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Maximalists Seize Government; Kerensky; Will Propose Armistice and Immediate End to War

SOLDIERS PREPARE TO RUSH CONVENTION AND NOMINATE OWN CHOICE IF TURNED DOWN

Veterans Determined to Upset "Packed" Meeting Tonight If Possible, and Failing That, To Run Col. Coles as an Independent—Efforts To Postpone Gathering Fail—Tory Workers Repudiate Controller Shaw, But Cannot Force E. H. Johnston To Withdraw From Nomination Race—Machine Tactics Denounced at Conference of Soldiers and Tory Workers.

The convention to nominate a Union candidate will be held this evening, but will not recognize its nominees as the soldiers' man. This decision was arrived at this afternoon, following a conference between the straight-line Tories and representatives of the Veterans.

J. P. Moore, E. H. Johnston, C. H. Merryfield, S. P. Lawson, and one of the nominees of the Veterans, made it clear that they would not recognize the convention this evening.

"The tickets have been distributed unfairly," said Sgt. Rawlings. "We have been beaten out of our rights, and we will not allow this thing to go on. We will protest against it with all our power, and we will have enough soldiers there to insist upon our rights."

The delegates tried to pour oil on the troubled waters. They offered the soldiers tickets, as many tickets as they desired.

"We do not want to fight," said Col. Coles. "That is not what we are after. We are fighting for principle. The tickets have been distributed unfairly, but we will not allow this thing to go on. We will protest against it with all our power, and we will have enough soldiers there to insist upon our rights."

Controller R. W. Shaw interviewed the Veterans last evening, and offered them an unlimited number of tickets.

SHELL FROM STEAMER SANK A SUBMARINE WITH ALL THE CREW

American Gunners Score One Against Pirates in the Mediterranean.

An Atlantic Port, Nov. 8.—Information that a shell fired by an American naval gun sank a Turkish submarine in the Mediterranean is contained in a report that has been received by the department by the officers of an American freight steamer which is returning from an Italian port in ballast. A report of her being sunk was received by the department last night, but the fate of her crew was not mentioned. The torpedo was directed at the stern of the submarine, and the crew, including the captain, were killed. The submarine was carrying a large quantity of explosives, and the explosion was heard by the officers of the freight steamer.

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WELSH TROOPS RAID FOE AT ARMENTIERS

German Attempts to Penetrate British Lines Fail.

London, Nov. 8.—Welsh troops conducted a successful raid last night in the sector of Armentiers, says today's report from army headquarters. Fourteen prisoners were captured by us and other losses were inflicted on the enemy. Our own casualties were light.

Two German attempts to penetrate our lines north of Armentiers were repulsed, leaving a few prisoners in our hands. There was nothing of special interest on the battlefield.

KEEP POSTOFFICE OPEN AT NIGHT TO AID REGISTRATION

That every opportunity to report for service or claim exemption will be given during the next three days to men in Class I was indicated today when Postmaster Peter MacDonald announced that the local office would remain open until 10 o'clock tonight, Friday night and Saturday. This will aid considerably in the final hour of the registration, and is expected to aid the postal employees in meeting the rush which is anticipated and which is regarded as certain.

Postmaster MacDonald emphasized the fact that Saturday is the last day for reporting.

VICTORIA LIBS. OUT STRONG FOR THE BIG CHIEF

Refuse to Attend Joint Convention and Approve Sir Wilfrid's Manifesto.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 8.—The Central Liberal Association last night refused to take part in any further arrangements for a joint convention to nominate a candidate. The association decided to call a convention of its own next week at which a straight Liberal candidate will be nominated. A resolution was passed endorsing the principles of the Laurier manifesto, denouncing Union government, and, after debate, a clause was added favoring the conscription of men and money.

Although a number of the leading Liberals expressed disapproval of the association's attitude and announced their intention of throwing in their lot with the Unionists, the great bulk of the party who are members of the association were definite in their support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and their determination not to join with the Conservatives under any consideration.

BROOKLYN BUILDING WITH ARMY SUPPLIES CRASHES TO CELLAR

Seven Persons Killed by Collapse of Johnnie Company Warehouse.

New York, Nov. 8.—Five women and two men are believed to have been killed in the collapse of a building in Brooklyn, occupied by a concern supplying provisions to the United States Government. An explosion was followed.

One body, that of Miss Josephine Johnson, was recovered from the ruins, and another is being searched for. The building, owned by the Johnnie Company, was located within a block of the recent \$2,000,000 warehouse fire in Brooklyn.

Heavy machinery, located on the upper floors, is believed responsible for the collapse of the building. It dropped to the cellar, causing the explosion. A munitions tank, about 3,500 bags of beans, destined to the American forces in France, were ruined.

GOVT. AND LAURIER SELECT SCRUTINEERS FOR MILITARY VOTE

Three Named by Each, Two for Overseas and One for Canada.

Ottawa, Nov. 8.—Under the military voters' act, the Government will have to appoint three scrutineers to oversee the election in Canada, to see that the soldiers' vote is fairly taken. The Government has named the following: W. T. R. Preston, London, Ontario; Godfrey Langlois, Paris, France; and W. R. Hearn, North Sydney, C.B., for Canada.

Many men, for France: Col. A. T. Thompson for England; J. P. O'Neil, C.B., for Canada. Also has the right to choose three scrutineers to act on behalf of the Opposition. The Government has named the following: W. T. R. Preston, London, Ontario; Godfrey Langlois, Paris, France; and W. R. Hearn, North Sydney, C.B., for Canada.

MID-DAY CASUALTIES OVER THREE HUNDRED, KILLED ONLY FIFTEEN

Services in the Canadian militia are represented in today's mid-day casualty list, which contains a total of 304 names. Of this number only fifteen Canadians lost their lives. Fifty-one have been "gassed." Seven are wounded acutely.

LIBERTY LOAN OVERSUBSCRIBED

Washington, Nov. 8.—Americans responded to the call for a second Liberty loan by subscribing \$4,617,532,500, an over-subscription by \$4,617,532,500 over the \$4,000,000,000 maximum fixed by the treasury. Tabulations completed last night showed that every federal reserve district exceeded its quota, and \$4,000,000,000 was subscribed in the big war financing operation.



ARREST OF DESERTERS BEGINS ON MONDAY, WINNIPEG REPORT

Winnipeg, Nov. 8.—According to the notice which has reached E. R. Chapman, registrar for Manitoba, yesterday, the police in all parts of Canada are to receive instructions to arrest all offenders under the military service act. The civil machinery in this respect will start to move on Monday.

DRYS AHEAD IN OHIO'S STRUGGLE AGAINST LIQUOR

Indications Are That Great State Will Be Drinkless in Two Years.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 8.—On the unofficial but complete returns from one of the 5,756 precincts in the State, the drys are ahead by a majority of 2,952.

The vote, for prohibition, 519,171; against prohibition, 516,219.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 8.—Ohio today woke up face to face with the extreme probability that within less than two years it would be a drinkless and saloonless commonwealth. This condition forced itself on the citizens at midnight when the prohibition vote, still then for many hours in a minority, took the lead in the state-wide tabulation in which strength as to make all but certain the success of the prohibition which provides that the sale of the whole state vote will be barred after April 1, 1919.

Since the closing of the polls Tuesday night until last midnight the bulk of the vote shifted from dry to wet, and back to dry again, as reports from various sections were tabulated.

It is an official recounting is more likely to intervene before the final announcement is made of the result of the election. The drys are ahead by a majority of 2,952.

At midnight a number of the missing precincts were reported, and the drys once more assumed the lead in the prohibition race in Ohio. With 5,712 out of 5,756 precincts in the state heard from, prohibition was leading by 1,446 votes. The vote stood: For prohibition, 515,430; against prohibition, 513,984.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 40; lowest, 26.

For the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 27; lowest, 17.

TOMORROW—MILDER.

High, 30; Low, 23 a.m.

Forecast.

Light variable winds; fine today and Friday; dry stationary or a little higher temperature.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	40	Cloudy
Stations	46	38	Fair
Winnipeg	46	28	Clear
Port Arthur	38	22	Clear
Parry Sound	38	20	Fair
Port Stanley	40	18	Clear
Toronto	44	24	Fair
Buffalo	48	26	Clear
Montreal	44	24	Clear
Kingston	42	22	Fair
Ottawa	40	20	Fair
Quebec	38	20	Cloudy
Father Point	38	20	Clear

The depression which joined over the Bay of Fundy on Wednesday night still hovers over the Maritime Provinces, attended by very unsettled conditions. Showers in Canada the weather remains fine.

RUSS EXTREMISTS SEIZE GOVT. AIDED BY PETROGRAD FORCES; WILL PROPOSE AN ARMISTICE AND IMMEDIATE END TO WAR

CANNOT COMBAT HAIG'S BARRAGE, GERMANS ADMIT

Awful "Fire Roller" of British in Flanders Proves Irresistible.

FOE'S LOSSES ENORMOUS

Enemy Military Critic Declares No Way of Stopping Allied Might in West.

Copenhagen, Nov. 8.—Unwilling testimony of the irresistible might of the British offensive in Flanders is given by Lieut. Gen. von Ardenne, the military critic of the Tagesspiegel of Berlin, who sends from the Flanders front a graphic picture of the difficulties of the German defense.

Norway, he says, has been devised to prevent the "fire roller," as the Germans term the moving barrage, from making slow and steady gains. He reports the German losses as very heavy. If an attempt is made to hold the front line trenches in force, while a thin line adds to the speed of the British advance.

Suffering Is Great.

The sufferings of the defenders in front line, Gen. von Ardenne writes, "composed of shell holes almost filled with water, are such that the men must be relieved every two days instead of every week or every ten days, as last year. The infantry now spends two days on the firing line, two in support and two in reserve, and is relieved."

The German artillery is so numerically inferior to the British that it is seldom relieved, and as it cannot dig in owing to the boggy terrain it must fight without cover. The conditions here are such that men falling into the centre of them are lost unless assisted. German counter-attacks are made in single file. The loss is slight if the manoeuvre is successful.

The Germans maintain a concentrated effort.

Maximalists Carry Out Bloodless Coup d'Etat At Russian Capital, Cossacks Refusing To Act For Provisional Government—Premier Kerensky Deposed and Preliminary Parliament Dissolved

THE NEW RUSS POLICY.

First: The offer of an immediate democratic peace.

Second: The immediate handing over of large proprietorial lands to the peasants.

Third: The transmission of all authority to the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates.

Fourth: The honest convocation of a constitutional assembly.

London, Nov. 8.—The Maximalists have obtained control of Petrograd and issued a proclamation saying the new Government will propose immediate peace, the semi-official news agency announces.

The Maximalists were assisted by the Petrograd garrison, which made possible a coup d'etat without bloodshed.

KERENSKY DEPOSED.

A proclamation sent out through the wireless stations of the Russian Government today, and picked up here, states that the garrison and proletariat of Petrograd have deposed the Kerensky Government.

SPLIT IS HEALED.

London, Nov. 8.—A wireless dispatch from Petrograd says that the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates has announced that the split in the council has been healed and that a call has been sent out for a delegate from each 25,000 of the population to express the will of the Russian army.

PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED.

London, Nov. 8.—Leon Trotsky, president of the central executive committee of the Petrograd Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, issued a declaration to the effect that the provisional government was no longer in existence and that some of its members had been arrested. The preliminary parliament has been dissolved.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd says a strong detachment of troops of the Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates occupied the Baltic railway station and that the government commandeered all motor cars, confining the troops to the barracks.

ASSISTED BY GARRISON.

The Russian news agency, which, as reported last night, was seized by the Maximalists, sends the following dispatch from Petrograd, dated 9:50 o'clock last evening:

"The day brought certain changes in the general situation in the capital. The Maximalist movement made fresh and fairly appreciable progress, but no disorders have taken place.

"Towards 5 o'clock in the afternoon the military revolutionary committee of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates issued a proclamation stating that Petrograd was in its hands, thanks to the assistance of the garrison, which enabled the coup d'etat to be brought about without bloodshed.

TO PROPOSE IMMEDIATE PEACE.

"The proclamation declares that the new Government will propose an immediate and just peace, will hand the land to the peasants, and will summon the constituent assembly.

"Delegates from the three Cossack regiments quartered here declared they would obey the provisional government, and would not march against the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, but that they were prepared to maintain public order.

GOVERNMENT DEPOSED.

"The Petrograd Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates held a meeting this afternoon, at which M. Trotsky made his declaration that the Government no longer existed, that some of the ministers had been arrested, and that the preliminary parliament had been dissolved.

"Nikolai Lenin, who received prolonged cheers, outlined the three problems now before the Russian democracy: First, immediate conclusion of the war for which purpose the new government must propose an armistice to the belligerents; second, the handing over of the land to the peasants; third, settlement of the economic crisis.

MINIMALISTS WITHDRAW.

"At the close of the sitting a declaration was read from the representatives of the Democratic Minimalist party of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, stating that the party disapproved of the coup d'etat and withdrew from the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates."