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London, Oct. 18. (By The A. P.)—Petrograd tonight was so closely invested by the anti-Bolshevik forces according to the latest official advice that military experts expressed the belief that little short of a miracle could save the hard pressed Bolsheviki. Indeed, one newspaper despatch reports that Yudenitch's cavalry is in the capital. But there is no confirmation of this. Neither had British official confirmation been received of the reported surrender of Kronstadt, although the war office states that the Estonians on Friday, operating in conjunction with Yudenitch, got within four miles of the Krasnaya Gorka, facing Kronstadt. This, it is stated, would be in a dangerous position, as with the capture of Petrograd, it would be cut off.

Coincident with these reports comes a vitriolic announcement by Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki war minister, referring to the anti-Bolshevik forces as "a pack of bourgeois curs worrying the body of Soviet Russia," and declaring that Petrograd will not fall. In the meantime, in the south, General Denikin has reported his successes. But he is meeting with strong resistance in the region where the fiercest fighting is going on.

Paris, Oct. 18.—No confirmation has been received here of the report that Petrograd has fallen, apart from a private message to the Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet, reported from "an authoritative source," that cavalry of the Northwestern Russian Army has entered Petrograd.

London in Doubt. London, Oct. 19.—A Reuters despatch from Helsinki dated Saturday says: "The report of the surrender of Kronstadt and of the imminent fall of Petrograd has caused great commercial activity here, and there has been a sudden rise in the value of the ruble. Contracts for delivery of food and other necessities have been hurriedly concluded."

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noye Selo and Gatchina, shortly afterwards victoriously re-occupied both towns and the Soviet army started a counter offensive which is promising brilliant results, says a wireless despatch received here this evening from Moscow.

The despatch adds that the land batteries at Kronstadt repelled attacks by a British fleet.

Yudenitch's Troops Successful. London, Oct. 19.—General Yudenitch's troops have occupied the station at Ligovo, about eight miles from Petrograd, according to a Helsinki despatch. They have also reached the railway junction at Putilov, a suburb of the capital.

Still in Doubt. London, Oct. 19.—Up to the present hour (6:35 p. m.) no news has been received which would throw any light on the Russian situation, except a Helsinki despatch, dated Saturday, reporting that the Red flag was again flying over Kronstadt, and that the batteries of Krasnaya Gorka had been active Friday night long.

A Copenhagen despatch, dated Saturday, said the report was still unconfirmed that the White forces had cut communication between Riga and Petrograd.

Sazonoff in the Dark. Bulletin—Paris, Oct. 19. (By A. P.)—Sergius Sazonoff, representing Admiral Kolchak and General Denikin in Paris, is informed the Associated Press this evening that he had received no advice of the capture of Petrograd. He considered however that it was likely.

No information regarding the fall of Petrograd has been received by either the peace conference or the American delegation.

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PRINCE OF WALES RECEIVED BY LOYAL CANADIANS AT NIAGARA

Stately City of Hamilton Transformed Into a Fairyland of Gaiety and Good Humor on the Occasion of the Visit of His Royal Highness Saturday — Streets Thronged With Eager Crowds Who Met Their Royal Visitor With a Right Royal Welcome.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Oct. 19.—His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, is enjoying quiet stay in the presence of the world's greatest waterfall, after his visit to Hamilton, which proved, through the enthusiasm of the Hamilton people, one of the most strenuous days of the royal tour. The stately city of Hamilton was transformed Saturday into a fairy land of gaiety and good humor, happy crowds, and unrestrained festivity.

Long before the royal party reached the T. I. and B. station, the streets were thronged with eager crowds, who met their royal visitor with a royal welcome indeed. The scene at the city hall beggars description. It was impossible to hold back the crowds which converged upon the building from all sides and restrained its entrance only long enough to permit of the reading of an address of welcome and the response, which the prince read from the steps of the city hall.

Inside the building the people crowded about to shake the prince's hand and to speak their words of welcome to the very apex of the celebration. The opening of the Memorial School was a brilliant ceremony, attended by another huge crowd and featured by the singing of the school children. Visits to the hospitals rounded out the morning.

After a private luncheon at the Yacht Club the prince reviewed the veterans on the athletic grounds. War medals were presented to several scores of war veterans, and the long lines of soldiers, the grandstand thronged with the next of kin of the soldiers, and the big grounds packed with spectators, all combined to make a brilliant and impressive function.

The royal party played golf before dinner, which was given by the civic authorities, and the prince spoke, testily of his visit to Hamilton.

He went on to say: "I also know the water of Lake Ontario, and round about its shores was fought the last decisive fight which preserved Canada for British institutions and the British crown. But for the loyalty and fighting spirit of the British settlers here, the province would have been lost to the forces to fight gallantly side by side with the king's regular troops, there would have been no Dominion of Canada, no Canadian Empire, no fighting and empire in the great war."

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There Are Many Possibilities in the Way of Surprises—Prohibition Question Produces Many Considerations Which Place Political Judges at Sea.

Toronto, Oct. 19.—With everybody guessing as to the probable result of the voting tomorrow, the Ontario election, Liberals and United Farmers professing more or less confidence in victory, the Ontario provincial general elections promise an exceptionally interesting. There are many possibilities in the way of surprises in the election tomorrow than in any provincial general election in the history of Ontario. There are more candidates, under more varieties of names, than ever known before, and for the first time in a general election in this province women have the suffrage. Added to these elements of uncertainty as to the outcome is the prohibition question—which doubtless will bring out a very large number of votes and which will probably affect the results in the ballots cast for the various candidates. What this effect may be is a question that is keeping them guessing and will keep them guessing until the ballots are counted tomorrow night. Whatever the result may be each of the parties in the contest has put in a hard week of work.

The prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists carried the contest right through today, when a number of meetings were held by each side, and when a majority of the pulpits of the evangelical churches were used in a last call for votes for the continuance of the Ontario Temperance Act. Saturday night meetings were held by both sides, and today the usual final Sunday "quiet work" was probably performed by all the parties to the contest.

With the exception of Toronto, the polls in every central district in Ontario will be opened at 8 o'clock and close at 6 o'clock on Toronto and in East York and West York the polls will open at 7 o'clock (daylight saving time) and close at 6 o'clock.

In the contest in southwest Toronto, where H. H. Dewar, K. C., Liberal leader in Ontario, is opposed by George H. Gooderham, a good deal of interest was taken in the anticipated visit to this city of S. W. Jacobs, M. P., Montreal, to speak Saturday

our own mind. One of the monuments to your victory stands not far away at Stony Creek, and the names of women like Laura Secord are household words.

"It was then in full keeping with your past traditions that your men and women did such splendid service for Canada and the empire in the last four years. I was greatly touched by the number of your veterans who came on parade to see us this afternoon. I have already spoken to them, but I should like to thank also, the men and women who did their part so well here at home in providing for and equipping the fighting men. I greatly value the close association which I formed on service at the front with my brother officers and men from this and all parts of the empire, and I hope that they and their kindred will regard that as a link between us for all our lives. I can say most sincerely for myself that time will not weaken it in any way."

The city's send-off was in keeping with its welcome. When the prince finally boarded his train, forty-five minutes late, the Grand Trunk station echoed with the cheers and good wishes of great crowds assembled. The prince's conquest of the city was complete.

Another great ovation greeted the prince at Niagara Falls when he arrived at a late hour last night. The royal party was taken on arrival to the residence of J. Y. Grant, overlooking the great cataract, and in a few minutes the prince had presented a button which illuminated the Canadian falls with electric lights for the first time in years. It was a species of magic. The prince faced only a low cloud of mist gleaming in the darkness and suddenly every detail of the falls became furiously clear.

The party later went down to the lower levels and viewed the scene at close range. The prince walked up the stairs, his hand on the banister to tear himself away from the spot.

Today he is housed at the Clifton Hotel, overlooking the falls, his room being furnished with the same bed his royal father used a number of years ago on his Canadian visit.

On Monday the prince will receive an address of welcome from the city and will review veterans and inspect the power houses and the lower rapids before leaving for Brantford to begin the last leg of his Ontario tour.

Special to The Standard. Grand Falls, N. B., Oct. 19.—To say that Colonel W. W. Melville's nomination as a candidate in the by-election is meeting with the support of people of this town would be putting it too mildly, for it is hard to realize the great change that has taken place in this community since the last general election.

For years the voters have rolled up a large majority for a Liberal candidate, but since their interests have not always been guarded by the members elected they have, with but few exceptions, swung over to the more responsible party. This is more noticeable among the deep-thinking business men who are coming out openly and lending their support to Col. Melville.

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PERSONS SUSPECTED OF BEING HOSTILE TO CAUSE OF D'ANNUNZIO WILL BE SUBJECT TO RIGOROUS MARTIAL LAW

Fiume, Oct. 18.—(By The Associated Press).—D'Annunzio has announced that the most rigorous martial law will be invoked in dealing with persons suspected of being unfavorable to the Fiume cause.

"The City of Fiume will be considered as a fortress in time of war," the announcement says. "Whoever professes sentiments hostile to the cause of Fiume will be considered a public enemy and the penalty of death will be immediately carried out."

Taken literally it is pointed out in some quarters, the decree would automatically make the Greeks enemies of the D'Annunzio cause, but the belief is expressed that only those who actually carried on a campaign against the D'Annunzio regime will be affected.

LIBERALS OF VICTORIA COUNTY DISGUSTED WITH THE LEADERS

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TROTSKY VITUPERATIVE IN HIS COMMENT ON OPPRESSOR'S

Says a Pack of Bourgeois Curs is Worrying the Body of Soviet Russia on All Sides—Lays Considerable of the Blame Upon Stock Exchange—Thinks French and English Are Overjoyed at Failures of His Cohorts.

London, Oct. 18.—(By The A. P.)—The following description of the situation in the Baltic is attributed to Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki minister of war, by a wireless message from Moscow:

"The pack of bourgeois curs is worrying the body of Soviet Russia on all sides. Polish knights are gnashing their teeth. The German general, Von Der Goltz, under instructions by the stock exchange and the outflowing of all lands, is seizing the Baltic coast with the help of monarchist bands in order to attack Moscow from there, in the northwest, the blood-drunk Yudenitch, Balakitch and Rodzianko, are advancing on Petrograd. The Estonian peace negotiators served as a means to lure the Red Petrograd troops and as a soporific."

"The army defending the approaches to Petrograd failed to withstand the first blow and danger has again come to Petrograd. The English and French radio stations announce with joy the fact of our failures on the road to Petrograd. The stock exchange and the press of the whole world are sharing the joy and predicting the speedy fall of Petrograd. But they are wrong in their time. Petrograd will not fall. It will stand. We shall not surrender Petrograd."

"For the defense of the first town of the proletarian revolution sufficient strength will be found in the peasants and the workers of the land. Yudenitch's successes are those of a cavalry raid. Troops are being sent to the assistance of Petrograd and the Petrograd workers, who run first of all. We must break the skulls of Yudenitch's bands and the Anglo-French imperialists."

CREW OF BRITISH SCHOONER ONATE FREE OF CHARGE OF RANK MUTINY

The Charge Against Them Was Preferred by Captain of American Steamer—British Consul, After Investigation, Finds No Cause—Seamen Returned to Their Homes.

Philadelphia, Penna., Oct. 19.—The four survivors of the crew of the British schooner Onate, who were charged with mutiny by Capt. Sullivan of the American steamship Zirkel, were freed today by T. P. Porter, the British consul, after an enquiry into the charges. They will be sent to their homes in Newfoundland in a few days as shipwrecked seamen. Mr. Porter was assisted at the inquiry by H. A. Ford and T. H. Fox, vice-consuls, and Captain Joseph Legge, of the Newfoundland schooner David Ritchey, now in port.

The four survivors, Thomas Monton, Ernest Pizzaro, Douglas Nicholls and Lorenzo Ash, drifting helplessly in their little craft, were picked up by the Zirkel in mid-ocean October 8, and the schooner set adrift. Captain Brubett, master of the Onate, and his brother, Ernest, the first mate, had been killed. Believing there had been a mutiny on board, Captain Sullivan of the rescue ship, placed the survivors in their little craft, turned them over to the authorities upon his arrival here last Thursday.

After the inquiry Mr. Porter stated he was satisfied there were no grounds for the allegation of foul play and that the testimony had convinced him that Captain Brubett and his brother

FLEETING PARSON WINS HONORS IN AIR DERBY

Lieut. Maynard Finishes the Transcontinental Air Derby Ahead of All Competitors.

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General's Tribute. The first words uttered by Lieut. Maynard when he put his foot on another earth again were a generous tribute to Sergeant Klein, his companion on the flight.

Spectre of Death. The grim spectre of death winged its tragic flight with the transcontinental air derby. Ten lives had been the toll to the time Lieut. Maynard crossed the finish line. Seven had died actually in the contest and three in connection with it.

From New York to San Francisco the route of the flight was dotted with disabled planes which were forced to land and quit the race or crash to destruction. Many fliers were injured and the twenty control stations between terminal points saw first aid work from day to day as the derby progressed. Sixty-two contestants started the big race. Forty-seven took the air from Minesota and fifteen from San Francisco on Wednesday, October eighth, for the 5,200 miles round trip.

Death and Injury Follow Police Fight at Amherst

Two Returned Soldiers in Mixup With Police—One Dead and Official Down With Serious Injuries.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. S., Oct. 18.—Theodore McKay, returned soldier, dead; Frederick Brine, police officer, seriously injured, and Roy Rushton, returned soldier, held under arrest, are the summary of the fight and shooting fracas in Springfield on Saturday night. An inquest was held late tonight before Dr. Warnepe and Crown Prosecutor James A. Hanway. The verdict has not been rendered at the time of writing. The fight started when Roy Rushton, who had been ordered to move along home by Police Constable Brine, instead of doing so, it is alleged, grappled with the officer, who told him he was then under arrest. Rushton continued the resistance. Seeing McKay's approach, and knowing that he could do nothing against the two men, Brine drew a gun and fired a shot at the ground. It is alleged that the bullet inflicted a slight wound in McKay's leg. The shot failed to deter either McKay or Rushton, and they got Brine down and commenced to punish and kick him. Brine again fired and the second shot hit McKay in the breast, causing death. Brine was then in a serious condition and was removed to hospital and was in too precarious a state to give evidence before the Coroner. His injuries are very serious, and it is thought possible that he will not recover. Rushton was placed under arrest Sunday afternoon. The three men were all overrears in the great war.

This evening in a wireless message sent out by the Imperial Oil company's steamer Montraltie. Two tugs have been sent to the assistance of the disabled boat. They sailed through the Bras d'Or Lakes, leaving North Sydney at 6 o'clock tonight and they should reach the gunboat by one o'clock tomorrow morning. The wireless message sent out by the Montraltie which was passing Eagle No. 41, did not mention the nature of the disablement of the boat. It simply stated the fact and asked that assistance be sent at once. The Montraltie did not state whether she was standing by or not, but if her condition is very serious no doubt she would likely do so.

GREAT WAR VETERANS NOT TO TAKE POLITICAL SIDES SHOULD THEIR REQUESTS BE DENIED BY OTTAWA

Realize the Situation in Which Canada is Placed Today, But Sincerely Hope Action, Favorable to Those in Need, May be Voted by the Government.

Ottawa, Oct. 19.—A vigorous denial was given this evening by Lieutenant-Colonel W. P. Furney, Dominion President of the G. W. V. A., to the rumor recently circulated that the veterans contemplated political action should their requests before the parliamentary committee on re-establishment be refused.

"We realize the gigantic proportions of the problem which now confronts the parliamentary committee," he stated, "but we are impressed that the remarks of the chairman, Hon. J. A. Calder, at the conclusion of his inquiry, foreshadows comprehensive and progressive remedial legislation for returned soldiers and dependents."

Colonel Furney, together with other members of the Dominion Executive Committee of the G. W. V. A., has recently arrived in Ottawa to await the decision of Parliament in respect to the report of the select committee of the House, which will probably be tabled the early part of the week. He has recently returned from an extensive tour of the Maritime Provinces.

"The attention of returned soldiers everywhere is focused most intently upon the outcome of the present investigation," he stated, "and the earnest hope is entertained that substantial provision will be made for those who need a helping hand to regain a career of usefulness in civilian life. Canada gave unlimited support to her soldiers to make their achievements upon the battlefield, and she should accord these men the same measure of support to insure equally valorous feats in our national activities. Optimism prevails at present among returned men in regard to the pending action of Parliament, as it is generally considered that the government will not deny their requests."

Narrow Escape From Serious Auto Accident

Rev. Bowley Green of Moncton to Conduct Evangelical Campaign in Massachusetts.

Moncton, Oct. 19.—An automobile party, on route to Hillsboro, Albert county, had a miraculous escape from death Saturday night. The driver of the car, Leslie Barnett, in an effort to get clear of striking cattle on the road, went over Scott's Hill, the worst hill on the road. The car turned over. The wind shield and fender were broken, but with the exception of one of the occupants of the car, who was badly cut about the face, the damage was slight.

Rev. Dr. Bowley Green, pastor of the First Baptist church leaves tomorrow for Lynn, Mass., where he conducts the next two weeks an inter-denominational evangelistic campaign.