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Treasury Regulation Not to Be

Confused as Court Ruling on

an Enacted Law of Congress.

Wild consternation has seized the

hearts of numerous state, county, muni-

because of the statement published in

The Journal of Wednesday that, under

the written terms of the federal income

tax law of 1919, they no longer enjoy

the closk of tax exemption thrown

around them by former income tax

They look with horror upon the con-

tingency of thei, having to take their place in the income tax paying line

shoulder to shoulder with Mr. Common

People and be required to dig down into

Milton A. Miller, collector of internal

revenue for Oregon, furnishes a gleam

of hope, however, to those who seek to

hold their official pay checks between

their pocketbooks and the financial de-

"Compensation paid its officers by

state or political subdivision thereof

fees received by notaries public commis-

state compensation insurance funds es-

From this he deduces, and holds, that

such incomes are exempted from the op-

Under this ruling of the department,

which Mr. Miller says is binding upon

revenue here, the compensation paid by

the office of the collector of internal

a state or any of its political subdivision

for services rendered is exempt from

mind, however, that this exemption has

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Bondholders Clip

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tablished by states are not taxable."

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mands of Uncle Sam by citing a de-

their jeans proportionately.

xplosion in Corbett Building May Prove Fatal to Engine Room Assistant and Fireman.

Elevator Girl Almost Suffocated by Dense Clouds of Smoke; Tenants Compelled to Flee.

TAMES ASHER, chief engineer, is dead and George Udy, assistant engineer, is said to be on the brink of death, and Claude Hoffman, fireman, was perhaps fatally scalded at 11 o'clock this morning as the result of the explosion of a boiler in the basement of the Corbett building. Fifth and Morrison streets. The three men, scalded from head to foot, were taken to Good Samaritan hospital by the Ambulance. Service company, where Asher died early this afternoon.

red men, said Udy undoubtedly would body was unscalded. Hoffman, reported the physician, was scalded almost as German government were responsible for badly and his condition is critical. Asher the war," Dr. Kautsky answered. apparently had breathed some fire in addition' to his scalds, but his condition is most favorable of the three.

Udy's residence is 5415 Sixty-fourth

in the boller, in the opinion of Night Engineer Ed Munson, who was called by the building managers when the explosion occurred. The explosion blew out both ends of the boiler and Engineer Ed Munson, who was out both ends of the boiler an crushed the steel lining of the firebook together like paper. Bricks were blown about 20 feet to the end of the basement nd the building was shaken to the eath floor. The shock on the tenth was eavier than that on the first floor.

Employes in the store of L. Mayer Co. directly over the engine room, say they heard a rumbling and suddenly saw the trap door on the street blow both and a big burst of steam puff out. Officer Bender, in charge of traffic at Fifth and Morrison streets, saw a cloud of steam rise from the Morrison street trap door. He said it rose in a cloud to the top of the building and suddenly

When Fire Chief Dowell saw, danger of a second explosion if the fuel oil, which supplies the heating and power system, body out of the building at once. About 30 officers under Police Captain Moore held the crowds back and cleared the

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GOVERNOR OLCOTA ASKS FOR OPINION

Seeks Determination of Question as to Resigning Secretaryship and Urges Haste.

Salem, March 13 .- Governor Olcott today made a written request of Attorney whether he may resign the office of secretary of state and still retain the office of governor, and also for information as to how to obtain the speediest possible determination of this question. Governor Olcott's letter to the attorney general says:

"In light of the fact that the state is facing great problems which are more or less interwoven with the duties of the executive office, and also in view of the fact that I believe the law contemplates there should be three active minds sitting upon the important state boards to solve these problems, rather than two minds with three votes, may I request you to inform me as to whether I may resign the office of secretary of state, without by so doing automatically surrendering the office of governor along with

that of secretary of state.
"Because of the importance of the questions involved, may I also ask you to inform me as to how the speedlest possible determination of this question may

Soviet Societies

secret service operatives watching day and night, an active campaign for the formation of soviet councils that average of the total number of the formation of soviet councils that average of the total number of the formation of soviet councils that average of the total number of the formation of soviet councils that average of the total number of the formation of soviet councils that average of the formation of ally would take over the government, is the remainder of the division is crossing under way in the Pacific Northwest, it became known here today. Headquar ters of the radical element in charge of the movement have been established se-cretly in Seattle, Spokane and Portland.

Lieutenant Dunn Is On His Way Home

Lieutenant John Dunn, son of Judge and Mrs. Edward Dunn, formerly of Condon but now residents of Portland, landed in New York city today with a casual company from the hospital ship Comfort, according to a telegram re-ceived from him by his parents.

Own Records Show Germany to Blame For Starting of War 10

Berlin Cabinet Minister Admits Documents Have Been Compiled; Bernstorff Says Old Archives Should Be Burned

By Alfred G. Andersen (Copyright, 1919, by the L N. S.) Berlin, March 12, via Copenhagen and London, March 13.-(I. N. S.)-The irchives of the foreign office conclusiveprove that Germany was responsible

for the war. This information comes rom no less a personage than Karl Kautsky, under-secretary for foreign affairs in the cabinet set up by Philip Scheidemann and Frederick Ebert, after

Dr. Kautsky was especially assigned by Foreign Secretary Hugo Haase and scheid mann to examine all of the records in the archives of the foreign office and he continued this work after Dr. Haase left the ministry.

Those in High Places Blamed A report has been complied and the documents will be ready for publica-tion before the end of this month, if the government is able to print them. I first went to see Dr. Kautsky at his nome in Charlottenburg on Saturday. However, when I asked him point-blank what the archives proved, he admitted that the diplomatic correspond definitely established who had caused the war, adding that his opinion, held before he entered the foreign office, had been

'What was that opinion?" he was "That men holding high places in the

confirmed.

Seeks to Avoid Interview Dr. Kautsky said that he had an apcointment with Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau (or Dr. Rantzau, as he prefers to call himself now), the present foreign secretary, the following day (Sunday), with the object of discussing the documents in question.

On Sunday night I called at the foreign office and requested to see the for-eign secretary, making it known that I

Salaries of Officials Subject to Income Tax According to Law, but the Department Says No. was cognizant of the conference between Dr. Rantzau and Karl Kautsky. A sec-

Dr. Rantzau, but to call on Monday On the next day I called again, but another secretary informed me it would take considerable time before Dr. Rantzau would consent to discuss the sub-

retary told me it was impossible to see

In his conversations with me on war responsibility, Dr. Kautsky excused Von ground that they were soldiers and merely entered the conflict after war had been declared.

Says Kalser Unpopular Questioned whether he considered the ex-kaiser a dangerous person and intolerable in Germany, Dr. Kautsky said: "The former kaiser and the ex-crown statutes. prince are both harmless and they are

Asked about the government outlook and the possibility of another revolution, Dr. Kautsky answered: "If the majority Socialist government makes too many mistakes Germany may experience a successful monarchist revolution, but the Hohenzollerns will not be restored. It is more likely that in that

event the crown would be offered to Von Hindenburg." "Guilt Look," if published, fill two volumes of 500 or 600 pages. Bernstorff Would Burn Records Dr. Kautsky thinks that the war of-

fice records have a valuable bearing

but many of these had apparently been emoved or destroyed. When Dr. Kautsky informed Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, that the records of the foreign office established Germany's war guilt, Bernstorff is re-

ported to have exclaimed: 'I have repeatedly suggested that the

Members of Fifty-Second Brigade Howard S. Merriam and James Are Given Welcome by New Yorkers.

New York, March 13 .- (U. P.)-The ospital shp Comfort, delayed by a stop at the Azores for coal, arrived here today with 403 sick and wounded.

Brigadier General George W. Win-gate, commanding the Fifty-second field artillery brigade, and Brigadier General Edward A. Kreger, judge advocate general's dapartment, were aboard the America, which also arrived. Among those arriving was Sergeant John Jiegenhager, The Dalles, Or., of

the Ninety-third aero squadronepidemic of influenza on the America caused the deaths of five soland the removal of more than 150 o the ship's hospital.

The victims were: Privates Harry W. Hughes of Jacksonville, Ill.; Edelbert lien Walter of Little Falls, N. Y.: Felix Kenefski of Shenandoah, Pa.; Henry Andrews of Binghampton, N. Y., and Sergeant Ralph Reed Malcolm of Stoughton, Mass.

New York, March 13 .- (I. N. S.) -- More than \$000 American soldiers were expected to arrive here today, including the 104th, 105th and 106th field artillery units and the Fifty-second field artil-

lery brigade headquarters. Units arriving on the America include mobile hospital No. 105 and casual companies from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Jersey; the Thirteenth, Ninety-third and 155th aero squadrons; Brest convalescent detachments Nos. 98 to 101, inclusive; 570 sick and wounded enlisted men, 67 casual officers and 96

The hospital ship Comfort, the Honolulu, Espagne and Atenas also are due Members of the Fifty-second brigade who arrived on the transport America were given a rousing welcome by Mayer John F. Hylan and several officers of the Twenty-seventh New York division. Major General John F. O'Ryan was to have headed the delegation, but was

prevented from going by special business. The America docked at the em-

barkation pier in Hoboken shortly after

The Fifty-second artillery brigade, of which the 104th, 105th and 105th field artiflery are units, returned under command of Brigadier General Albert Wingate. All served with the Twenty-seventh New York division in France. Forming on Coast when the America docked General Wingate superintended the debarkation returned to approximately 20,000 and

Passing the Buck

the Atlantic.

to President Wilson has been the game of the peace envoys in Paris during the president's absence. Read about it in the special cable to The Journal and the Chicago Daily News on

The Journal's Cable Page Today

start a new slate under a new form of

Jordan Meet With Many Thrilling Experiences.

Howard S. Merriam and James Jor-Portland marines, inseparable bunkles throughout the war, each decorated and cited, are parted, but both have arrived in America.

Merrism is convalescing in Philadel phia and Jordan, just out of a Bordeaux hospital, arrived at Hampton Roads on Wednesday.

It was at St. Mihiel that this pair of Oregon fighting marines last thrust falls on Saturday, March 15. Interest bayonets and fired lead at the Hun side is due and payable on that date. Hold-

shot away, was taken to a dressing station and when a lull came Merriam asked the "medic" who carried his chum to the rear where he had been taken. With the answer all but from his lips the hospital corps man was struck dead German machine gun bullet through

Then sped Merriam's last opportunity to learn the whereabouts of Jordan until he arrived in America, he himself fighting against death from wounds and

Meager accounts of Merriam's heroism in the St. Mihiel sector came in letters to his brother Dow Merriam, also a resident of Portland, with whom he lived before enlisting in the marines. He told of leaping in a shell hole and taking a dead Yank's gas mask after his own had been shot away and of picking up a fallen hero's rifle after his

had been shot from his hand, which was torn by the bullet. News of his decoration with the Croix de Guerre came to Mr. Merriam from other sources, however, and he says his brother merely mentioned the fact that he had been decorated. Under heavy fire he carried a wounded officer to the rear. After being invalided back to Americe he spent several weeks in the marine hospital in Philadelphia, then was sent to Quantico. At present he is spending a 30-day furlough in Philadelphia but under medical care and is awaiting his discharge before returning to Portland. Before he came to Portland to make his home with his brother he lived in

Mann Is Chairman of Suffrage Committee

Washington, March 13 .- (I. N. S.)-Representative James R. Mann of Illinois was this afternoon selected as chairman of the woman's suffrage committee of the house. As Mann is an ardent supporter of equal suffrage his selection was declared to forecast passage of the resolution when it is brought up in the

Enrico Caruso Pays Tax on Big Income

New York, March 12.—(I. N. S.)— Enrico Caruso, the noted tenor, today handed the local internal revenue col-lector a check for \$28.483.42, the first quarter of his income tax, which totals

SUN COMES UP

steeple and plain ordinary clocks and watches are going to step an hour ahead of themselves in 17 days, when the second summer of "daylight saving" begins. At 2 a. m. Sunday, March 30, the summer time schedule will begin.

It is just becoming pleasantly daylight when "average" families arise of mornings and here we are thrown back again for a month or so into getting out of bed in the cold and grey while "idle rich" and night tollers and policemen who patrel at night say they should worry about daylight saving.

But longer and lighter evenings will make up for a chillier morning leap out of bed. The days are happfly lengthening and the extra hour of sun in the evening will speed the arrival of summer's twi-

Schools Will Be Closed and General Jollification Will Mark Sailing of First Steamer.

Inauguration of the Portland-Oriental middle of April next, will be the occasion for a big celebr ... at the St. Johns municipal terminal, in which Portland will give a rousing send off to the first steamer to leave this port with full cargo of freight for the Far East. Moving pictures will be taken of the eremonies, according to plans made by the public dock commission today, and the films are designed for circulation

among the leading playhouses of the Adding a real maritime setting to the elebration will be a fleet of Oregonuilt wooden and steel steamers. Schools will be closed on that day, it follification of the birthday of a new era for the port will be held.
With the advent into this new field

for official personal service, and not with any other income derived by an official or employe from any source separate and apart from the official commensation. But the fact remains that the incomes ing obtained the use of the steamer derived from the salaries paid officials West Munham, now being complete: and employes of a state or any of its in the local harbor, shippers have alpolitical subdivisions, are not exempted ready taken all the space available, from payment of the income tax by the and it is expected that the agents of law. They were exempted, definitely the company in Oriental ports will send and specifically, in past laws. They are the steamer back with full cargo. The suggestion for the celebration at ly or indirectly, by statement or by the St. Johns terminal came from necessary implication. So far as the Dock Commissioner F. C. Knapp. ncome fax law of 1919 is concerned, in Chairman C. B. Moores named Comits text and language, the salaries of missioners Averill, Knapp and Burgard officials and employes of a state or its as members of the celebration com-

Employment Service Reduced; No Funds Coupons Saturday

Washington, March 13 .- (U. P.)-An mmediate cut of 80 per cent in the United States employment service was ordered today because its appropriation failed with the Republican filibuster. Orders to this effect were sent out to ers of bonds of the third issue should clip their coupons and present them to all branch offices today by the labor their bankers to be cashed. More than department after a final effort to save the service had been made by a wireless \$15,000,000 worth of third Liberty loan appeal to President Wilson. The presibonds were sold in Portland and it is estimated that more than \$300,000 will dent was asked to set aside part of his war emergency fund, but replied that be paid out to holders of these bonds none of this was now available.

Plebiscite on League Of Nations Issue Now Stands 17,825 to 109

If any doubt is left as to the sentiment votes for friends. the people in favor of the League of Nations, it would be set at rest forever by a glimpse at the hundreds of letters

received by The Journal every morning. Less than one-half of 1 per cent of the total ballots cast thus far are against By huge strides the favorable vote is going forward, while the courageous few who send in unfavorable ballots are not adding up even an interesting total. It was thought the vote Wednesday was re-

markable, but it paled before the deluge of ballots this morning. From all quarters come the little rlips bearing proudly the canvass of Oregon sentiment. Mike D. Gugulis, 2861/2 Burnside street, says: "We cannot blot out God we are responsible for the future of father writes. this world and I am in favor of a League of Nations."

and when he found out he had to sign against the League of Nations. Cast his name he refused to vote at all," your ballot at once.

For a League of Nations 17,825, writes F. B. Madison, Oregon City Against a League of Nations 109 business man, who has submitted 40

Only one member of the W. Hawkins family of Klamath Falls did not vote favorably and "she was too young to vote at all," Mr. Hawkins

With such stended expressions is Or-egon backing the program for peace. Negative votes, welcome as they are, are not coming in and that must signify that negative sympathy does not exist in Oregon, for the plebiscite has reached every corner of the state. reached Mr. and Mrs. George R. Mc-Kimens of McMinnville, one of whose three sons gave up his life for the peace of the world. "We think he has done more to save

civilization and make the world safe than all the pro-German congressmen past suffering of the people, but before who are opposing the league," The coupon printed on this page and elsewhere in the paper, properly filled "Only one man wanted to vote no. out and submitted, is a vote for or

DO YOU FAVOR A LEAGUE OF NATIONS to prevent future wars, such as President Wilson and Former President Taft are working for?

Enclose this coupon in an envelope ad-dressed to "League of Nations Editor, Care The Journal, Portland, Oregon," or bring it to The Journal business office and drop it in the ballot box. (Sign your name here) Only persons of voting age should send in a ballot.

Second Visit of Wilson to France Is Expected to Shorten Work of Peace Conference.

Wireless Messages Sent to Paris Express Desire for Early Opportunity for Work.

Washington, March 13 .- (I. N. S.)resident Wilson and party arrived at :40 p. m. today-French time-in the harbor at Brest just three months to the day-his lucky thirteenth-after his arrival on his initial voyage.

Announcement of his arrival was reices of the White House today. Brest, France, March 13 .- (I. N. S.)-

Encountering a strong southwest wind and heavy seas, the liner George Washington, with President Wilson on board, is 10 hours behind her schedule and may not arrive until after 8 o'clock tonight. Unless the weather and seas moderate the presidential party may remain on board the ship all night, leaving for Paris tomorrow morning.

A reception committee, including Colonel E. M. House of the American of the French commission, Leygeus, French minister of marine arrived from Paris this morning. The popular opinion is that the and coming of President Wilson will shorten the peace deliberations.

A request that President Wilson traverse the same route through the city as on his former visit was sent by the mayor in a wireless message. Mr. Wilson consented but requested that there Brest is not decorated, and on account of the lateness of the hour at

which the vessel will dock no civil pro-

gram was arranged. In some way the impressions go abroad that Mrs. Wilson was not acvisit and it caused much disappoint-ment. The public was glad to learn that she is aboard the George Washdressmakers in Paris, who are hoping for further paironage.

Eager to Resume Work By John Edwin Nevin
On board the U. S. S. George Washington En Route to Europe With President

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VOTE FOR LEAGUE STIRS SENATORS

Great Preponderance of Ballots in Journal Plebiscite Favoring Plan Surprises Washington.

Washington, March 13 .- (WASHING-ON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)-League of Nations were generally sur- gress. prised by the magnitude of the showing vass is indicative of the sentiment of practically all parts of the country. Senators unfriendly to the president's ideas criticized the form in which it was submitted; saying a direct question on the present draft of the league constitution would give a better test.

"That's a good plan," said Senator Pittman of Nevada after inspecting The Journal's coupon vote. "It is well to have the sentiment of the people shown and this shows in my opinion how people stand. It is in line with what I hear from my state. "Senator Borah suggests a plebiscite

That is impractical and cannot be worked out because of the time it would take and the concurrent action required in so many states."

Senator McKellar of Tennessee said the results obtained are surprising in the size of the affirmative vote and he is convinced the league plan has an can have the committee chairmanship, overwhelming majority among the peo-"Of many letters I have received,

said McKellar, "not one is against it. I am going home tonight to make speech-

es in Tennessee, but I am convinved that the people now strongly favor the formation of a league." Senator Sheppard of Texas said the results shown in The Journal's votes were "remarkable and significant." He added: "I have never had any doubt as to the feeling among the people. The with one vote in the negative. An effort has been made to indicate a divided senent by circulating an interview with

one Texas Democrat who opposed the league. His ideas are not representa-

tive, but the contrary." Senator Norris of Nebraska, one of the Republicans who declined to sign Senator Lodge's round robin, while criticising the form of The Journal's ballot, considered it significant of the people's desire for formation of a league which will end war. "They are so anx-ious for this," he said, "they may not give full weight to the questions in-volved in the league draft as it stands." "Nothing has ever happened in my life in which I felt a deeper interest or for which I would make greater sacrifice," he said. "Any plan ought to be subjected to analysis, publicity and free discussion. Criticism, however, should be constructive, and some of the present criticism is narrow and partisan." He favors an amendment of the draft in some respects, with disarmament and affirmation of each country's indendence in regulating its internal af-rs, including immigration.

AGAIN ON TOUR WITH WILSON

D RESIDENT WILSON'S lucky number, 13, is still with him.
The president's ship is due to arrive at Brest, France, this eve-

This is the 13th trip of the George Washington since she was taken over by the United States govern-This number, considered unlucky

by most persons, has pursued the president for many years and its influence always has been benign. To begin with his name contains 13 letters. On his previous trip to the Paris

conference he landed at Brest on Friday, December 13, He was elected governor of New Jersey in his thirteenth year as a professor at Princeton.

The electoral college which named him president met January 13, Governors of 13 states were in line

at his first inauguration, while representatives of 13 educational institutions participated in the parade and Princeton students journeyed to Washington in two trains of thir-His daughter, Jessie Wilson, was

the thirteenth White House bride. He was present at the opening session of the peace conference on January 13.

On February 18 the representatives of the leading powers accepted his plan for a League of

Organization of Committees to Be Delayed Until Just Before Session.

Washington, March 13 .- (I. N. S.)-Washington, March 13.—(I. N. S.)— The unfortunate inhabitants are in pi low the example of Republican members many may starve, it is said, as the gov of the house in attacking the problem of committee chairmanships at the present Among the Spartacans shot in the time. A plan adopted today will put this fighting yesterday were several Russians. days before the prospective extra session at Ber

porarily forgotten in the League of Nations force, soon will break out with renewed vigor, timess some compromise beween the conservatives and progressives whereby the Pennsylvania senator will receive the chairmanship of some committee other than the committee on

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massa chusetts, of course, will be the Repub-lican floor Jeader and the chairman of the committee on foreign relations. There is no fight against the Massachusetts

There was a renewal today of the re-port that Senator La Follette would anounce himself as a candidate for the finance committee chairmanship, in sub stitute for Senator Penrose. Under the seniority rule, he has no claim on this chairmanship, but he has the powerful veapon of threatening to vote with the Democrats on organization, if his wishes are not consulted.

Senator Borah will become the chairman of the committee on labor, which Senators who were apprised today of is expected to be one of the most im the result of The Journal's vote on the portant committees of the new con-

In addition to the fight against Sen in its favor. Senators friendly to the ator Penrose, which progressives say league plans declared The Journal canparty" in 1920, several other important contests are expected to develop before the awards are made. At present the lineup on chairman

ships of important senate committees follows: Appropriations, Reed Smoot, Utah. Banking and currency, George P. Mcean, Connecticut. The census, Robert M. La Follette.

Visconsin. Commerce, Knute Nelson, Minnesota Military affairs, Francis E. Warren, Vyoming Naval affairs, Boise Penrose, o liles Poindexter, Washington. Postoffices, Charles E. Townsen

Michigan. Senator Wesley L. Jones of Washing ton is in line for the chairmanship of the woman suffrage committee. Sen ator Hiram Johnson of California also it is understood, if he will ask for it

McArthur Denies He Was Defeated For G. O. P. Whip

Washington, March 13.—(WASHING-TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL) nying he was defeated as a candidate for Republican whip of the new house by Knutson of Minnesota. Some votes were case for him in the Republican committee on committees, he said, "in protest against the Mann steam roller," which forced the nomination of Knutson, but he was not seeking this position and had so informed his friends.

McArthur's statement, with its reference to the "Mann steam roller" is an-other indication of the diseatisfaction among friends of Gillett, who will be the next speaker, over the manner in which Mann's supporters have turned the tables and taken charge of about everything outside the speakership

Hawley Coming Home Washington, March 13.-Repres

Streets Filled With Wreckage Caused by Artillery Fire; Condition of Populace Is Pitiful.

Spartacans Hunted Out of Nests and Driven to Wall Are Committing Atrocities in City.

ONDON, March 13 .- (I. N. S.) -By a surprise attack the German government troops have outflanked and driven back the Spartacans at Lichtenberg, an eastern suburb of Berlin, said a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam this afternoon, The Reds fell back in panic, abandoning ma-

The main force of Spartacans is reported to have been isolated, with the government troops advancing wiping out

Government troops began their systenatic assaults on the Spartacans' stronghold at Lichtenberg on Wednesday, sald another news agency dispatch rom Copenhagen. The eastern part of Berlin is being oc-

cupied by the troops supporting the govnitting brutal atrocities, said another dispatch from Amsterdam. Both sides are fighting without mercy.

The Berlin streets are littered with uins and wreckage caused by artillery

The fight on Senator Penrose, tem-day. It stated that Minister of West conditional surrender of all Spartacan

The Reds, the dispatch said, had asked for a truce but Noske replied if would be granted only on the terms men-

At Dusseldorff, which has long been pressed by government troops using artillery and machine guns.

The Nauen wireless plant from which the report of the government's victory was sent, is in the hands of the gevernment authorities.

Troops on Defensive Berlin, March 12, via London, March 13.—(I. N. S.)—Despite the Wolff Agency bulletin that the government troops had won a victory over the Spartacides "ac-eording to plan," driving them back a mile and inflicting losses, the soldiers supporting the government were forced to take the defensive in the northern part of the city last night.

Reinforcement of government forces were rushed up in motor lorries. More battle reports are being printed in the newspapers now than during the General Luttwitz, commanding the

government troops, expects the present situation to continue, although a houseo-house search for arms is being made Italians Furnish Transports Rome, March 13,-(U. P.)-The government has placed at the disposal of American reservists the steamers Duca

d'Aosta, Duca Degli Abruzzi and Czerta,

which will sail within the next two

WOOD SHIPS PASS PRELIMINARY TEST

Underwriters Recommend Slight Alterations in Change to Flour Carriers.

Oregon built wooden ships have stood the test of a preliminary survey as to their fitness as flour carriers and, with certain alterations, their use by the federal food administration is recommended, according to Alex M. Scott, assistant to Grain Administrator Max H. Houser. The survey, which was ordered by the government to meet the urgent traffic needs of the Columbia river district, was conducted by Captain W. C. McNaught of this city, representing the under

writers.

"The results of the survey, which has just been completed, are entirely favorable, and if the shipping board meets certain requirements which have been asked, their use as grain or flour carriers will be assured and prompt loading of the vessels now in the harbor will begin," said Mr. Scott.

"With flour and grain tonnage piling up in this district, and the food conditions of Europe growing more grave."

tions of Europe growing more grave daily, we can make use of a large number of the wood ships if their employment is possible."

tive Hawley will leave for Oregon Mon-day night. During the congressional recess he plans to visit river and har-bor projects and other places where public improvements are proposed in his district.

The prosent is possible.

At the present time there are half a dozen idle wood steamers in the local harbor awaiting cargoes. Six others are only awaiting rudders, and some 50 other hulls will have been made ready for sea within the next few months