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COSSACKS CRUSHED BY BOLSHEVIKI; COMMANDER TAKEN

COUNTERREVOLT OF KALEDINES A FAILURE, CLAIM REBEL LEADERS

Partial If Not Complete Collapse of Revolutionary Struggle Is Assertion of Maximalist Government

KORNILOFF DEFEATED; KALEDINES ARRESTED

Mayor of Rostov, in Don Territory, Is Invited to Discuss Suspension of Military Operations

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—A treaty between Russia and Germany has been formulated according to an official German statement received here to-day.

Petrograd, Friday, Dec. 14.—The Germans already have begun to obtain fats and other sorely needed supplies from Russia, according to information reaching Petrograd to-day. New shops have been opened and the Germans are exchanging metals and chemicals for vegetables and fats and especially soap.

Partial, if not complete, collapse of the counter-revolution in Russia is indicated in an announcement from the Petrograd official news agency, which says the Bolsheviks have captured three important cities in the Don Cossack territory and that General Kaledines, leader of the Don Cossacks, has been arrested, apparently by his own generals.

With General Kaledines reported defeated and wounded near Bielgorod, and General Kaledines under arrest, the only one left of the counter-revolutionary triumvirate of military leaders is General Duffov, hetman of the Ural Cossacks, who has been operating in the province of Orenburg.

The latest report from Petrograd is that there has been little military activity while Bolshevik agents were attempting to undermine the morale of Duffov's troops.

General Kaledines' fall probably followed the capture of Rostov, Nakhichevan and Taganrog by the Bolsheviks. There has been heavy fighting in and around Rostov since last Sunday, and previous reports had been that General Kaledines was winning. Nakhichevan is across the Don river from Rostov, while Taganrog is on the gulf of the same name ten miles west of Rostov.

This announcement of the official news bureau says the capture of General Kaledines have invited the mayor of Rostov to go to Novo Tcherkaesk, capital of the Don territory, to discuss the suspension of military operations. The mayor of Rostov probably is a member of the Bolshevik agents of which organization were defeated several days ago as having been sent into the ranks of Kaledines' Cossacks to spread extremist propaganda.

The people of Germany are reported to be looking forward to a supreme German effort on the western front, but so far it has not developed. The high pressure which has been very heavy along the western front for the past week or more

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and continued cold to-night and Sunday; lowest temperature about 5 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, continued cold to-night and Sunday; gentle west winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will remain generally frozen and nearly stationary. A stage of about 4.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning.

General Conditions The severe storm that was central near Boston, Friday morning, has passed off northeastward and the high pressure area over the Northwest now covers most of the country east of the Rocky Mountains, with its center over the Ohio Valley. An area of moderately high pressure from the Pacific ocean has moved inland over the plateau region.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 10. Sun: Rises, 7:24 a. m.; sets, 4:30 p. m.

Moist First quarter, December 21. River Stage: 4.2 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 26. Lowest temperature, 18. Mean temperature, 22. Normal temperature, 33.

RUSSIA OUT OF WORLD WAR; U. S. MUST FILL GAP

Germans Aim to Win Before America Is Ready, Lloyd George Warns

STEADY PROGRESS MADE

British Premier Admits Gravity of Situation; Allies Must Meet Danger

German Delays Surrender Until Laundry Arrives

With the American Army in France, Friday, Dec. 14. — (By the Associated Press.) A story of how German officers are surrendering is told by an American officer just returned from the British front where he had been undergoing instruction.

One night recently a German officer crawled across No-Man's-Land to the British wire, raised his hands and cried "Comrade!" British soldiers covered him with rifles whereupon the German said: "Excuse me if I lower my hands. I've got a package here."

The surprised Britishers granted the request and the German dropped into the trench. In his hands he had a package of laundry. He said he had decided to surrender a week before but had waited until his laundry came back.

London, Dec. 15.—Premier Lloyd George declared yesterday that the allies are making steady progress toward victory. "Peace over Prussia now would be betrayal of the trust of the premier and his colleagues," he said.

Lloyd George said he was in full accord with President Wilson. The premier was speaking at a dinner of the Grey's Inn benches.

The premier's remarks were impressive, the more so because of his recent accurate forecast of the waning events, despite discouraging appearances, we are making steady progress toward the goal. I would regard peace overtures to Prussia at this stage as a betrayal of the trust which my colleagues and myself have been charged to maintain.

"If this is the worst moment, it is because Russia has stepped out and America is only preparing to come in. Every hour that passes will see the gap formed by the withdrawal of the Russians filled by the valiant sons of the great public. Germany knows it and Austria knows it, hence the desperate efforts that they are making to force the issue before America is ready."

Russia persists in her present policy, the premier pointed out, the (Continued on Page 14.)

Dealers and Officials Thresh Out Methods of Relieving Coal Shortage

Later this afternoon the coal commission of Dauphin county, Mayor Daniel L. Keister and members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Coal Dealers' Association went into session in the Council chamber, in an effort to find some means of alleviating the serious coal situation in the city.

The call for a meeting of the businessmen and coal dealers with the commission and Mayor comes as a result of a conference between the fuel commissioner and Mayor yesterday afternoon, when the seriousness of the situation was placed before the Mayor.

The Mayor stated that he was unable to attend the meeting because of a cold, and had called the meeting this afternoon in the hope that suggestions which can be acted on to relieve the situation will be received.

Snow Hinders Companies in Answering Fire Alarm

An alarm of fire was sent from Box 51, at Cameron and 7th streets, this morning at 4 o'clock. The fire was in a dwelling at Cameron and Cumberland streets, and was extinguished before most of the companies could arrive on the scene. Reports say the damage was small. The fire was caused by a match thrown in a pile of paper in the kitchen, a witness said.

HUNS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES IN DRIVE ON PIAVE RIVER

Germans Concentrate Big Guns on North Front of Italian Line in Effort to Break Through

INFERNO OF SHELLS NEAR TREVISO CITY

Italian Commander Admits Reverses at Great Loss of Life to Invaders; No Real Advance

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 15.—Heavy fighting is in progress to-day on the mountain front in the north, east of the Brenta river.

The chief Austro-German effort is centering about Monte Beretta. There the enemy succeeded in advancing only a short distance in the course of repeated attacks in which he suffered large losses.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 14.—The enemy has brought a large number of his heaviest guns to the Piave and north-eastern fronts and the bombardment has continued on an increased range and violence. Some of the shells have reached Mancino, eight miles back of the front and a few miles from the city of Treviso. Four hundred of the monster projectiles were concentrated on one point.

General Diaz, the Italian commander-in-chief, sums up the results of the struggle of the last three days in the north by saying that the enemy secured an insignificant stretch of ground at the cost of an immense sacrifice of blood. Although he has obtained a lodgment on Monte Spicciola and Monte Fontanello, heretofore held by the Italians, this does not represent any appreciable advance toward the plains, which is his main object, but merely a ductus of the Italian line of which Monte Grappa is the dominating barrier.

Even below Grappa formidable defensive works have been constructed by the Italians, and the enemy should reach the plain, but each day of his futile pressure on the north and east and of successful resistance by the Italian and their allies strengthens the belief that the enemy will not realize this eventually.

Congressman Has Narrow Escape When Car Overturns

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy (Friday), Dec. 14 (By The Associated Press).—An army automobile in which Congressman George H. Tinkham, of Boston, was riding to-day on the northern mountain, skidded over the mountainside and dropped twenty feet. It made a double turn and was crushed to pieces, but the congressman and the other occupants escaped with bruises, the chauffeur being seriously but not dangerously injured. The car was abandoned completely. Congressman Tinkham, who fired the first American shot against Austria the other day by discharging a gun on the lower Piave front, received slight injuries and was cared for by a military surgeon.

Two U.S. Engineers Injured Behind British Front

With the American Army in France (Friday), Dec. 14 (By The Associated Press).—A bursting shell has wounded two American railway engineers working behind the British front, according to reports received to-day. The projectile struck in a pile of picks, shovels and other tools.

Ex-President and Army Commander to Talk Here

William Howard Taft and General E. F. Glenn, commander of the troops at Camp Sherman, were today announced as speakers for the patriotic meeting to be held at the State Capitol on January 12 under the auspices of the Pennsylvania State Society, composed of the heads of departments and commissioners of the state government.

COAL SHORTAGE DUE TO TRANSPORTATION TROUBLES

Washington, Dec. 15.—After a conference with Fuel Administrator Garfield, to-day, Chairman A. W. Thompson, of the operating committee of the Eastern railroads, declared the coal famine was due more to a shortage of transportation facilities than shortage of coal. The operating committee, he said, is trying to overcome this by rerouting coal shipments.

WHO WILL MATCH THIS DOLLAR BILL?



Little Postal Messenger Sets Fine Example by Taking the Profits From 33 Trips and Buying a Red Cross Membership

This is Mary Russell. Also, in her hand, this is the dollar bill she gave the Harrisburg Chapter, Red Cross, for one membership. Not shown in the photograph is the membership card Mary Russell received.

Not shown in the photograph is the heart Mary Russell has. Mary Russell has a heart, or she wouldn't have given her dollar. When a 14-year-old girl, who earns a few dollars a week by walking miles through the snow to deliver Red Cross headquarters, without any urging from anyone, and planks down one of those few dollars she makes, it is a sign that she has a heart, as well as the dollar.

KULTUR TO BE ELIMINATED IN SCHOOL BOOKS

Principals of City's High Schools Investigating Contents of German Textbooks

Principals of the local high schools are investigating contents of German textbooks to find out if there are any traces of German "kultur" in the books now in use in the high schools. This statement was made this morning by Dr. P. E. Downes, superintendent of city schools. Gluck Auf is one of the German books that contains stories of the German government and present rulers.

CROSBY ELECTED PRESIDENT

London, Dec. 15.—The interrelated council, which is to take up questions of the operation of the State Treasury to-day. Oscar T. Crosby, assistant secretary of the United States Treasury, was elected president.

WHAT! IS THIS ONLY THE TAG END OF INDIAN SUMMER?

Whoever started the rumor over town that winter was here had better be a little careful. The government is not standing for this false alarm stuff nowadays. You want to be sure of what you tell yourself and your neighbor. If you want to show that you are a loyal subject of Uncle Sam take his word for it and put the matter on this winter talk.

TROLLEY SERVICE TO BE PROBED BY UTILITY BOARD

Railways Company Asked to File Immediate Answer to Woman's Charges

EMPLOYEES ARE BLAMED

Public Service Commissioner Wants Reply at Once

The Harrisburg Railways Company was to-day asked by the Public Service Commission to make an immediate investigation and answer to an informal complaint filed to-day by Miss Lila A. Hamill, 2104 North Third street, to the effect that inspectors of the company have been ordering motormen and conductors not to stop for passengers.

Miss Hamill's letter states that people had to wait forty-five minutes on corners and that motormen ignored their signals. She charges that she heard an inspector order a motorman not to stop.

Traffic Conditions Nearing Normal After Huge Drifts Are Cut by Shovel Forces

Traffic conditions in the city and to outlying towns are assuming a normal aspect this morning. In the city cars are running as far as possible on schedule, and transportation facilities are about normal again. There has been no connection with Linglestown or Rockville as yet. Care are running as far as Carlton on the Linglestown line, and it was stated this morning that cars were running almost normally. The way has been opened to Middletown, and cars are running there.

BUY WAR STAMPS WHILE LOW, SAYS F. A. VANDERLIP

Savings Bonds May Be Had Now at Low Price; Get Luxuries Later

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15.—Buy war savings stamps now when they are cheap and luxuries, which are high later, when they are cheap, was the plea to-day of Frank A. Vanderlip, chairman of the War Savings Committee in an address at a luncheon here.

"War saving stamps are a security everybody can invest in," he said. "Never before in the history of the country have all the people had a chance to invest small sums in a glittered security."

"You know the main principle on which wise investors, as well as wise shoppers act is to buy when things are cheap. And the wise shopper just now is not buying luxuries because luxuries have more than doubled in price. Now, among the ancient Greeks there are a class of philosophers called Epicureans whose philosophy was to get as much pleasure as they could out of life. And so I would say to you, he a wise Epicurean and a wise investor at the same time. Invest your money now in war savings stamps while they are cheap and buy yourself double or treble the amount of luxuries when luxuries become cheap again."

War Aims Inquiry Said by British to Be Untrue

London, Dec. 15.—With reference to the German government's statement that it had received through a neutral government last September an inquiry in regard to its war aims under circumstances indicating the inquiry was made with the sanction of the British government, the Daily Chronicle prints a statement from Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, branding the whole thing as untrue.

DISMISSED PETITIONS

Judge S. J. M. McCarrell, in a short order yesterday, dismissed the petition which had been filed contesting the election of A. F. Hanna as councillor in Lykens. The law requires that when a bond is filed as security for costs at least five of the signers of the petition contesting the election must sign the bond.

QUESTIONNAIRES HELD BACK BY COUNTY BOARDS

Wait Until Envelope Can Provide Names For the Work

ADVISORS ARE NAMED

Judge Kunkel Heads Board to Give Advice to Registrants

To-day was the day set by the War Department for the mailing of the questionnaires to all men registered for Army service, and the county boards of Dauphin county, owing to the fact that they were not supplied with envelopes, failed to mail the first day's quota of questionnaires. The regulations are that five per cent of the list must be mailed every day for twenty days. The largest district has only 3,500.

Clip, Clip, Clip Go Shears to Liberty Bond Coupons by the Fortunate Owners

Holders of Liberty Bonds are busy clipping coupons to-day and presenting them to the banks, this being the day when the first interest payment is due. Banks were thronged with persons, many of whom never saw a bond before.

Halifax Blast Blinds More Than Army Hostilities

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 15.—The directors of the Bank of Nova Scotia announced to-day \$100,000 has been voted toward the Halifax relief fund. A committee has been formed to aid 210 persons blinded by the explosion. The proportion of blinded in the army at the front is estimated at one in 10,000. In Halifax, the proportion is thirty-five in 10,000, according to Sir Frederick Fraser, superintendent of the Halifax School for the Blind.

CHRISTIANITY IS ACCEPTED FREELY BY U. S. TROOPS

Training Camps Scenes of Marvellous Religious Activities, Says Dr. Bagnell

LADS ARE RESPONDING

Minister Pleased at Safeguards Thrown About Nation's Best Young Blood

"The great outstanding fact in this war is the tremendous progress that Christianity is making through the agencies of the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross. No man can say the world is growing worse who studies the operation and result of these marvellous religious activities."

WILLIAM TO MAKE FINAL PEACE OFFER

London, Dec. 15.—Emperor William in his Christmas message proposes to make a final peace offer to his enemies "on whom, in case of rejection, will fall responsibility for bloodshed in 1918," according to an unofficial telegram forwarded from Geneva by the Exchange Telegraph Company to-day.

BRITISH ADVANCE IN PALESTINE

London, Dec. 15.—The British have made another advance in Palestine, northeast of Jerusalem, the war office announces.

NORWAY HAS LOST 5,000 SAILORS

London, Dec. 15.—It is stated officially that Norway has lost 5,000 sailors during the war, a Central News dispatch from Christiania reports. The sinking of two more steamships is told of in the dispatch.

BRITISH MAKE GAINS

London, Dec. 15.—The British have regained part of the ground won by the Germans on the Ypres front yesterday, the war office reports.

GERMANS HAVE 60 DIVISIONS IN ITALY

Washington, Dec. 15.—The strength of the Austro-German invaders in Italy is placed by official dispatches from Rome to-day at sixty divisions. On the front line are fifty-two, of which forty-five are Austrian and seven German. Eight others, four German and four Austrian, are said by information from competent sources to be held back of the lines in reserve.

DISREGARD OF SIGNALS CAUSE OF WRECK

Washington, Dec. 15.—Disregard of block signals was one of the principal causes of railroad collisions last year, H. W. Behnap, chief of the Interstate Commerce Commission's Bureau of Safety, declares in his annual report to-day.

VERDUN REGION QUIET

Paris, Dec. 15.—"Nothing worth reporting occurred during the course of last night with the exception of rather lively artillery fire on the Beaumont-Bezonvaux front (north of Verdun)" says to-day's war office statement.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles E. Conrad, Mechanicsburg, and Emma C. Miller, Carlisle; James G. Kline, Harrisburg, and Sara J. Byers, Newport; Abner H. Houser, Prescott, and Annie H. Kroll, Ansville; Joseph M. Kreider, Ansville, and Ida M. Kreider, Fairmount; Harry B. Jury and Maud M. Hain, Killinger; John E. Feeser and Anna E. Breitz, Harrisburg; John E. Unger, Harrisburg, and Claire A. Garverich, Progress.