



RADICALS SEIZE PETROGRAD; U. S. MISSION ARRIVES ABROAD

FLOYD CLARK KILLS SELF ON DOORSTEP OF FIANCEE WHO TOOK POISON SUNDAY

Broods Over Death of Woman to Whom He Was Betrothed and Puts An End To His Life In Spite of the Efforts of Friends to Cheer Him Up; Children Are Destitute.

While a little 3-year-old boy played horse and asked, "Where's mamma?" "Where's Floyd?" a white-haired old lady tried to plan yesterday for the future of three children, victims of the double tragedy this week, the suicides of Mrs. Bertha Breckingham and her fiance, Floyd Clark.

WERE TO WED. Monday Mrs. Breckingham and Clark were to have been married. Today she lies in the cemetery at Plattsmouth and he is dead at St. Joseph's hospital, as a result of a lovers' quarrel Sunday night. Clark was found unconscious on the doorstep at 1021 North Twenty-third street and died during the night at St. Joseph's hospital.

"I never saw my daughter so happy as she was Sunday," said Mrs. Helen Brooks, 1021 North Twenty-third street. "I went over Sunday afternoon and she and Floyd, who had been boarding with me, were planning



MRS. BERTHA BRECKINGHAM. their wedding for the next day. She had been working in a restaurant and supporting the two youngest boys, but Floyd was going to do that hereafter.

Must Be They Quarreled. "I left at 5 o'clock and an hour after she was dead, having committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. Something must have happened soon after I left—a quarrel or something to postpone the wedding, I believe. We don't know what it was.

"But Floyd was wild from that time on." He almost collapsed at the funeral. He had to be watched continually to keep him from taking his own life. Yesterday he felt better and went to work (he worked for the People's Ice and Storage company.) He came home early in the afternoon in a terrible state and was hysterical here. I called up my son, Clyde Brooks, at the office. He came right home and seemed to have a soothing influence on Floyd. We then sent him down to the drug store to get a prescription filled for his nerves.

Found at Doorstep. "Instead of that he got carbolic acid, and later when my grandson went out to get a paper he found him unconscious at the door. Mrs. Brooks said she and her

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The Weather. Omaha, Neb. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday. 5 a. m. 45, 6 a. m. 44, 7 a. m. 45, 8 a. m. 45, 9 a. m. 45, 10 a. m. 45, 11 a. m. 45, 12 m. 45, 1 p. m. 45, 2 p. m. 45, 3 p. m. 45, 4 p. m. 45, 5 p. m. 45, 6 p. m. 45, 7 p. m. 45, 8 p. m. 45, 9 p. m. 45, 10 p. m. 45, 11 p. m. 45, 12 m. 45. Comparative 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914. Highest yesterday 72, 46, 52, 49. Lowest yesterday 56, 42, 48, 45. Mean temperature 64, 42, 45, 38. Precipitation .00, .12, .00, .00. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal. Normal temperature 41. Excess for the day .21, .04, .00, .00. Total deficiency since March 1. 2.42 inches. Normal precipitation .65 inch. Deficiency for the day .65, .61, .61, .61. Total rainfall since March 1. 21.54 inches. Deficiency since March 1. 6.48 inches. Deficiency for cor. period, 1917, 12.10 inches. Deficiency for cor. period, 1915, 3.42 inches. Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State Temp. High. Rain. Cheyenne, clear, 45, .00. Denver, clear, 42, .00. Des Moines, cloudy, 44, .00. Dodge City, clear, 62, .00. Lander, cloudy, 62, .00. North Platte, clear, 62, .00. Omaha, clear, 62, .00. Pueblo, clear, 62, .00. Rapid City, pt. cloudy, 56, .00. Salt Lake City, clear, 48, .00. Santa Fe, clear, 52, .00. Sioux City, clear, 62, .00. Sioux Falls, clear, 50, .00. Valentine, clear, 60, .00. L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

AMERICAN STEAMER ROCHESTER IS SUNK

London, Nov. 8.—The American steamship Rochester was torpedoed and sunk at dusk on November 2. Four sailors are known to have lost their lives in the sinking of the Rochester. One boat with the second mate and 13 men is missing. The captain and 22 men have been landed at Bungrana. One lifeboat with nine survivors reached Rossport, in the County of Mayo, yesterday.

Receiving His Orders



TORPEDO MISSES FREIGHTER; SUB SHELLED AND SUNK

American Naval Gunner Sinks U-Boat After Narrow Escape From Torpedo; German Crew Lost.

An Atlantic Port, Nov. 8.—Information that an American shell fired by an American naval gunner sank a Teutonic submarine in the Mediterranean is contained in a report made to the Navy department by officers of an American freight steamship which arrived here recently, it was learned today.

MISSION TO WAR COUNCIL BEGINS WORK IN LONDON

Colonel E. M. House, Special Ambassador, and Other Distinguished Americans Reach Europe for Conference.

London, Nov. 8.—When the train bearing the special American commission reached London at midnight the big metropolitan station, which usually is busy, was almost deserted, but a long line of automobiles, the majority in charge of khaki-clad chauffeurs, attracted the attention of the train hands and a few suburbanites.

GERMANY CALLS LAST RESERVES IN FINAL EFFORT

London, Nov. 8.—Germany called up its last reserves within the last few days, according to the Central News correspondent at Zurich, telegraphing under Wednesday's date. All men who previously had been rejected were ordered to present themselves for re-examination and within 24 hours all not utterly incapacitated were on their way to the training centers. This action, says the correspondent, is attributed to the intention of the central powers to make a final effort on the western front before America's help becomes effective.

KERENSKY IS FUGITIVE

CIVIL WAR IN RUSSIA FEAR OF OFFICIALS

Diplomatic Washington Silent, But Armed Clash Thought Inevitable; Allies Must Change War Plans.

BULLETIN. Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 8.—"The intent and spirit of Russia as a whole should in no way be judged by the news from Petrograd," declared Boris A. Bakmeteff, Russian ambassador to the United States, when shown Associated Press dispatches relative to the reported overthrow of the Russian provisional government. "Until just now I did not have any personal or official information on the subject," said Mr. Bakmeteff, "and, therefore, you cannot expect any official opinion."

Washington, Nov. 8.—Kerensky's fall and the collapse of his government in Petrograd into the hands of the Maximalists, who propose an armistice to the end of an immediate and just peace is regarded here as threatening Russia with the civil war which all its friends hoped to see avoided.

The State department, entirely without official advice of its own, was silent, wishing to avoid making any statements until the situation could be accurately assessed on the basis of intimate reports from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd.

The Russian embassy, too, preferred not to make a statement until later and until after there has been opportunity for communication with Ambassador Bakmeteff, who was traveling in the south.

War Program Upset. The embassies of the entente allies, realizing that the development means, first of all, probably a rearrangement of their war plans, were shocked, but not disheartened, at what is considered a triumph of insidious German propaganda.

WELCOME LENINE AS RUSS GIVE OVER RULE TO RADICALS

Five Hundred Sixty Delegates Attend General Congress of Workmen and Soldiers in Petrograd.

Petrograd, Nov. 8.—The general congress of workmen's and soldiers' delegates of all Russia was convened here last night with 560 delegates in attendance. The chairman declared that the time was not propitious for political speeches and the order of business of the congress approved was as follows:

First—Organization of power. Second—Peace and war. Third—A constituent assembly. The officers elected comprise 14 Maximalists, including Nikolai Lenine, the radical socialist leader and M. Znoviev, an associate of Lenine and Leon Trozky, president of the central executive committee of the Petrograd Council of Workmen and Soldiers' delegates. In addition, seven revolutionary socialists were appointed.

A delegation was named to initiate peace negotiations with the other revolutionary and democratic organizations "with a view to taking steps to stop bloodshed."

PROCLAMATION FOR PEACE ISSUED BY REVOLUTIONISTS

Petrograd, Nov. 8.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—The military revolutionary committee of the central council of soldiers' and workmen's deputies, in a proclamation to the army committees and to all soldiers' and workmen's councils, says:

"We have deposited without bloodshed the government, which rose against the revolution. It proclaims the authority of the military revolutionary committee and says officers who do not openly join the movement must immediately be arrested."

Uncertain military detachments, the proclamation adds, must not be permitted to leave the front for Petrograd. Where persuasion fails, the statement says, force must be used without mercy.

The text of the proclamation of the military revolutionary committee reads: "To the army committees of the active army and to all councils of soldiers' and workmen's delegates and to the garrison and proletariat of Petrograd."

"We have deposed the government of Kerensky, which rose against the revolution and the people. The change which resulted in the deposition of the provisional government was accomplished without bloodshed. "The Petrograd council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates solemnly welcomes the accomplished change and proclaims the authority of the military revolutionary committee until the creation of a government by the soldiers' and workmen's delegates."

GOVERNMENT GOES DOWN BEFORE FIRE OF MAXIMALISTS

Winter Palace, Defended by Women's Battalion, Surrenders; Kerensky in Flight and New Regime Will Propose Immediate Peace With Germany; Fleets Now Support Workmen's Council.

London, Nov. 8.—Premier Kerensky has fled from the capital, the semi-official news agency declares. Orders, it states, have been issued for his arrest. Railway communication with Petrograd is reported to have been interrupted, the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company cables.

GOVERNMENT SURRENDERS. Petrograd, Nov. 8.—(9 a. m.)—Government forces holding the Winter palace were compelled to capitulate early this morning under the fire of the cruiser Aurora and the cannon of the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress across the Neva river. At 2 o'clock this morning the woman's battalion which had been defending the Winter palace surrendered.

BESIEGE WINTER PALACE. The workmen's and soldiers' delegates are in complete control of the city. Premier Kerensky was reported last night at Luga, 85 miles southwest of Petrograd.

Delegates from the Baltic and Black Sea fleets have declared in favor of the workmen's and soldiers' council, according to Reuter's Telegram company.

The same correspondent says the First, Third and Fourteenth Cossack regiments informed Kerensky that they were prepared wholeheartedly to support the government, provided no compromise was entered into.

DEFEND PETROGRAD.

The palace stood out under the glare of the searchlights of the cruiser and offered a good target for the guns. The defenders held out for four hours, replying as best they could with machine guns and rifles.

There was spasmodic firing in other parts of the city, but the workmen's and soldiers' troops took every means to protect citizens, who were ordered to their quarters. The bridges and the Nevsky Prospect, which early in the afternoon were in the hands of the government forces were captured and held during the night by the workmen's and soldiers' troops.

The battle at the palace which began shortly after 6 o'clock, was a spectacular one, armed cars of the revolutionaries swinging into action in front of the palace gates, while flashes from the Neva were followed by the explosion of shells from the guns of the Aurora.

Promise Immediate Peace. London, Nov. 8.—The Maximalists have obtained control of Petrograd and issued a proclamation saying the new government will propose immediate peace, the semi-official Russian news agency announces.

SEVEN DIE WHEN THREE FLOORS OF BUILDING DROP

New York, Nov. 8.—Five women and two men are believed to have been killed in the collapse of three floors of a building in Brooklyn occupied by a concern supplying provisions to the United States government. An explosion and fire followed.

One body, that of Miss Josephine Johans, was recovered from the ruins and firemen are searching for others.

Corn Production Three Billion Bushels in 1917

Washington, Nov. 8.—Preliminary estimates of farm crops announced today by the Department of Agriculture in its November crop report follow: Corn, 3,191,083,000. Buckwheat, 16,813,000. Potatoes, 439,686,000. Sweet potatoes, 84,727,000.

Alfrido Gets Twenty Years in the Penitentiary. Ullio Alfrido was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary by Judge Sears upon being found guilty on the charge of statutory rape upon little Grace Baskas, 8 years old, who testified that he had slept with her in her parents' house on the South Side. Alfrido was a roomer at the house.

American Gunboat Fired On by Chinese Bandits; Damaged

Peking, Nov. 8.—The American gunboat Palos was fired upon today by Chinese bandits on the Yang-Tse-Kiang near Chung King, in the province of Szechuan. The gunboat was damaged slightly. The Palos, of 190 tons, is one of a number of small gunboats which have been in Chinese waters for some time. In June the Palos, Monacca, Samar Quiros and Villalobos were interned in the harbor of Shanghai by the Chinese government. They were released subsequently when China broke off diplomatic relations with Germany. Chung King is about 800 miles up the Yang-Tse-Kiang from Shanghai.