

RUSSIAN POLITICAL CRISIS HAS PASSED

COUNCIL OF SOLDIERS AND WORKMEN WORK WITH DUMA

MEETING HELD YESTERDAY—COMMITTEE ASKS THEY BE GIVEN SOCIALISTIC REPRESENTATION

VALDIVOSTOCK REPORTS ARE OFFICIALLY DENIED

Russian Position Attacked By Asphyxiating Gases, French Mortars, Hand Grenades and Mines—Nord-Sud Dispatch Reports Heavy Fire Over Greater Part of Front—Russian Submarine Flotilla Silences Bosphorus Battery.

Petrograd, May 17.—(United Press)—Russia has evidently passed the crisis of political sickness and started well on the road to convalescence. Differences between the Duma and the soldiers' and workmen's council are melting into a formation of a cabinet which seems certain to command full support of all factions concerned. The executive committee of the soldiers' and workmen's council met with the Duma ministry today. The committee asked that the new cabinet include three social democrats and three national socialists. Alarming reports of anarchy at Vladivostok were officially denied.

Fraternizing between Russian and German soldiers has been stopped along practically all of the northern front, according to a Nord-Sud agency dispatch. An incident, showing the Russians the duplicity of the Germans was reported and caused cessation of friendly relations. Certain members of the Russian regiment withstood all German blandishments to come out and talk over matters. The position of the regiment held was overwhelmed by asphyxiating gases, intense rifle and artillery fire, hurricane of hand grenades and trench mortars. Mines were exploded nearby.

A Nord-Sud dispatch declared guns are roaring over the greater part of the front, but the Russian morale is excellently maintained.

It is reported that the Russian submarine flotilla shelled and silenced the Bosphorus battery, inflicting heavy damage.

RUSSIA'S CRUCIAL PERIOD IS APPARENTLY PAST

Petrograd, May 17.—(United Press)—The apparent crucial period in dispute between the soldiers, workmen and Duma has passed.

The formation of a coalition cabinet commanding full support of all sides seems certain.

Cove News Notes

Cove, May 15.—(Special)—The Rev. John Lewtas, of Tacoma, Wash., a member of the Ellison-White Lyceum Bureau, also one of the corps of lecturers, preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning. Rev. Lewtas has spent several years in foreign countries gathering material for the lecture platform, having just returned from an extended trip in England, France and Belgium. In France he had the unique experience of being on the firing line facing the German enemy at a distance of 200 yards. His talks are intensely interesting, instructive and full of thrilling experiences. Rev. Lewtas is a close friend of Dr. C. Pratt and will remain in Cove until Tuesday which means a number of rare treats for Cove people.

It will be of interest to many of the Cove people to learn that Robert Burdette of North Powder, a former Cove boy, has enlisted in the U. S. Army for seven years. Three for active service and four in the reserve. He joined the signal corps and expects to take up motor work and mechanical construction of flying machines. After six months service he will be allowed sixty days furlough. After three months in the mechanical school he will take an examination and if he passes will be given a commission as lieutenant. The signal corps is made up of skilful mechanics and tradesmen. A man may learn telegraphy both wireless and wire, telephone and motor truck work. The aviation branch is the one he has been assigned to on account of his knowledge of gas engines.

Phillip Conklin returned home Saturday from Corvallis where he has been attending the Agricultural college the past year.

The Patriotic Service league will

Argentine Prohibits Wheat Exportation

Buenos Aires, May 17.—(United Press)—The Argentine government has announced a prohibition on the exportation of wheat. This is the government's second embargo announcement. The first, effective in April was suspended through protests of Britain and the United States.

TWO OFFICES OF THE CITY CONSOLIDATED

WATER SUPERINTENDENT WILL ALSO HANDLE STREET SUPERINTENDENT'S WORK—SEWER ORDERED

At the regular meeting of the city commission last evening several petitions for new sidewalks were brought up and acted upon. A petition was filed by P. A. Foley asking for a \$600 refund for water rent, was denied. The street superintendent's office was consolidated with the water superintendent's office, under M. I. Hoyt. The sewer and improvement district was ordered to construct sewer connecting Grandy Ave. and Jefferson Ave., block 17, Grandy addition.

TEACHERS ARE ELECTED FOR COMING TERM OF SCHOOL

At the meeting of the board of school directors of district No. 1 last evening the teachers for the coming term of school were elected. In the high school department Superintendent McCullough, who was re-elected in February, will fill that capacity with a salary of \$2400. Principal Hampton, who was also re-elected in February but recently resigned, will be substituted by Mr. McNeil, who was elected to the principalship for the coming year at a salary of \$1300 a year. Miss Naomi Kirtley, who was to have charge of the domestic science department next term, resigned; her place will be filled by Miss Dorothy Wright, of this year's graduation class of the O. A. C. By reason of certain combinations of classes and the construction of the viaduct over the tracks, thus enabling the children to pass back and forth over the railroad tracks in safety, the board has been able to dispense with two of the grade teachers.

In the high school the elimination throughout the whole system of athletics and gymnasium work under paid instruction eliminated the places occupied by Miss Jewel Tozier and Mr. Royal Niles.

Miss Mildred Riddle of this vicinity but at present teaching at Malalla, Oregon, was elected to teach in the high school next year in the capacity of history and mathematics instructor. Mrs. Zoe Bragg Spinning and Miss Sue Wilson will teach in the grades the coming term. The date for opening next term has been set for September 10th.

All grade teachers were originally re-elected but as a number resigned the following list constitutes the revised election:

Complete List of Teachers.
School District No. 1.
Linden McCullough, city superintendent.

High School.
G. A. McNeil, principal; Grace McMillan, Flora M. Koch, Ida E. Howard, B. Ida Gunderson, Lella D. Smith, J. E. Fulkerson, Mildred Riddle, (science unfilled).

Harold Mason, manual training.
Dorothy Wright, domestic science.
Cecile Hindman, music.

Blanche Clarke, drawing and penmanship.

Bessie White, commercial.

Grade Teachers.
Central—A. H. Prince, principal;
Hulda Anderson, Mrs. Geo. Carpy.

FINAL TRIBUTE PAID MEMORY JOSEPH CHOATE

ALL NATIONS EXCEPT ENEMIES PAY FINAL RESPECTS TO FAMOUS LAWYER-DIPLOMAT

FUNERAL SERVICES AT ST. BARTHOLOMEWS SIMPLE

Church Is Packed to the Doors—Three Hundred and Fifty Patrolmen and Squad of Mounted Officers Required to Handle Crowds—Many Prominent Men Among Active Pall Bearers—Interment at Stockbridge, Mass.

New York, May 17.—(United Press)—Representatives of all civilized nations, excepting the United States' enemies, paid final tribute to the memory of Joseph H. Choate in a brief, simple funeral service for the lawyer diplomat at St. Bartholomew's church.

The church was packed to the doors. Three hundred and fifty patrolmen and a squad of mounted officers were required to handle the crowds.

Among the active pall bearers were Mayor John Purroy Mitchel, J. P. Morgan, British Ambassador Cecil Spring Rice and most of the members of the French War Mission. The interment took place at Stockbridge, Mass., in a special plot of the Choate estate.

Union Pacific Aids In Floating Big Loan

Superintendent William Bollons has received the following circular from R. S. Lovett and J. D. Farrell urging employees to invest in the Liberty Bonds. The Union Pacific system has bought \$5,000,000 of the bond issue and will make it possible for its employees to purchase the bonds on the installment plan:

New York, N. Y., May 15, 1917.
To all Officers, Agents and Employees of Union Pacific System:

I trust that every man and woman in our organization intends as a patriotic duty to subscribe to the 3 1/2 per cent liberty loan being issued by the government to carry on the war. The loan must be made a conspicuous success and to enable every employee to participate in this patriotic purpose the company will upon the request of any such employee make subscription for his or her account to an amount of bonds not exceeding 25 per cent of the employee's yearly salary and will advance the whole subscription price charging interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent per annum, being the same rate borne by the bonds and holding the bonds as security for its reimbursement. The amount advanced by the company will be payable by the employee so long as in the service with a minimum of \$5.00 per month, such installments to be deducted from the wage payments. The bonds are to be in denominations of \$50.00 and multiples thereof. Employees desiring to subscribe should notify their superior officer who will furnish form of contract necessary for them to execute. It is earnestly hoped that employees will not limit their subscription to merely the amount advanced by the company but in addition will subscribe to the extent of any funds they may have available. The Union Pacific itself has subscribed for \$5,000,000.00 of these bonds and it is hoped that every one associated with it in any capacity will join in supplementing this amount. Employees herein referred to are employees of U. P. R. Co., O. S. L. R. R. Co., O. W. R. R. & N. Co. and also employees any subsidiary corporation all of which stock is owned by any of such companies.

R. S. LOVETT,
J. D. FARRELL.

Susanna Deal, Lena Fosten, Evelyn Foss, Mrs. Stella Ingle, Mrs. Ruth Jackson, Janet Jones, Nell Mahaffey, Mollie Mettlo, Mollie Snider, Enid Switzer, Gladys Winters.

Greenwood—R. A. Wilkerson, principal; Lou E. Jones, Jennie M. Cunningham, Ruth Adler, Dora Hayes, Lella Bloom, Ruth Gormley, Sarah Smith, Sue Wilson.

Rivers—Nellie G. Neill, principal; Rae D. Morrison, Dudley Tobin, Dove McGee, Myrtle Chandler, Mrs. Zoe B. Spinning, Nina Kame.

BAKERIES SAY BREAD PRICES MUST INCREASE

GOVERNMENT MUST DEVISE PLAN OF DELIVERING WHEAT TO MILLER AT CHEAPER COST OR PRICES MUST RAISE

PRICES SHOULD FLUCTUATE SAYS MASTER BAKER STRAIN

"If Cost of Wheat Can Be Reduced to Less Than Two Dollars a Bushel a Pound of Bread Can Be Sold for Less Than Ten Cents." President McDonald Declares War Bread Has Proven Unsuccessful.

Chicago, May 17.—(United Press)—Bread prices must increase "if the government doesn't devise some plan of delivering wheat to the miller at a cheaper cost." This consensus of opinion was given by two hundred representatives of the largest bakeries of every state in the Union.

"The government should set standard loaves. Prices shouldn't fluctuate the same as does the cost of a pound of meat or sugar," said E. F. Strain, Battle Creek member of the executive committee of the National association of Master Bakers, "if the cost of wheat can be reduced by action of boards of trades to less than two dollars a bushel, a pound of bread can be sold for less than ten cents."

President McDonald of Memphis in his opening address declared, "war bread has proven unsuccessful."

State Council of Defense Organized

Clarke Leiter, editor of The Observer returned this morning from a visit to Portland, where he attended the first meeting of the State Council of Defense, of which he is a member.

The committee met in the Imperial Hotel, and immediately got down to business by electing Harry L. Corbett, of Portland, president. Mr. Corbett is president of the Portland chamber of commerce and is well fitted to carry on this important work.

The State Council of Defense is to work in connection with the National Council of Defense which is composed of the Secretaries of Navy, War, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, aided by a civilian advisory commission.

The State Council will have committees of finance, publicity, legal, coordination of societies, sanitation and medicine, food supply and conservation, industrial survey, survey of manpower, labor, military affairs, state protection, transportation, organization of local councils of defense.

The members of the state council are: H. L. Corbett, General Chas. F. Beebe, of Portland, W. E. Schimpff, of Astoria, C. C. Hall, of Marshfield, R. N. Stanfield, of Pendleton, C. S. Hudson, of Bend, and Clarke Leiter, of La Grande.

Dr. W. T. Kerr was appointed chairman of the Food Conservation Committee and expressed his willingness to co-operate in every way with the State Council.

Other committees will be announced later.

All patriotic societies are urged to write to President Corbett and outline their personnel and the patriotic work they already have under way.

BERLIN ADMITS LOSS AROUND ROEUS TODAY

OFFICIAL STATEMENT GIVES 2,300 BRITISH—2,700 FRENCH CAPTURED IN MAY.

Berlin, May 17.—(United Press)—It is officially stated that in face of a strong British counter attack the Germans were forced to surrender some ground in Roeus early this morning.

Twenty-three hundred British and twenty-seven hundred French soldiers were captured in May.

UNIVERSAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY VESSEL SUBMARINED

Judge Bingham Upheld Decision On Bean Bill

Portland, May 17.—(United Press)—Circuit Judge George Bingham, of Marion County, upheld a demurrer in an injunction suit to keep the Bean bill off the ballot. He ruled that the Bean bill should go on the ballot. Immediate appeal is planned. Attack on bill is based on the contention that the legislature didn't legally pass the measure. The bill would put grant lands on tax rolls.

NATIONALISTS REJECT PLAN OF LLOYD GEORGE

REFUSE PARTITION OF ULSTER IN SETTLEMENT OF IRISH HOME RULE PLAN

London, May 17.—(United Press)—The Irish nationalists formally rejected Premier Lloyd George's plan for partition of Ulster in the settlement of the Irish home-rule plan.

They agreed to adopt his suggestion for a convention of Irishmen representing all parties to devise a system of Government.

ASSASSIN OF COUNT TO GO ON TRIAL

Vienna, May 17.—(United Press)—Adler, assassin of Count Karl Stuergh, premier of Austria, is scheduled to stand trial tomorrow, a commission of physicians having determined that his plea of insanity was groundless.

The Wheat Market

Chicago, May 17.—(United Press)—The wheat market:

	Open	High	Low	Close
July	\$2.21	\$2.22	\$2.14	\$2.19
Sept.	\$3.00	\$3.01	\$2.95	\$2.99

Portland—Club \$2.60; Bluestem \$2.65.

Robert D. Carter, ex-County Judge of Baker County and ex-Mayor of Baker, is in the city today. He has been visiting his brother M. L. Carter, of the Cove district, and will also visit his sister who lives at Island City.

BIG INCOMES ARE HARD HIT BY THE HOUSE

Washington, May 17.—(United Press)—A climax was reached today when a heavy increase in the revenue bill became known late this afternoon when the House increased twenty-five per cent of all surtaxes on incomes between eighty thousand and a million dollars. A tax of forty-five per cent was put on all incomes exceeding a million dollars. Majority leader, Kitchin, read a treasury department statement showing that revenue taxes must be increased four hundred forty-five million dollars. He said the government needed every dollar that could be raised.

FOR SALE—Singer sewing machine. Used very little; in good condition. Reasonable price. Phone Red 2111. Adv. 5-17-pd.

HILONIAN SUNK WITH LOSS OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CREW IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

SHIP COMMANDED BY CAPT. WILLIAMS—ALL AMERICANS

Crew Consisted of Eighteen Members—Ship Carried Provisions—British Steamer Harpagus Also Reported Submerged off Marseilles on May Ninth According to Cable Received by the Febre Line—Details Not Given.

New York, May 17.—(United Press)—The Universal Transportation company, owners of the Hilonian were advised that their vessel was submerged in the Mediterranean with a loss of four members of the crew. There were eighteen members in the crew besides Captain Williams and all were citizens.

The ship carried provisions. The British steamer Harpagus was submerged off Marseilles on May 9th, according to a cable received by the Febre Line. Details were not given.

LOCAL MOOSE PAY RESPECT TO FLAG AND NATION

PATRIOTIC SPEECHES MADE BY PROMINENT MEN—MEMORIAL SERVICES SUNDAY EIGHT O'CLOCK

The patriotic fever that was tingling in the veins of all the members of the local order of Moose found an outlet last evening in their big patriotic meeting held in their hall. The occasion was the patriotic day set aside by all orders of the Moose at which they considered it their duty as peaceful citizens of the United States to pay tribute to their flag and sing their national anthems. The patriotism of all found voice in a splendid program on which the speakers gave patriotic speeches, boosting the Red Cross work and Army Y. M. C. A. work.

Judge Knowles gave a very patriotic speech in which he made an appeal that all the Moose support the Army Y. M. C. A. work to the utmost.

Other speeches were given by the orators of the order showing their views of the nation's present state of warfare and their patriotism.

The speakers of the evening were: Attorney R. J. Green, Attorney L. D. Butler, Attorney R. J. Kitchen, Attorney Colon R. Eberhard, George Young, Wm. Hansen, Jap Stevens, C. D. Emahiser, Kenneth Evans, and Brother J. C. Henry acting as chairman of the program. The national anthems were sung also a solo given by Attorney L. D. Butler. The Moose will hold their Memorial services Sunday evening at 8 p. m. instead of Sunday afternoon. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

SOLDIER BOYS WILL PUT ON BOXING BOUTS

Preliminaries to the Gunderson-Christenson wrestling match at the Arcade tonight offer special attraction.

Harry Plant, of Company M, has arranged a splendid boxing exhibition which will be staged by Company M boys.

Fred Williams and John Brown will exhibit the manly art in a three round match two minutes for each round. Besides this Soldier Goble and Walter Rolan, two other lightweights of the company, will give a fast three round bout.

Special seats have been reserved for Company M boys and they will appear in a body. In addition to these bouts a wrestling match will be staged between two local boys; also a boxing match.