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RUSSAINS SEND WORD THEY MUST MOBILIZE

Soviet Files Protest Against Violation by Germany of the Brest Treaty by Her Invasion With Armed Force of Ukrainian.

Clear and Precise Answer Is Demanded as to Whether Berlin Expects to Observe the Provisions of Peace Treaty.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(U. P.)—Russia has served notice on Germany that she is "compelled to mobilize all necessary forces" to protect herself in view of Germany's violation of the Brest peace treaty.

The full facts of the recent soviet protest against German invasion of the Ukraine, received by the state department today, revealed that Russian threat.

After reciting Ukrainian difficulties and the Teuton operations in Finland, the statement added:

"In order to fulfill the Brest treaty, which is the legal basis for the relations between Germany and Russia, the soviet government has officially declared its readiness to open immediate negotiations with the Ukrainian central Rada."

"No answer, however, has come from this government which is now directed by Germany. The German government, having likewise opposed the question of a peace treaty, has in no way given any answer to all offers to open peace negotiations."

"Instead of this the advance of German-Ukrainian forces against Russia continues."

Then followed the statement as to mobilization.

"They demand a clear and precise answer as to whether Germany considers the Brest treaty still in effect and on what grounds she continues to send troops against the Soviet republic."

Food Situation Desperate

Berne, May 16.—(I. N. S.)—The food situation in Austria is desperate. Dispatches from German sources indicate that part of Austria inhabited chiefly by persons of German blood is now beginning a critical three-months food shortage.

It is generally realized that Austria would be unable to supply the needs of the central empire. Throughout both empires the poor are suffering from the food shortage.

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GOING ON DUTY IN THE AMERICAN TRENCHES

OUR FIGHTING BOYS being assigned to their positions on the front held by the American and French troops. A French officer in command is assigning the boys to their posts.



SUPPLE'S SHARE IN SHIPYARD SOLD

New York and Local Men Pay More Than \$200,000 for Interest, It Is Said.

Representing the investment by New York and local capitalists of more than \$200,000, the interest of Joseph Supple in the Supple-Ballin Shipbuilding company is reported the subject of a transfer, the final details of which were perfected this morning.

Some features of the sale of the Supple-Ballin company officers decline to discuss, but it is indicated that the purchase of Mr. Supple's interest in the company is made by two individual capitalists from New York, one of whom is George Low, son of Seth Low, one time mayor of Greater New York.

Mr. Low is in Portland handling his end of the deal personally, and is registered at the Benson hotel.

It is reported this morning that the price paid by the New York financiers is \$150,000 plus the value of Mr. Supple's actual investment in the plant on the east side. The company holds several highly valuable shipbuilding contracts and has already turned out five vessels for private interests and for the emergency fleet corporation.

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Heavy Fire on Belgian Coast Heard in Kent

London, May 16.—(I. N. S.)—Heavy gunfire, which raged for several hours last night along the Franco-Belgian coast, could be heard along the Kentish coast.

The concussions were violent and the incessant roar was accompanied by vivid flashes.

German Fleet Concentrating

London, May 16.—(I. N. S.)—The entire German fleet is reported to be concentrating at Kiel.

The foregoing cablegram is confirmatory of a cablegram received by the International News Service earlier in the week, stating that the German fleet was expected to become active when the offensive on land is resumed.

Allies Bombing Sub Bases

Amsterdam, May 16.—(I. N. S.)—Gunfire was heard off the Belgian coast on Wednesday. It is believed that allied airplanes are again bombing the closed submarine base at Zebrugge and the firing came from high-angle guns.

The German military authorities complained that the bombing of the harbors of Ostend and Zebrugge and to clear up the wreckage at Ghent and Bruges made during allied air raids.

Reinforcements Sent to Ostend

London, May 16.—(I. N. S.)—Belgian arrivals in Amsterdam declare that the Germans are strengthening the fortifications of the submarine bases at Ostend and Zebrugge, said a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam today.

TOWNSEND SELLS CREAMERY PLANT

A "corner" on creameries on the Pacific slope as well as taking control of the ice cream business of that vast territory, is indicated in the sale of the T. S. Townsend Creamery company of this city to A. P. Henningson, who in turn is said to have turned the butter division over to the Mutual Creamery company, of which he is reported a big and leading stockholder.

The sale was made in cash and the papers have just been completed. Mr. Townsend, former owner of the plant, has a controlling interest in the Sun-set creamery of this city and will devote all his energies to that plant.

The Mutual Creamery company is said to own 14 creameries in the territory west of the Rockies and A. P. Henningson is also said to own or control many more, which gives the combination a practical control of the entire trade.

Mr. Townsend was the pioneer creamery man of Oregon, establishing the first creamery in this state at Tillamook three years ago.

Americans Blow Up Four of Their Divers

London, May 16.—(I. N. S.)—Four American submarines were blown up in Finnish waters to prevent their falling into the hands of the Germans just prior to the retreat of the Russians, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty here this evening.

MILLER BRANDS STORY AS FALSE

Commissioner Denies Report He Said Withycombe Would Have Landslide.

Salem, Or., May 16.—Eleventh hour efforts by Governor Withycombe's campaign manager in Portland to bolster the governor's candidacy for reelection by falsely quoting Frank J. Miller, chairman of the public service commission, on his opinion of the governor's strength, were repudiated today after Mr. Miller had read the account in the Oregonian of his purported interview.

Mr. Miller was quoted as saying he predicted a landslide for Withycombe and that the Governor would carry all of the valley counties, except Polk, all of Eastern Oregon, except two counties, and Tillamook, Clatsop, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas.

The interview is branded by Mr. Miller as false, as he says he has made no prediction that Withycombe or any one else would have a landslide.

In an authorized statement issued by Mr. Miller, he says he would, as a candidate in the field, to advocate the election of anyone for governor. I have my own candidacy for reelection and I am not advancing the candidacy of any man for governor or any other office. Nor have I predicted a landslide for Governor Withycombe or any other man.

"In talking to a gentleman in Portland yesterday, who I assume was either a friend of Governor Withycombe or a friend of my opponent, I was asked my opinion of the chances for nomination of the candidates for different offices. I made no prediction as to who would be nominated for United States senator, but did say that in my opinion Mr. Moser was quite strong in certain portions of Eastern Oregon, particularly in Baker county, as well as in Multnomah; that I thought Mr. Olcott would probably carry Multnomah, Polk and Jackson and had a good prospect in Josephine; that I thought Mr. Withycombe would probably carry Linn and Benton counties and that Mr. Simpson is particularly strong with the lumbering and shipbuilding interests, and Mr. Olcott strong with the farmers, especially in the outlying districts.

Trying to Keep Free

"This is the substance of all that was said and any other statement that is not based upon anything I have said. I have tried to keep free from all entanglements or of showing any special preference for other candidates, knowing that each had his friends and it would be particularly inadvisable for me to antagonize them."

One Measure Is For, Other Kills Jitney

Initiative Measure Submitted by Employees of P. R. L. & P. Infringed to Strangle Street Car Competition.

Two jitney measures appear on the city ballot. One provides for the regulation of jitney traffic, the other provides for its regulation.

The first was initiated by employees of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. If adopted by the voters, the practical result will be the elimination of the jiteys. The ballot numbers are: 100—Yes. 101—No.

The second measure is submitted to the voters by the city council and if enacted it will permit jitneys to operate under the regulations set forth in the ordinance. The ballot numbers are: 117—Yes. 118—No.

"Mark a cross between the number and the answer voted for."

RESTED HUNS OLCOTT AND ON WESTERN WITH WYCOMBE READY TO HIT RE LEADERS

Nearly 100 Infantry Divisions, Fresh or Recovered From Last Drive, Await Battle; 1,500,000 Face Allies, 960,000 Reserves

French and Australians Clear Out Posts; Artillery's Roar Louder; General Situation Is One of Jostling for Position.

By William Philip Simms
With the British Armies in France, May 15.—(U. P.)—Nearly 100 rested or fresh German infantry divisions (1,200,000 men) are on the west front, ready for immediate battle.

Hindenburg has slowly patched up his badly battered war machine, which is reported to be again in something like running condition.

About 125 German divisions (1,500,000 men) are facing the British, French, Belgian and Americans in the actual line. About 80 divisions (960,000 men) are in reserve. Of these latter, a dozen are quite fresh, not having participated in the present campaign.

Between 50 and 60 German divisions have not fought for so long that they must be counted as among the available troops for the coming thrust.

The battlefront today was moderately quiet. There was some fighting north of Kemmel where the French, in a snappy counterattack, regained Hill 44 which previously had been captured by Von Arnim's storm troops.

Southwest of Mons, near the Australian sturdily buffed out the Germans who had previously captured a position.

The artillery is barking louder than in the past 24 hours in the Corbie, Morlancourt and Artois regions. The Staezelle, and hill country thereabout is being generally strafed.

The general situation is one of jostling for position. The Germans are desperately eager to win certain advantageous jump-off places before the big move.

Today's skies were clear and blue and German patrols swarmed up and down the lines, striving to drive off the allies, which were constantly breaking through to watch the enemy's every move. The machines cried, charged and fired point blank.

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Careful Canvass of State Shows These Gubernatorial Entrants Will Head Republican Field When Primaries Vote Is Cast.

Only Fact That Vote Is Split Among Five Candidates Believed to Give Present Governor Chance to Win.

By Ralph Watson
Ben W. Olcott and Governor Withycombe will be the high men for the Republican gubernatorial nomination when the polls close Friday night. If anything may be gleaned from a careful personal canvass of the political sentiment of the principal voting counties of the state, taken together with unbiased reports that have been gathered from practically every other county and district with which personal contact has not been had.

Multnomah county and its answer to the plea of various candidates is a puzzle which no one seems able to solve before the vote, but it seems to be the general belief that the county result will be relatively close between Olcott, Moser and Withycombe, with Simpson close contender for place. But outside of Multnomah county—that is, over the state at large, the conclusion is easily deducible from the apparent spirit of expressed sentiment as gathered from personal investigation, supported by reports from all available sources, that Olcott will lead the governor under the wings of the final answer, then, rests with Multnomah.

Split Vote Gives Only Chance

It is very obvious, from a survey of the entire state, with Multnomah county included, that Governor Withycombe is the choice of the majority of the voters. The former president, elected with either Olcott, Simpson or Moser there would be little doubt of his signal defeat. It is only the fact that the vote is split five different ways against him, which gives him a chance to win, and if he does win it will be because the evident desire of the majority is expressed through a vote divided among his five opponents.

There are two very good reasons why Olcott and Withycombe ought to stand at the head of the list by all of the ordinary voters.

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ITALIANS TORPEDO AUSTRIAN WARSHIP

Combined Naval and Air Raid Is Made on Enemy Base at Port of Pola.

Rome, May 16.—(I. N. S.)—An Italian warship penetrated the Austro-Hungarian port of Pola on Wednesday morning and torpedoed a battleship of the Viribus Unitis type.

The sea attack was accompanied by an Italian air raid, in which two Austrian airplanes were shot down and others were forced to land.

The Italians returned to their base without having suffered any losses. The battleship was torpedoed several times, the official report said.

There are four Austro-Hungarian battleships of the Viribus Unitis type. In addition to the Viribus Unitis itself there are the Szent Istvan, the Prinz Eugen and the Teget Thoff, according to the Clowes Naval Manual. Their tonnage is 20,000 and they carry complements of 1900 men.

Pola is the chief Austro-Hungarian naval base, lying at the foot of the Istrian peninsula on the Adriatic sea.

Primary Election Day Legal Holiday

Salem, Or., May 17.—Primary election day, Friday, May 17, is a legal holiday under the provisions of a law passed by the 1915 legislature. This was pointed out Wednesday by Attorney General Simpson as a result of an inquiry received from the governor's office. The attorney general points out, however, that the day is not a holiday for the public schools, except where the school room is to be used for election purposes.

Daughter of M'Adoo Will Become Bride

Washington, May 16.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary McAdoo and Mrs. McAdoo announced Wednesday the engagement of their daughter, Mrs. Tabor Martin, to Clayton Platt, Jr., of Philadelphia. Mrs. Martin is the widow of 2½ years. She lives at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. Mr. Platt is a member of one of Philadelphia's oldest families and is in the insurance business there.

King Receives Labor Mission

London, May 16.—(I. N. S.)—Members of the American labor mission, now in Europe, were received in audience by King George and Queen Mary at Buckingham palace today. Later they were entertained at luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce.

U. S. FLIERS BRING DOWN 3 GERMANS

By Newton C. Parke
With the American Army in France, May 16.—(I. N. S.)—The first communiqué to be issued by American field headquarters since the United States soldiers permanently entered the first line was put out last night, announcing the bringing down of three German airplanes and an increase in the artillery firing. The text follows: "North of Toul and in Lorraine there has been an increase in the artillery activity on both sides. "Today two of our aviators brought down three German machines. "There is nothing else to report."

TAFT SAYS HUNS MUST BE CRUSHED

Two Years or More May Pass Before Nation's Full Force Can Be Used.

Philadelphia, May 16.—(I. N. S.)—America's full strength in the great world war will not be felt for at least two years—perhaps three years.

So declared former President William Howard Taft here today in a stirring address before the opening session of the Win-the-War-for-Permanent-Peace convention.

"But thank God," he added, "the will of the people to see this war through to German defeat is gathering with irresistible force. And let's have it known to the world, let's have it heralded in London and Paris to hearten our allies and let's have it sounded in Berlin that all the energy of this country, all its potential power is to be converted into force."

Applause Greeted His Words

A round of applause followed Mr. Taft's utterance that the slogan of America and its allies must be "Victory With Power."

"But," he continued, "it will take fully two years—perhaps three—to full proper plans of preparation."

The former president declared unjustified optimism, saying: "We should face the facts and should realize the task that is before us. We should set our faces sternly and unbending but for one purpose—war."

Mr. Taft insisted that complete overthrow of the Hohenzollern rule in Europe was imperative.

"The utter untrustworthiness of the Kaiser as a signatory to a peace treaty," he declared, "has been shown time and again."

There is not the slightest reason to believe that any peace negotiation is possible for some time to come.

No Peace Until War Is Won

Here Mr. Taft reiterated President Wilson's declaration that "force now must be met with force." And then he launched into a scathing denunciation of Germany's actions in Russia, Roumania, Serbia, Belgium.

Summer Rail Rates Are to Be Continued

Washington, May 16.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Upon a message from Scott Buzorth that railroads are hesitating about putting into effect summer rates from Portland to Tillamook, Bay City and other coast resorts, Representative Hawley was today reassured by the director general's office that summer rates will be continued as usual and coast officials will be so advised.

All on Board Neches Saved, Says Report

Washington, May 16.—(U. P.)—The American steamer Neches was torpedoed and sunk on the night of May 14, the navy department announced today. All aboard—a crew of 125—are reported saved.

The ship was under charter by the United States shipping board and was built in 1914, having a speed of about 14 knots.

Polls Will Open at 8 a. m., Close 8 p. m.

Voters will find the complete list of polling places for Friday's primary and special city elections on page 9 of today's Journal.

Polls will open at 8 a. m. and will close promptly at 8 p. m.

CONVICT IS REPORTED HEMMELED AT CANBY

Deputy Sheriffs Christofferson and Beckman Are Sent From Portland to Assist in Man Hunt for Desperate Fugitive.

Warden Murphy Gets Word From Posse That Man Believed to Be Baldwin Has Seen Crossing High Bridge at Wilsonville.

SHERIFF HURLBURT received information this morning that Jeff Baldwin had been surrounded in the vicinity of Canby.

Deputy Sheriffs Christofferson and Blackman have been sent to assist in the capture.

Salem, Or., May 16.—The hunt for Jeff Baldwin, notorious convict who cut his way out and escaped from the state penitentiary last Sunday morning in broad daylight, is today centering near Wilsonville, in northern Marion county.

This morning about 3 o'clock an unidentified man was seen just after he apparently had crossed the railroad bridge over the Willamette, north, and a member of the state police took a shot at him, but missed, and the man disappeared in the darkness.

Reports were received by the state police yesterday that a man answering Baldwin's description had been seen Tuesday between Wilsonville and Broadacres and a squad of state police was immediately sent to that neighborhood, while Major Deich held a residence in Salem awaiting further reports.

When word was received of a man being sighted and shot at near Wilsonville this morning, Major Deich and his men hurried to the scene and joined in the hunt.

Warden Murphy of the penitentiary, who was in Oregon City yesterday running down reports of a man who had escaped, He had all that territory in the vicinity of Wilsonville and Tualatin is now covered with pictures and notices of Baldwin's escape and the whole countryside is on the lookout for the convict.

ROADS PREPARING RATE CASE FIGHT

Eastern Oregon's Battle for Equality to Be One of Greatest in State History.

One of the greatest rate battles in the history of Oregon is to be staged when the Oregon public service commission hears the appeal of Eastern Oregon shippers for rates to Portland on an equality with rates from points equidistant in eastern Washington from Puget Sound.

The Portland Traffic and Transportation association, the Port of Portland commission and the commission of public docks have all intervened on behalf of the eastern Oregon shippers and against the railroads. Each of these bodies will submit testimony when the hearing is called. The intervention by the dock commission amounts to a formal participation in the fight by the shippers for City Attorney W. P. LaRoche will conduct the case for the dock commission.

All of these intervening bodies are joining with the Eastern Oregon interests in urging that the hearing be held as soon as possible, that adjustments equitable both to the Eastern Oregon shippers and to the railroads be reached before the government's proposed general increases in freight and passenger rates become effective.

It is said that the railroads affected in the action are preparing a vigorous rebuttal, realizing that the establishing of a uniform policy now will affect all future rate making in the Northwest.

ELECTION RETURNS FRIDAY EVENING

With public interest centered on the nomination of candidates for United States senator and governor at Friday's primaries, THE JOURNAL will conduct a bulletin service opposite THE JOURNAL building Friday evening upon which will be flashed statewide returns on candidates for these and other offices.

The polls will close at 8 o'clock p. m. Immediately THE JOURNAL'S machinery for the collection of returns will be put into motion in all parts of the state.

Telegraphic dispatches will bring the information from the upstate counties.

By a thorough messenger service, the early returns will be gathered in the 433 precincts in Multnomah county and forwarded to THE JOURNAL'S battery of adding machines over a set of specially installed Home telephones, whence the information will be bulletined to the public on a screen opposite THE JOURNAL building.

THE JOURNAL'S BULLETIN