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# BRITISH DEFENSE FORCES RAID MADE LAST NIGHT

## Russia's PREMIER KERENSKY'S POLICY PLAINLY Continued from Page 1

### Supreme Test of Government's Power Faced by Kerensky in Petrograd Yesterday—Premier Accepts Challenge and Defends His Policy of Action

Petrograd, Sept. 28.—Delayed—Premier Kerensky took the initiative to-day and faced boldly what may be the supreme test of the power of his government. At the very beginning of the Democratic Congress, called by Maximalists and the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates to question his power and perhaps to demand a new government, the Premier accepted the challenge.

#### SAVED RUSSIA

The Premier told the Congress that his regime had saved Russia in its darkest hours. The Government also indicated its policy of firm continuation of the war, when General Verkhovsky, the Minister of War, pledged the convention to a final victory over Germany if discipline in the army was restored. The general's reference to return of discipline in the army and his announcement that the officers would be named by their superiors, instead of elected by the soldiers was applauded 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 beginning of its existence," declared the Premier, regarding the revolt of General Korniloff.

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 excitement in the crowd as the result of rumors that the agitator Lenin was in Petrograd and would appear at the convention. This died down however, when he failed to appear.

#### Crisis To-day

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

effect of his appearance, but none of the ministers would talk. A crisis probably will come Saturday, when the work of preliminary organization has been completed and the radical Left presents its extremist program. The Bolsheviks 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 the congress to-day when M. Teheronoff, the spokesman for the Workmen's and Soldiers referred to General Kaledine, the chief of the Cossacks, as "that miserable Kaledine." One of the Cossack delegates shouted: "You dare not attack General Kaledine." Another Cossack leaped to his feet, shouting, "Go on, Kaledine is a traitor."

#### Unusual Vigilance

Unusual vigilance was observed by the military authorities of Petrograd to-night in connection with the congress. The guards at the Winter Palace were increased and they halted many passers-by as did the guards at other government buildings.

The session of General Verkhovsky's speech regarding the efforts of Germany to obtain peace at the expense of Russia, provoked great applause. "Our brilliant allies," one war minister said, "have replied to the

#### WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Sept. 28.—A depression is developing over Lake Superior while a tropical storm has now reached Alabama. Rain has been general in eastern Quebec and over the Maritime provinces and a few scattered showers have occurred from Manitoba to Ontario. Winds becoming strong, southerly, shifting to westerly and northwesterly, mostly fair to-day, showers this evening and to-night. Sunday—Strong west to northwest winds, some scattered showers, but generally fair and cool.



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## TWO HUN RAIDERS WRECKED

British Defense Forces  
Brought Down German  
German Planes

RAID MADE LAST NIGHT  
Bombs Dropped at Two  
Planes in Kent, also in  
Essex.

London, Sept. 28.—Two German airplanes which took to the air last night were brought down by the British defense forces. One of the planes was brought down in Kent, and the other in Essex.

London, Sept. 28.—A telegram from Kent, received last night, says that three German airplanes were brought down by the British defense forces. One of the planes was brought down in Kent, and the other in Essex.

Another despatch describes a small squadron of raiders as going towards London and returning apparently by sea. A telegram from Essex says that two bombs were dropped in that district.

## Assessors' Report For Year 1917 is Total Population of City 27,600 Total Income of \$22,403,595.00—Total Children in the City

Brantford, Ontario, Sept. 28, 1917.

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| Total Population of City     | 27,600          |
| Total Income of City         | \$22,403,595.00 |
| Total Children in the City   | 10,000          |
| Total Increase in Population | 1,000           |
| Total Increase in Income     | \$1,000,000.00  |
| Total Increase in Children   | 500             |

In submitting this Fourteenth Annual Report of the present assessors, I have pleasure in testifying to the work performed by the official staff, and to their energy in doing the results and arduous work as shown in this report. While our staff has lost one of its members, Mr. Watt, who was completing the work on account of his illness, in the middle of the assessment season, it involved considerable more 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 13,971 separate assessments and delivered the notices, and for the year 1917, the amount had increased to 14,044, being an increase of 870 on last year's work and surprising as it may seem the number of poll taxes has increased from 827 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.

## CHILDREN WINNERS OF THE COURIER CONTEST

Many Young Artists of More Than Average Ability Revealed by Great Coloring Competition's Results.

- THE WINNERS.**
- First Prize—Eleanor Parker, 10 William Street, City.
  - Second Prize—Aileen Howard, 302 Nelson St., City.
  - Third Prize—Roy Gedge, 204 Union Street, Simcoe.
- On Saturday last The Courier published a special advertising page, with illustrations, and offered three prizes to children whose parents are subscribers, for the best coloring of the illustrations.
- To-day The Courier takes pleasure in announcing the names of the winners. 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 than just creditable. In nearly every case unusual attention was given to detail, while the coloring, in every case, showed an intimate knowledge of the subjects illustrated.
- To the prize winners The Courier extends congratulations, while at the same time according special mention to the following for very praiseworthy efforts:
- Fred McCabe, 135 Albion Street.
  - Norma Squire, 126 West Street.
  - Mary Frank, 155 Park Avenue.
  - Margaret Reid, 249 Darling Street.
  - William Hartwell, 11 Bedford St.
  - Marion McIntyre, 73 Palace Street.
  - Chester Brown, 43 Palmerston Ave.
  - Claude Valentine, 53 Victoria St.
  - Mary Smith, Simcoe, Ont.
  - Clare Hawkins, Paris, Ont.
  - Carrie Hudson, Paris, Ont.
  - June Lyle, 233 Drummond Street.
  - C. Laborde, 122 West Street.
  - W. Payne, 136 Dundas Street.
  - Elsie Wray, Simcoe, Ont.
- Many other efforts were made, but those above mentioned were especially worthy, though falling of winning a prize in this instance.

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The increase on assessable income is due principally to personal taxes levied derived from the manufacture of ammunition of which we doubt there will be some absence when the time arrives in 1918 for them to pay their taxes. In my opinion the tax on all personal earnings should be collected the same year as they are assessed. This, I think, could be accomplished by making application to our Provincial Legislature, in connection with this work Mr. O'Hanahan has had a very busy season, as the whole of this work falls on him. In our last report we draw your attention to the fact that there were a number of houses without numbers, and in a great many instances the numbers were wrong. As you have seen in your edition to place this work in this department, we have corrected a great many errors and have asked the Board of Works to have the names of some streets changed, as they are at present especially to streets and more changes. For instance, Ross Street is a continuation of Buffalo Street, Scarce Street off Gillespie Street, Brantford Ave. off Brunswick Street, and Dundas extension from West Street to West High Street to be named Nelson St., as this is the location of Nelson Street, and would avoid numbering Dundas St. from West to end. Also the new roadway along River front, between Church and George Streets, to be named River Drive or River Road. It will require several months this winter to complete this work and as we are anxious to have it done as soon as possible so as not to conflict with the City Directory for 1918, we would ask for whatever extra assistance we require in order to have it completed in time.

We have the honor to be, gentlemen,  
Your Obedient servants,  
A. G. LUDLOW,  
Assessment Commissioner  
J. H. OLDFHAM,  
Clerk.

MILITARY SERVICE APPLICANTS AT TORONTO.  
From two hundred to three hundred men stand in line daily at the Armories in Toronto waiting to pass medical examination. They come from all parts of Ontario and some from the United States.