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MAXIMILISTS HAVE SECURED CONTROL OF AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA

Premier Kerensky and His Government Have Been Deposed---Maxmilists Issue Proclamation Declaring for Immediate Peace.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Nov. 8.—News picked up by wireless states that Premier Kerensky and his government have been deposed.

An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Petrograd says that a strong detachment of troops of the soldiers' and workmen's delegates occupied the Baltic railway station and that the government commandeered all motor cars, confining the troops to the barracks.

The Maximilists have obtained control of Petrograd and have issued a proclamation saying the new government will propose immediate peace, the semi-official news agency announced. The Maximilists were assisted by the Petrograd garrison, which made possible a coup d'etat without bloodshed.

Leon Trobky, president of the central executive committee of the Petrograd Council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates, issued a declaration to the effect that the provisional government was no longer in existence, and that some of its members had been arrested. The preliminary parliament has been dissolved.

It has been indicated for some time past that an attempt would be made by the Maximilists in Petrograd to seize control of the capital. November 2nd was the date originally set for a nextremist demonstration, which was expected by its promoters to result in the taxing over of power by this element. A postponement to an announced date was afterward decided on however. The Maximilists, or Bolsheviki element, comprises the most extreme class of the Russian revolutionary socialists.

SURPRISE ATTACKS MADE ON THE ENEMY TRENCHES

French and British Troops Participate in Successful Engagements--U. S. Artillerymen Had Their First Whack at the Huns

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, Nov. 8.—“During the night we made two surprise attacks, one on the enemy trenches east of Rheims, the other in the Woivre east of Nouille, and brought in prisoners,” says today's official statement. “In Upper Alsace the attack which we made yesterday on the German station at Schoenhoo, it is now learned, caused the enemy to suffer heavy losses. The number of prisoners captured by us reached 124, of whom two are officers. Important materials which we have thus far not been able to enumerate, fell into our hands. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front.”

Welsh Troops in Successful Raid.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—“Welsh troops conducted a successful raid last night in the sector of Armentieres,” says today's statement from army headquarters. “Fourteen prisoners were captured by us and other losses were inflicted on the enemy. Our own casualties were small. Two German attempts to penetrate our lines south of Roex were repulsed, leaving a few prisoners in our hands.”

American Artillerymen Enthusiastic.

With the American Army in France, Nov. 7.—The first American artillery unit to establish contact with the Germans came back to its billets today. The men were tired and muddy but as enthusiastic a lot of soldiers as ever came out of gun pits. The artillery had a longer stay at the front than the infantry, and they came back, men and horses, wet to the bone, covered with mud and ready to sleep.

MANY LIVES LOST WHEN BUILDING COLLAPSED TODAY IN NEW YORK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Five women and two men are believed to have been killed in the collapse of three floors of the Johanna Steamship Company, in Brooklyn today. The building contained provisions for the United States government. An explosion and fire followed.

One body, that of Miss Josephine Johanna, was recovered from the ruins, and firemen are searching for others. The building was located within a block of the recent \$2,000,000 warehouse fire in Brooklyn. Heavy machinery, stored on the upper floors, is believed to be responsible for the collapse of the building. It dropped to the street, causing the explosion of an ammonia tank. About 3,500 bags of beans, destined for the American troops in France, were ruined. At noon the bodies of four more women had been recovered.

WM. STURGEON LEAVES POLICE FORCE TONIGHT

Reduction Decided Upon by Commission Goes Into Effect—Councillors Not Yet Satisfied.

Policeman William Sturgeon is on duty today for the last time, as he severs his connection with the Fredericton police force tonight. In pursuance of the instructions issued by the police commission to Chief Finley that the force be reduced by one man Policeman Sturgeon leaves. He will return to his former occupation of carpenter and builder, Scott & Forbes, contractors on the Military Hospitals Commission building at Old Government House, having secured his services as soon as it was known that he was about to leave the police force. In view of that fact he has waived the customary month's notice that his services are no longer required as policeman. The change will be to his financial advantage. Tonight he leaves for Cain's River on a week's hunting trip.

It is expected that the discussion on the question of the expenditure on the police force and the holding of a provincial appointment as liquor inspector by Chief Finley which took place Monday night when the City Council was in committee, will be continued at the next meeting of the council as several of the aldermen are not satisfied with present conditions. The police commission is an independent body but the members of the city council are going to express their opinion on police matters just the same.

Having Busy Time.

Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, arrived in St. John last night in his private car, and proceeded to Moncton at nine today. The minister spent yesterday in Charlotte county, and it is believed that as a result of his visit a union candidate will be returned in that county unopposed.

MUCH BUSINESS BEFORE VICTORIA HOSPITAL BOARD

Proposal to Erect Isolation Building on Hospital Grounds Not Received With Enthusiasm--Student Nurses Wanted at Institution.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Hospital Trustees many matters affecting the welfare and progress of the institution engaged the attention of the Board.

In her report the superintendent shows that seventy-four patients received treatment in October, and a large percentage of these were surgical cases. There was only one occupant of the Dow Wing, and that for a brief period. Eight deaths were recorded, an unusual number.

It often happens that patients reach the hospital from outside counties and the hospital does not always receive remuneration for its services. Recent legislation has now made it possible to collect charges from such outside localities, and Judge Crockett and other legal gentlemen on the Board furnished the secretary treasurer with an opinion free of charge.

Student Nurses Wanted. Mrs. Hughes from committee, submitted a record showing the names of all the nurses in training. The superintendent is desirous of having a few more students for training admitted.

Need of New Building. The need for the proposed hospital annex has been keenly felt during the past few months, and in anticipation of being in position to meet the public demands for skillful medical and surgical treatment after another year a committee was appointed to look after any necessary legislation. This committee is composed of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Gregory. The president will act with the committee.

Isolation Hospital.

Ald. Baxter, through the secretary, made a proposition to the trustees for space on the hospital grounds upon which the city might erect an isolation hospital. The Board seemed afraid of the proposition and the matter was left with the mayor and Dr. Kierstead for consideration.

While the new roof was being placed upon the building it was impossible for the night nurses to get the necessary sleep during the day time. Dr. Crockett offered rooms in his residence for the night nurses, for which trustees and nurses are grateful.

Mrs. H. G. C. Ketchum has presented the hospital with a very handsome and costly billiard table, a gift that is sure to be greatly appreciated by many of the convalescents.

It was reported by the superintendent that there were 33 major and minor operations performed during the month and the list of house donations was larger than usual.

Canadians Won Glorious Victory at Passchendaele

Captured a Large Strip of Territory And Nearly a Thousand Prisoners---Two Battalion Commanders Fall Into Their Hands.

(By A. Willison, Correspondent of Canadian Press.)

Canadian Headquarters in France, Nov. 8.—Over Passchendaele Ridge, into the mud of the far reaching Roulers plain, Canada has driven the Hun. Yesterday the men of the Dominion were well established on the coast, with Passchendaele Village in their hands, and with it a good-sized semi-circle of captured ground. Our wounded are coming in exhausted and covered with mud, but happy. With them are German prisoners, dazed from the terrific nature of our artillery bombardment, worn out from their experience of the last few hours, and despondent at the loss of Passchendaele, but glad to be removed from further fighting in mud.

Eighteen officers and nearly three hundred men of other ranks have been taken prisoner by our men, making a total since the beginning of the operations on Oct. 25 of more than thirty officers and nearly 900 non-commissioned officers and men.

CANADIANS WERE ON TOP OF THE ENEMY BEFORE HE COULD CONCENTRATE HIS MACHINE GUN FIRE

Our advance was hardly interrupted, save on the extreme left. On the right our infantry pushed steadily along Passchendaele Ridge to the village, meeting with no determined opposition until they reached the north end of the village, where sharp fighting took place around pill-boxes, one strong point being held with great determination by a small party of German officers. But generally our men followed the barrage so closely that they were on top of the enemy before he could recover or use his strong points for that concentrated machine gun fire which was such a feature in his defensive tactics.

CANADIANS RUSHED POSITIONS WITH BOMB AND BAYONET AND SWEEPED ALL BEFORE THEM

On our left reports of desperate opposition from a stronghold 75 yards from Meetehele are not confirmed. Our infantry were on top of the enemy before he could work his guns, so the advance moved on to Mosselmarky, where real resistance was offered from a nest of strong points.

But the Canadians, rushing the position with bombs and bayonets, broke down the defence until the enemy surrendered in numbers. One German officer, seeing his men giving themselves up, held a bomb in his hand until the explosion blew him to pieces.

LONDON NEWSPAPERS GREATLY ENTHUSED OVER THE CAPTURE OF PASSCHENDAELE

London, Nov. 8.—The capture of Passchendaele is dealt with in the editorials in this morning's newspapers as of extraordinary importance, and as completing the long and persistent fights for the ridges north and northeast of Ypres, which it is contended are the symbols of a great strategy conception for the development of which their capture was the essential prelude.

The Times says: “The possession of the ridge gives Haig a dominating position in the west of Flanders. Whenever we choose we should be able to utilize with great profit the positions we hold today.”

The Daily Mail says: “The capture of Passchendaele is one of the greatest events of the war. The Ypres salient is a thing of the past, or rather it has been turned against the Germans. We now threaten German positions on the coast and at Lille.”

The Daily Telegraph says: “The position of Passchendaele is a symbol of complete success in the most tremendous operation yet attempted by our arms. The enemy will now finally be thrust down into the soaking plains below, where every movement and every position will be under direct observation and decisive shell fire henceforth.”

Commanders Captured.

British Headquarters in Belgium, Nov. 7.—Two German battalion commanders and their staffs were taken prisoners by the Canadians yesterday when Passchendaele fell. The capture of one of these commanders probably accounted for the failure of the enemy to launch a counter attack against the village at a time when it would have stood most chance of success—before the British had begun their consolidation. This man was the commander of a reserve battalion which had been brought up for the express purpose of counter attacking, should the occasion arise.

He and his staff had come into Passchendaele to consult with the battalion chief commanding the troops in the village, and when both these commanders and their subordinates were taken their troops were left without a responsible head. Consequently the reserve battalion appears to have waited in a state of indecision for the return of its leaders and never ventured forward.

The hottest fighting yesterday developed on the left of the Canadian line at the German stronghold known as Vine Cottage, near Goeburg. This place was strongly held by machine guns and the ground around the redoubt was very marshy and difficult to traverse.

The Canadians stormed the fort and a sharp conflict ensued at close quarters. The redoubt finally was forced to surrender and forty Germans were made prisoners.

November 10th

The Last Day for Reporting for Service

BROWN-JONES WEDDING AT WOODSTOCK

On Monday morning a pretty wedding was solemnized in the United Baptist church at Woodstock at 6 o'clock by Rev. J. E. Wilson, when Miss Irma Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jones, Albert street, was united in marriage to Mr. J. F. Leigh Brown, M.D.C.M., L.M.C.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Brown of Middle Southampton.

The bride party entered the church as the choir sang, O Perfect Love. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was becomingly attired in a suit of Russian green broadcloth with wolf furs and black picture hat and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses. Mr. Fred M. Grant, cousin of the groom, acted as usher for the guests.

During the ceremony Miss Eva G. Brewer of Fredericton, sang the solo, The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden, in a very pleasing manner. To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March the bridal party left the church and repaired to the home of the served.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts showing the high esteem in which she is held. Dr. and Mrs. Brown left on the 7.10 train for Montreal, where the doctor will resume his practice.

Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Brown, the Misses Calla and Flora Brown, Middle Southampton; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marchie of St. Stephen, and Miss Eva G. Brewer of Fredericton.