

WILSON OPPOSES RUSSIAN INVASION FOR THE PRESENT

Few Troops Will Be Sent by United States and Japan to Safeguard Country.

CIVIL COMMISSIONS FOLLOW

State Department Says Merchants and Labor Missions Will Be Sent Later.

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be willing to accept assistance. Whether from Vladivostok or from Murmansk and Archangel, the only present object for which American troops will be employed will be to guard military stores which may subsequently be needed by Russian forces, and to render such aid as may be acceptable to the Russians in the organization of their own self-defense.

Is American Proposition

"With such objects in view, the government of the United States is now co-operating with the governments of France and Great Britain in the neighborhood of Murmansk and Archangel. The United States and Japan are the only powers which are just now in a position to act in Siberia with sufficient force to accomplish even such modest objectives as those that have been outlined. The government of the United States has, therefore, proposed to the government of Japan that each of the two governments send a force of men to Vladivostok with the purpose of cooperating as a single force in the occupation of Vladivostok and in safeguarding, so far as it may, the country to the rear of the westward-moving Czechoslovak, and the Japanese government has consented.

No Interference

"In taking this action, the government of the United States wishes to announce to the people of Russia, in a most solemn and public manner, that it contemplates no interference with the political sovereignty of Russia, no intervention in her international affairs—not even in the local affairs of the limited areas which her military force may be obliged to occupy—and no impairment of her territorial integrity, either now or hereafter; but that what we are about to do has as its single and only object the rendering of such aid as shall be acceptable to the Russian people themselves in their endeavors to regain control of their affairs, their territory and their own destinies.

The Japanese government, it is understood, will issue a similar assurance.

Other Allies Assent

"These plans and purposes of the government of the United States have been communicated to the governments of Great Britain, France and Italy and those governments have advised the department of state that they assent to them in principle. No conclusion that the government of the United States has arrived in this important matter is intended, however, as an effort to restrict the actions or interference with the independent judgment of the governments with which we are associated in the war.

"It is also the hope and purpose of the United States to take advantage of the earliest opportunity to send to Siberia a commission of merchants, agricultural experts, labor advisers, Red Cross representatives and agents of the Y. M. C. A. accustomed to organizing the best methods of spreading useful information and rendering educational help of a modest kind, in order in some systematic way to relieve the immediate economic necessities of the people there for which an opportunity may follow and will not be permitted to embarrass the military assistance rendered to the Czechoslovaks."

Konenkamp to Meet Postmaster General

Chicago, Aug. 3.—(U. P.)—President S. J. Konenkamp of the Commercial Telegraphers' union will confer at Washington Wednesday with Postmaster General Burleson. The conference, it is stated, will have to do with the alleged discharge of union telegraphers in Western Union offices subsequent to the assumption of wire control by the government.

Meetings of the telegraphers' union in many cities will be held tomorrow. The meetings, it was stated, will consist of resolutions addressed to the postoffice department, requesting removal of President Newcomb Carlton of the Western Union Telegraph company from duties connected with governmental operation of the telegraph.

Klamath Girls to Be Student Nurses

Klamath Falls, Aug. 3.—Klamath county is giving its usual generous reply to the call of the government for student nurses. Enrollment began last Monday and on that day, Miss Dora Savage, of Fort Klamath, 40 miles north of here; Miss Norma Probst, Miss Waive Jacobs and Miss Ina Gould, of this city, signed enrollment cards. It is expected that before the opportunity passes to register for this service, several other Klamath girls will join the list.

Fleecing in Fleeces Barred in Wisconsin

Sun Prairie, Wis., Aug. 3.—(I. N. S.)—W. F. Renk, secretary of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeder's association, is urging the shepherds as well as members of the state boys' and girls' sheep clubs, to communicate with their county agents if-dealers have any disposition to discount the price to be paid for their fleeces. Although the government has set the price of wool at \$1.00 a pound, there is too little uniformity in the interpretation by the buyer of the government rules.

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PURCHASES BIG WILCOX MILLS



Max H. Houser, who has had a phenomenal rise to pre-eminence in the grain business of the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Houser has secured the Portland and Puget Sound Flouring Mills Company and their subsidiaries. All profits on these industries above 6 per cent will go to the Red Cross and other recognized war charities.

Houser's Rise in Business World Remarkably Rapid

Max H. Houser's rise in the business world has been phenomenally rapid. Yet it has been altogether due to his own untiring energy and ability. From a small beginning in Pomeroy, Wash., 22 years ago, he has developed a grain export and import business that has extended his trade connections into every quarter of the world. He has shipped wheat by railroads and there have been times when in every principal port of the United States, ships under Houser charter have been engaged simultaneously in loading grain sent by him from interior points.

Though he was in a fair way to add millions to the millions he already possessed when the war broke out, Mr. Houser resigned the active direction of his Pacific Grain company in order to become northwest agent, and subsequently vice president, of the food administration grain corporation at a salary of \$1 a year from the government. He made the sacrifice just as Schwab, Ryan and other of the country's big executives have made it, in order to help his country win the war. All of his large profits from his business holdings have gone to war relief work since he accepted the government appointment and he announces his intention of following the same policy with

the lucrative milling properties of the Wilcox family which he has now acquired.

Mr. Houser is a westerner. He was born 45 years ago in Colville, Wash. He received his education from the public schools of Washington and at Willamette university. He engaged in the grain business in a small way at Pomeroy, Wash., in 1896, and a year later made his first venture in flour milling. He came to Portland in 1908. Theodore B. Wilcox had long been the towering figure of the western grain trade, but Mr. Houser made progress so rapidly that it was a comparatively short time until he was standing in a position of formidable competition to the miller and exporter. Many Portlanders will now find a poetic element in the fact that the mantle of Wilcox has fallen upon Houser and that the younger man will assume the work and influence both possessed prior to Mr. Wilcox' death a few months ago.

Mr. Houser is active in the Chamber of Commerce and the Arlington club. He is a champion of all substantial local port development efforts. He has been a heavy investor in the government's war securities and one of the most generous contributors to worthy war relief causes.

Cowboys Migrate to Northern Round-Up

"Broncho Bob" Hall Stops in City En Route to Pendleton From Los Angeles; Intends to Win First Honors.

"Broncho Bob" Hall, well known Round-Up star, is in the city with two companions on their way from Los Angeles to Pendleton, where they will prepare for the annual Round-Up in that city next month. They are making the trip by auto. Last year Hall won second place in the bucking horse riding events at both the Albany and Pendleton shows. The year before he won third place, but he states that this year he is going out for first honors.

After the Pendleton Round-Up Hall states that he intends to enlist in the army, although he has a wife and two children dependent on him and has been refused admission on that account before. He is registered at Independence, Or., his home town.

Since last fall Hall has been appearing in motion pictures in Los Angeles, recently being connected with Douglas Fairbanks' company, taking part in "Bound in Morocco." Fairbanks' latest picture soon to be released. Hall does trick and fancy riding as well as straight contest events.

Goat-Getting Is Popular in England

London, Aug. 3.—(U. P.)—Goat getting is coming right along as a national sport in this country.

Everyone who knows anything about nannies is writing to the papers urging everyone to get one goat, at least one, and keep them. The right kind of goat yields about two quarts of milk daily and the gentleman of the species—the boys with the Farmer Brown whiskers—are said to produce first class mutton.

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PUBLIC IS WARNED AGAINST MAGAZINE FOR POOR CHILDREN

Ad Club Investigates "Little Children of the Poor" Magazine; Publisher Arrested.

The better business bureau of the Portland Ad club issued on Saturday a warning against solicitors for a magazine called "Little Children of the Poor." "This magazine is now in the second month of its publication," reported Charles W. English, secretary of the bureau, who has been conducting a local investigation for the past week. "Its home office is San Francisco. Three complaints charging petty larceny were recently filed in San Francisco against James Gordon Worthington, proprietor of the Western Printing company and publisher of the magazine, "Little Children of the Poor." It is claimed that Worthington had secured \$100,000 through solicitation for this magazine, but that the charges are for petty larceny because the amount in each instance is only \$2. The representation of the solicitor was that the money paid for subscriptions was to be used to buy milk for needy children in this country every day of the year.

T. B. WILCOX MILLS ARE PURCHASED BY HOUSER

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time, as with the work that I am doing it may seem strange that I should be acquiring this property, but as matters developed, and having always in mind the matter of local pride, and also for future uses in connection with my business after we have won the war, and having conferred with some of my friends, I was strongly urged to take over the property rather than to see the control of it pass elsewhere and away from the Pacific Northwest.

"I am taking no interest in the management of the business while I am occupying the position of vice president of the grain corporation. Arrangements are being completed for the placing of my stock in trust with a trustee who will have full supervision of the books and the earnings and for all net profits due me on my holdings over and above six per cent to be set aside for distribution to the Red Cross and other recognized war charity organizations.

No Selfish Motives

"I think this should obviate or dispel any feeling that I have taken over the business with any ulterior or selfish motives. In fact, having in mind the position I was endeavoring to fulfil and the plans that I had

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made for a much needed vacation including a trip abroad at the termination of the war, it was with a great deal of reluctance that I took part in acquiring this property, for it is needless to say that I will now necessarily have to forego the much looked for vacation, as I feel at the close of the war there will be trade opportunities open and available for flour from the Northwest that have never been open before, and it is my ambition to see flour from the Pacific Northwest going to the four corners of the globe.

"This trade aggrandizement can be best carried out by a joint and co-operative effort on the part of the mills of the Pacific Northwest, as this plan is now being outlined and in some instances almost perfected throughout many of the eastern manufacturing centers."

One of Largest in Northwest

Isaac D. Hunt, chairman of the board of directors of the Portland Flouring Mills Company, who represented the Portland Flouring Mills Company and its various interests in the negotiation with Mr. Houser for the sale of the properties, said:

"Mr. Houser is to be congratulated upon acquiring the properties of the Portland Flouring Mills Company and its subsidiary companies, as they constitute one of the largest enterprises in the Northwest. The Portland Flouring Mills Company, for more than a generation, has belonged to the Wilcox and Ladd families, and under the personal direction of the late Theodore B. Wilcox achieved a remarkable growth and success. During the lifetime of Mr. Wilcox numerous overtures were made to him and his associates by various persons seeking to acquire the ownership of the business, but owing to the large amount of money involved and necessary to handle such a transaction, a sale was never consummated.

Fellow Wilcox's Policy

"After the death of Mr. Wilcox his family decided to continue the operation of the Portland Flouring Mills Company under the direction of Raymond B. Wilcox, his eldest son, who several months ago was elected president to succeed his father, and at that time he was surrounded by a board of directors headed by one of the strongest in the Northwest, among whom were Edward

Cookingham, vice-president of the Ladd & Tilton bank; Chester Thorne, president of the National Bank of Tacoma; H. F. Alexander, president of the Pacific Steamship Company; E. A. Stuart, president of the Carnation Milk Products Company, and W. P. Hawley, president of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company.

"Recently unexpected overtures from several different sources were made respecting the purchasing of the Portland Flouring Mills Company and a number of conferences were held. Rumors of such negotiations undoubtedly reached Mr. Houser and he made a cash offer for the properties consistent with the estimates of values which Mr. Wilcox had placed on the various plants during his lifetime. Inasmuch as it was the policy of Mr. Wilcox during the period of his active management to sell the properties whenever a purchaser financially able to handle the transaction appeared and offered a fair value, this policy was continued by the Wilcox family, and they had the additional incentive to conclude the transaction with Mr. Houser and his associates, inasmuch as he was a Portland capitalist and the ownership of the properties would be

continued in Portland people with a local management. The Wilcox family is particularly gratified with the sale to Mr. Houser and it is hoped that the business will grow and prosper fully as well under the new ownership as under the leadership of the late Theodore B. Wilcox and of his son, Raymond B. Wilcox.

Twenty Years Without Vacation

Madison, Ind., Aug. 3.—(I. N. S.)—George Austerhult, of Madison, claims the honor of longest continuous service with the Standard Oil company. He has been in the employ of the Rockefeller organization for 20 years and has not been absent from his duties a day in that time. He has not even had a vacation.

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