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Kerensky Summons a National Council

Extraordinary Step to Deal With Crisis in Russia—Firm Policy Indicated—Retaking of Tarnopol Ordered—More Trouble in Petrograd Streets

Petrograd, July 27.—The extreme gravity of the country's position at the front and near impels Premier Kerensky to take the exceptional decision, without waiting for the constituent assembly, to convene the "extraordinary national council" in Moscow on July 31. All members of the Duma, prominent men from chief centres of the empire, representatives of the Zemstvo municipalities, labor unions and universities will participate.

LABASSEE VILLAGE IS TAKEN BUT NOT HELD

British in Last Night But Withdraw This Morning—Heavy German Losses in Attacks on French—News From Russian Forces

London, July 27.—The British last night captured La Bassee Village in Belgium, near the French border, but subsequently withdrew in the face of a German counter-attack in force. The war office announced: "There was local fighting last night in the neighborhood of La Bassee Village, southwest of Warneton, in which our troops drove the enemy from the village and captured several prisoners. This morning the enemy countered in force our detachments in the village and drove to their own lines. We captured twenty nine more prisoners last night as a result of successful raids in the neighborhood of Menchy Le Fresnoy, southwest of La Bassee and northeast of Ypres."

Advertisement for medicine featuring an illustration of a man and a woman, with text: TAKE YOUR MEDICINE. W. K. Bennett Telegram.

CANADA'S YOUNGEST SOLDIER KILLED

Auguste Doris, French Canadian, Was Only 14 Years Old

Montreal, July 27.—Private Auguste Doris, aged 14, the youngest soldier in the Canadian army, is reported killed. He belonged to a French-Canadian battalion.

TWO KILLED IN RACE RIOTS IN CHESTER CITY

White Man Slain; Negro Quarters Mobbed

Blacks Dragged From Street Cars and Beaten Senseless; One is Killed—Negroes Fire From Houses and a Mob Leader Meets Death

Chester, Penn., July 27.—A white man and a negro were killed in race riots which broke out anew here last night after a day of comparative quiet. About twenty others were injured and scores of negroes were arrested. The rioting, which started on Wednesday night as the result of the killing of a young white man named McKinley, by negroes on last Tuesday, reached a climax last night when a mob of several hundred whites invaded the negro section. The negroes who ventured to retard their progress were beaten down with clubs and houses were searched in the hope of discovering one of the suspects in the McKinley case. One of last night's victims was Joseph McCann, white, twenty-eight years of age, who is said to have been a leader of the mob. When he fell mortally wounded, the invading whites were augmented by hundreds of onlookers. Several negroes were dragged from street cars and beaten into insensibility. One was fatally shot. Scores of shots were fired by the mob from the windows of their homes and several white men and boys were injured. Soon after McCann was killed, a squad of national guardsmen were rushed to the scene. Augmented by the local force and a detachment of state police they drove the rioters from the colored section with drawn revolvers and pointed rifles. The negro section was quiet after quiet was restored and a heavy guard was thrown around it. Mayor McDowell announced at midnight that he had the situation under control.

FOOD CONTROL BOARD FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Colony Faces Prospect of Small Supply During Coming Long Winter

St. John's, Nfld., July 27.—Mid-summer, heralding the approach of cold weather, finds the colony of Newfoundland wrestling seriously with the problem of food supply and control for the coming year. Not only is the island as a whole dependent upon the United States and Canada for its supplies of flour, pork, salt, sugar and many other articles of food, but hundreds of communities along its seaboard of 6,000 miles are cut off from importation of any commodities during five months of the year. These settlements are served only by a freighting fleet of steamers and schooners which bring in a year's food supply from the seven months in which navigation is possible. A government commission which has been inquiring into the causes of the increase in living costs is preparing legislation for the creation of a food control board. Little headway toward obtaining assurances of sufficient food to carry the colony through the long winter can be made, however, until the United States and Canada have decided on their own food control measures, so that the amount available for import into Newfoundland may be learned. The colony probably will be able to raise a sufficient supply of potatoes and other vegetables.

MAY BE NO GRAND CIRCUIT MEET NEXT YEAR IN DETROIT

Detroit, Mich., July 27.—Directors of the Detroit Driving Club, which staged the grand circuit meeting here, are pessimistic over the outlook for a grand circuit meeting here next year. The elimination of the closing day programme indicates their attitude. The reason officially given was a scarcity of horses for the closing day's races. The Detroit meeting, which is usually considered one of the most attractive in the big circuit to trainers and owners of light harness horses, opened to a record first day crowd with a betless programme upon orders of Police Commissioner Couzens. All attempts to secure modification of the rules were vain.

Fight On Until Object Attained

Allies' Conference Concludes With Unanimous Adoption of Strong Resolution

Paris, July 27.—The allied powers yesterday concluded their conference after announcing a decision to continue the war until the object for which they are fighting is attained. Their declaration, which was made unanimously before suggesting, reads: "The allied powers, more closely united than ever for the defense of the people's rights, particularly in the Balkan peninsula, are resolved not to lay down arms until they have attained the end which in their eyes dominates all others—to render impossible a return of the criminal aggression such as that whereby the Central Empires bear the responsibility."

TWO ST. JOHN SOLDIERS GIVE LIVES IN THE WAR

Corporal Thomas J. Stone and Private George Cusack Succumb to Wounds Received in Action on July 19

Two more St. John soldiers have made the supreme sacrifice. Corporal Thomas J. Stone, son of Pilot Thomas J. Stone, of 158 St. John street, West St. John, has given his life for right and justice in the line of duty. He was killed in action on July 19, and had been admitted to a dressing station in France. His condition was considered serious. With this information a cable was sent for further particulars and, in the mean while, today came a telegram announcing the gallant soldier's death, which occurred on July 20. It is evident that he was able to take his place on the firing line and there he should be.



CORP. THOMAS J. STONE

He was about twenty-eight years of age, and had enlisted in Woodstock in a well known New Brunswick unit. On reaching England he was transferred successfully through the battle of Vimy Ridge, and without a scratch. Pte. Cusack went to the trenches about the first of the present year, following a pleasant trip to the Emerald Isle where he had spent Christmas. Besides his parents he leaves three sisters, Mrs. Thomas Cogger, Mrs. F. L. Carvell of this city, and Miss Thyllis at home, and three brothers, John J. Harold S. and C. J. Cusack, all of this city. Many friends will extend deep sympathy to the family in their loss.

WALLACE ARRESTED

High Treason is Charge Made Against Him

One of Organizers of Conscientious Objectors in "League of Humanity," Said to be Deserter From The British Army

LEGION OF HONOR CROSS FOR ONE-LEGGED MAN

Paris, July 27.—The newest member of the Legion of Honor is Private Charles Gaudet, who despite the amputation of his leg, risked his life to save a child, who was drowning when the steamer La Madjerda was torpedoed. Gaudet plunged into the water, rescued the child, and by his coolness and courage, set an example for others that materially aided rescue work.

GERMANS STILL WORKING FORGED PASSPORT GAME

Scandinavian Liners Should All Be Watched

SPARKS IS PUT TO DEATH FOR MURDER

Executed Early This Morning in Halifax

All Over in Few Seconds

Hangman Officiated For the 324th Time—Sparks, Who Killed Fellow Negro, Maintained He Shot in Self-Defence

Halifax, N.S., July 27.—At four minutes before five o'clock this morning Lawrence Sparks paid the penalty for the murder of Charles Dixon in Africville on the morning of March 12. Hangman Arthur Ellis left the city on the first train following the execution. He remarked that this was the 324th time he had carried the death penalty into effect. That he has had much experience and is lacking in "nerves" was shown by the fact that only twenty-two seconds elapsed from the time the condemned man left the rear door of the jail, mounted the scaffold steps and was sprung through the gallows trap for the eight feet fall. Very soon afterwards Doctor Forrest pronounced Sparks dead. Rev. Alfred Hagler, an English clergyman, who is pastor of the churches at Beechville and Africville, was with Sparks in his cell for more than an hour before the execution. Talking with a newspaper man, Mr. Hagler said Sparks had made himself right with God. He acknowledged that he had done wrong but to the last moment he firmly declared that it was not his intention to kill Dixon and that he secured the revolver and used it in what he believed was self-protection, for he thought they intended to do him bodily harm. "He talked with me very understandingly of his belief and confidence that he was forgiven by his Maker. He acknowledged that those who had been so kind to him, his lawyers and the officials of the jail."

GREAT STRIKE ABOUT SETTLED

Fifty Thousand Men Out in Protest Against High Cost of Living

Rio Janeiro, July 27.—A strike of 50,000 workmen which has been in progress for several days in protest against the steadily increasing cost of living and the refusal of employers to raise wages is virtually ended. A complete understanding between the employers and the workmen is expected soon.

LIGHTNING KILLS THREE AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN CAMP

Several Others Injured, Some of Them Seriously, in Storm in Missouri

St. Louis, July 27.—Three members of the 1st Regiment, Missouri National Guard, were killed, and a dozen others were injured, some of them seriously, by a bolt of lightning during a storm which swept Camp Maxwell early today. The dead were: H. S. Davis, sergeant; Dwight L. Trapp, private; Charles B. Carroll, private. The injured were revived by means of paludators and are thought to be practically out of danger, although severely burned. The soldiers were asleep in the guard tent at the main entrance to the camp when the storm broke. The tent collapsed and the injured and dead were carried to a hospital tent, where efforts were made to revive them. Many other tents about the camp were set on fire by lightning, but the occupants escaped serious injury.

TO REPAIR BRIDGE

A bridge on the Sandy Point road, near Crescent Lake, and about four miles from the centre of the city, is to be renewed by the city department of public works. For this purpose the road will be closed to traffic on Wednesday, July 31, from five o'clock in the afternoon until midnight.

Germans Lose U-Boat on French Coast

Paris, July 27.—A German submarine was destroyed on Thursday on the French coast west of Calais. The crew, unable to free her, opened the gasoline tanks and set fire to the vessel. The members of the crew reached the shore where they were made prisoners.

WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.