



KERENSKY DECLARES RUSSIA A REPUBLIC; NEED MEN TO HARVEST STATE'S CORN CROP

DRAFT BOARD RULING SENDS FARMER FROM FIELDS TO ARMY; ENDANGERS BUMPER YIELD

Protests Filed in Effort to Exempt Farmers Till Corn Is in Crib in Order to Prevent Enormous Losses and Threatened Food Shortage; Drafted Men Leave Tuesday.

Nebraska's corn crop is in grave danger, according to farmers, bankers and members of the State Draft Board. Farmers are hastening to Omaha to see if something cannot be done to keep them from being sent to Fort Riley Tuesday Wednesday.

Protest after protest has come to the board, but members say they are helpless. The board started out to exempt farmers with corn in the fields and let them remain on their farms until December 1, to give them a chance to husk their corn crop.

But the board has been overruled and the members now are calling upon the patriotic citizens of Omaha and the state to wire to Food Commissioner Hoover or even to President Wilson, to see if something cannot be done before Tuesday to give the farmers time to harvest the crop.

Frank A. Kennedy, a member of the board, told of several instances where farmers had called on them within the last few days, renters who have corn crops in the field, with no one to leave at home to husk the corn.

He said that the hands of the board were tied and that they must certify the men to go, even though 5,000 of them were to be torn away from the farms of Nebraska, at a time when they were most needed to gather the bumper corn crop, of which the world is in need.

Some time ago a ruling was made that farmers, who had no one to leave behind to look after their crops, might be exempted until December 31. Now this has been changed and Nebraska will lose thousands of young farmers at a most critical time.

Farmers are already short of help and with a record crop soon ready for the bins, there will be no one to handle it.

Corn Badly Needed. "Corn is one of the great food supplies of the nation," said M. C. Peters, a member of the board. "It must take the place in a way of the winter wheat crop, which was winter killed in Nebraska. It is a food which will spoil if it is allowed to remain in the fields all winter. It should be husked and cribbed as soon as it is ripe and with these men called to the colors at this time there will be many fields left to ruin."

Rotary Club Meets at Happy Hollow Wednesday. The Rotary club of Omaha will hold a special meeting at the Happy Hollow club Wednesday evening at which time each member can invite a guest. Delegates to the Atlanta convention last June will make their reports and motion pictures taken at the convention will be shown.

New Fuel Plan Will Care First for Small Consumers. Washington, Sept. 16.—Plans for taking care of small consumers' coal needs this winter by requisitioning so-called spot coal at the mines and directing its sale through local dealers at government-fixed prices were disclosed tonight by Dr. H. A. Garfield, the fuel administrator.

Earth Shocks at Bogota Cover Period of Fifteen Days. Washington, Sept. 16.—Official dispatches today from Bogota, Colombia, say the earth shocks which began there August 29, continued intermittently until September 13. A few buildings were damaged and six persons killed.

The Weather For Nebraska—Generally fair and continued warm.

Table with weather data for Omaha: Hour, Temp., Wind, etc.

Comparative Local Record. Table with weather data for 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914.

CONFESSION OF KELLY TO JURY DURING THE WEEK

State's Attorneys in Villisca Ax Murder Case to Try to Show Statement Not Obtained by Duress.

By EDWARD BLACK, Staff Correspondent for The Bee. Red Oak, Ia., Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The Villisca ax murder case will be resumed in district court at 9 o'clock Monday morning, when the prosecution will continue its evidence against Rev. Lyn G. J. Kelly.

To Offer Confession. The original confession will be offered in evidence during the week and its text will not differ materially from the outline as printed in The Bee two weeks ago.

Wife Claims Third Degree. Mrs. Kelly has stated that her husband was subjected to third-degree methods before the confession was signed. Attorney Mitchell of counsel for defense in court charged that two men were garbed as desperate highwaymen, handcuffed and placed in a cell with Kelly for psychological effect before the confession was given.

Closes \$50,000 Deal and Catches Train to Ball Game. Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Thirty seconds before he caught a train for Minneapolis, where his base ball team, the Murphy Did Its, play Sunday, Bert Murphy sold a one-third interest in the Murphy-O'Brien Auto company to Dick Coak for \$50,000.

Six Omaha Girls in List Pledged to Sororities. Lincoln, Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Six Omaha girls were included in the list of pledges announced by University of Nebraska sororities at the close of the rushing season here tonight. More than 100 girls were pledged, it was announced, but owing to the incomplete lists some of the sororities did not make the names of their pledges public.

Illinois Strikers Resume Work; Peaceful Parade Permitted. Springfield, Ill., Sept. 16.—The sympathetic strike which called 8,000 men from their duties here during the week is ended. Coal miners, watch makers and many other workers will return to their tasks on Monday. Barbers, butchers and grocers returned today.

Airplanes Drop Explosives at Night on Medical Quarters on French Coast Where Wounded Were Lying. Washington, Sept. 16.—The first complete detailed account of the German air attack on American base hospital No. 5, in France on the night of Tuesday, September 4, has reached this country in a report from Major Grayson M. P. Murphy, head of the Red Cross in France.

Denver Solves Fuel Riddle; Sells Coal at \$4.15 Per Ton. Denver, Colo., Sept. 16.—Five hundred tons of lignite coal were sold by the city of Denver today in the first half day of its operations as a retail coal dealer. The price was \$4.15 a ton, delivered.

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FRENCH GIRL SALUTING AN AMERICAN SOLDIER—Such scenes as this are common in the vicinity of the camps where American troops are being trained. The girls believe in making "Sammie" feel at home.



KISSING A "SAMMIE."

11 BILLION WAR CREDITS BILL PASSES SENATE

Largest Measure of Kind in World's History Goes Through Unanimously; Already Approved by House.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The war credits bill, authorizing new bonds and certificates aggregating \$11,538,000,000 and the largest measure of its kind in world history, was passed by the senate Saturday without a roll call or dissenting vote. It has already passed the house and will go to conference Monday.

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TOO MUCH FLOUR IN GOTHAM NOW; BREAD PRICE CUT

Julius H. Barnes, President of Food Administration Grain Corporation, Says Conditions Being Adjusted.

New York, Sept. 16.—New York not only is assured of an abundant flour supply, but soon will face the problem of how to take care of the surplus which is being shipped from western mills here tonight by Julius H. Barnes, president of the food administration grain corporation.

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MANIFESTO FROM CABINET STARTS THE NEW REGIME

Backed by Unanimous Republican Sentiments Voiced at Moscow Conference, Provisional Government issues Proclamation Signed by Premier, as President, and Minister of Justice, Yaroudni.

Petrograd, Sept. 16.—Russia has been proclaimed a republic. The provisional government tonight issued the proclamation, dated September 15.

KERENSKY ORDERS ARMY OBEY LEADERS

Manifesto to Army Forbids Arrest of Commanders by Privates and Enjoins Compliance With Discipline.

Petrograd, Sept. 16.—Premier

the army and the fleet, after stating that General Korniloff's revolt disorganized the operations at the front, orders the soldiers to cease all political disputes in the army, which must do everything in its power to restore its fighting force.

The premier instructs the soldiers to resume the transport of troops according to orders of the general staff, to stop arresting their commanders, the right to do which belongs only to the judicial authorities, not to remove their commanders from their posts and not to form voluntary detachments on the pretext of fighting the counter-revolutionary movement.

The order of the day concludes with the assurance that the army, which showed its complete fidelity and trust in the provisional government during the recent troubles, will realize the country can be saved only by the re-establishment of army discipline and by the close union of all elements.

Situation Clarified. Russia's internal situation was considerably clarified by Saturday's news dispatches, which announced the arrest of General Korniloff, marking the definite end of his revolt, and the formation of a new cabinet at Petrograd. Publication of the names of the new cabinet members was deferred for a day.

With General Korniloff was arrested General Lokomsky, who was in command on the Russian northern front when the revolt started, and who cast his lot with his chief. What the fate of the two men will be is problematical.

Military activities on most of the fronts seem to be at a minimum. Rome's official statement, while reporting ratification of the Italian lines on the Bainsizza plateau, does not mention particularly the fight for Monte San Gabriele, which height, on Friday, was reported in diplomatic dispatches to Washington to have been captured.

On the Franco-Belgian front the only actions were minor affairs, except at Verdun, where Paris reports the French successful in regaining most of the trenches which the Germans penetrated north of Courieres wood on Friday.

On the Riga front the Russians are still on the aggressive and their war reports advanced that which resulted in the occupation of several towns.

Premier Kerensky has found it impossible to obtain a compromise on a coalition basis, admitting both right and left ministers, and decided temporarily to create a cabinet of five members. These are Kerensky, president; Terestchenko, minister of foreign affairs; General Verkhovski, minister of war; Admiral Verdevski, minister of marine; and M. Nikitin, minister of posts and telegraphs. As Terestchenko and both the defense ministers count as members of no party and as Nikitin an Kerensky are social revolutionists, the cabinet, as far as it is a party one, is social revolutionist. The portfolios of the other departments will be allotted by the cabinet of five, but the occupants will rank only as directors of departments.

Republican National Commitment Is dead. Baltimore, Sept. 16.—William F. Stone, sergeant at arms of the republican national committee, died early today.

Vengeance Comes Quickly; Dies Making Getaway. Dubuque, Ia., Sept. 15.—After ransacking the Catholic church, private home and a store at Meadmore, Ill., ten miles east of Dubuque, this morning, an unknown man was frightened away by the priest. In making his getaway the man was hit by an Illinois Central train and instantly killed. All of the booty was recovered.

THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE. "Holding it necessary to put an end to the external indefiniteness of the state's organization, remembering the unanimous and rapturous approval of the republican idea expressed at the Moscow state conference, the provisional government declares that the constitutional organization according to which the Russian state is ruled is a republican organization, and it hereby proclaims the Russian republic.

"Signed, "Minister and President Kerensky, Minister of Justice Yaroudni." The title "Minister and President" affixed to Premier Kerensky's signature to the proclamation probably refers to his position as president of the ministry, rather than of the republic.

The provisional government today announced that all the affairs of state had been entrusted to five members of the cabinet. The following official communication was issued: "Pending the definite constitution of a cabinet and in view of the present extraordinary circumstances, all affairs of state have been entrusted to M. Kerensky, premier; M. Terestchenko; minister of foreign affairs; General Verkhovski; minister of war; Admiral Verdevski; minister of marine, and M. Nikitin, minister of posts and telegraphs."

Tagblatt Editors Indicted For Treasonable Utterances. Philadelphia, Sept. 16.—Louise Werner, editor-in-chief, and Dr. Martin Darrow, managing editor of the Philadelphia Tagblatt, were indicted on nine counts for treason by the federal grand jury. Separate indictments on two counts, charging conspiracy and violation of the espionage act, were returned against Werner, Darrow, Peter Schaefer, president; Herman Lemke, business manager, and Paul Vogel, treasurer.

The treason indictment refers to alleged un-American articles written by Werner and Darrow and published in the Tagblatt. The maximum penalty is death and the minimum five years' imprisonment. The conspiracy charge is based on publication of alleged false and distorted reports of domestic and foreign war news. The maximum penalty for this is twenty years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Gompers Takes Seattle Strike Up With U. S. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 16.—The general strike committee of the Seattle Metal and Building Trades Councils and the International Timber Workers and International Shingle Workers, which is directing the strike of wood workers in Seattle shipyards against the use of lumber produced in ten-hour mills, has received a telegram from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, stating that Gompers had taken the Seattle situation up with the United States Department of Labor, and had been advised that the department had already begun an investigation.

North Carolina Floods Result in Three Deaths. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 16.—Three deaths and property damage estimated at many thousands of dollars were known results tonight of the floods in eastern North Carolina, caused by torrential rainfall. Two trainmen were killed when an Atlantic Coast Line train was wrecked by a wash-out near Goldsboro.

Railroad bridges in many sections around Wilmington and Goldsboro have been washed away. Dams have broken at several points, carrying away buildings, and several mills in Greene county are threatened by high water.

Want 20,000 Telegraphers to Train for Signal Corps Service. Chicago, Sept. 16.—The Illinois Manufacturers' association and the Chicago Association of Commerce today endorsed a movement to train 20,000 telegraphers for service in the signal corps of the United States army.

Telegraphy will be taught men of military age in public schools of Chicago as well as universities, colleges and technical institutions.

Van Rappard, Dutch Minister, Replaces Van Royen at Madrid. The Hague, Sept. 16.—Chevalier W. L. F. C. Van Rappard, the Netherlands minister to the United States, it is reported here, is destined to replace J. H. Van Royen at Madrid.

As the latter is the new minister at Washington this would simply amount to an exchange of diplomatic posts.