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Kerensky, Deserted By Most Of His Officers, Has Fled In Disguise

Garbed as a Sailor, He Disappears When About to Be Taken Under Guard To Petrograd; Denied That Former Grand Duke Was With Him

Petrograd, Nov. 17.—Deserted by most of his officers and virtually ordered to surrender to the Bolsheviks, Premier Kerensky evaded the guards sent for him, and has disappeared. General Durbon has resumed temporarily the post of commander-in-chief of the Kerensky forces, recently defeated at Tsarskoe-Selo. General Krasnov, former commander under Kerensky, and who was arrested with other officers of the grand staff, has been released on the ground that he was only trying out the orders of his superior. General Krasnov's report concerning the disappearance of Kerensky confirms that he fled under disguise. Kerensky, when told that his officers were against him and that his men were on the point of deserting, agreed to come to Petrograd, but while a guard was being arranged he dropped out of a sight.

Spoke of Suicide. "At three o'clock on the afternoon of November 1 (old style) November 14 (new style), I called at the quarters of the commander-in-chief," said Krasnov. "He appeared nervous and excited. 'General' said he, 'you have betrayed me. Your Cosacks say they will arrest me and give me up to the sailors. 'Do the officers feel the same way?' he asked. 'Yes.' 'What shall I do? Will I have to commit suicide?' 'If you are an honest man, you will go to Petrograd under a white flag, and appear before the revolutionary committee, where you will negotiate as head of the government.' 'Kerensky agreed to this, and he was promised a guard. He objected to a guard of sailors on the ground that some enemies were among them. He wanted to wait until night, but finally agreed to make the trip by daylight. I called Colonel Kishkoff of the 10th Don Cosacks and ordered him to appoint a guard of eight men. A half hour later the Cosacks told me that Kerensky could not be found. I raised the alarm, thinking that he could not have left Gatchina. Disguised as Sailor. M. Bibenko, member of the committee on war and marine, has reported to the Cosacks and soldiers' congress that Kerensky fled garbed in a sailor's uniform. Before Kerensky's flight, Bibenko said he talked to the Cosacks and found they were willing to come to an agreement with the Maximilians, only the Cosacks being opposed. He said that he had promised the Cosacks that they would be released and possibly be allowed to retain their mounts, and to return to the Don region. Bibenko denied that Michael Romanoff, the former Grand Duke, Michael Alexandrovich, Kerensky's nephew, had denied also that General Korniloff had escaped from prison. Why Kerensky Failed. Haparanda, Sweden, Nov. 16.—Information from Petrograd indicates that the downfall of Premier Kerensky came in consequence of the intervention of Lettish forces amounting to 30,000 men on the side of the Maximilians. The power of the Maximilians at Petrograd is said to have been strengthened. London, Nov. 17.—Wherever throughout a journey from the Caucasus to Petrograd did a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph hear a word of sympathy for Premier Kerensky. The educated passengers he met, he said, in a despatch sent from Petrograd Monday, were infuriated at Kerensky's laxity in permitting the Bolshevik agitation, and the soldiers were indignant that the premier was unable to maintain authority and order. Railwaymen, the correspondent said, said that Kerensky and Lenin and Trotsky, the Bolshevik leaders, all ought to be thrown into the Neva. For the provisional government nowhere was there a spark of enthusiasm as it was felt to have deserted its fate. Everywhere, however, the correspondent found a longing for real order and authority and for somebody who would save Russia from trouble. The Kerenski Damaged. Petrograd, Nov. 16.—The damage done to the Kremlin in Moscow is minimized in messages received here from the Maximilian delegates in the old Russian capital, who say that only the Alexander Palace has suffered. They confirm the burning of several houses in Moscow. From other sources it is reported the Bolsheviks have planted heavy artillery and are shelling the Kremlin. Other reports indicate that a truce has been arranged between the Bolsheviks and the government troops. A third armed force is said to have been developed in Moscow, the identity of which is not known. It is said to be fighting against both the Bolsheviks and the government troops, and is supposed to be composed of the criminal elements released from jail.

FIVE LITTLE ONES DIE IN FIRE; THREE MISSING. Ashville, N. C., Nov. 17.—Five children are dead, three are missing and eight are severely injured as the result of a fire which destroyed the Catholic High school for colored children here yesterday. A Little Revolution. Gayavault, Nov. 17.—A revolution which broke out several days ago is a small one, and is confined to several unimportant villages. The government announces it will take prompt steps.

J. F. HOURIHAN KILLED IN ACTION

Pte. H. M. Wilson Also Added To St. John's Lengthening List

Lieutenant, Nephew of R. E. Armstrong, Wounded and Missing—Other St. John Casualties—Nephew of Hon. W. S. Fielding Killed

Another fine young St. John man has given his life that right may prevail. John Francis Hourihan has been killed in action in France. The sad news came to his aunt, Mrs. J. G. McCormick of City road, in an official message from Ottawa stating that he had been killed in action on October 30. He had joined a western battalion, with which he went overseas in March, 1916. He formerly was with W. H. Thorne & Co. here and went to Winnipeg five years ago. It was there that he enlisted. The gallant soldier was under twenty-five years of age. He was a son of Thomas Hourihan, who was killed on the I. C. R. some years ago. Mrs. Hourihan died a few months later and the children were reared by their aunt, Mrs. J. G. McCormick, Mrs. Edward Galloway of City road and Mrs. Edward Lawlor of Paradise row are aunts. James and Daniel Whelby of St. John, and Michael Hourihan of Moncton are uncles. Pte. H. M. Wilson. "That her husband Pte. Harrie M. Wilson had been officially reported killed in action between October 30 and 31 was the sad news which Mrs. Wilson, of 410 Main street, received this morning. Pte. Wilson was a member of the 5th C. M. R. in Amherst. Prior to going overseas he was conducting a clothing store in Moncton. He was formerly employed with Wilcox Brothers of this city and was well known throughout the city. Besides his mother and wife he is survived by three brothers and three sisters. Pte. L. Vincent. Fred Vincent of Millidge avenue, received word yesterday that his brother, Private Leon Vincent of this city, a member of a local infantry battalion, has been admitted to a hospital in France suffering from a gunshot wound in the head. Pte. Vincent had been a sergeant in the 118th Battalion and after serving as a sniper instructor in England for some time, he gave up his stripes and crossed to France in a draft from that unit for another battalion. Private Vincent prior to going overseas was employed with T. McAvity & Sons, Leut. R. M. Armstrong. Word was received this morning by R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the board of trade, that his nephew, Lieutenant Robert MacLaren Armstrong, only son of Henry S. Armstrong of Moncton, had been reported wounded and missing since November 6. Lieutenant Armstrong was a student in engineering at Mount Allison when he enlisted in the 140th Battalion, then stationed in West St. John. Previous to the war, he had had some military experience and had been a member of the Princess Louise Hussars. On arrival in England, Lieutenant Armstrong was transferred to a battalion at the front and took a draft across to France. Since that time he had been doing excellent work overseas and took part in the capture of Vimy Ridge on April 9 as well as in some of the other great struggles of that time. A few weeks ago, only, Lieutenant Armstrong returned to the line after a short leave of absence spent in England. On November 6 he was wounded and became separated from his comrades. It is not known whether he was taken prisoner or killed. Lieutenant Armstrong was a great favorite at home and with the family. He was prominent in college athletics and won considerable reputation as a long distance runner. He was popular at home and at college. Many friends anticipate it will take prompt steps.

BORDEN TO OPEN HIS CAMPAIGN IN ONTARIO ON WEDNESDAY

Toronto, Nov. 17.—Sir Robert Borden will be in Toronto on next Wednesday and is expected to open his Ontario campaign here. Cape Breton Candidate. Sydney, N. S., Nov. 17.—John McCormack, of Sydney Mines, was yesterday nominated by the Conservatives for North Cape Breton and Victoria against D. D. McKenna, Liberal nominee. W. F. McLean to Run. Toronto, Nov. 17.—W. F. McLean, former M. P. for South York, says he has filed his nomination papers and will run as a Unionist win-the-war candidate. Contest There. Sydney, N. S., Nov. 17.—George W. Kyles and William F. Carroll, Liberal M. P.'s in the last Commons, have been nominated as Liberal win-the-war candidates for Cape Breton South and Richmond. The Conservatives have selected John C. Douglas and R. H. Butts, members of the provincial parliament. Efforts to secure a Unionist ticket composed of one Liberal and one Conservative failed. Borden Nomination. Kentville, N. S., Nov. 17.—Sir Robert Borden will be nominated by the Kings County Conservative party's organization this afternoon. After the convention Sir Robert will leave for Ottawa and should reach there Sunday night. Other nominations reported are—West Lumbton, Ont.—A. Johnston, Conservative, resigning, leaving field to F. Pardee, Liberal Unionist, and Dr. Morrison, Liberal Unionist. West Hastings, Ont.—R. G. Porter, win-the-war candidate. Welland, Ont.—Major Fraser, win-the-war candidate; Major J. W. Bowley, Laurier Liberal. Toronto South—Dr. C. Sheard, win-the-war candidate; Major J. W. Bowley, Parkdale, Ont.—H. M. Mowatt, Unionist. Westminister, B. C.—Rev. F. C. Steacy, Unionist. Brandon, Man.—Dr. W. Whidden, Unionist.

MR. MULLIN HAS RETIRED FROM THE ELECTION CONTEST

To the Editor of The Evening Times: Sir,—I beg to announce that after consultation with the executive of the Independent Labor party last evening I have decided with their consent to withdraw my candidature. I do this in view of political complications of which I am quite aware after I had wired my acceptance of the nomination from Frederick I. I did not know when I wired that a section of the Liberal party had placed in the field a straight Liberal ticket. This being the situation I have decided after consideration and discussion with many of my supporters and with the entire concurrence of the executive to withdraw my name. Thinking my friends and supporters for the cause of support and assurance the Independent Labor party of my continued warm interest in the labor cause, I am, Yours truly, DANIEL MULLIN.

Weather Report. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, I. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis.—The disturbance which was situated to the southwest of Nova Scotia yesterday morning has now reached Newfoundland after causing stormy conditions over the greater portion of the maritime provinces. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair. Forecasts. Gulf and North Shore—Fresh to strong westerly winds, fair today and on Sunday, not much change in temperature. Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate to fresh west to south winds, fair and comparatively mild today and on Sunday. Fair. Maritime—Fresh northwest to west winds, fair today and on Sunday, not much change in temperature. New England—Fair tonight and Sunday, little change in temperature, moderate winds, mostly west.

Sea Fight Off The German Stronghold; Enemy Cruisers On Run; British Chase

London, Nov. 17.—British light forces today engaged German light cruisers off Heligoland. The British admiralty so announced today. The German warships retired and the British forces are now chasing them. The announcement follows:— "British light forces operating in Heligoland light have engaged with German light forces this morning. The only information we have received thus far is that our vessels have engaged light cruisers of the enemy, that the latter have retired at high speed, and that our vessels are in pursuit."

Allies Rushing Troops In Increasing Numbers To The Aid of Italy

Troops Holding on Well, Awaiting The Reinforcements—Flooding of Territory Has So Far Proved Effective Check

London, Nov. 17.—The British correspondent accredited to Italian headquarters in a despatch dated Thursday, says:— "Allied reinforcements are reaching Italy daily in increasing numbers. To save waiting for trains on the congested railways some French troops have been brought across the Alps through snow-covered passes. The allied troops are marching steadily forward to their appointed places in the Italian scheme of defence. "Both the British and French troops are in high spirits. They are delighted at the change in scene and over the prospects of a new adventure."

FOR MEDICAL INSPECTION

The Cost in Halifax is Small, But the Benefit is Great

In reply to an inquiry by the Times-Star, Dr. A. H. Macdonald, superintendent of schools in Nova Scotia, sends the following information prepared for him by Miss S. J. Wilson, secretary to the board of school commissioners in Halifax:— "The medical and dental staff at present in the employ of the school board of the city of Halifax is as follows:— "One medical inspector; salary \$750. "One dental inspector; salary \$800. "Two nurses, \$600 each, \$1,200. "The medical inspector makes one general examination of all the schools by one morning each week, attended by a school nurse, and performs free extractions, cleaning and fillings. "Throat, eye and ear cases are sent to the various specialists and paid for by the board. "The nurses visit the schools with the medical inspector, later making weekly visits to schools and homes to see that instructions are understood and followed. "The expense of this department is included in the board's estimate and met by the city. "Last year the medical inspector discovered more than 1,600 children in the city of Halifax who were physically defective in their school work. "The board of school commissioners has supplied glasses free for poor children shown to be in need of them, also clothing and books for the same. MORE CASES UNDER PROHIBITION ACT

Activity On North Shore—A Bathurst Seizure of 14 Containers

Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief liquor inspector for the province, arrived in the city this morning and expects to leave this evening for Bathurst where he has been making activity along the North Shore in preparation for the prohibition law taking effect in Northumberland, Carleton and York. Inspectors have been selected in Chatham, Newcastle, Nelson, Millerton, Douglastown and Loggieville and all arrangements for effective enforcement have been completed. A big seizure of liquor was made last week by Mr. Wilson in Bathurst when fourteen consignments were taken over immediately upon arrival in town. In company with the Campbellton inspector, Rev. Mr. Wilson made a trip to Anderson and Five Fingers in Restigouche county. On entering a house a man was found selling home-made beer. That night an intoxicated person was seen coming from the house and next morning the maker of home-made beers was taken to Campbellton by the inspectors. He was tried and convicted, being sent to Dalhousie for three months in jail. At Five Fingers the inspectors entered a hotel at which there was a wedding and some so-called "white whiskey" was seized. As a result of this raid several cases will be brought up, not only in Restigouche county, but in other places. RODIN IS DEAD

PARIS, NOV. 17.—Auguste Rodin, famous sculptor, is dead. He was born in Paris in 1840.

WALL STREET TODAY

New York, Nov. 17.—Rails, shipping, and equipments were firm and strong at the opening of today's stock market. Delaware and Hudson providing the most notable exceptions on its fractional decline to the new minimum of 92 3/4.

BRITISH SCORE AGAIN AT THE PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE; GROUND GAINED

Highlanders and English Battalions Win More of Enemy's Defences—More American Casualties

London, Nov. 17.—Further progress was made yesterday by the British troops on the main ridge in the vicinity of Passchendaele, on the Belgian battlefield. The war office announced this today. The communication follows:— "A successful operation was carried out late evening by detachments from the Highland, Berkshire and Lancashire battalions in the vicinity of Passchendaele. Further portions of the enemy's defences on the main ridge north of the village, including a strong fortification, were captured by us. We also took prisoners. "West of this locality also we have advanced our lines slightly at certain points. The enemy's artillery has again been active throughout the night on the battle front. The German shelling has been particularly severe in the Passchendaele sector."

SUBSCRIPTION OF \$100,000 TO LOAN

Baird & Peters Take Bonds To That Amount—A Call To Others

It was announced at Victory Loan headquarters today that the \$100,000 subscription to Canada's Victory Loan, which was received yesterday, is from Messrs. Baird & Peters of this city. The action of this firm should be an example to numerous firms and individuals in St. John to make this loan a success. St. John's objective is \$400,000. The committee estimates that there are at least forty firms and individuals in the city of St. John who could reasonably be expected to make a similar effort, if not to the same extent, at least to a far greater extent than they have up to the present made. If these firms and individuals will look upon this Victory Loan in the same patriotic spirit, there is no reason why St. John's contribution should not be seven or eight million instead of four million. It is up to every business man today, the committee urges, to consider how large a subscription he can take, and it is the intention of the Victory Loan committee to discuss this idea with our larger business concerns in hope that the example set by Baird & Peters may be generally followed.

VESSEL STRUCK IN LAUNCHING

Mishap To J. Willard Smith's New Schooner "Kathleen Crowe" Causes Anxiety

General regret was expressed by shipping men when it was learned that a bad accident had happened in the launching of J. Willard Smith's new schooner "Kathleen Crowe," which was started on Thursday at a port in Nova Scotia. According to information received by Mr. Smith from his son, Roy W., and his brother, R. Duncan Smith, the vessel struck, while leaving the ways, and was left on the beach in a precarious position. Twenty-five jacks were secured and an endeavor was made to float her, but weather conditions yesterday were unfavorable and the attempt was postponed until today. Up to 1.30 o'clock this afternoon no further work had been received, but as there was an extra high tide, hopes were expressed that it would greatly assist in the floating of the schooner. Up to last night the vessel was resting in a good position, although exposed to the wind. The last message received by Mr. Smith was that she was practically undamaged, although the situation was considered serious. The tug Wasson was standing by ready to render assistance.

TWELVE DIE IN FIGHTING FOREST FIRE

Allendale, Pa., Nov. 17.—Twelve mountaineers were burned to death yesterday while fighting a forest fire which has been raging for four days. They were members of a band of 200 special fire wardens. CONDITION WORSE. William Fairbrother, hurt on Thursday morning when he fell sixty feet with a section of the grain carriers at Ballast wharf, is reported to be in very critical condition in the General Public Hospital today. He has taken a decided turn for the worse and it is thought he must have been hurt internally.

PREDICT U-BOATS SOON OFF AMERICAN COAST; MET WITH "CONTRA-SUBMARINES"

New York, Nov. 17.—Predictions that enemy submarines will soon make their appearance off American ports, that the contra-submarine will be found to be the best antidote for the submarine, and that the great world in the near future will have flotillas of "contra-submarines" especially built for operating against undersea craft, were made by speakers who addressed the annual convention of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers here yesterday.

GIFT FOR PARK

Check For \$100 Comes From W. H. Platt of New York. During the last summer Willard H. Platt of Green, Twest & Co., New York, was the guest of Senator Thorne on the St. John river. On Mr. Platt's return he was taken on a motor launch, where he expressed himself much pleased with its natural beauties, and with what has been done to make it attractive, and especially with the collection of native animals. Mr. Platt has now forwarded to Judge Armstrong, the treasurer of the park, a check for \$100 to be used for special purposes, as may be thought best. This amount will be set aside for the present until a favorable opportunity arises for carrying out the donor's wishes. Mr. Platt is widely known in the United States for his philanthropic work as trustee and honorary treasurer of the Tuskegee College, the educational institution of which the late Booker T. Washington was founder and president.

NORTHLIFFE GAINED PRESTIGE BY HIS WORK IN STATES

(Special Cable to Times by F. A. Mc-Kenzie, Copyright.) London, Nov. 17.—Lord Northcliffe returns home with greatly increased political prestige on account of the success of his American mission. LOCAL YOUNG WOMAN OBTAINS DIVORCE IN THE UNITED STATES. Ethel L. Hinchliffe, of Lawrence, Mass., formerly Miss Ethel L. Johnston, has been granted a divorce from Albert E. Hinchliffe of England on the grounds of desertion and non-support. THE SOLDIERS' QUARTERS. Brigadier-General Macdonnell, Lieutenant-Colonel Powell and members of the citizens' reception committee will this afternoon inspect the quarters in the agricultural hall to be used for the occupation of troops. There have been extensive repairs made and it is understood that the quarters are in excellent shape.