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Russia Is About To Change Capital; Moscow Instead of Petrograd

New Successes of Germans and Disorders At Home Believed to Be Cause; Reports on Situation in Gulf of Riga

Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The government has definitely determined to move to Moscow in the very near future.

ABANDONING REVAL

Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The newspapers publish an official communication that the evacuation of the fortified port of Reval, on the Baltic at the entrance of the Gulf of Finland, has begun. The schools at Reval have been closed. The inhabitants are being sent to the interior of Russia.

After the capture of Riga by the Germans preparations for the removal of the government to Moscow were begun, but the failure of the Germans to develop their offensive, as well as the approach of winter weather making open campaign impossible, relieved the fears for the safety of Petrograd for the near future. Last week it was announced that the preparations for the transferring the seat of government had been stopped as there was no prospect that such action would be necessary at least for some time.

The turbulent political situation in Petrograd, and the presence of large numbers of extremists and agitators there may also have influenced the cabinet.

Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The executive council of the workmen and soldiers' delegates has adopted a resolution that, in view of the disorders throughout the country, which seriously menace the cause of liberty, all local groups are urged to repress such disorders without mercy, even by armed force.

Eager to Fight  
Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The sailors of the main Baltic fleet are reported keen to fight. The men at Kronstadt are demanding that the ships be sent out to meet the Germans, but the government is understood to have taken the position that, as the enemy forces are superior, it would be disaster to leave Petrograd undefended.

Criticizes British Fleet  
London, Oct. 19.—The Daily Mail condemns what it calls the failure of the British fleet to prevent the German fleet from becoming master of the Gulf of Riga, and demands that the admiralty make an explanation.

After recalling the success of the British submarines against the Germans in the Baltic in 1915, the newspaper says: "The Germans have accomplished all they were prevented from achieving in 1915, and they have done so without a single blow being struck at them by any of the British navy—a navy far stronger than it was two years ago, and recently reinforced by the addition of the American fleet."

Opinion in Washington  
Washington, Oct. 19.—Russian officials here say that the Kerensky government felt it could work with fewer hempering influences in Moscow than in Petrograd, which is the centre of the opposition. The German advance, Russian officials here say, undoubtedly has strengthened the extreme radicals in the council of soldiers and workmen's delegates.

GERMANS LOSE TWO TORPEDO BOATS  
Petrograd, Oct. 19.—Two German torpedo boats were sunk in the mine fields in Moon Sound yesterday. The war office so announces.

PRISON FARM NOW USED FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS  
Guelph, Ont., Oct. 19.—The old provincial prison farm at Guelph is now being used for the purpose of receiving returned soldiers, the first of the invalided men to be treated here, arrived and took up quarters in the Guelph convalescent home yesterday, and was quickly followed by more until 550 are housed here.

RECEPTION FOR PREMIER FOSTER  
Victoria County News.—The friends and supporters of the Foster government held a reception last evening in the court house, Andover, N. B., in honor of Premier W. E. Foster, who was here for the purpose of meeting the people during the evening luncheon was served by the lady friends. Addresses were made by the premier, the Hon. J. P. Tweeddale, James E. Porter, and S. P. Waite.

BIG MAJORITY WANT EXEMPTION  
Winnipeg, Oct. 19.—The latest figures given out by the registrar show that there were 2,009 claims for exemption, and 335 reports for service. Approximately 3,400 men passed through the hands of the clerks yesterday.

COUNTRY MARKET  
In the country market this morning, chickens were selling for thirty-five cents a pound, and fowl from thirty to thirty-five. Butter was from forty-eight to fifty, and eggs the same price. Veal sold for thirty cents for roasts, and thirty-five for cutlets, lamb from twenty to thirty cents for roasts and from twenty-five to thirty for chops. Pork was thirty cents, and chops thirty-five cents. There was practically no change in the price of vegetables this week.

LIBERALS TO FIGHT UNDER SIR WILFRID

Indication in Ottawa; A Conference

FORTY AT GATHERING

Men From Ontario, East of Kingston—Other Political Bts From Various Parts of Canada

(Special to Times.)  
Ottawa, Oct. 19.—Forty Liberal members, candidates and representatives of Liberal organizations of Ontario, east of Kingston, assembled in Ottawa this morning and behind closed doors began a conference with Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the political situation. As union government yesterday set out its position in a manifesto issued by Sir Robert Borden, the Liberals found themselves provided with something definite to work upon.

The indications are that the Liberals will adhere to their opposition position in the event of the appointment of Sir Wilfrid as leader. The refusal of Premier Murray to join Borden and union is having an influence upon the situation so far as the gathering is concerned. A statement of conclusion is expected at the close of the conference tonight.

No New Leader Yet in Ontario  
Toronto, Oct. 19.—While the Ontario Liberals did not choose a successor to Hon. N. W. Rowell as leader of the opposition in the legislature at their meeting yesterday afternoon they passed a resolution expressing their determination to continue the fight for the progressive policies advocated in recent years, and formed a committee of seven to decide on the mode of procedure in connection with the appointment of a provincial leader and to formulate the programme of business to be brought before another meeting, to be held within the next thirty days.

Owen Sound, Ont., Oct. 19.—The North Grey Liberal Association convened here yesterday, but postponed their convention for two weeks pending Sir Wilfrid Laurier's announcement of policy.

Saskatchewan Cabinet.  
Regina, Oct. 19.—The vacancy in the Saskatchewan cabinet created by the entry of Hon. J. A. Calder into the union government at Ottawa, was filled yesterday by the appointment of Samuel John Latta, M. L. A., for Lost Mountain, and editor and proprietor of the Gowan Prairie News, as minister of highways.

Premier Martin becomes president of the council in addition to holding the portfolio of minister of education, and Hon. Charles Dunning takes over the railway portfolio in addition to the treasurership, which he holds.

In North Huron.  
Wingham, Ont., Oct. 19.—A convention called by the Liberal Conservative Association of North Huron here last evening, addressed by Hon. Hugh Guthrie, adjourned without naming a candidate, but at the suggestion of James Bowman, who had represented the riding as a Conservative since 1911, presented a resolution appointing a committee to confer with the president and secretary of the Liberal Association of the riding in an attempt to bring together in a unionist government convention the win-the-war elements in both parties.

In Manitoba.  
Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 17.—The Manitoba Provincial Liberal Executive held a meeting in this city on Tuesday night and it was announced that a resolution endorsing Sir Wilfrid Laurier was carried 14 to 11. It was decided to run a straight line Laurier candidate in every constituency in the province in opposition to the union candidate, and a committee of Winnipeg Liberals appointed today to select a Laurier candidate in each of the three Winnipeg seats. How far they represent public feeling is problematical. None of the Norris cabinet have said anything in favor of Laurier since the Liberal Convention. It is known that Premier Norris, Hon. Edward Brown and Thomas Johnson are against Laurier's stand. Hudson is a splinter these days, while Hon. Dr. Thomson and Winkler are more inclined to favor Laurier.

There is considerable "bussy-footing" in regard to a Fusion candidate in South Winnipeg, and influence by Hon. Robert Rogers is apparent in action by the Conservative committee.

There will be no dearth of candidates in the west in the coming election. Each constituency will have one, and in some parts five candidates will be nominated. The fight will be a bitter one for several of the seats. Resolutions were passed by the Provincial Liberal Executive on Tuesday denouncing the Borden administration and condemning the Liberals who have entered the cabinet after so soundly condemning it at the Winnipeg Convention in August. Another resolution calls upon all true Liberals to stand by the resolution of the Winnipeg Convention.



Not Compulsory To See Doctors First If Claiming Exemption

Ottawa, Oct. 19.—In regard to medical examinations, the military service council issues the following statement: "The impression seems to prevail in some quarters that the procedure adopted in connection with the enforcement of the military service act makes it compulsory for a member of class 1 to be medically examined before claiming exemption. This is entirely erroneous. Facilities for medical examination were arranged in advance of the issue of the proclamation to serve the convenience of the public, and the extent to which the medical boards have been sought indicates that the public have appreciated the advantages. Medical examination, however, prior to reporting for service or claiming exemption is and has always been optional. The council has strongly recommended and will strongly recommend to members of the class, wherever it is practical, to be examined before reporting for service or claiming exemption, but where this course presents unusual difficulty it would be better for the man to wait until after he has put in his report for service or his claim for exemption, and he will receive notice in due course as to his medical examination."

BELIEVED TO BE PLOT TO BLOW UP SHIP IN BROOKLYN DRY DOCK

New York, Oct. 19.—An alleged plot to damage or blow up a United States converter transport here is believed to have been frustrated when the police today arrested a Scandinavian charged with attempting to bribe a ship mechanic to go aboard the vessel.

The man arrested is Charles Wallman, a pastryman employed on a yacht owned by Harry Payne Whitney. The transport is a former German liner, seized when the United States entered the war, and being overhauled at a Brooklyn dry-dock.

LONGON-ALLAN.  
A pretty wedding took place last evening at the residence of the bride's sister, Daniel T. Penobscot, Kings County, when his niece, Miss Frances L. Allan of St. John was united in marriage to John Longon, also of St. John. The bride, who was attractively gowned in a brown traveling suit with hat to match and wearing a corsage bouquet of carnations, entered the parlor to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Jennie Dysart, cousin of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Richards. They were unmarried after the ceremony a reception luncheon was served after which Mr. and Mrs. Longon left on a short wedding trip and on their return they will reside in St. John.

LIBERTY LOAN NEARS TWO BILLION MARK  
Washington, Oct. 19.—The Liberty Loan campaign continued its gains today. Treasury officials announced that many estimates placed the total subscribed at above \$1,750,000,000, and "within striking distance" of the \$2,000,000,000 hoped for by Saturday night.

VOTE FAVORS STRIKE ON BOSTON AND MAINE  
Boston, Oct. 19.—An overwhelming sentiment in favor of a strike by the freight-yard and station employees of the Boston & Maine railway entente demands for an eight-hour day and an increase in pay of seventy-five cents a day, was indicated at union headquarters yesterday, according to the committee counting the ballots. The total will be made public on Saturday morning.

CITY HALL MAN ENLISTS  
John H. Guild of clerical staff of the water and sewerage and city lands departments has enlisted in No. 9 Siege Battery. He has asked to leave his absence until November 1 so that he can carry on his duties at city hall until his place is filled. Mr. Guild has been a popular official and will be much missed at the city offices.

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Weather Report  
Issued by Authority of Marine and Fisheries, B. F. Sturges, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Since yesterday the centre of disturbance has moved from northern Wisconsin to the Upper Ottawa Valley. Rain has been general in Ontario and light snowfalls have occurred in parts of the western provinces. East of the great lakes the weather is mild and to the westward it is cold.

Forecast.  
Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley.—Strong south to west winds, with rain; Saturday, strong westerly winds, mostly fair and much colder.  
Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore.—Strong winds and moderate gales, south and southwest, showery today and Saturday.

Showery Tomorrow.  
Maritime.—Strong winds and moderate gales, south and southwest, fair to day and Saturday.  
New England.—Rain tonight, probably clearing Saturday morning; colder tonight in Massachusetts, but much colder Saturday; fresh to strong winds this afternoon and tonight, becoming west on Saturday.

FRENCH INTO GERMAN LINES AT SEVERAL POINTS

Damage Done to Enemy Works and Prisoners Taken; British Bomb Air-drome in Flanders

Paris, Oct. 19.—Today's official French report says: "After particularly effective artillery preparation a series of detail operations enabled us to penetrate the German defences in the region of Bray-En-Laonnois and Lauffaux Mill. We destroyed German defences and brought back 100 prisoners belonging to four divisions. An enemy attempt against our small posts in the Chevreux salient was repulsed."

"Between the Mielt and the Aisne we inflicted severe losses on the enemy and captured materials. In the Champagne one of our detachments penetrated the German trenches north of the Casque, pursued the retreating enemy, and after a spirited combat, returned to its own lines."

"On the right bank of the Meuse we repulsed a German attack north of Chantillon-Sous-Les-Cotes. Twenty bombs were dropped by aviators last night in the region of Donkirk. No victims are reported. On October 16 two German airplanes were brought down by the automobile artillery."

London, Oct. 19.—"Many bombs were dropped yesterday with satisfactory results on the Varsenacre air-drome (Flanders) by naval aircraft," says an official announcement given out today. "All our machines returned safely."

ONE MORE U-BOAT THAT WILL SINK NO MORE VESSELS

A Pacific Port, Oct. 19.—Officers of a Japanese steamer, here today from a European port, said they saw a destroyer sink a German submarine in the Atlantic on August 16. The submarine had just made an attack on another Japanese freighter which arrived this week with the story of its escape.

KEY TO WOBBLING POLICY OF GERMANY ON PEACE

Copenhagen, Oct. 19.—The key to the policy of the German government in refusing to make any definite statement of peace terms is furnished by Herr Hoch, a socialist member of the Reichstag.—German newspapers report that the deputy yesterday said that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, before his retirement as imperial chancellor, declared to the socialist members of the Reichstag that as chancellor he could not commit himself, but must pull out in the peace negotiations whatever could be obtained for Germany.

Herr Hoch cited this as proof of the ambiguous game the government is playing with its various indefinite peace declarations.

EX-CZAR MUST USE FOOD CARDS TO GET SUPPLIES

Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The family of Nicholas Romanoff, former Emperor of Russia, now procures its food supply by the use of cards. The authorities in the Tobolsk district are issuing food cards and the Romanoffs must obtain their food the same as other citizens.

DEFENCE THIS AFTERNOON IN WOODSTOCK CASE

Woodstock, N.B., Oct. 19.—The Taylor trial for alleged attempted poisoning of the Shannon brothers was continued this morning. Several witnesses for the crown were examined but nothing of a startling nature developed. The defence will probably commence late this afternoon.

SEAL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS PLACED ON ALLIES PART IN WAR BY ENTRANCE OF U. S. INTO CONFLICT.

New York, Oct. 19.—America's entrance into the war placed the seal of righteousness upon the conflict being waged against autocracy by democracy, declared Viscount Reading, Lord Chief Justice of England, in an address at a Liberty Loan rally in Carnegie Hall here last night.

LEAVES TO JOIN THE ROYAL FLYING CORPS

Flight Lieutenant Royden Foley of the Loch Lomond road left last evening for Toronto to assume the duties of equipment officer with the Royal Flying Corps, a post to which he has just been appointed. Mr. Foley is an expert aviator, skilled both in the making and flying of aircraft and for a time was engaged as an instructor with the United States army. He returned to Canada to place his services at the disposal of his own country and now has received his appointment with the Royal Flying Corps.

OUT OF GERMAN PRISON CAMP COMES MORE NEWS OF HUNGRY HUNS

Halifax, N.S., Oct. 19.—Two letters were received here yesterday from a prison camp in Brandenburg, forty miles from Berlin. They are from Captain C. O. Allen of the steamer Strathcona of the Canada Steamship Lines, which was sunk by a submarine early last spring. The letters, which bear the stamp of the German censorship, are remarkable for the statements which that official has allowed to pass. The captain is allowed to go into the town once a week to do some shopping. "If I had a cart-load of canned stuff," he says, "there would not be much left in the country which I could not buy even at the enhanced prices of everything."

Another statement is: "I am looking for hungry stomachs, not big guns, to bring the end. Another winter campaign would be too great a strain on humanity."

In the camp at Brandenburg from 400 to 600 parcels of food arrive daily for the prisoners, and they have a good variety. The letter is dated August 18.

CONDITION OF FITZSIMMONS IS CRITICAL

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Robert Fitzsimmons, former heavyweight champion of the world, is critically ill of pneumonia at a hospital here. The young son of the pugilist was called from New York late yesterday by the bedside of his father. At a late hour last night Mrs. Fitzsimmons said, "There is little hope for him, for his heart is weakening and he is losing strength rapidly."

MINERS' STRIKE MAY END SOON

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Hope for the early settlement of the unauthorized strike of nearly 70,000 coal miners in Illinois was held out today by Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois Federation of Miners. He said the men are beginning to realize the futility of trying to force Fuel Administrator Garfield to grant increased prices of coal at the mines.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 19.—In telegrams sent this morning to miners' unions in Illinois, now on strike, Frank Farrington, state president of the miners' organization, declared that in mines where the men are not back to work by October 22, local charters will be revoked.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 19.—Saying they have received no satisfaction in adjustment of grievances, 2,000 anthracite miners at collieries of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Augersville, Green Mountain and Honeybrook struck today.

WANTS TO GIVE VOICE TO GRATITUDE TO ARMIES OF EMPIRE

London, Oct. 19.—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Creff asked when the house would have an opportunity of recording its gratitude to the armies of the empire for their heroism in the successive victories of the Allies since July 1916.

Bonar Law replied that it was intended that a resolution regarding this should be moved by the prime minister on Oct. 29. Its terms would be announced in a day or two.

GERMANS RUN TRAINS FROM BERLIN TO RIGA

Amsterdam, Oct. 19.—Through trains are now running from Berlin to Riga, the trip consuming twenty-four hours. A person can now travel from the Baltic seaport to Ostend, Belgium, with one change of cars at Berlin, in forty-five hours.

AMMONIA FUMES PUT MANY LIVES IN DANGER

New York, Oct. 19.—Virtually every occupant of a forty family apartment house, many residents of adjoining dwellings and several firemen and policemen were overcome by ammonia fumes here last night when an ammonia tank exploded in the basement of the building.

One man is missing and the condition of some of those overcome is reported to be critical.