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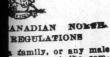
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Supreme Test of Government's Power-Paced by Kerenstorin Letrogra and Defends His Policy of Action

Petrograd, Sept. 28.—Delayed-Premier Kerensky took the in tiative to-day and faced boldly what may be the supreme test of the power of his government. At the very beginning of the Democrat Congress, called by Maximalists and the Council of Workmen's and So diers' Delegates to question his power and perhaps to demand a negovernment, the Premier accepted the challenge. SAVED RUSSIA

The Premier told the Congress that his regime had saved Ru in its darkest hours. The Government also indicated its policy of firm continuation of the war, when General Verkhovsky, the Minis of War, pledged the convention to a final victory over Germany if d eipline in the army was restored. The general's reference to return discipline in the army and his announcement that the officers woul be named by their superiors, instead of elected by the soldiers was a plauded only mildly, but his address as a whole evoked more cheers than did the Premier's. .

DESTROYED REVOLT

"I prevented it, I destroyed it I was informed from the begin-ning of its existence," declared the Premier, regarding the revolu-Jeneral Kornilof

When the Premier declared that the good of Russia necessitated the observance of order and discipline, one of the most dramatic heckling incidents which punctuated the address occurred. The Premier had reached a pause in his address when a loud voice in the gallery shouted,

· "You are the great mischief-worker of the country." A HECKLER

From a bedlam of hisses and and applause, voices from the floor challenged the heckler to arise. A common soldier in the back gallery arose and with folded arms across his brown blouse, stood calmly facing a torrent of hisses from the supporters of Premier Kerensky. This was only one of the unusual scenes of the convention in which 800 delegates had seats on the main floor.

The convention was an unusual sight, the sombre colors and the clothes of peasants, workmen and private soldiers | predominating. Here and there were the brighter colors of the uniforms of officers. The galleries were jammed with a variegated crowd of spectators, who considered it their right to interrupt the proceedings with questions.

There was an air of tense excite- effect of his appearance, but none of ardly offer by unco ment in the crowd as the result of the ministers would talk. rumors that the agitator Lenine was A crisis probably will come Saturin Petrograd and would appear at day, when the work of preliminary breast to free the fatherland."



in Petrograd and would appear at the convention. This died down however, when he failed to appear.

Crisis To-dav.

The applause which greeted Premier Kerensky indicated that he had a small minority with him. The Socialists supporting him contend that he has a majority of the convention. The government ministers had a meeting late to-night to discuss the was an application has been completed and the radical Left presents its extremist program. The Bolsheviki and the Conservatives alike will make an effort to-morrow toward lining up their strength through party conferences.

Cossacks Split.

An instance of a split even in the closest party ranks was given in the congress to-day when M. Tchernoff, the spokesman for the Workmen's and Soldiers referred to General "In the rear we have reduced the fatherland."

The general said he would handle the army without gloves, although the ar

the spokesman for the Workmen's and Soldiers referred to General Kaledines, the chief of the Cossacks, as "that miserable Kaledines." One of the Cossacks delegates shouted:

subscribers, for the best coloring of the illustrations,
To-day The Courier takes pleasure in announcing the names of the win-ners. At the same time regret is felt that there are not more prizes to be distributed. Certainly the work of the school children is more

THE WINNERS.

On Saturday last The Courier published a special advertising page, with illustrations, and offered three prizes to children whose parents are

due the results and arduous year's work as shown in this report. While

CHILDREN WINNERS OF THE COURIER CONTEST

Many Young Artists of Mor e Than Average Ability Revealed by Great Coloring Competitions the Results.

In submitting this Fourteenth our staff has lost one of its miner ratepayers as well. The work on the remaining members of the office. As this work is only accomplished by continued service and diligent application to every detail of the work, naturally it will take new help some time to become efficient. The work in this department is yearly increasing. For instance in 1916 we made 13,071 separate assessments and delivered the notices, and for the year 1917, the amount had increased to 14,041, being an increase of 970 on last year's work and surprising as it may seem the number of poll taxes has increased from \$27 in 1916 to 1,073 in 1917. This we did not expect owing to the large number of eligible young men who have gone overseas. The increase in the assessment of \$462,065 is larger than we expect cd at the beginning of the season. There was no attempt to make a reassessed. This, I think,

