

BIG OFFENSIVE IN THE BALKANS IS NEXT MOVE

**ALLIED DIPLOMATS
HOLD CONFERENCE
AND SO DECIDE**

**RUSSIA WANTS U. S.
TO MAKE WAR ON AUSTRIA**

**Italy's Irritation Subsides—
She Is Promised There
Won't Be Separate
Peace**

Washington, Aug. 3.—(United Press)—Big offensive operations in Balkans will come soon, Allied agents declared.

This is the result of recent conferences here among Allied diplomats bearing on Italy's demands for more active work against Austria.

Italy's irritation subsided today.

Russia agrees with her America should declare war on Austria.

Other entente nations told Italy there won't be a separate peace with Austria, which Italy opposed.

It is regarded significant that representative German papers are loudly cheering peace talk from Vienna.

Further retirements of the Russians across the frontier from the River Zbruec eastward from Galicia are likewise announced. It is admitted the enemy occupied Falkei.

Remove fresh coffee stains by pouring boiling water through the fabric.

ITALY IS REACHING CLIMAX OF HER POWER IN THE WAR

Italian Soldiers Make Brilliant Advances—Boselli Cabinet Wins Vote of Confidence—General Cordona Makes Powerful Offensive—Italy's Navy Has Netted or Sunk Forty Submarines—Flying Corps Has Good Record—High Cost of Living Burdens People—Vatican Organs Call for Speedy Peace.

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Rome, August 3.—Italy is just now approaching the climax of her power in the great war. Twelve months have witnessed consolidation of the Italian war machine, brilliant advances on all fronts where Italian soldiers face the foe and fullest utilization of the Italian navy's power in the Mediterranean.

For the first time in months the muddled Italian political situation has apparently settled down, with the recent overwhelming vote of confidence in the Boselli cabinet. Italy has learned, probably from England, the necessity of co-ordinated, harmonious prosecution of the war, with every ounce of her strength.

Most recent of Italy's achievements were the two offensives in the Sarso and the Trentino.

Gorizia fell just a year ago and then Italy turned her eyes toward Laibach and Trieste. But winter gripped the fighters before plans materialized. Just before nature intervened to stop the fighting the Italians (in September) conquered the heights of Cosmagno in the Adige Valley, and consolidated and widened their positions on the Pasubio.

This spring on May 9, General Cadorna began where he had left off last fall—but this time with more powerful offensive arms—in men, guns and munitions. The whole left bank of the river and almost the entire rocky plateau north of Gorizia fell to their arms. Between Castagnavizza and east of Jamiano they pressed forward. The lower slopes of Mount Herrada, the guardian of Trieste were conquered. Trieste itself is now directly menaced from a bare twelve miles.

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Car Of Fish Is Quickly Distributed

The Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club are distributing a carload of fish today which arrived this morning from Bonneville. They are placing them in the upper streams of the Grande Ronde. A party consisting of about three auto loads of fishers are going to make a big trip tomorrow to Troy, Oregon, to bring home some 'prize fish'. Letters from various sources report fine fishing in the Wallowa river and that the roads over there are good. Secretary Andrews urges members to call and get their tickets for the big fish banquet August 7.

BACK BONE OF I. W. W. STRIKE IS NOW BROKEN

**Miners Flock Back to Work,
Night Shifts Are
Put On**

Butte, Aug. 3.—(United Press)—The backbone of the I. W. W. miners strike was broken today. Miners flocked back to work so fast that it will be necessary to resume night shifts at larger mines tonight or tomorrow.

What officers believe was another lynching party last night failed to get Joe Shannon, a strike leader.

A mysterious automobile with lights extinguished approached Shannon's home but deputies frightened it away.

Shannon had received the vigilante warning.

Four thousand I. W. W.'s plan a "silent demonstration" at Little's funeral.

LA GRANDE SAYS FAREWELL TO SOLDIERS BOYS

**COMMERCIAL CLUB RECEPTION
AT Y. M. C. A. LARGELY
ATTENDED**

**HONOR IS PAID TO TROOPS
SOON TO DEPART**

Boys of Company M and La Grande Hospital Unit Are the Guests—Honor Guard Girls Serve Refreshments—Musical Program Is Rendered for the Entertainment of Large Audience.

The whole city of La Grande attended the Commercial Club's farewell reception last night to Company M and the La Grande Hospital Unit. Hundreds were turned away, being unable to get into the spacious club-rooms of the Y. M. C. A.

The whole evening passed most enjoyably. It was what a new reporter would describe as a "brilliant scene, gallant men mingling with pretty women." It was at that. The boys in brown were there, and the local boys in their civilian attire. The Honor Guard girls assisted with the program and served thirteen gallons of punch.

Fred J. Holmes, president of the Commercial Club presided and told the young men of the respect and friendship La Grande felt for them as they were about to leave in the service of their country.

Corporal Peterson gave an accordion solo and was heartily applauded. Miss Helen Biggs sang a solo "Senora," which was enthusiastically received. Walter and Lyle Stringham contributed a piano duet in fine style.

Mr. George T. Cochran wished the boys godspeed and assured them that the people of La Grande would follow their movements with interest and were confident that they would acquire themselves with great credit.

Misses Gladys Black, Jeanette Stoddard and Mary Newlin sang a trio "Snowflakes," which was one of the most enjoyable numbers on the program.

Mr. Walter Stringham rendered a piano solo in excellent style.

The Company M quartet sang some local hits that were heartily applauded.

Glenn Conkey sang a solo which was much appreciated.

The whole Y. M. C. A. was thrown open to the visitors and young and old wandered through the clubhouse, meeting friends and the young soldiers and admiring the beautiful patriotic decorations.

The Arcade orchestra played at the conclusion of the program.

China To Declare War On Germany

Peking, Aug. 3.—(United Press)—A bill was passed today, authorizing the declaration of war on Germany by China. Only the President's confirmation is needed to make the action effective.

Chinese Tong Men Shoot Storekeeper

Berkeley, Aug. 3.—(United Press)—Two Chinese tongmen shot and killed Gee Chong, a storekeeper, standing in front of his store. The gunmen fled. One was captured later. It is believed the shooting marks the opening of another tong war.

GERMANS MAKE SUCCESSFUL DRIVE

London, Aug. 3.—(United Press)—A German drive against Infantry Hill last night was partly successful, General Haig reported. On a half mile front the Germans succeeded temporarily in gaining the front lines. At two points the British counter-attacks regained portions of the lost ground.

AMERICA NEEDS HEALTH TO HELP ON THE WAR

**DR. FRANKLIN C. WELLS AD-
DRESSES THE EMPLOYEES
OF THE O. W. R. N. CO.**

**TREMENDOUS ANNUAL
LOSS DUE TO SICKNESS**

America's Industrial Army Loses on an Average Nine Days Annually Due to Sickness—Much Illness is Preventable—Annual Loss Is \$960,000,000 Per Annum—New Insurance System in Full Operation.

Dr. Franklin C. Wells, medical director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, spoke to the employees of the O. W. R. R. & N. railroad who had gathered in the Methodist church to hear him talk on the conservation of health. The company with which Dr. Wells is associated, is carrying about \$40,000,000 of group life insurance on some 30,000 employees of the Union Pacific System, including accident and health benefits in combination with the Continental Casualty company of Chicago. The premiums are paid by the railroad company and the death losses when they occur are payable to the beneficiary of the insured. If these employees are men, the policies cover in the event they go to the war and if they are killed the payments under such policies revert to the beneficiaries the same as if the insured had died while following their regular employment with the railroad company.

Dr. Wells was introduced by Mr. C. G. Sutherland, assistant to the general manager of the O. W. R. R. & N. Company. The address of Dr. Wells had to do with advice on how to keep well. Applying this principle so far as health rules are concerned in the matter of every day life. Dr. Wells set forth the crying need in this country for more attention to the subject of the conservation of health. A subject which has been to much overlooked by the American people, who have carried wastefulness and extravagance to an excessive degree in this respect as well as in the resources of our land in other respects. He referred to the fact that chemically a man who weighs 200 pounds is worth about \$8.00, but as a matter of fact he is worth to the community what he is worth physically and mentally and what he does and accomplishes. By looking at a man you cannot tell what he is worth no more than you can tell the value of an automobile by casual examination.

To get the real value of a man physically, you must take him apart, so to speak, and examine the human machinery. This is what insurance companies do in acting upon an application for insurance. Dr. Wells then went into a diagnosis of the human

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Eight American Naval Gunners Lost At Sea

London, Aug. 3.—(United Press)—Eight American naval gunners were lost in the torpedoing of the Standard Oil Tanker, Motano, it is announced. The total loss was twenty four. Those saved included twenty-seven crewmen and five gunners. This is the heaviest loss of American naval gunners since the outbreak of the war.

The Motano sank a minute after she was torpedoed.

AUSTRIANS TAKE CZERNOWITZ

Amsterdam, Aug. 3.—(United Press)—Vienna dispatches announced the capture of Czernowitz by Austrian troops.

RUSSIANS LOSE STRATEGIC POINT

Petrograd, Aug. 3.—(United Press)—Kimpolung, a strong strategic point in Bukovina, was evacuated by the Russians under pressure, the Teutons announced.

Banquet Tonight In Honor Of Visitors

Some of the business and railroad men of this city are giving a complimentary dinner this evening at the Foley Hotel in honor of Dr. Franklin C. Wells, Medical Director of the Equitable Life Assurance Co. and Mr. Curtis G. Sutherland, Assistant General Manager of the O. W. R. & N. Co.

U.S. IS TO TAKE OVER ALL SHIPS NOW BUILDING

**TWO MILLION TONS OF
SHIPPING ARE TO
BE SEIZED**

Washington, Aug. 3.—(United Press)—Commandeering of shipping under construction in America is to begin immediately.

The shipping board is ready to announce its program for seizing about two million tons of shipping now on the way, and also taking over the shipyards.

Among the ships are many English and Norwegian bottoms now under construction.

The question of returning these after they are completed under American supervision may be settled by the state department.

The yards are to continue in operation by their present owners under government direction.

Mrs. L. F. Dunn left for Seattle last night to be gone a month or six weeks visiting relatives.

KERENSKY, PREMIER AND WAR MINISTER IS RUSSIA'S HOPE

**Past Year Witnesses Russia's Re-birth—In Five Days
Russia Went From Autocracy To Democracy—Least
Bloody Revolution in the World—Workmen and
Soldiers Delegates Develop Power—German Plots
Blocked.**

(By a United Press Staff Correspondent)

Petrograd, August 3.—The year just passed witnessed Russia's re-birth. The year to come will show whether the miracle of that birth can be repeated in another which will bring the infant to a man's power among nations. Her hope rests largely in one man, Alexander F. Kerensky, youthful premier and war minister.

In five days, Russia went through the violent transition from autocracy to democracy. It was the least bloody revolution in the history of the world. Five months from the date of that revolution is now nearly at hand and in that period the Democracy of Russia has survived despite Germanys' most desperate efforts at propaganda and by arms. Russia's vast territory has been kept intact. Her armies have launched a great offensive. Her government has put down insurrection of German inspired malcontents. Her people are working out their own problems of government, almost a unit for prosecution of the war against Germany until democracy shall be made safe for the world.

Nicholas, Czar of all the Russias, last of the world's absolutist monarchs (except the Kaiser) abdicated his proud place at midnight March 16. The reins of government were assumed by the only organization of the people then assembled—the duma members. It was a makeshift, palpably. Therefore all Russia began devising impromptu methods of expressing the popular will.

Next to develop as a power in the new Russia was a local council of delegates from the workmen and soldiers, in Petrograd. Because it was on the ground at the seat of government, this local council before long assumed supreme importance in the government.

But the Petrograd council was only one of thousands of similar units. Workmen and soldiers all over Russia

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DRAFT RIOT BREAKS OUT IN OKLAHOMA

**STARTS IN SEMINOLE
COUNTY AND IS
SPREADING**

**RAILROAD BRIDGE
IS BLOWN UP AND BURNED**

**Mob of Tenant Farmers Is
Marching Toward Sas-
kawa To Seize
Arms**

Ada, Oklahoma, Aug. 3.—(United Press)—The first violence against the draft has broken out in Seminole County and is spreading here and through Pontotoc County.

The Frisco railroad bridge and burned. Traffic was halted twelve hours. A mob, composed mostly of tenant farmers and many negroes, is marching toward Saskawa, threatening to storm hardware stores and secure more arms. All members of the mob are heavily armed.

In their march through the county, the mob is impressing recruits.

More than two hundred armed citizens are here waiting word to serve against the mob.

It is reported the mob now numbers three hundred and is encamped twelve miles east of here.

County Prosecutor Bullock called a citizens' mass meeting at the courthouse this afternoon. Arms and automobiles are provided.

The marauders cut many telegraph

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