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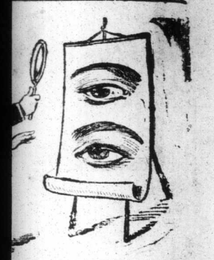

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BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

THE COURIER, BRANTFORD, CANADA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1917. TWO CENTS

Petrograd Controlled by the Enemy

German Officials Directing Maximalist Rule There

ALLIES MAY DECIDE AS TO RUSSIA

Decision May be Reached at Conference in Paris To-day.

MILITARY QUESTIONS

Basis for Joint Action Against Central Powers to be Adopted.

By Courier Leased Wire

Representatives of the allied powers are in Paris for a conference upon which the future of war activities probably will depend. The French leaders have been joined by the representatives of Great Britain Italy and the United States. A basis for joint action against the Central Powers will be determined at the conference, it is indicated, and the future policy toward Russia may be decided upon.

Although the Bolsheviki apparently have been unable to extend their power over Russia, except in the cities of Petrograd and Moscow, they continue their efforts towards an armistice and peace. It is reported that German officers have arrived in Petrograd to aid the Maximalist leaders with their advice and counsel.

Indications are that opposition to the Bolsheviki is rapidly gaining strength. A conference of anti-Bolsheviki leaders at Russian army headquarters for the purpose of forming a coalition government is reported. Among those there are Prof. Milukoff, leader of the Constitutional Democrat party and one of the prominent actors in the March revolution; members of the Socialist party and prominent military leaders.

Meanwhile General Kaledines, hetman of the Don Cossacks, who is reported to control the grain-producing territory of southeastern Russia is growing in power. Many army officers opposed to the Bolsheviki regime have joined his forces, including members from the front. Government employees in Petrograd have refused to recognize the Bolsheviki and have been dismissed from office.

LEPER MISSION.

The Leper Mission held a very interesting meeting on Tuesday in the club room of the Y.W.C.A. Hall. The program opened with the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." In the absence of the president, Mrs. W. H. Whittaker, the vice-president, Mrs. (Rev.) Peters, very efficiently occupied the chair. Mrs. Peters lead in prayer. After the routine of business Mrs. Logan gave the Bible reading, followed by prayer by Mrs. Read. The solo, "Pass It On," by Mr. Fisher, was greatly appreciated. The reading by Mrs. Gamble was unusually interesting, as the reading by Miss Adams was instructive. Mrs. S. F. Passmore presided at the piano. The offering amounted to $2.80. The Lord's Prayer in unison closed a pleasing program. The Superintendent of the Soap Wrappers will be glad of any contributions to further the work.

PAY SHEETS

Civic pay sheets for the two weeks ending November the 24th amounted to $$2,595.34. The cemeteries department accounted for $90; through the streets department, $1,324.64 was expended in wages and the sewers department spent $1,171.70 in this way.

WEATHER BULLETIN

"Zimmie"

Toronto, Nov. 28. — The cold wave which has prevailed from Ontario eastward for some days is now breaking up. Light snow has occurred in Ontario and locally in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while in the West the weather has been fair and cold.

Forecasts.

Moderate to fresh to west winds, cloudy and comparatively mild with light snow or sleet, Thursday, some local snow or rain.

U. S. PRISONERS.

By Courier Leased Wire

Berlin, Sunday, Nov. 25, via London.—A report received from the western front tells of the capture of some American troops.

"There they stood before us, these young men from the land of liberty. They were sturdy and sportsmanlike in build. Good-natured smiles radiated from their blue eyes and they were quite surprised that we did not propose to shoot them down, as they had been led in the French training camps to believe we would do.

"They know no reply to our query, 'Why does the United States carry on war against Germany?' The sinking of American ships by U-boats, which was the favorite pretext, sounds a trifle stale. One prisoner expressed that we had treated Belgium rather badly. Another asserted that it was Lafayette who had brought America French aid in the war of independence and because of this the United States would now stand by France."

SERVE BACON AND BEEF ONLY ONCE EACH DAY

Bacon to be Had for Breakfast Only and Beef for Dinner.

FOOD RESTRICTIONS

Were Explained to Restaurant Keepers of the City Yesterday.

Further restrictions on the sale of beef and bacon are to be observed by the hotelkeepers and cafe and restaurant proprietors of the city. Commencing with Monday of next week, neither beef nor bacon will be served on Tuesdays and Fridays, and on the remaining days of the week bacon may only be served for breakfast from six to half past nine in the morning and beef may only be served at dinner from eleven to half past two in the afternoon. These hours were agreed upon at a meeting of fourteen owners of eating houses who conferred yesterday afternoon with Crown Attorney A J. Wilkes and Chief of Police Slemin in the police station.

These new regulations are to be enforced to prevent customers eating these prohibited meats more than once each day, in accordance with the edict of the Food Controller that beef and bacon might only be served once daily to a customer in hotels or restaurants. Twenty seven notices were sent out through the police department to the men who will be affected by the ruling, but only fourteen answered the summons. The others will be notified of the hours to which the sale of beef and bacon has been limited.

Crown Attorney A. J. Wilkes explained that while the main object of the edict of the Food Controller was to conserve the supply of beef and bacon, that our troops overseas and the allies might not suffer from a shortage of food, it was hoped, that ultimately the movement would result in lower prices. Specific hours that could be applied to all eating houses would have to be adopted because if one set of hours was agreed upon for the hotels, and another for the restaurants, heavy meat eaters could then order one meat meal at a hotel, and for their next meal patronize a restaurant. The object of yesterday's conference was to prevent this as far as possible, and at the same time arrive at a thorough understanding between the police department and the proprietors of the places where meals are served.

Crown Attorney Wilkes suggested that as far as possible, substitutes for beef and bacon be used. Salads, fish and fowl were advised.

"You don't get enough of the Food Controller's cheap fish in this town," complained one prominent hotelkeeper.

In response to a query as to how the new regulations would affect those men working at nights in the munition factories and boarding at hotels, Crown Attorney Wilkes explained that some leeway might be safely exercised in this instance. Where the hotelkeeper was assured that his boarders were having one meat meal only each day, he might allow them the prohibited meats for their evening meal instead of serving at noon. Minor exceptions to the rule in this regard might be overlooked.

Chief Slemin stated that the police department wanted no misunderstanding and would like the restaurant proprietors and hotelmen thoroughly to understand the ruling. The law would be strictly enforced and the eating houses would be regularly visited and inspected by the authorities.

BOLSHEVIKI DELEGATES HAVE CROSSED TO GERMANS

Representatives From Commander-in-Chief of Insurgent Forces are in Negotiation With Enemy Authorities—Kaledines Gaining Upper Hand in Moscow—Washington Watching Conference at Petrograd.

By Courier Leased Wire

Petrograd, Nov. 27.—10.30 p.m.—It is announced officially at the Smolny Institute, the headquarters of the Bolsheviki that representatives of Ensign Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander-in-chief, have crossed to the German side and entered into negotiations with the German military authorities.

SPAIN WILL HELP.

Petrograd, Monday, Nov. 26.—The Spanish ambassador, according to The Pravda, the Bolsheviki organ, has replied formally to the government notification of its action in regard to an armistice and peace negotiations. He promised to advise his government.

In acknowledging the note of the Bolsheviki, the Spanish representative at Petrograd, said he would do all in his power to contribute to peace, "for which the whole of humanity thirsts." a Reuter despatch of yesterday said.

JOIN KALEDINES

London, Nov. 28.—The military cadets and virtually all of the officers of the anti-Bolsheviki troops in Moscow district, according to the Petrograd correspondent of The Morning Post, have gone to join General Kaledines, leader of the Cossacks, who is reported in control of most of southeastern Russia. Many hundreds of officers from regiments stationed in the rear and numbers from the front, and very nearly all the officers of guard regiments, it is added, also have gone over to General Kaledines.

Owing to the general disorganization and interruption of railroad, telegraph and postal service, the correspondent says it is extremely improbable that the elections to the Constituent Assembly will be held, except in Petrograd and some other places. Interest in the election in the provinces is lukewarm.

Where is Ludy?

Amsterdam, Nov 28—An official statement received from Berlin denies a rumor attributed to London, that General von Ludendorff, first quartermaster-general of the German army, has gone to the Russian front with a numerous staff. It says that General von Ludendorff is at the western front.

A London dispatch on Nov. 23, said that advices received from Amsterdam were that General Ludendorff had started for the eastern front in connection with the Russian offer of truce.

The Situation

London, Nov. 28.—Little excitement has attended the elections to the Constitutent Assembly now being held in Petrograd says the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail, in a dispatch, dated Tuesday. He thinks that less than 50 per cent. of those entitled to vote, cast their votes, but perhaps another 10 per cent. would vote before the polls closed Tuesday afternoon.

News from the army fronts, the correspondent says, is contradictory, but apparently the vast mass of soldiers support the Lenine government. Ensign Krylenko, the commissioner for war, has gone to Pskoff, where he has dismissed Gen. Tchermissoff and given his command to a commissioner for the northern front.

The general army commission has telegraphed Krylenko, advising him not to go to Mohilev the general headquarters, as it cannot hand over the command to an irresponsible person, but will itself continue in authority until the question of government is settled. The correspondent declares that it is impossible to say whether this is the resolve of the army itself.

General chaos, he adds, is spreading steadily, and the extremists undoubtedly are gaining ground among the soldiers and the masses.

Few Voted.

Petrograd, Monday, Nov. 26.—It is estimated that from thirty to thirty-five per cent. of the voters entitled to vote for delegates to the Constituent Assembly cast their ballots yesterday. Among the voters many women were noted. The balloting was conducted in an orderly manner and apparently there were no attempts at coercion. The most active campaigners were the Bolsheviki, who employed placarded armored motors, but the campaign was carefully one of posters and house to house distribution of lists of candidates.

Russ Conference.

conference at Petrograd to-day of Russian political leaders, which, according to a London Times' despatch, is for the purpose of forming a Government representative of all parties, added to the interest with which official Washington is watching the march of developments in that changing capital.

What really lies back of the conference, it was too early for officials to judge. It was significant that former members of the Kerensky cabinets were among those who assembled along with the Bolsheviki leaders, although the calling in of some members of an overthrown regime, it is recognized may be a strategic move for effect on the diplomatic corps at Petrograd, who have uniformly refused to stake any recognition of the newly sprung element in power, while Russian diplomats and consuls in this country openly repudiate it. Details of the conference were awaited here with considerable concern.

The economic effect on Germany will be to make available to it the vast stores of the great Russian empire and the restoration of German prisoners held in Russia and their utilization for service again at the German front. Meantime it is believed that the allied conference at Paris is keeping in close touch with the developments.

BELGIUM PREPARED TO LEND AID TO HER ALLIES

Army, Ten Divisions Strong, Is Now Ready to Take Its Part in Flanders Offensive Whenever Word is Given—Has Valiantly Filled the Role Assigned to It.

Havre, Nov. 15.—(By mail).—Ten divisions strong, the Belgian army is ready to take its part in the offensive in Flanders whenever the word is given. The Belgian Minister of War to-day told the Associated Press that the Belgian army was composed of 117,000 men at the beginning of the war, increased by 20,000 volunteers in August, 1914, and reduced to 60,000 men after the battle of the Yser. Since then by the enrollment of Belgian refugees and the enlistment of volunteers who have braved the live barriers on the Holland frontier, it has been brought up to ten divisions of well trained troops.

"If our army has not undertaken operations of a wider scope up to this time," said the minister, "it is because it does not devolve upon it when these operations should begin. The army is only a part of the combined allied forces acting in unison and in accordance with carefully developed plans. The army has valiantly filled the roll, more ungrateful than glorious, that has been assigned to it. It has just proved by its brilliant participation in the last offensive in Flanders that it is ready to attack with fervor and awaits impatiently the hour."

Summarizing the work of the Belgian army during the war and referring to its difficulties and lack of equipment, the Minister recalled that in August, 1914, the army had only one machine gun for each 1,000 men, only three field guns per 400 men with ammunition for only about 800 shots for each piece. It had no light mortars, no heavy artillery, no grenades, no trench equipments, no ambulances, no pontoon crews, not a single motorcycle. It had only 1,000 bicycles, two captive balloons, a few superannuated airplanes and a few posts of wireless telegraphy.

"In August, 1917," said the Minister, "the Belgian army had twelve times as many machine guns as in 1914, seven times as many field guns and heavy pieces, with five times as much ammunition as was on hand at the outset of hostilities.

"The impression that has gotten abroad that the Belgian army was reorganized and re-equipped entirely by our allies is an error. Belgium, exiled and deprived of all her resources, received generous hospitality and powerful aid from her glorious allies. It was on French and British soil that all this was to be done, but Belgians themselves took up the work of reconstruction. The Belgian army created by its own efforts the greater part of what was indispensable for it to live and fight. It is building its own cannon, making its own powder and its own projectiles."

The boys at the front are busy. Vote for Cockshutt and help keep the munition factories busy to help them.

A LAST APPEAL

If the rest of the County wish to retain bowing acquaintance with the Township of Onondaga in connection with the Victory War Loan Bond sale, the various representatives will have to make strenuous efforts to substantially increase the subscriptions from their respective municipalities in the next three days remaining for this purpose.

The Township of Onondaga makes the proud boast that it will not only lead the county of Brant, but will lead the Dominion of Canada, so far as the amount of Victory Bonds taken per capita of its population, and the table given below shows that it is likely to make this boast good.

Municipality	Bonds Taken	Per Person
Onondaga	$ 71,150	$76.50
S. Dumfries	67,100	27.00
Paris	80,450	18.40
Brantford	124,600	16.20
Oakland	7,600	9.40
Burford	32,000	8.00

Dated 28th November, 1917.

A. E. WATTS,
County Clerk.

TOWNSHIP HYDRO.

Work is steadily progressing in the installation of the township hydro electric system. At the present time the men engaged under Superintendent J. Blackney are installing transformers.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Nov. 28.—Dealing with the proposal of T. Stauning, leader of the Danish Socialist - Internationale next month to further a general peace, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Fridensberg, Denmark, says:

"The Vorwaerts (of Berlin) saying that the German Socialists would support the proposed new International Socialist peace conference warmly and energetically as they did the unsuccessful Stockholm conference, declares the new conference will not be dependent on the issuance of passports by the Entente powers. The conference, he adds, held only for international Socialists cannot allow the representatives of states, which are apparently democratic to deprive them of the right to influence peace personally.

ST. HYACINTHE HOSPITAL WAS SWEPT BY FIRE

Disastrous Blaze in Quebec Wrecked $600,000 Building To-day.

PATIENTS RESCUED

Chief of Police Lost Life Saving Inmates of Institution.

By Courier Leased Wire

St Hyacinthe, Que., Nov. 28.—The $600,000 Hotel Dieu Hospital here was completely destroyed by fire this morning, and Chief of Police Foisy lost his life while assisting in the task of removing the thousand inmates of the Hotel.

The thermometer was down to zero and after being got out of the hospital, the inmates, who included patients, orphaned children and aged folk, had a hard time until accommodation in the houses throughout the town was found for them.

This institution, like similar ones, dotted all over Quebec, was managed by the gray nuns. It consisted of three stone buildings.

The cause of the fire is not definitely known, but it is suggested by inmates in the wing where the fire broke out, that somebody had thrown an unextinguished match into a wastepaper basket.

The Montreal fire brigade sent down an engine and twenty men who put out the fire in the ruins of the building.

The boys at the front are busy. Vote for Cockshutt and help keep the munition factories busy to help them.

BYNG'S MEN PRESS HARD ON CAMBRAI

Stubborn German Resistance is Encountered by British Now.

STILL ADVANCING

Fighting in Progress at Fontaine Notre Dame, Near Cambrai.

As the British press toward Cambrai from the west, they encounter more stubborn resistance. Heavy fighting is in progress around Fontaine Notre Dame, less than three miles from Cambrai, and near the village of Bourlon, about one mile northwest of Fontaine. Both these villages were occupied by the British last week only to be lost in the face of strong German counter-attacks. General Byng's men, however, are making progress against the strongly reinforced enemy from whom more than 500 prisoners were captured Tuesday.

Undismayed apparently by the losses sustained in their fruitless efforts of the past two weeks to break the Italian line between the Brenta and the Piave valleys, the Austro-Germans continue to hurl fresh troops against the defenders of the passes to the Venetian Plains. The latest attempt was against the left wing along the Brenta valley. An entire division was used in an attempt to break the Italian defences. They attacked five times in massed formation, but was unable to break the defense of the Italians.

Fear of a German threat that she would seize a base in Denmark should Norway permit the Allies to obtain a base in her territory is reported to be behind the conference of the three Scandinavian kings in Christiania. From Copenhagen two weeks ago, it was reported the rulers of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, with their premiers and foreign ministers, would meet in the Norwegian capital on November 28. It is now disclosed that hostility to Germany in Norway has reached such a stage that Germany believed Norway was about to give aid to the Allies and to counteract such a possibility, informed Denmark that if such a step was taken Germany would occupy Denmark as a counter measure. This is said to have brought about the recent conference between the Kings of Sweden and Denmark, as well as the present meeting.

A brick addition to the present building is to be erected by Kerr and Goodwin on the Terence Jones Estate, 264 Colborne street. The structure will cost approximately $800. The necessary building permit was issued this morning through the office of the City Engineer.

MEETINGS IN THE INTERESTS OF

Col. Harry Cockshutt

The Win-the-War Candidate for the Riding of Brant, will be held as follows:—

Grand View School, Thursday Evening at 8 o'clock
Burford, on Friday Evening at 8 o'clock; **Paris**, on Saturday Evening at 8 o'clock.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

The Kaiser Started This; Buy Victory Bonds and Help Finish Him