For the first time in nine days the mercury today went as high as the freezing point, with indications of crawling much higher tomorrow. The intense cold spell ending here was equaled in Philadelphia for many years. Its collapse is eagerly welcomed by shoppers and establishments whose business to a temporary slump in sympathy with the thermometer.

Yesterday the temperature ranged from eighteen to thirty-one degrees, making an average of twenty-four, or eleven degrees below the normal.

Shating continues on Concourse and Guatine lakes and many smaller lakes and ponds.

MAYOR FORWARDS FURLOUGH PLEA

Asks That Philadelphians at Camp Meade Receive Holiday Leave

TELEGRAPHS TO BAKER

Mayor Smith today sent a telegram to Secretary of War Baker, urging that Philadelphia soldiers at Camp Meade, Md., be allowed to spend Christmas at home before going to the battle front in France.

This action by the Mayor was taken following an appeal to him from the decision of the War Department allowing none of the National Army soldiers to leave the big cantonment to visit their homes except in urgent cases, such as death or sickness.

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FULTON ACCEPTS WILLARD'S DEFI

Big Plasterer Will Give Jess \$1000 for Privilege of Meeting Him

MILLION-DOLLAR GATE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 18.

In behalf of Fred Fulton, heavy-weight challenger, Mike Collins, Fulton's manager, today accepted Jess Willard's tentative offer of a championship bout. He said:

"I am ready to take up Jess Willard's offer, all the proceeds to go to the Red Cross, and in addition Fred will give Jess \$1000 to be kept as his fee for getting ticked or will give that amount to the Red Cross."

"The bout may be scheduled at any place, any time and under any circumstances," Collins suggested that plenty of time be given Willard so that he may get in perfect shape and not have any reasonable alibi when he is "ticked."

Collins and Fulton had previously announced that unless Willard accepted their challenge before December 20, Fulton would formally claim the championship.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Jess Willard predicted today that his contents of return to the ring would net at least a million dollars for the year.

TRAIN KILLS ENGINEER

B. and O. Employee Meets Death While Oiling Locomotive

Charles Miller, forty years old, of Twenty-ninth street above Thompson, an engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio R.R., was instantly killed today when he was struck by a train at Twenty-fourth and Race streets.

Miller had descended from his cab and was oiling his locomotive when struck by the train. He was taken to the Medical-Chirurgical Hospital and pronounced dead.

New Orleans Results - FIRST RACE, purse \$400, claiming, two-year-olds, 55 furlongs. Time, 1:11.10. Woodfin \$1 to 1 1/2 to 7 to 5. Gillies \$14. Willis 5 to 1 to 5 to 2. Johnson 8 to 5 to 10 to 1. Timmer \$1.10. Lane \$14.75. Harris, Miss Peer, Koholi and Miss Ames also ran.

SECOND RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs. Time, 1:12.10. Breeze \$11 to 10 to 3 to 1 to 5 to 1. Mary's Beau, 109. Gar. 6 to 1 to 1 to 1. Courier, 106. Merimee, 5 to 1 to 2. Time, 1:12.10. THIRD RACE, 6 furlongs. Time, 1:12.10. Johnson 2 to 5 out to 5. Blue Belmont, 106. 2 to 1 to 3 to 5. Blue Oliver, 107. Gray even. Time, 1:12.

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SENATE AIMS NEW QUIZ AT SHIP BOARD

Railroad Situation Also Is Made Subject of Investigation

LID WILL BE TORN OFF

Disclosure of Military Secrets No Longer to Be a Bugaboo

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Sweeping investigations into America's transportation difficulties, both on land and sea, were ordered by the Senate this afternoon.

Without a dissenting voice the Senate adopted a resolution offered by Senator Harding, of Ohio, calling for a thorough inquiry into shipping difficulties. The investigation will be conducted by the Senate Commerce Committee during the holiday recess of Congress.

In the next moment, by unanimous vote, the Senate adopted another resolution offered by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, ordering a complete probing of the Interstate Commerce Commission's recommendations for relieving the railroad situation. The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee will conduct the investigation.

Democrats joined with equal enthusiasm with Republicans in insisting upon the investigations.

With the food administration, the fuel administration, the navy and army al-

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BUSINESS MEN SEE 'GRAB' IN SMITH LEASE

Transit Agreement Denounced at Councils' Hearing

THREE MAJOR FAULTS

5 Per Cent Dividend, War Tax on Riders and Grouping in Dark Over Fares Specified

The United Business Men's Association, of this city, through its president, Edward A. Noppel, denounced the revised Smith-Mitten transit lease as a "grab" at what was expected to be the last of the public hearings on the contract, held before the Finance and Street Railways Committee of Councils in City Hall late this afternoon. The committee, it is expected, will take final action on the new lease today.

The objections of the business men were based upon three points. They were:

The guaranteeing of a 5 per cent dividend, which, according to Mr. Noppel, would virtually make P. R. T. stock a 5 per cent United States bond.

The payment to the car riders of the war tax on the dividends paid to the stockholders of the underlying companies.

The "obscure grouping in the dark" over the proposed increase in fare under the terms of the revised lease.

Mr. Noppel was the principal speaker in opposition to the lease at the afternoon's hearing, at which the recommendations which the committee will make to Councils on Thursday were expected to be decided upon. According to Finance man Joseph P. Gardner, of Councils Finance Committee, today's hearing was a "free-for-all" at which any citizen would be heard.

Among the speakers, in addition to the head of the United Business Men's Association, were Edward A. Martin, of the United Business Men's Association;

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QUICK NEWS

BASKETBALL SCORES

FRANKFORD H. 9 16-25 MEDIA H. 15 5-20
P. I. D. 9 13-22 SWARTHMORE 6 12-15

GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCORES

CAMDEN H. 47 26-73
GLOUCESTER H. 0 6-6

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fourth New Orleans race, 1 mile and 70 yards—Meno, 105, Lyke, 13 to 10, 1 to 2, 1 to 6, won; Paw, 108, Kealey, 2 to 1, 1 to 3, second; Margaret N., 119, Robinson, 1 to 5, third. Time, 1:52.

ACTION ON TRANSIT LEASE POSTPONED

Final action on the transit lease by the councilmanic committee was postponed this afternoon until Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when another meeting will be held. This would give the advocates of the revised lease time to rush it through Councils before the first of the year.

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT CLAIMS LOWER FARES

The Department of City Transit, as its latest argument for the ratification of the revised Smith-Mitten transit lease, presented to the committee of Councils this afternoon a schedule tending to show that the rate of fare would be lower and the city-built lines placed in operation more quickly if the proposed contract with the P. R. T. is made.

SHIVERING WOMEN DENIED COAL WHILE LOADED CAR STANDS IDLE



This photograph, taken this morning by a staff photographer, bears mute but grim and eloquent testimony to the way the coal situation is being handled. There is evidently fuel for some families, but these South Philadelphia mothers find their desperate plight and earnest pleas unavailing in their efforts to relieve the distress of their families.

FAVOR \$500,000 BILL FOR WAR RELIEF

Grant to Soldiers and Sailors' Dependents Approved by Councils' Committee

Councils' Finance Committee late this afternoon approved the bill introduced by Select Councilman Isaac Hetzel, of the Eighteenth Ward, to set aside a sum of \$500,000 for the relief of soldiers and sailors' dependents during 1918.

This amount is in addition to a sum of \$50,000 which has been appropriated to pay the salaries of substitutes of city employees who are now in the Government service. The increased revenue derived by the city from the United Gas Improvement Company, beginning January 1, will appropriate the "war appropriations."

The bill to pay State Senator Edwin H. Vane \$200,000 for work done on the League Island Park in 1916 and 1917, which has been pending before Councils, was set aside till next year. It was announced by Chairman Gaffney. Before the bill is finally disposed of, there will be several public hearings held to decide the accuracy of the claims, there being some difference of opinion as to the amount of work done.

The \$500,000 for meals asked by the clerk of council was approved, which will increase their expense account to \$1500,000 a year.

Having postponed any consideration of pay demands for patrolmen and housemen, members of Councils' Finance Committee today gave their attention to the final revision of the demands of a number of the smaller city departments. Fear of exhausting all available funds prevented the appropriation of enough money to pay attendants at Blockley and Byberry Farms for 1918, and the compromise assures the pay of these workers for six months only. Somewhere and some time next year money must be found to keep the proper

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BRUMBAUGH BLAMED FOR DELAY IN DRAFT

Boards Assert Failure to Appoint Inspectors Causes Confusion

Philadelphia's quota of 1400 men to make up the shortage due to the rejection of men sent to Camp Meade on the first draft call will be forwarded January 3, Adjutant General Beary said today. The drafted men from other districts called to make up shortages to the same camp will be sent in small detachments between now and January 1.

Draft officials in this city are extremely uneasy over failure of Governor Brumbaugh to designate inspectors to act as go-between for the district appeal, legal advisory and local draft boards, to straighten out puzzling questions on the questionnaire and the duties of registrants under the new selective-service regulations.

Legal advisory boards, whose members are supposed to instruct the registrant when he appears for information concerning the making out of the scores of questions on the new classification pamphlet, to a very large extent have not been instructed themselves and are all at sea. They constantly are telephoning to the district appeal board clerks, asking them to interpret sections they do not understand. Many draft boards include a personnel that is unable to cope with the complicated questions and printed instructions.

Draft officials on the district appeal and local draft boards criticize the Governor for delaying so long in designating the men who, just at this initial stage, they point out, should be visiting the various boards and straightening the difficulties.

VETERAN SOLDIERS WANTED FOR U. S. GUARD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—"Make a special effort to enlist old soldiers in the United States Guard," was the order sent to all recruiting offices by Adjutant General McCain this afternoon. Twenty-five thousand men are wanted for home guard duty. Veteran soldiers up to sixty years old will be taken.

62,498,000 TONS OF ORE SHIPPED FROM LAKE SUPERIOR

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—Shipments of ore from the Lake Superior region for the season of 1917 totaled 62,498,000 tons, according to figures just made public here. This compares with a movement last year of 64,734,198 tons.

PLENTY OF SUGAR FOR CHRISTMAS CANDIES

No alarm need be felt by Christmas shoppers in regard to high candy prices in this city, according to views expressed today by prominent candy manufacturers. Most of the candy factories, it was said, have plenty of sugar on hand for the production of candy for the holidays. It was predicted, however, that the prices of some of the fancy candies may increase, but the new prices have not been decided upon.

PRESIDENT'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President and Mrs. Wilson observed the second anniversary of their wedding quietly today. War's pall hung over the White House and put aside any thought of a gala celebration. Besides gifts they commemorated the day by attending a Red Cross concert. The President worked on various war tasks.

DYNAMITE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S MANSION

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 18.—An attempt to dynamite the Governor's mansion was made early today when a charge of explosives was set off in the brickwork of one corner. The rear porch was blown off and other damage done, but the building was not wrecked. Governor Stephens and his family were not in the city and no one was injured. The entire detective force of the city is at work on the case. It is reported that the police have a clue leading them to suspect I. W. V. agitators.

COKE SHORTAGE CLOSING DOWN FOUNDRIES

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 18.—Blast furnace and foundry interests are making the most urgent efforts possible to get coke, but with small success. The result has been the banking of furnaces and closing down of foundries. Virtually no general improvement has been made in the coke situation, although there is a freer movement to some points. There is no immediate prospect of the coke shortage in the Connellsville region becoming much better.

COAL FAMINE WORSE; CITY SEIZES FUEL

Potter and Lewis Go to Washington Seeking Relief

ASK PRIORITY ORDER FOR HOUSEHOLDERS

Director Krusen Commands 4 Carloads to Heat Municipal Hospitals

FURNISH HOMES FIRST

Industrial Plants Will Be Closed if Necessary Until Households Are Stocked

District Attorney Kane After Coal Hoarders

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FRANCIS FISHER KANE has received complaints from Washington relating to coal hoarders in this city. These complaints are being investigated now.

The coal famine situation in Philadelphia became more acute today. The only ray of hope lay in the departure of William Potter, State fuel administrator, and Francis A. Lewis, chairman of the Philadelphia County coal committee, for Washington to ask Harry A. Garfield, national coal administrator, to issue a priority order so that householders may be supplied with coal before orders for manufacturing plants were filled. So serious had the situation become that Director Wilmer Krusen, of the Department of Public Health and Charities, declaring "necessity knows no law," took the law into his own hands and seized four carloads of coal from Philadelphia and Reading Railway sidings for city hospitals and the Home for the Indigent.

The coal seized by Director Krusen amounted to 180 tons. There were two separate seizures. The first was at Somerston. The seizure was made by men from Director Krusen's office. Two carloads of