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## FIRST CALL TO ARMS IS ISSUED BY GOVERNOR

PORTLAND, Ore., March 23.—Acting under orders from Governor Withycombe, the Eighth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Oregon National guard, of Portland, was called out last night by Adjutant-General George A. White to guard the North Bank railroad bridge across the Columbia river, connecting Oregon and Washington, and the Harriman railroad bridge in Portland.

No other troops are to be called out for the present, but the national guard is ready for any emergency. It was 5:30 o'clock when General White sent out the order for mobilization at the Armory at 8 o'clock of the Eight company, which is stationed in Portland.

When that hour arrived Captain Frank W. Wright and almost the full strength of 70 men in the command were at the Armory with full field equipment, ready to move. One platoon, under First Lieutenant E. T. Stretcher, marched down to the O. W. R. & N. bridge and in short order armed sentries were on patrol.

## INTERNAL DEFENSE IS THE PRESENT WORRY OF THE GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The navy, having been put in order, insofar as presidential authority now goes, the chief attention as regards the defense of the nation is today centered in the land protection problem. What form, or system, land defense shall take is still being debated. The "people back home" are expressing themselves to the president as to whether there should be universal training, a call for volunteers.

## LAST OF ANCIENT LINE OF NOTORIOUS ROADHOUSES WILL BE PROSECUTED AS NUISANCE

Exit the Friars' club. Following the confession of William Lacy, employe, and the discovery of 20 quarts of champagne and whisky on the Friars' club grounds Monday, District Attorney Hedges and Deputy District Attorney Burke Tuesday started action against Sullivan and Denny, owners of the club, to close the place under the nuisance law.

## THIRD OREGON TO REACH ITS WAR STRENGTH SOON

PORTLAND, Ore., March 23.—The Third Oregon infantry, called into federal service Sunday night, is to be recruited up to full war strength immediately.

Acting on the assumption that the war department would require the regiment to be on a war basis, a recruiting campaign was begun Monday but on the receipt of orders from the western department this morning recruiting efforts will be redoubled.

Instructions to undertake a most vigorous recruiting campaign to fill the ranks of the regiment as quickly as possible were transmitted to Colonel John L. May, commanding the Third regiment, this morning.

The instructions of the western department are understood to be direct and specific in respect to the Third, but no intimation as to their tenor will be made public at the present time.

Recruits are urgently needed. "More men" is the slogan and every effort to get enlistments is to be made. The response in Willamette valley cities is said by guard officers to be most gratifying, but recruiting in Portland is termed slow in proportion to the population and the number of men needed.

To be on a war footing the Third regiment must have 2000 men and 50 officers.

## Largest Gift To Charity Is Announced

NEW YORK, March 22.—The largest contribution ever made by an individual to charity was announced today when Julius Rosenwald, president of the Sears Roebuck company of Chicago, wired to the Jewish war sufferers' relief committee here that he would contribute \$1,000,000 to the cause.

## SEEK 87,000 MEN TO BRING NAVY TO BATTLE STRENGTH

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Naval recruiting officers throughout the country, under orders from President Wilson, today redoubled their efforts to bring the navy up to its full authorized strength of 87,000 enlisted men.

Meantime regiments of national guard troops in various states were reassembling to act as national police in important districts. Arrangements were also being made to create on May 1 two new military departments on the Atlantic coast.

About 20,000 men will have to be enrolled at once in order to bring the navy up to the required strength.

## MOBILIZE AT VANCOUVER

PORTLAND, Ore., Orders to mobilize the Third Oregon Infantry at Vancouver barracks next Friday were received last night in a message from the headquarters of the western department, United States army, at San Francisco.

Salem Associated Oil Co. to build \$30,000 distribution plant here.

## France Wants Americans to Enter Trenches

PARIS, March 23.—"We wish to see America's troops in France as soon as possible," declared Secretary General Jules Cambon in an interview granted American correspondents at the French foreign office today.

"The public feels confident in its anticipation of America's military aid," the former foreign minister said.

## LANSING DENIES TREATY CLAIM OF GERMAN KAISER

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Germany again today was bitterly arraigned by the United States for its flagrant violation of treaty obligations. Secretary Lansing, in permitting publication of the correspondence in which the state department rejected the German proposal designed to give Germans the immunity conferred in the Prussian treaties of 1785, 1799 and 1828, threw the searchlight of publicity on German efforts to hold the United States to a one-sided agreement.

## Broke Neatly.

The secretary, in this correspondence, sent to the Swiss minister, who represents German interests in the United States, declares flatly Germany has consistently violated all of the provisions of these treaties, commencing with the sinking of the American schooner Frye.

He makes it plain that in his opinion the actual treaties themselves have been made inoperative by the German actions, although the correspondence itself simply rejects the proposed protocol.

## Flagrant Violation.

"I feel constrained, in view of the circumstances cited, to add that this government is seriously considering whether or not the treaty of 1828 and the revived articles of the treaty of 1785 and 1799 have not, in effect, been abrogated by the German government's flagrant violations of these treaties, for it would be manifestly unjust and inequitable to require one party to an agreement to observe its stipulations and permit the other to disregard them.

"It appears that the mutuality of understanding has been destroyed by the conduct of the German authorities."

Throughout the entire communication, Secretary Lansing flays German methods.

## U.S. PREPARING FOR LONG WAR; MAKES NO HALFWAY MOVE

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The United States government is preparing measures of far-reaching and aggressive character in the event of war with Germany. It will not be satisfied with mere attempts to protect American merchant vessels. Its preparations will be designed to meet any eventuality—a long war, if necessary.

This program was agreed upon at a long cabinet meeting yesterday, and it guided the council of national defense when it met today with its advisory commission.

The program decided upon includes military, naval, industrial and financial measures. The question of sending an army abroad will be left for future consideration.

Whether political alliances with the entente allies will be formed is not known, although military as well as naval co-operation is possible and the government will furnish both money and supplies to the allies without stint.

Suggestions before President Wilson today included the possibility of floating a loan of \$5,000,000 for the entente.

## More Guardsmen Are Called to the Colors By President Wilson

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Four more national guard regiments were called to the colors today. They are the First West Virginia, 74th New York Infantry, Second Connecticut Infantry and the Second New Jersey Infantry.

DIVORCE GRANTED. Circuit Judge Campbell Friday granted a decree of divorce to Mrs. Harriet Lund from Olaf Lund.

## PORTLAND RATES WILL BE CUT BY P. R. L. & P. COMPANY

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—(Special.)—Anticipating an order from the Oregon public service commission, the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. is preparing for a cut in its rates that will average 15 per cent on residence, commercial and power service. The company anticipates that the order will be made to become effective May 1, so that the first reductions will appear on the bills submitted to its customers by the company June 1.

The commission has practically finished its valuations of the Portland Railway Light & Power Co., and has lopped off about \$9,000,000 of the valuation claimed by the company, this reduction being the basis on which a corresponding reduction in charges for service would be ordered.

It is doubted if the anticipated order of the commission would bring about a reduction in the charges of the Northwestern Electric company, chief competitor of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., as the rates of the Northwestern company are now about 15 per cent lower for residence and 17 per cent lower for commercial service.

## SIX TOWNS START NEW AGITATION FOR WATER

Pure water is so great a boon to people living between Oregon City and Milwaukie, that agitation has been started to form a water district, under the Dedman act, passed at the recent legislature. It is proposed, broadly, to incorporate the territory from Clackamas river to the south to Milwaukie on the north, and to the Willamette river on the west and to the summit of a range of hills running north from the Chautauqua grounds on the east.

## 1000 People.

This area would embrace a district about 1 1/2 miles east and west and five miles north and south, with a population of 3000, an assessed valuation of approximately \$1,000,000 and about 1000 prospective water consumers.

Within the territory is the incorporated town of Gladstone and the villages of Meldrum, Jennings Lodge, Oak Grove, Boardman, Concord and other stations on the interurban line between Gladstone and Milwaukie, which is now served with Bull Run water under a contract with the city of Portland.

J. Dean Butler, of Oak Grove, said Friday that people of the affected territory who had been approached, were receiving the proposition kindly. Under the terms of the act, a petition of 15 per cent of the voters in the district would first be presented to the county court and an election ordered, and candidates for water commissioners would appear on the same ballot.

## Issue Bonds.

The signatures of 25 voters are required for nominations, and the district may have three or five commissioners, as specified in the petition. Should a majority of the people voting on the proposition favor it, then the district is formed and the commissioners are permitted to issue bonds up to two per cent of the assessed valuation of property for development purposes, and the voters of the district may authorize an issue of bonds up to 10 per cent of the assessed valuation. One commissioner would be elected each year in December, after the district is formed.

Incorporated towns and unincorporated communities may join together for the organization of a water district, and they may purchase water from an established system, such as Oregon City or Portland, or they may proceed to install a system of their own.

## Tried Often.

For several years the people between Gladstone and Milwaukie have endeavored to secure legislation that would permit them to obtain water as one community, and at the 1915 session of the legislature, Representative Riley introduced a bill covering the situation, and after it passed the house, it was killed in the senate.

Representative Dedman secured the passage of a similar measure at the 1917 session, and after it had passed both houses and had gone to the governor's office it was withdrawn on the last night of the session and amended at the request of representatives at large timber companies to prevent the organization of a district unless there was a reasonable demand from owners of property located within a proposed district.

## RUSSIA RUSHES EFFORTS TO CRUSH INVADING GERMAN

PETROGRAD, March 25.—Menace of a German drive into Russia is serving to accelerate tremendously the reorganization of democratic Russia.

The greatest energy was apparent today at the war office. Extraordinary efforts have been made to apprise troops at the front with the exact conditions under which Russia slipped from the bonds of autocracy into democracy, as well as with the provisional government's plans for the future.

## Much Mud

The ministry of the interior is bending every effort to speed up to a maximum the output of munitions and supply factories and other governmental agencies are centered on the rapid transportation of these supplies to the front.

Entire confidence is expressed here of Russia's troops being able to withstand German assaults. The weather favors the defenders, spring thaws having loosened the ground to an appreciable extent, making progress of an attacking army difficult over muddy ground.

The system of food supply, which has relieved the shortage here in Petrograd, was today being extended throughout the larger cities of Russia.

## Cheer Brusiloff.

Evidencing the new spirit in the army, dispatches from the southwest front today told of a great demonstration accorded General Brusiloff in his taking the oath, with his troops, of loyalty to the new provisional government.

Brusiloff personally received his troops and witnessed their pledging of fealty. Then his men carried him on their shoulders to army headquarters. There great red shields were brought out, inscribed: "Those in the rear conquered a dynasty; we at the front will conquer an enemy. Long live Brusiloff, the nation's hero!"

## Election Reforms In Germany Expected From the Chancellor

BERLIN, March 28.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg may decide to grant electoral reforms in Germany looking toward increased democracy in the empire before the end of the war, according to a significant story contained in the Cologne Gazette today.

## EXPEL CHILDREN WHO WOULD NOT SALUTE THE FLAG

BAKER, Ore., March 28.—Children of German families in the Sumpter high school who refused to salute the American flag Tuesday at the patriotic exercises, held in observance of patriotic week, were expelled from school after the authorities learned that they had refused to salute the flag on instruction from their parents.

Business men of Sumpter will attend high school assembly today to participate in exercises, at which time children will be given another chance, which, if spurned, will result in permanent expulsion. Feeling is high in Sumpter against the parents, more than the children.

## OFFICIAL QUERY INDICATES HOW NEAR WAR STANDS

WASHINGTON, March 28.—"In the event of hostilities between the United States and Germany, what will be the attitude of the government to which you are accredited respecting the admission of armed merchantmen to its ports?"

This question, cabled by Secretary of State Lansing to the diplomatic representatives of the United States in all neutral capitals shows more clearly the president's expectation of war than any step, even military, which the government has taken.

## Sentry Challenges Prowler; Gets Shot By Way of a Reply

PORTLAND, Me., March 23.—Private John Poor, a sentry on duty at Fort Williams, was shot and probably fatally injured early today, when he challenged a man whom he caught prowling about the fort. A revolver shot was the only answer Poor got from the challenge. The unknown assailant escaped.

## FRENCH TROOPS POUNCE ON LAON IN FIERCE DRIVE

LONDON, March 28.—General Nivelle was driving his wedge with sledge-hammer blows against the Germans today north of La Fere and at the same time, by hot pursuit, forging another such wedge and thrusting at Laon.

The most bitter fighting of the advance and the retreat so far is centering around the point of this second wedge near St. Gobain forest. Military experts here today expressed their admiration for the marvelous speed with which Nivelle has moved in following up every advantage of the German retreat and in forcing the enemy, in advance of its carefully laid plans, to give way before the tremendous pressure of the French forces.

## SHADES OF COLUMBUS! NUGGETS IN STREETS NEWSIES GLOM GOLD

HELENA, Mont., March 27.—Messenger boys and newsboys reaped a harvest in Helena's principal street today, when a flood of melting water from the hills washed more nuggets into the city. In one heap of sand thrown together by streetcleaners, five nuggets, with an aggregate value of about \$20 were found.

## MAYOR DEFIES TONGS.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 28.—Determined to stamp out the Chinese tong war raging in Portland, Mayor Albee, acting in conjunction with Mayor Anderson, of Astoria, issued an ultimatum yesterday to the effect that if leaders of the tongs do not show positive proof within 48 hours from 8 o'clock this morning that they have signed a peace pact, every Chinaman in this territory will be arrested and held in jail until able to prove his right to be in the United States.

## New Dates Set By Rose Festival Board For Portland Fete

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22.—Portland's Rose Festival this year will be held on June 3, 14 and 15.

## COAKLEY AND FACE TRIAL IN COURTS

Booze cases and yet more booze cases have flooded into the district attorney's office during the last few days and threaten to overshadow all other business.

Developments Wednesday included the arraignment of Miles Coakley and Ed Harris, former proprietors of the Bell hotel at Milwaukie, who were arrested several days ago under a grand jury indictment on a charge of violating the prohibition law.

## Plead Not Guilty.

Both men pleaded not guilty. They were represented in court by Dan Powers, Portland attorney. At the time both the men were surrendered to the court by their bondsman, but they were able to raise bonds aggregating \$4000 from other sources and regained their liberty without looking inside the jail.

Sheriff Wilson spent a part of the day in Portland looking for Martin Benny, wanted in the action of Clackamas county officials brought in an attempt to close the Friars' club under the nuisance clause of the dry law. Benny was not found.

## Under Bond.

He is now under \$1000 bonds in the justice court case against him at Milwaukie which grew out of his fight with William Lacy, an attendant at the Friars' club, Sunday night. Larry Sullivan, co-owner with Denny in the Friars' club, perfected his bond Wednesday and was not detained by the officers. Lacy, who is held as a witness, is in jail here as a result of his failure to procure \$1000 bonds.

## Olson, Too.

In addition to the Bell hotel and Friars' club cases District Attorney Hedges and Deputy Thomas A. Burke will go to trial today in the case against August Olson, of Multnomah, who was arrested on a bootlegging charge last week following his indictment by the grand jury.

## LOAN SHARKS DRIVE WOMAN TO DESTROY SELF AND DAUGHTER

CHICAGO, March 26.—Once again, seemingly, the loan shark has caused a death. This time it is two deaths. The authorities are working in the belief that Mrs. Katherine Keyes killed her daughter, Genevieve, 22 years old, and ended her own life because she was in the toils of the loan agencies and financial troubles were more than she could bear.

Dr. E. H. Flinn, for whom she kept house, told the coroner of the tragedy. He said that few days ago Mrs. Keyes unfolded her story to him. Her wages, she said, had been threatened with garnishment by a firm of loan agents.

## TEUTONS COMMANDEER FRENCH WOMEN; FORCE THEM TO GO TO WORK IN GERMAN TERRITORY

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES AFIELD, March 23.—Not only did the Germans sweep that part of France they are relinquishing clear of homes, supplies and roads, but in many cases they swept it clear of its womanhood.

In some districts women between 15 and 50 were forced to go back into the interior of Germany. The inhabitants left behind were given to understand they were being forced to work for Germany.

At Rouoy le Grand today it was learned over 400 women and girls between those ages had thus been driven to the interior for work. When asked why, the refugees merely shrugged their shoulders.

There is no doubt of the strength of the new German line, on which scores of French civilians had worked. As the Franco-British forces approached nearer it today, the fighting became stiffer and stiffer. The British and the French are pinning the retreating Germans tighter against the Arras-Cambrai-St. Quentin-Laferre-Laon line.