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1100 MILES FROM PETROGRAD--HOSPITAL SHIP

GERMANS ONLY EIGHTY MILES FROM CAPITAL

Teuton Invaders Are Reported at City of Luga.

REDS GATHERING ARMY

Russian Government Rushing Operations for Defence of Petrograd.

TOOK TWO REGIMENTS. Berlin, Feb. 27.—(German Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—German troops, advancing north of Dorpat, yesterday captured two Russian regiments as they were retreating. The German staff remains there.

Luga, Feb. 27.—Luga, half way between Novgorod and Petrograd, has been occupied by the Germans, according to an unconfirmed rumor, a Russian dispatch. A number of British subjects have left Petrograd for home during the past week. The embassies still remain there.

The Bolsheviks continue extremely busy enrolling men, gathering arms, and in other defence activities. A dispatch from Moscow says that 70,000 revolutionary troops have been sent from Moscow toward Bologoe.

Luga is 80 miles southwest of Petrograd.

RUSSIA HELPLESS.

Luga, Feb. 27.—If special dispatches from Petrograd gauge accurately the situation there, the Germans are likely to find it difficult in occupying the city with trained troops. Russian soldiers are quite frankly refusing to fight, and say: "We have had enough of fighting. If the Germans come, let them take us. There is a stiffer attitude among the workmen, from whom, if at all, resistance to the Germans must come. Even though for lack of training their resistance should prove of little value, they are said to be enrolling with enthusiasm in response to the first Bolshevik leaders. The correspondent of the Daily News, writing Sunday, says: "Russian troops almost without exception, have refused to fight."

A division which was supposed to be defending Narva has arrived at Gatchina. Ensign Kravchenko protested. They replied they did not intend to fight. Immediately the first few German troops appeared, the Russian peasant soldiers, who, being peasants, not in garrison, were interested merely in the land question, and cared nothing for the revolution, started eastward in an uncontrollable way, threatening to sack all the towns on the way. The Russian army was driven by a herd of stampeding cattle, which would not go down everything in its way. The revolutionary workmen could have put up a real fight against the Germans, but they could do nothing against the Russian army, which must disappear before the revolution can begin to create a real military force for itself. The workmen of the towns are eager to fight.

Little Resistance. Luga, Feb. 27.—The bulk of the population as lost in bewilderment and apathy. Think such small cities may be of any use to little. They say no amount of talk by the Bolshevik leaders can cover the main facts of the situation.

All sorts of preparations are in progress, says the correspondent of the Daily Express. "One cannot but think, however, that the state of siege in Petrograd will be merely technical as Germans with their own arms are already in the capital. A great many Austrians are here, too. The demand of the Germans for this has been exemplary. They go about avoiding ceremony, and the officers, following the Russian custom, are in uniform. They speak German in an undertone."

The Germans in Petrograd already have organized a police force, the correspondent of the Morning Post reports.

Several dispatches, Nikolai Lenin figures as the backbone of the resistance to the Germans, although originally he was responsible for away from the executive committee of the soldiers' and workmen's councils in the direction of concluding peace on humiliating terms.

HUNDREDS PERISH IN HONG-KONG DISASTER

London, Feb. 27.—In the collapse of the Chinese junks at the Hong Kong Jockey Club races on Tuesday, 100 women and children were trapped to death, according to a Reuters dispatch from Hong Kong. Fire broke out and several hundred others were burned to death.

THE WEATHER

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 39; lowest, 37. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 37; lowest, 37.

TOMORROW—SLEET AND RAIN.

Forecasts, relatively mild. Thursday—Strong, easterly winds, with sleet and rain. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Highest, 37; lowest, 37.

STATIONS. High, Low, Weather.

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The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 33; lowest, 17.