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CONGRESS WILL SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA ARE REPORTED SERIOUS

RUSSIA REPORTED TO BE IN CONFUSION, ANARCHISM GROWING

INFORMATION REACHES BERLIN THAT NEW GOVERNMENT HAS DIFFICULTIES.

WORKINGMEN REFUSE TO WORK, AGITATORS BUSY

Army Discipline Is Relaxed and Factional Differences Smoldering—Street Speakers Spread Socialistic Propaganda—Travelers Say 4000 Were Killed in Petrograd Riots.

Berlin, March 22.—(United Press)—Information reaching here via Stockholm declares Russia is in confusion.

Anarchistic agitation against continuance of the war is growing.

Workingmen refused to resume work.

This indicates the new regime is not in control of the situation. Army discipline has relaxed, factional differences are smoldering.

Street speakers in Petrograd are spreading socialist propaganda against the provisional government.

Anarchistic pamphlets are widely circulated.

Students have replaced the Petrograd police.

Travelers arriving in Stockholm declare four thousand were killed in the rioting in Petrograd and seven thousand wounded.

(Note: Particular significance attaches to the above dispatch because Berlin first reported the revolution.)

Clarke Leiter Addresses Lodge.

Near the close of a very enthusiastic meeting of the La Grande Moose Lodge last night, Clarke Leiter was called upon by the members present for an address. Mr. Leiter made a short address on the work of the order and its position in the community. His remarks were greeted by much enthusiasm by those present.

After the close of the lodge, the members participated in a banquet. As a whole Daddy Burt is very well pleased with the support he is receiving from the members. Next week he is going to Enterprise and has stated that he is not going to come back until he has 150 new members for the order from Enterprise and Wallowa county.

Fined for Speeding.

Al Daniel was fined \$10 this morning on a charge of running his automobile within the city's limits at a rate of speed exceeding 15 miles an hour.

Marriage License Issued.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Carl Snodgrass, of La Grande, to marry Ruth Hughes, of La Grande.

Complaint Dismissed.

Judge Knowles today dismissed the complaint of Woodard, Clarke company against the Hot Lake Home and Sanatorium company, and other defendants. The plaintiff furnished supplies to the Hot Lake Sanatorium company and obtained judgment. Then the company reorganized as the Hot Lake Home and Sanatorium company and the plaintiff brought suit to compel an accounting of the newly formed company.

Robbers Break Into Hermiston Postoffice

Pendleton, Mar. 22.—(United Press)—Robbers forced an entrance in the Hermiston postoffice and blew open the safe and escaped in a handcar with \$500 dollars cash and one hundred fifty dollars in stamps.

This is the third safe robbery in Umatilla county this month.

Czarina's Letters Reveal German Plot

Petrograd, Mar. 22.—(United Press)—The Bourse Gazette asserted correspondence between the Czarina and former Minister Protopoff had been discovered. This is said to disclose an alleged attempt to conclude a separate peace with Germany.

U. S. IS TO HAVE FLEET OF 5000 AEROPLANES

ARMY AND NAVY OFFICIALS MEET WITH MANUFACTURERS OF AIRCRAFT.

Washington, Mar. 21.—(United Press)—A mammoth fleet of five thousand standardized types of aircraft are planned, members of the National advisory committee aeronautics said today. The committee with army and navy officers and thirty manufacturers of aircraft met to decide the quickest way of constructing a fleet in the event of war.

German Retreat Continues. London, March 22.—(United Press)—The German retreat is not ended. General Maurice, Director of military operations believes.

Divorce Is Granted. Judge Knowles yesterday granted a divorce to Harry Grover from Ida M. Grover.

Ribot Cabinet Approved. Paris, March 22.—(United Press)—The French chamber of deputies today approved the Ribot cabinet by a vote of 440 to 140.

Bank Raises New Flag. A new six by eight Old Glory is flying from the pole on top of the United States National bank building today. "It's the time for all Americans to show their colors," said T. J. Scroggin, cashier of the bank, in reference to the new flag.

CANNERS GIVE HARVARD \$20,000 A YEAR FOR PTOMAINÉ PROBE.

Cambridge, Mass., March 22.—The National Canner's association has offered \$20,000 annually for three years to be used in the investigation of food poisoning. This has been accepted by Harvard university, and an extensive research into the subject of ptomaine poisoning, with especial reference to canned goods is to be made by the Harvard Medical school, under the direction of Dr. Milton J. Rosenau, professor of preventive medicine.

Glee Club Passes Through. In a special car on the outgoing branch train this morning were the members of the Willamette University Men's Glee club. The club will sing in Elgin tonight.

Charges of Fraud In Seattle Graft Trial

Charges and counter charges of—Chargest and counter charges of—Intimidating witnesses muddled the booze graft trial of Mayor Gill and Chief Beckingham. Watson Smith, a magazine solicitor, testified Logan Billingsley arranged Monday night to have him testify falsely.

The snow is gradually melting.

SMALL POX IS NOW RAGING IN GERMANY

THIRTY THOUSAND CASES HAVE
BROKEN OUT IS REPORT IN
REICHSTAG.

SOCIALIST MEMBER HOFFMAN MAKES SPEECH

He Declares Rich Are Getting All the Food Fats—Government Is Hoarding Sausages—Vaccination Is Said To Be Futile in Resisting the Spread of the Epidemic.

Washington, Mar. 22.—(United Press)—Thirty thousand cases of smallpox are raging in Germany. The disease is spreading according to a speech of Socialist Reichstag member Hoffman, received by the state department.

Brief portions of it reached America recently. Today the complete text arrived. It showed Hoffman charged the rich with getting fats, the government with hoarding sausages and leaving the poor starving. Vaccination is said to be futile against the spread of the smallpox epidemic.

GERMAN AUXILIARY CRUISER CAPTURES 123,000 TONS OF SHIPPING.

Berlin, March 22.—(United Press)—"The German auxiliary cruiser Moewe returned home to port from its second cruise on the Atlantic Ocean," declared an official statement today. "She remained on the Atlantic several months under Command of Count Hohna Scholodius. She captured 22 steamers, five windjammers, a total of 123,000 tons."

Uncle Sam Hunts Jobs For Militia Men

Washington, March 22.—(United Press)—Uncle Sam's nation-wide Employment Service, ever since the troops began to filter back from the border, has secured the land, job-hunting for the militiamen who quit their places to go south. Militia organizations and their friends have assisted, the press has done its bit, and the response from the employing public, employment officials declare, has been unprecedented. Employment offices at Denver, Baltimore, Helena, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Boston, New Orleans and Chicago, reported success in the job-hunting campaign. Large employers of labor as well as the private businessman, are reported enthusiastically co-operating in the work of providing for the jobless warriors. As fast as the positions come into the employment offices, the militia organizations in the various districts are notified, and the jobs listed with the commanding officers. Even the women's section of the Employment Service is lending aid in the campaign. "There will be more jobs than there will be men to fill them," Commissioner Caminetti of the Immigration Bureau, in charge of the work stated today.

French Capture Many More Villages

Paris, March 22.—(United Press)—Despite a vigorous defense the French occupied more villages at North Soissons, it is announced. They raided German trenches north of Beryaubac, capturing many prisoners.

This is the second day of Spring.

VIADUCT WORK WILL START IN NEXT FEW DAYS

FINAL CONTRACT SIGNED WITH
RAILWAY COMPANY.

TAX FOR MEDICINE SHOW STILL IS \$25.00 PER DAY

Moore Brothers, of Portland, Will Erect Viaduct—Septic Tank Being Cleared Out—Chinese Situation Being Ended Satisfactorily.

It took just about 30 minutes last night for Commissioners Brown and McKennon to sign the final contract with the O. W. R. and N. company for the construction of the Second street viaduct, to turn down the application of the manager of the Quaker Medicine company for a reduction of the per diem tax for medicine shows, and to hear the reports of city officials read to them.

Engineer Taylor of the Portland chief engineer's office of the railway company reported that Moore Brothers of Portland would build the viaduct and would start within a few days. The material is here.

The per diem license fee for medicine shows is \$25.

Six feet of solid matter has been found in the septic tank and this matter is being pumped out and spread on the snow nearby. It will be plowed under.

Work will be started on the sewer under the proposed Second street viaduct by Monday at the latest. It is planned to have the sewer repairs finished before the contractors start excavation work for the viaduct piers.

City Manager Curry reported that the Chinese tong war situation was rapidly drawing towards a satisfactory close. Recommendations of the county health officer for changes in the Chinese quarter to secure better sanitation, as well as suggestions from the fire chief for better security against fire, will be followed.

W. R. C. Present Flag To Central School

Boy and Girl Accept Flag on Behalf of School—Veterans Visit Primary Grades.

As a gift from the La Grande W. R. C. Central school yesterday received a United States flag. Four members of the G. A. R. accompanied eight members of the W. R. C. when the women gave the flag to the school. Mrs. Violet Morgan, president of the local W. R. C., made the presentation speech. Gilbert Swartz and Helen Jane Wall received the gift. Little Miss Wall presented each of the visitors with a carnation. Gilbert Swartz answered Mrs. Morgan's presentation speech. The pupils of the school sang a patriotic song. The G. A. R. veterans visited the primary grades and made patriotic talks to the children.

Mrs. Morgan's presentation speech was as follows:

Superintendent La Grande Schools, Superintendent, Teachers and Pupils Central School: I am indeed glad to meet you here this afternoon and have the privilege of extending the fra-

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Imbler Has Three Inch Snowfall Today

George Cleavor phoned the Observer this morning that three inches of snow had fallen between six and nine o'clock. Mr. Cleavor said it was one of the heaviest storms of the season.

The Cattle and Horse convention committee meets tonight.

PRESIDENT STARTS WRITING HIS MESSAGE TO WAR CONGRESS

U. S. Navy Needs 74,500 Men Now

Washington, Mar. 22.—(United Press)—The navy needs seventy-four thousand five hundred men immediately. Secretary Daniels announced this unofficially. He is appealing through the newspapers to stimulate recruiting. He will request the extra session of congress to authorize one hundred thousand sailors as the maximum for the navy.

STR. MARYLAND NOW MISSING

Washington, Mar. 22.—(United Press)—The American steamer Maryland which left Philadelphia for London, December 23, is posted as missing. Lloyds cabled the State Department.

Carranza Calls Mexican Congress To Meet

El Paso, March 22.—(United Press)—Congressman Charles Plank, of Sonora, announced Carranza ordered the Mexican house of deputies to convene in Mexico City April 2.

CLEVELAND HIRES DICTATOR TO RUN ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Cleveland, March 22.—(United Press)—September first Dr. Frank E. Spaulding will become absolute dictator over the public schools of the Sixth City. Thereby the city sets aside the school board to try an experiment. Dr. Spaulding will receive \$12,000 a year, said to be the most ever paid a school head in the United States.

One of the first things Dr. Spaulding will do, he says, is to test all teachers' efficiency, weed them out and raise all salaries of those remaining. He has been head of the Minneapolis schools, where he put the school board to one side except in discussing policies.

There also he abolished all standing committees of the board and handled all executive matters himself, used his own text books and paid the royalties to the school fund, gave normal school students jobs as "cadet" teachers with pay, threw the school buildings wide open to the public for meetings, held staff meetings of teachers, started "opportunity rooms" for backward students, doubled the number of kindergartens and placed them under a competent director.

He also mapped out a school building program covering a period of years, established two year high school courses for commercial and technical students and made inducements to keep boys and girls in school when they showed signs of quitting.

Sent Spies To Great Britain; Is Jailed

New York, March 22.—(United Press)—Albert Sander and Carl Wunnenberg were sentenced to two years in the Federal penitentiary and fined 2500 when they pleaded guilty to sending spies to England.

J. A. Krilland was a Pendleton visitor Tuesday.

CONGRESSMEN OF ALL PARTIES PLEDGE THEIR SUPPORT IN TELEGRAMS

NEUTRAL DIPLOMATS START TALK OF PEACE

Central, South American and Scandinavian Diplomats Are All Working to End War—German Merchantmen Will Be Free to Leave American Harbors or to Remain for Nine Months.

BY ROBERT J. BENDER
Washington, Mar. 22.—(United Press)—The President today began writing his message to the war congress.

Congressmen of all faiths wired pledges of support.

Even the filibusters whom Wilson called "a little group of wilful men" responded to the demands for aggressive action.

Meanwhile reports of increasingly serious conditions in Germany attracted official attention.

Veiling movements in secrecy, the neutral diplomats started subtle peace talk.

It is believed that the Central and South American, and Scandinavian diplomats are all working for peace.

It is learned officially that scores of German merchantmen now in American harbors are free to depart if war is declared.

These ships also would have nine months leeway following a declaration of war.

Washington, Mar. 22.—(United Press)—The State Department squelched suggestions of neutral mediation between America and Germany. This will continue to be the administration's attitude until the slate is clean.

TRACOMA INVADÉS ARGENTINE

Buenos Aires, March 22.—Tracoma, said to have been brought into the country by Turkish immigrants, is causing serious alarm in parts of Argentina. Perisco, with 10,000 inhabitants, is said to have 1,200 cases.

Argentine Naval Officers Recovering.

Buenos Aires, March 22.—(United Press)—Rear Admiral Juan A. Martin and Capt. Diogenes Aguirre of the Argentine navy, who have been nominally ill but who are reported really to have fought a duel with one another, are recovering.

It is understood that the fight was with swords, that it was over a professional difference of opinion, that it occurred in the patio, or courtyard, of a house in the Buenos Aires suburb of Bolgrano and that both the principals were wounded.

Six Standard Schools in Union

There are now six standard schools in Union county. The North Powder school is the last one to standardize itself.

Lecture To Be Given.

Mrs. Lottie Hannon, of Newberg, Oregon, W. C. T. U. lecturer, will speak in the basement of the Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30, and in the Salvation Army hall tomorrow night at 8 p. m. on patriotism.

Prince Frederick Karl Is Missing

Berlin, March 22.—(United Press)—Prince Frederick Karl, of Prussia has not returned from an aeroplane trip over hostile lines between Arras and Poenne it is announced.

Mrs. J. W. McCoy is here on a business trip.