

MILITARY AID FOR CZECHO-SLOVAKS URGED BY RUSSIAN

Former Kerensky Commissioner
Also Advocates Joint Manifesto
by Allied Nations.

POSSIBILITIES POINTED OUT

Dr. Gavronsky Declares the War
Must Be Won Yet on East
Front as Well as in West.

By D. M. Edwards
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London, Aug. 16.—(I. N. S.)—"Military aid for the Czechoslovaks and a joint manifesto to the Russian people by the allies, assuring absolute disinterestedness, is the best means to bring Russia back into the war effectively," today declared Dr. Jacob O. Gavronsky, formerly Kerensky's commissioner and now here, Gavronsky is credited with being closer to Kerensky and knowing more of the former revolutionary prime minister of Russia than any other man in London.

"Kerensky is here in retirement until he determines whether he should go to America or return to Russia," said Gavronsky.

England has officially promised troops entering Russia are being sent to assist Russia against Germany, but we will not retain one foot of your territory.

"In that spirit should be made the formal declaration of all the allies.

Russians Hold to War on Hun
"The Russian people have never believed they are out of the war because of the Brest-Litovsk treaty. The Russians believe that they continue in a state of war with Germany and that all treaties with the allies remain valid, notwithstanding what took place at Brest-Litovsk."

"The allies should send military help to the eastern front as well as to the western theatre," Gavronsky said. "The French, British and Americans are co-operating."

"Russia may mean defeat or victory for the allies. They can be no ally in victory on the western front alone. The allies must win everywhere in this great world struggle. Owing to the impossibility of international situation, the conditions in Russia are unfavorable. The man on the streets feels that he must rid himself and Russia of the unbearable tyranny of the Bolsheviks, and he will very likely be influenced by anybody's promise to rid him of the Bolsheviks."

Point Manifesto Is Urged
"If no joint manifesto guaranteeing military and economic help and the allies' disinterestedness, is issued, Germany will make very good use of the circumstances to persuade the Russian people that if not only ally then another ally will want to get something out of the offer to help Russia."

"The renewal of the fight against Germany already is started and under way. Necessarily it has taken somewhat unusual forms. The task is to intensify that campaign and to reorganize so in Russia that Germany will be compelled to draw to the east some of her fighting strength in the west and so facilitate the task of the allies on the western front. For every unit at the disposal of the Russian partisans the Germans must have several fighting units for them can never know from what point the Russians may strike."

Crop Seizures Uncertain
"The Germans and Austrians, even with 900,000 soldiers in Russia, are not certain to succeed in getting the crops, the seizure of which is being so strongly resisted by the peasants."

Wherever a nucleus of organization is established and order restored, as in Archangel, Volodga and on the Murman coast, Gavronsky said that the people at the head of such movements and organizations temporary always were members of the constituent assembly of Russia, heads of the cooperative movement and formerly holding leading positions in the provisional government.

"I say temporary," declared Gavronsky, "because all realize that in the future Russia will be a federal republic, comprising all territory of the former empire."

Reactionaries Form
"There is, however, serious danger from the reactionaries. They are all under German influence. They realize that the allies, particularly America, will never favor any form of government for Russia but one based upon the 'will of the people'."

Discussing probable developments in the near future, Mr. Gavronsky said: "We must expect soon another move in Greater Russia. That in all probability will be a solemn proclamation of monarchy."

"But," and Gavronsky became very emphatic, "Russians will never acquiesce in German domination or restoration of the old regime."

"There are only two possibilities for Russia. Either a monarchy and a very reactionary monarchy with German domination or a federated republic. For the latter Russia will continue to fight on with the allies to final victory for world democracy which also will be her victory."

BOLSHEVIKI STATE THAT ALLIES ARE DEFEATED

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kin, with their anti-Bolshevik forces, are encamped north of the Caspian and their power is steadily growing in the Ural mountain district.

Russia promises to drive a gigantic battlefield with allies advancing from three sides to drive out the Germans and to wipe out pro-German influence.

Already the campaign to save Russia for herself is being waged with allied troops on the Murman coast (in Northern European Russia), at Vladivostok

(in Eastern Siberia) and at Baku, in Trans-Caucasia (in Southern Russia). The allies are giving support to the Czech-Slovaks and to the patriotic Russian Slavs that are hostile to the German Bolsheviks.

It was recently reported that German troops were advancing on Petrograd, indicating that they would be used in an effort to prevent the southward march of the allies from the Murman coast.

It is stated on good authority that there are already thousands of German officers and men in Petrograd and some estimates put the number at 100,000. This latter figure, however, evidently includes Austro-Hungarians as well as Germans.

Germany aspires to control the northern seas with her submarines, operating from a base on the coast of Russia.

According to a cablegram the Germans planned to establish a base in the region of Petchegua, but this may have been an error in transmission for Petchora. The Petchora is a river which flows into the Arctic ocean east of Archangel. The numerous islands at its mouth afford excellent opportunities for a U-boat base.

LENINE ORDER ASTRAY; BOLSHEVIKI LOSE TOWN

Tokio, July 20.—(By Mail.)—(U. P.)—Vladivostok fell into the hands of the Czechoslovaks because a Lenin order went astray.

The order provided that the Czechs in Vladivostok were to be disarmed by the Bolsheviks on Sunday, June 30. The Czechs learned of the order Friday, June 28. They spent a busy Saturday and by nightfall, June 29, they were in command of Siberia's greatest Pacific port.

Saturday morning a Czech ultimatum was presented to the local soviet to disarm their Red Guards and to hand over the city to the Czechs. Half an hour was given to complete the disarmament. The soviet refused. Thereupon the soviet was declared to be dissolved and order was given to its delegates and all the prominent Bolsheviks in town.

Meantime, in the harbor, the soviet torpedo boats Bravay, Tsydy, Tschy and Malafey loosed their anchors and attempted to put out to sea. The British cruiser Suffolk silently turned her broadside on the approaching torpedo boats and cleared her guns for action. The Japanese cruiser Asahi signalled the Bolshevik boats to halt. They obeyed. A British and a Japanese officer boarded each vessel and the Red guard garrison was without resistance. Ashore the Czechs, strengthened by marines from the British and Japanese cruisers, quickly occupied all strategic points, powder magazines and other public buildings. Anti-Bolshevik forces lined the busy downtown streets, the Alentekaya and Svetlanskaya. Traffic was stopped and business suspended.

Without bloodshed, dozens of Bolsheviks were arrested and led away, while the people in the streets cheered.

At 3 p. m. a Czech guard approached the Bolshevik fortress and demanded its surrender. He was shot down. For two hours machine guns poured a never ending stream of bullets into the fortress. The Red guard garrison was unable to approach the windows to return the fire. Crowds watched the fight in silence from every point of vantage.

The Czechs had crawled near the fortress under the machine gun barrage and had thrown a mine into the building. The mine exploded and a white flag was run up. The fight was over.

The Czech casualties were four killed and 15 wounded. The soviet lost 40 killed and 108 wounded.

Russian Capitalist Visits U. S.

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—(U. P.)—Procopy Ptrovitch Batolin, one of the leading business men of Russia, is in the United States today to arrange for American aid in developing Russian industry. M. Batolin has for years been managing director of the Statebank company, the largest corporation in Russia. The Statebank company owns a controlling interest in 74 limited corporations and its working capital is estimated at 5,000,000,000 rubles.

The corporation's activities extend into all branches of trade and manufacture and into every corner of Russia and Siberia. Included in its interests are banks, railroads, crop plantations, shipping, mines, oil, fisheries, forests and even a few publications.

The company's activities, said M. Batolin today, have continued without serious interruption despite the Russian revolution.

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Bolsheviks at Bay in the Kremlin
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53,254 CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE SHOWN IN COUNTY CENSUS

Annual Report of County Superintendent Advises Changes in Laws; Uniform Tax Urged.

A number of important changes are urged by County Superintendent of Schools Alderson in his annual report to the state superintendent of public instruction. He recommends that school clerks of a county be bonded by a blanket bond instead of individual bonds. This Mr. Alderson says will effect a considerable saving. He recommends also that a vacancy in the office of a school clerk be filled by appointment by the County Superintendent, until the next regular election.

Among his other recommendations are that a uniform system of taxation for school purposes be devised instead of the varying levies as at present, and that the question of consolidating two or more districts should be determined by a majority vote of the legal voters in the entire district affected and that the time for holding such election should be optional with the county boundary board.

According to his report the number of the persons of school age in Multnomah county at the time of the last school census was 53,254. The total enrollment for the past year was 42,278. Of these 2789 completed the work of the eight grade during the year, while 7657 were enrolled in grades above the eighth. The number of teachers was 1252, among them being 327 normal graduates, 152 college students or graduates, 189 with partial college or normal school training, 221 high school graduates and 95 with less than a full high school course.

Receipts for the year totaled \$3,215,728.11. The disbursements for the year were \$3,871,391.98. Of this last amount \$1,618,899.11 was paid to teachers for salaries and \$271,311.11 for new buildings and stoves. Repairs and improvements totaled \$224,028.19.

The fall semester for schools outside the city will begin September 3. There are few teaching vacancies and with plenty teachers to fill them, Mr. Alderson said. His office receives frequent calls from other counties in the state. Numerous changes have taken place in the staff of teachers, but all vacancies practically have been filled by normal-trained teachers.

Sub-Chairmen on War Board Named

With the naming of sub-committee chairmen of the war industries board in this district, the organization has been pushed a step further and as soon as the chairman of the various industries are selected the organization will be complete and the survey of the district's industries will be begun. The chairman of the groups of industries, announced by Chairman Charles H. Carey, are as follows: Wood products, Philip Buehner; machinery, A. G. Labbe; stamping and forgings, E. B. MacNaughton; castings, Ed Greile; food products, H. M. Haller; textiles and clothing, Nathan Strauss; chemicals, paints and oils, C. B. Woodruff; rubber and leather, George Lawrence; clay products, Blaine R. Smith.

Salem Machine Gun Company Recruited

A machine gun company is ready to be mustered in to the national guard tonight at Salem and Lieutenant L. R. M. Pierce was in Portland today to secure authority and the necessary blanks from Adjutant-General Williams. The company numbers the required enlistments of 51 men and three officers with a surplus. A machine gun company in Portland is almost ready for mustering, and there is strong rivalry to see each secure the recognition first. Colonel North of the Oregon State Guard is of the opinion there will shortly be two infantry regiments, one with headquarters in Salem, and another with headquarters in Portland. Each will have a machine gun company.

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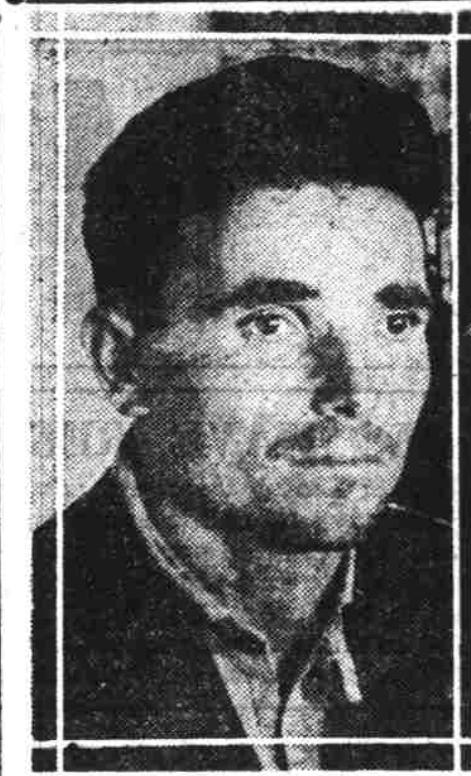
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Monaco Confesses to Police Murder of Miss Maria Spina



Killed Girl Because He Loved
Her and She Refused to
Marry Him.

Giovanni Monaco, self confessed murderer of Maria Spina, was returned to Portland from Vancouver, B. C., late Thursday night and is now in the city jail. In a signed statement taken after his arrest and before District Attorney Collier, Monaco admitted the crime and said that he was ready for trial.

When asked why he killed the girl he said:

"I loved Maria and I didn't want anything else to marry her. I went to her room Sunday night and knelt alongside the bed and said, 'Maria! Maria! This is Giovanni!' I stroked her hand to wake her up and when she saw me she screamed and then I shot her."

Monaco said he bought the gun in Seattle for \$17 some months ago when he was ordered out of Portland. He went from Seattle to California and was returning to Canada August 3 by train. He came up on the same train with Sam Caranette, uncle of the murdered girl. He went on to Tacoma Saturday night and returned to Portland Sunday night "to see Maria." He said he stayed outside the Spina house until the back window.

After the crime he said he went down Thirteenth street to Burnside, crossed the Burnside bridge and when he arrived on the west side saw an officer. He turned over to Couch to avoid him and purchased a cap at the Quimby hotel from the clerk for \$1. He went to the North Bank station and asked about trains for the north. This was about 1:15 a. m. He walked across the Broadway bridge and out Union avenue toll. He took the train in the morning for Tacoma. In Tacoma he purchased a new shirt and discarded the one that was badly torn in the fight with Spina. He went by boat from Tacoma to Seattle and then by train to the border. At White Rock he was rejected by the immigration officials and while walking the railroad tracks between White Rock and Westminister, B. C., was picked up by an Italian immigration officer, who had read the telegram from the Portland police department. He gave the aliases of Mike Rota and Tony Martire, but the immigration officials were so sure he was Monaco that they refused to let him pass.

He denied committing the crime until a short time before Inspector Morak arrived. The first question he asked Morak was, "Is she dead?" He is said to have shown no feeling when he received word from an answer. Morak secured the recognition first. Colonel North of the Oregon State Guard is of the opinion there will shortly be two infantry regiments, one with headquarters in Salem, and another with headquarters in Portland. Each will have a machine gun company.

Monaco will be charged with murder in the second degree.

DOUGHBOYS ENJOY DIP IN SOMME AS GERMAN SHELLS FLY OVERHEAD

Americans Give Huns Touch of
Wild West Fighting in
Battle Near Bray.

By Bert Ford.
With the British Army on the Pivard Battle Front, Aug. 15.—(I. N. S.)—(S. P. M.)—Amidst the crash of big German shells, that whined overhead or burst with loud detonations nearby, American soldiers who helped the British on the northern sector of the Pivard front, organized a swimming resort on the Somme near the scene of their victory and went in bathing by the score.

"Duck, fellows, here comes another one," the Yankees would shout as a shell would roar overhead and burst nearby, tearing up the road. Then all heads would go under the water. But the boys continued to defy the German artillery. The Americans gave the Germans a touch of wild west fighting in the struggle west of Bray.

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Many used only their automatic pistol tools, shooting the Hooches through the head on the run. There were a number of westerners in the fight.

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The Americans are proud of their achievement in winning a strip of landscape, than which there was no tougher bit of ground along the woods and ravines bordering the outskirts of Bray.

The weather has been hot since the fighting and they have been refreshing themselves by dips in the Somme.

Wold Girls Achieve 8 Separate Arrests

Washington, D. C., Aug. 16.—The Misses Cora and Clara Wold of Portland pleaded not guilty of breaking the law in their trial today in the federal police court with 46 other suffragists, for taking part in a suffrage demonstration in Lafayette Square across from the White House August 6. Cora Wold arrested five times during suffrage demonstrations. They were also tried last Tuesday for climbing on the statue of Lafayette during the August 6 demonstration. Decision was reserved in that case.

The demonstration last night at 8 o'clock, in which both Portland girls carried banners, surprised the police and was not broken up until many speeches had been made.

Military Bands to Give Concert for Visitors of G. A. R.

Several thousand soldiers and civilians attended the 200-piece massed band concert of the First and Second provisional regiments and the Multnomah Guard bands Thursday evening on the post athletic field at Vancouver barracks. The concert, the first ever given by combined military bands, will be repeated Sunday afternoon in Laurelhurst park for the benefit of the G. A. R. and the people of Portland.

The directors of the three bands, M. S. E. Tillotson of the First regiment, M. S. E. Bradley of the Second regiment and Lieutenant McDougall of the Multnomah Guard, deserve great credit for the program. The concert was arranged by Lieutenant Weaver of the Second regiment, Lieutenant Smith of the First regiment and Lieutenant McDougall. Monte Austin sang popular songs and will also sing at Laurelhurst park.

Campaign to Get New Canneries in Oregon Succeeds

Efforts of the Oregon development branch of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to establish canneries in all parts of the Willamette and Columbia river valleys are meeting with much success, according to George Quayle, secretary of the bureau. Word has just been received that canneries have been established in Roseburg and Corvallis, and that other localities are negotiating.

At Roseburg the new cannery is well under way and will can 100 acres

of string beans, 75 acres of tomatoes and several hundred tons of pears. The defunct Benton County Growers' association cannery at Corvallis has been taken over by a Brownsville concern and is in operation.

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More State Guard Units to Be Formed

Adjutant General Williams has authorized the formation of two additional companies of infantry of the Oregon State Guard in Portland. There are now Companies A, B, C and D. As fast as they are recruited up to the federal standard the companies will be mustered into the national guard.



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