Russia's Iron Man, Kerensky, Given Unlimited Powers to Restore Order in New Republic

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DICTATORSHIP CREATED FOR RUSS PREMIER

Russia's Iron Man Given Extraordinary Powers in Final Attempt to Restore Order at the Front and at Home; Retreat of Armies Threatens Disaster; French Hold Before Furious Assault of the Crown Prince

"Unlimited powers," have been granted the Russian provisional government under Premier Kerensky to grapple with the sinister forces threatening to wreck the new Russia born of the March revolution.

The grant comes from the most powerful representative body in the nation, the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates and peasants of all Russia, assembled in Petrograd.

The title of the ruling body, the "government of national safety" recalls immediately the famous committee of public safety of 1793, formed in the crucial period of the French revolution. With Kerensky serving not only as premier, but as minister of marine. it is apparent that vast powers are thus lodged in the hands of this one man, suggesting those of a virtual dictator.

Faces Difficult Task

The mandate of this committee is to restore public order, both at the front and at home—admittedly a difficult task in the face of the powerful influence both within and without the nation working against the present regime. It is evidently one, however, with which Kerensky, concededly the strongest man to be found for the task, is willing to grapple with all his widely recognized force and ability.

The war situation for the moment demands consideration chiefly at the two points where the Germans have concentrated their main military efforts—the yielding portion of the Russian front in Eastern Galicia and the section of the French front near Craonne.

Different in West

In the former war theater there is little sign as yet of a change on the temper of the disaffected Russian troops sufficient to bring about an effective resistence to the Teutonic progress, which threatens disaster to the Russian arms.

On the western front there is a different story to tell. The desperate onslaughts of the crown prince's forces are being met with gallant resistance by General Petain's troops and such small pits of territory as have been gained by the Germans have been dearly paid for.

Last night the German assaults were renewed on the Californie and Casemates plateaux, for the mastery of which colossal efforts are being put forth. Someheadway was made on both these elevations, but General Petain's men are clinging bravely to them both, although driven out of first line trenches. The Germans attacked the support trench on the Californie plateau, but it was retained by the French in its entirety.

Little Encouragement

To-day official reports from the Galician front are little if any more encouraging than those of the last few days. While efforts are being made to restore order among the Russian forces the Austro-German offensive between the Stripa and the Zlota Lipa is being pushed and additional villages have been occupied by the Teutons.

Toward the northern end of the Russian front the situation is different. The Russians have taken the offensive and opened a gap two miles deep in an important sector of the German line near Krevo and Vilna, incidentally capturing more than 1,000 Germans. Here, too, however, ctrain detachments appear to have been worked upon by the extremists and are fighting so indifferently as to jeopardize the development of the Russian success.

FLY MEASURING DAY

Saturday, July 28,
9 to 12 noon.
11 North Market Square
The CIVIC CLUB will pay five cents a pint and give prizes also for those turning in the greatest number of flies.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather this afternoon and to-night. Tuesday probably showers. Not much change in temperature.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy tonight. Tuesday probably showers. Gentle, shifting winds.

River

The main river will rise slightly or remain nearly stationary to-night and fall slowly Tuesday. All tributaries will probably continue to fall. A stage of about 5.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning.

General Conditions

Weather conditions are unsettled over the eastern half of the United States and showers have fallen in the last 24 hours generally in the South Atlantic and East Gulf States and Tennessee and locally in Virginia, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania and New York.

Temperature at 8 a. m.: 70 degrees.
Sun: Rises 4.49 a. m.
Moon: Full moon August 2.
River: Stage 5.1 feet.

Yesterday's Weather
Highest temperature 82.
Lowest temperature 68.
Mean temperature 75.
Normal temperature 75.

Kerensky Risks All in Effort to Prevent Russian Revolution

By Associated Press

Petrograd, July 23.—The chaotic conditions prevailing on part of the Russian front are disclosed in a telgram sent to Premier Kerensky, the provisional government and the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates by the executive committee and the commissioner of the provisional government with the second army, on the southwestern front. The telegram announced the inauguration of stern measures to combat disaffection.

"We unanimously recognize that the situation demands extreme measures and efforts for everything must be risked to save the revolution from catastrophe," the message reads. "The commander-in-chief of the western front and the commander of the second army to-day have given orders to fire on deserters and runaways.

To Act Without Mercy

"Let the country know the truth. Let it act without mercy. Let it find enough courage to strike those who by their cowardice are destroying Russia and the revolution."

Referring to the threatened disaster, the telegram says:

"Most military units are in a state of complete disorganization. Their spirit for the offensive has utterly disappeared. They no longer listen to orders of their leaders and they neglect all exhortations of comrades, even replying with threats and shots. Some elements voluntarily evacuate positions without even waiting for the approach of the enemy.

Reinforcements Delayed

"Cases are on record in which an order given to proceed with all haste to such and such a spot to assist comrades in distress has been discussed for several hours at meetings and reinforcements consequently have been delayed several hours.

"These troops abandon their positions at the first shots of the enemy. For a distance of several hundred versts long files of deserters, armed and unarmed, men in good health and robust, who have lost all shame and feel they can act altogether with impunity, are proceeding to the rear. Frequently entire units desert in this manner."

British Battle Tanks Move Over All Obstacles to Reach Enemy Lines

By Associated Press

British Headquarters in France, July 23.—Under the shelter of a green ridge of shell-pocked farmland about fifteen miles behind the present front line trenches, one may come upon the encampment of the tanks. The parade ground is like a distorted page from Gulliver's Lilliputian men at play with Brobdignagian toys.

A dozen of the monsters are lying stretched out in the warm afternoon sun, being combed and oiled and scoured by their industrious attendants, who are like mere meddling pigmies by the side of the great steel

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Use of Indian Scouts in No Man's Land Urged Upon American Army

By Associated Press

London, July 23.—Canadian officers on leave here from the French front have informally recommended to American officials that American Indians be employed or enlisted for service with the American expeditionary forces. Manitobians with the Canadians have done excellent work at scouting in No Man's Land.

"These Indians with us," said a captain with the Canadian forces whose parents live in Philadelphia, "have performed services that never could have been performed by a white man. The Indian of North America has it in his bones to be a good fighter and a crafty one. We have them in nearly every regiment.

"Again and again during the past two years I have seen them go out at night between the trenches, without firing a shot, without making the slightest noise or creating the slightest disturbance, come back leading a half dozen or so Germans from whom much valuable information has been obtained."

LEMOYNE WILL HONOR SOLDIERS BY BIG PARADE

Organizations of West Shore Towns Will Unite in Celebration This Evening

PRESENT FOR CAPTAIN

Machine Gun Co. Important Part of Eighth Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment

Lemoyne's farewell reception to members of the Machine Gun Company and Lemoyne residents in Companies D and I of the Eighth Regiment, to be held to-night, will go down in the annals of the town's history as its greatest event.

Not only will the borough take part in the affairs, but probably all West Shore towns, including Mechanicsburg, will send representatives. Many of the boys in the Machine Gun Company which has been located at Lemoyne since returning from the the Mexican border, reside in West Shore towns. Mechanicsburg is represented by nineteen, and a large delegation from that borough will be present at the celebration.

The parade will form at 7 o'clock, and will be in three divisions. J. S. Cummings, is chief marshal and H. H. Rice and A. A. Thumma are aids.

The first division which will form in East Hummel avenue, will be composed of Mechanicsburg band, Machine Gun Company, Lemoyne residents in Compnies D and I, and Governor's troop; delegation of Guards-

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Heathen Mortuary Rites Followed by Eccentric Club For Suicide Member

Chicago, Ill., July 23.—Surviving members of the Whitechapel Club assembled at midnight on the shore of Lake Michigan near Millers, Ind., and remained until dawn to-day for the purpose of commemorating the death twenty-five years ago of Morris Allen Collins, poet and cowboy member of the club, who killed himself that the social ideas he favored might be remembered. The Whitechapel Club, which was made up of journalists and artists and whose motto was "Laugh in the Face of Death," gave up its formal organization in 1894, but the members still keep a more or less close association. The ceremony this morning was held about a great funeral pyre, the mortuary ceremonies being of the nature of the ancient Greeks and the American Indians.

Collins, who committed suicide in 1892, came to Chicago from the West in the latter 80's. Championing the cause of the poor and oppressed, he waged a campaign against possessors of great wealth. His cause met with little encouragement and it was to bring it before the public that Collins killed himself, first requesting that his fellow club members cremate his body, that his sacrifice might be more effective. To-day's ceremony was similar to that held twenty-five years ago.

President Wilson Will Make Effort to Give Food Post to Hoover

By Associated Press

Washington, D. C., July 23.—President Wilson probably will bring his personal influence to bear on Senate and House conferees on the food bill to accept the House provision for a single food administrator instead of the board of three as voted by the Senate. The President may take a hand in some of the other conflicting sections.

President Wilson is understood to prefer the Senate prohibition section forbidding manufacture of distilled liquors, but allowing the manufacture of beer and wine. The House put in a "bone dry" section. The President has heretofore opposed a congressional committee to investigate the conduct of the war and there is no reason to believe he will favor such an amendment to the bill.

The food supply bill, passed by the Senate Saturday, was back today in the hands of the House. The House was expected to disagree to the Senate amendments and the bill be sent to the conference, probably to-morrow, where differences between the two houses will be threshed out. Leaders were hopeful to-day that the measure would be sent to President Wilson for his signature by the end of the week.

All American Aviation Forces in France to Be Brought Under One Head

Paris, July 23.—Plans have been completed for bringing all American aviation forces here under a single direction working in conjunction with other military units. Airplane squadrons will be divided into two classes, tactical and strategic. The former will operate within a range of twenty-five kilometres and the latter within a range of 200 kilometres.

The tactical units will co-operate directly with the troops, doing preliminary reconnoitering, pursuing enemy aviators and bombarding enemy establishments. The strategic squadrons in general will operate independently. They will be engaged in destroying enemy defenses and attacking supply bases, depots and factories. They will also take part in squadron fighting and day and night bombardments. Observation balloons will be used largely as an adjunct to the artillery.

It is ordered that hereafter the names of no American officers except Major General Pershing and Major General Sibert be mentioned in news dispatches.

COMMANDER AMERICAN DIVISIONS IN FRANCE

GEN. SIBERT IN FRANCE. ©INTERNATIONAL

General Sibert, who is in direct charge of the Pershing "Sammies" in France, in conversation with a French officer. The General is at the left of the photograph.

DISTRICT BOARDS WAITING NOTICES OF DRAFT QUOTAS

Will Be Sent Out by Colonel Sweeney When Signed by the Governor

Colonel Frank G. Sweeney, in charge of the draft board this morning reported innumerable requests for information from local boards concerning their quotas. Many of them complained they had not been given credit for the full number of men that had enlisted until the present time. Colonel Sweeney believes many of the boards do not as yet know that no credit will be given for men who have enlisted since July 1, neither will credit be given for men who have enlisted in the Navy.

The amount of the local quota was arrived at by taking a percentage of the population and then deducting the number of men enlisted in the National Guard and the Regu-

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Defending Air Squadron Drives Off Teuton Raid

London, July 23.—Another daylight raid, carried out over the east coast of England yesterday, resulted in the repulse of about twenty German airplanes after they had dropped a number of bombs over Felixstowe and Harwich, killing eight persons and injuring twenty-five. An alarm was sounded in London, but before the Germans could reach any point near the city they were attacked heavily by defending squadrons of aircraft, which speedily caused them to change their minds and beat a hasty retreat. So far as has been reported, none of the Germans was brought down.

John B. White Resigns From Shipping Board

By Associated Press

Washington, July 23.—John B. White, of Kansas City, has resigned as a member of the shipping board and President Wilson was said to have accepted the resignation. The officials at the White House declared Mr. White's resignation was not connected with the difficulties that have developed between Chairman Denman, of the board, and Major General Goethals, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, over the government shipbuilding program.

MAGAZINES AND BOOKS FOR MEN WHO GO TO WAR

May Be Left at 21 North Third Street and Will Be Sent Free to Harrisburg Soldiers

Plans have been worked out by a number of patriotic citizens by ich books and magazines will be provided free for Harrisburg soldiers in the Federal service.

Persons having such reading matter are invited to leave it at the business place of Harry C. Ross, No. 21 North Third street, where it will be classified and forwarded as received.

The plan grew out of an account of Aaron Hardy Ulm, in Collier's Weekly, setting forth as follows the immense value of literature to the men in the trenches:

"I wouldn't exchange my army trick for a similar period of time in college, though I never went to college, partly because of my going into the army. In truth, the army proved to be my college. It enabled me to get most of what college would have given and much more which it could not have given.

"In addition to travel, adventure, physical development, it so turned out that I obtained much from books. When I enlisted I was uneducated. On discharge I was fairly well educated.

"The one thing individual soldiers have in abundance is time. Even on the firing line time often hangs heavily. In camp it overwhelms. There are hours and hours with naught to do but await mess calls and roll calls —those invariable, unnecessary, often senseless linings-up.

"The monotony becomes more fearsome than bullets. If a man has any inclination toward the printed word, he cannot help reading—provided he can get anything to read.

"Often for weeks at a time I read a book a day. How I obtained them seems a mystery to me now. They appeared to fall like manna—they were mental manna—from the sky.

"Books, paper and magazines in practice were common property, each being passed along through a system of loan and exchange until worn to shreds. Some one sent us a large supply of old magazines. I've heard that it was Helen Gould, now Mrs. Shepard; if so, God bless her!"

The books and magazines collected here will be sent to the regiments in which Harrisburg boys and those of towns roundabout are enlisted.

"LABORERS WANTED" SIGN IS SHOCK TO THE SONS OF REST

Perplexing problem No. 2 confronts the Sons of Rest who gather each day at the Penn-Harris hotel corner, Third and Walnut, and inspect operations. The first problem dealt with the method of removing the steamshovel, after the excavating is finished. The second is a stunner:

Why doesn't water from the river seep through the rock strata and fill the deep holes now being dug for the concrete piers?

The Sons of Rest to-day argued this question from every conceivable angle, John Newton, of 2146 Market street, and Edmund James, of Camp Hill, appearing prominently in the intermittent firing.

According to Newton, who is an amateur geologist, having worked years ago in a limestone quarry near Huntingdon, there is a "fault" in the rock strata beneath that part of Harrisburg which lies between the Penn-Harris and the river. It is admitted on all hands that the pier holes are now below the bed of the river, in depth, and it should naturally follow, all things being equal, that river water would seep through. But none has appeared. Those who oppose Newton in his "fault" argument say that Susquehanna river water is too thick to do any seeping.

Mr. Newton to-day suggested that the hotel company run a conduit from the river at a point near State street and strain the water in the hotel basement.

"The resulting economy would be marked," said Mr. Newton. "The company, I figure, would be able to screen four tons of coal a day from the water."

This statement resulted in more debate, for some reason, and at one time it looked like the Sons of Rest would be at swords' points. Posting of a large sign, "Laborers Wanted," frightened the members of the order, however, and they made haste to get away from such a dangerous locality.

SHERIFF HUNTS STRANGE COURT PLASTER VENDORS

Perry County Farmers Fear Men Are Part of German Gang

HAVE FOREIGN ACCENT

Try to Give Material to Those Who Won't Buy

New Bloomfield, July 23.—Sheriff D. L. Kister left at noon to-day in pursuit of two men believed to be selling courtplaster that may be infected with disease-giving germs. The request for an immediate investigation came from a farmer living near New Germantown, who said two suspicious looking men were attempting to sell courtplaster in large quantities for small sums.

The farmer excitedly declared that when he refused to buy they very suavely suggested he take some just to try it. "Won't cost you a cent," the one man is alleged to have said, as he persisted in leaving some at the farmhouse for a trial.

Like reports came from a section of the country near Blain. It is believed the men may be part of a gang alleged to have been at work in Franklin county. It also is believed they may be part of a well-organized gang that is supposed to be working the entire United States. Arrests have occurred in various parts of the country and several men are being held pending a full investigation and analysis.

The men were described to be short and heavy-set and to speak with a foreign accent, although the nationality was not noticeable. At a late hour this afternoon the sheriff had not returned from his search and it could not be learned whether he had come up with the men. He was traveling in a fast automobile and was accompanied by Dr. William Auverbuch. The men are heavily armed and it is believed in Bloomfield that the sheriff will not return without his men if he can verify the reports that have come to him.

Fear Germans Have Poisoned Court Plaster

Washington, July 23.—Official cognizance of sales of poisoned court plaster in the middle west by reputed agents of Germany was taken this afternoon when Assistant Attorney General William Sipps, acting for the attorney general, issued the following:

"While the Department of Justice does not take a sensational view of the reports indicating a possible enemy activity in the dissemination of poisoned sticking or court plaster there has been enough officially reported on the subject to warrant thorough investigation, both, as to the manner of distribution and the germs in the plaster. Consequently, the samples in hand are being examined both in Washington and in a western city."

Sheppard First Murder Convict From County to Die in Electric Chair

By Associated Press

Bellefonte, Pa., July 23.—Cornelius Sheppard, a southern negro who less than a year ago shot a man at Brownstone near Harrisburg, was electrocuted at the Western Penitentiary to-day. Four contacts were made and five minutes after he was placed in the chair he was pronounced dead by Dr. Robert J. Campbell. The body will be buried in the Penitentiary Cemetery.

Sheppard was the first murder convict from Dauphin county to die in the electric chair. Nickolo Kotur, who was sentenced to be electrocuted at the same time, has been granted a respite until October 1, so that his case can be presented to the Board of Pardons.

"That's My Business," Snaps Prisoner; Gets Four Years From Judge

"That's my business," snapped Daniel Hester, colored, when Judge Kunkel asked him about the revolver he used recently in a holdup. Hester had previously confessed to two charges of robbery and his impudence annoyed the president judge, who remained silent a moment and fixed an eye on the negro, then said:

"That's your business, eh? Well, we'll sentence you on the one charge and after you have served that, we'll consider the second." A pen term of from four to seven years was doled out and Judge Kunkel added, sharply: "That's my business."

Brock got eight months on a larceny charge and West Duty was given two months for assault and battery. Bill Higgins, a New York tough, pleaded guilty to picking a pal's pocket for $40 but he said he picked the money up in a scuffle and Judge Kunkel wouldn't impose sentence. He sent Bill back to be tried.

DRAFT JUBILEE PARADE PLANNED FOR AUGUST 2

Big Committee to Meet Wednesday Night to Arrange For Demonstration

MANY TO TAKE PART

Demonstration to Be Given For Men Enrolled For War Service

Arrangements for holding a monster draft jubilee parade on Thursday afternoon, August 2, will be made at a meeting which will be held Wednesday in the county courthouse. Jonas K. Reist, commander of Howard L. Calder post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is chairman of the committee in charge of the celebration, and William L. Laubenstein is secretary. An invitation has been extended to all organizations wishing to take part to send delegates to the meeting Wednesday night.

The object of the meeting is to plan some fitting demonstration for Harrisburg's roll of drafted men. G. A. Slothower, W. H. Nickel and C. N. Stewart, whose number, 258, was first drawn, have been appointed delegates at large to assist in making the arrangements. Six delegates from each of the three city districts whose numbers were next drawn are also invited to be members of the general committee. These men are. First district, G. H. Fahnestock, C.

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WANT VOLUNTEER COPYISTS

Mrs. John W. Reily, chairman of the committee in charge of the registration of women, has made a call for volunteers to assist in copying the names of the women who enrolled in order that they may be kept on file at the local headquarters, 206 Walnut street. At noon to-day the total number of persons who signed the pledges was 11,216, distributed as follows: City, 8,257; boroughs, 2,485; suburbs, 451.

RAPID WORK IS EXPECTED FROM DRAFT BOARDS

Districts Will Be Asked to Examine Without Delay All Men Called

TALLY SHEETS READY

Official Lists of Drawing to to Be Sent to All Registration Districts

By Associated Press

Washington, July 23.—Checking the official tally sheets of the draft was about complete to-day and printing the master sheets which will guide local exemption boards in summoning the men for the first increment of 687,000 troops proceeded rapidly. The sheets probably will start out in the mails late to-day.

Regulations to govern the application of the master list by the local exemption boards have already been promulgated and include a method by which any difficulties arising from confusion of serial numbers are to be overcome. A separate drawing will be held by State authorities to place additional cards and such other cards as may have come in by mail since July 10 in order as they are drawn. They will then be appended to the registration list of their district and be immediately affected by the selection drawing of last Friday just as though

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PRESIDENT BANS SAILORS

Washington, July 23. — By executive order issued to-day, President Wilson prohibited the existence of disorderly resorts or saloons within five miles of any military camp. Any town within such radius licensing saloons would not be affected, but no saloons may be within a half mile of the camp.

PROHIBITIONISTS TO FIGHT

Washington, July 23.—House Prohibitionists declared to-day they would fight some of the Senate liquor amendments to the food bill uncompromisingly, regardless of appeals for speedy agreement. Dry leaders took to making the bill nearer the form in which it left the House—"bone dry"— for the duration of the war.

ARREST 3 FOR SELLING COURTPLASTER

New Bloomfield. — Sheriff D. L. Kistler, with deputies, arrested three men near New Bloomfield late this afternoon, alleged to have been selling poisoned courtplaster. The men were brought here and will be held until the courtplaster found on them is analyzed.

PLOTTER CAUSE OF RUSS CRISIS

Washington, July 23. — The double crisis in Russia which has caused military disaster on the Galician front and political upheaval in Petrograd was said at the Russian embassy to-day to be due in each case to the agitation of the Bolsheviki party, headed by Nickolai Lenine, who was given free passage across Germany into Russia.

SUFFRAGISTS ARE IGNORED

Washington, July 23. — Eight suffragists of the Woman's Party took up their posts beside the gates of the White House again to-day. They attracted little attention and policemen preserved order.

READY FOR HARDSCRABBLE TRIAL

Harrisburg. — Judge McCarrell to-day awarded the issue on the east side of Front street in the Hardscrabble district. Issues are now framed for both sides of the street, and are ready for trial.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry M. Schaffner, city, and Elsie M. Fasnacht, Hummelstown; Domingo L. Pina and Ella V. Dixon, Steelton; William E. Ricker, city and Carry J. Lehman, Paxtang; Howard Rehrer and Stella B. Sheets, Middletown.