

RUSSIA TO HAVE ARMY OF DEFENSE

National Army of Both Sexes Is Ordered by Bolsheviki, Indicating Condition of Peace May Change

WILSON MAY ADDRESS CONGRESS ON RUSSIA

President Is Carefully Studying Situation With View to Acting

MOSCOW, March 16.—The all-Russian congress of soviets has ratified the peace agreement with Germany by a large majority.

A Bolshevik resolution approving the acts of the government of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates and of the peace delegation and calling for organization of the defense of the country by the creation of a national army of both sexes was passed after Lenin's restoration of peace among the warring factions and his statement that this action was the only way out, intimating that the treaty might be broken under changed circumstances.

Socialists Oppose Ratification. The opposition, notably the Social Revolutionists of the Left, made a valiant but futile effort to prevent the acceptance of the treaty, which was characterized by the minister of justice as being "anti-revolution and anti-socialistic."

WASHINGTON, March 16.—First intimations from official sources

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Judge Percy R. Kelly Who is Candidate For Supreme Court Bench



Judge Percy R. Kelly is hearing motions and demurrers in Department No. 1 of the circuit court, preliminary to the regular March term, which will convene on Monday, March 18.

British Casualties for Week Number but 3,562

LONDON, Thursday, March 14.—The British casualties reported for the week ending today numbered 3,562. They are divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers 53, men 822.

Wounded or missing: Officers 148, men 2,539.

In the first week of March, the casualties numbered 3,343, the lowest of any week for several months.

BAKER SEES TASKS THAT FACE NATION

War Secretary in France Views Immensity of Enterprise in Opening New Ports; Long Day Spent in Survey

MANY QUESTIONS ARE FIRED AT ENGINEERS

Long Range Guns, Skillfully Used by Americans, Are Inspected

March 13.—Secretary Baker's first work after his conference with the French statesmen and American generals at the capital has been to begin the study of what the Americans are doing and ought to do in France by a survey of a great port department.

"I am still absorbing," he said at the end of a fourteen-hour day. "I must say frankly that I did not know the immensity of the enterprise which we have undertaken in opening new ports, and when I see what we have accomplished here I am satisfied."

The American war secretary at the port in question was attended by General Pershing, Major General William M. Black, Brigadier General M. M. Atterbury and the officers of the engineers who have been creating a vast new equipment for docking and unloading ships.

Secretary Views Dock Front. The secretary walked for three miles along the American water dock front, already constructed or in the process of construction, as an extension to the berths for a number of ships placed at the disposition of the Americans by the French government. Two miles of this new sea frontage consisted of marshes on October 1, last. The ground has been filled in from dredgings in deepening the waterfronts and ships are already alongside some of these new berths.

Many Steamers Unload. "I like to come out here once a week," said a colonel of the engineers to the correspondent, "and see how different things look from what they did the week before. I almost lose my way."

This new dockage, with two other new frontages that are being developed in connection with it, will allow forty large, or sixty medium sized steamers to be unloaded simultaneously.

Mr. Baker's questions were frequent, penetrating, and often technical when the engineers were explaining the railway plexus connecting the various ports with the bases in the interior. He asked particularly about grades, so as to estimate the requirements in engine power and the heaviness of loads. He rather astonished the engineers by the detailed character of his questions, which touched the very problems that bother them most.

Big Guns Seen. At a heavy artillery training camp Secretary Baker saw a battery of long range caliber guns put in to position. They were swung over by automobile tractors and shallow recessed trenches were quickly dug, but with unerring methods. Mr. Baker took a stand close to one of the great pieces and followed the explanations of the major in command. It was one of the new guns from a French workshop and of a type which the American artists are already making a reputation at the front.

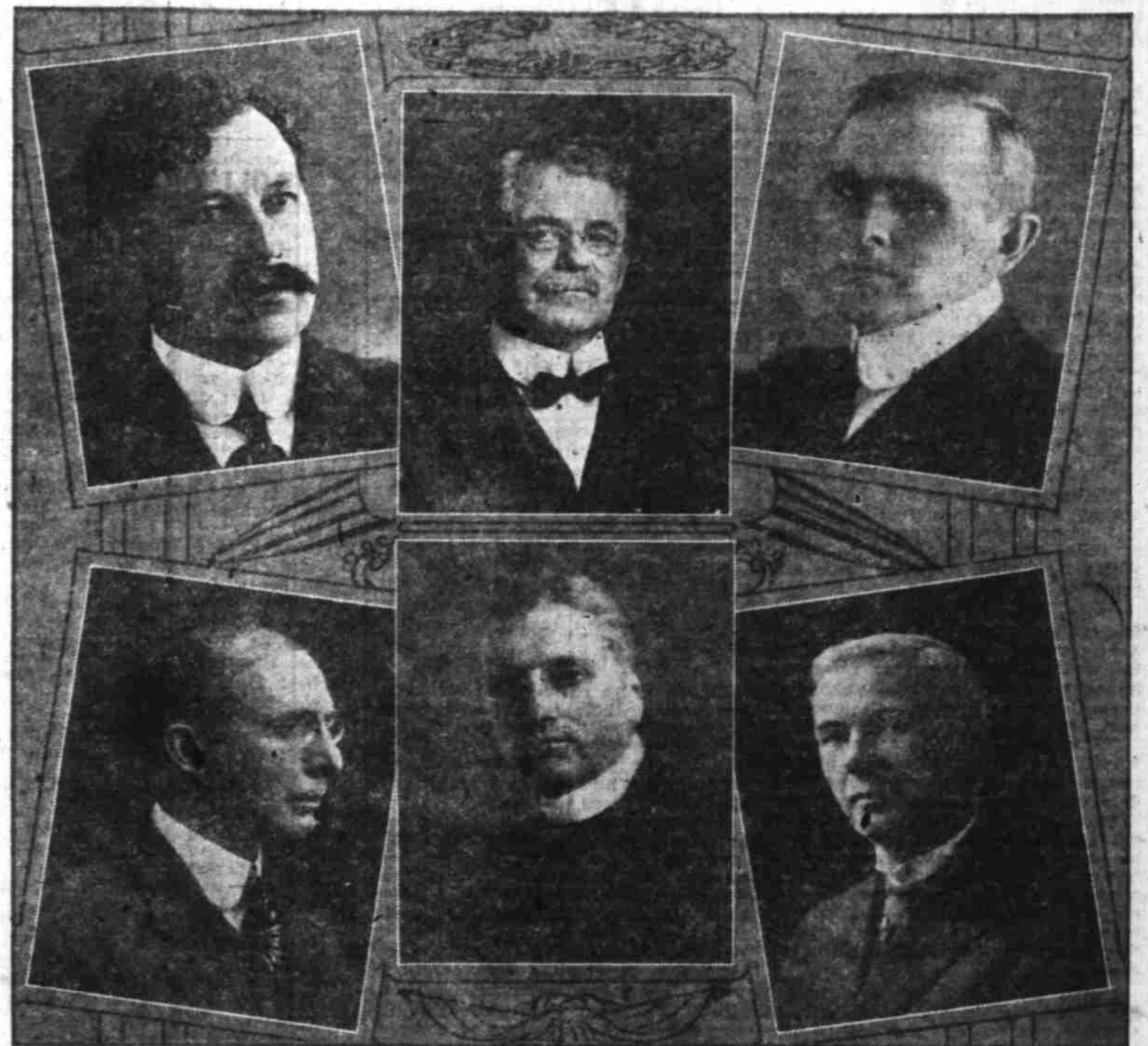
The secretary has been told by French officers of the skill of the American gunners in handling this weapon in the management of which the French artillerymen heretofore had considered themselves unexcelled. Mr. Baker became so interested that he mounted the chief gunner's stand and looked through the laser sight and watched the adjustment of the piece to the range markings.

Troop Review Held. The secretary's train arrived at an important town near the port at 8 o'clock in the morning. The prefect of the department, the French general commanding the district and numerous American officers were there to welcome him. His reception was simple. The band, as Secretary Baker and General Pershing issued from the station, sounded the salute to the colors, and a battalion of American soldiers stood at salute. That was the only ceremony of the day except a small review of the troops at the artillery camp.

Official lunches and dinners are, by the secretary's request, omitted from his program.

WEATHER. Showers, moderate southeasterly winds.

SIX LEADERS of Laymen's Missionary convention who will appear in sessions in Salem beginning tonight and extending through Monday and Tuesday. All are men of wide reputation in the work in which they are engaged. The men's convention will be held at the First Methodist church, and a parallel convention for women will be held at the First Congregational church. All of the leaders will speak in Salem churches this morning.



C. R. Marsh, W. E. Doughty

W. S. Marquis, F. J. Clark

T. A. O'Farrell, Frederick A. Agar

THOUSAND DELEGATES EXPECTED IN SALEM FOR BIG CONVENTION

Program of Three Day Session Opens Tonight—Men's Meetings to Be Held in First Methodist Church and Women in First Congregational—Visiting Students Entertained in Salem Homes—Churches Generous in Entertainment—Committee Goes to Portland to Arouse Interest and Metropolis Will Send Big Delegation

All preliminary arrangements for the Laymen's Missionary convention which will be held in Salem commencing today have been completed, and those who are in charge anticipate an approximate attendance of 1000 delegates most of whom will come from Marion county. However, numerous registrations have been received by the executive secretary from points outside of Marion county throughout Willamette valley.

All college and high school students attending the convention will be provided with entertainment in Salem homes according to the Harvard plan—room and breakfast for each day of the convention. The entertainment committee of the women's convention has arranged to entertain any women attending the convention provided they are given notice not later than Sunday evening. Notwithstanding the fact that the central committee has adopted the plan of a self-entertaining convention many of the Salem churches have offered to furnish entertainment to persons of their communion attending the convention.

Committee To Portland. A booster committee representing the local Laymen's Missionary convention committee composed of Dr. B. L. Steeves, H. S. Gile, F. T. Portig and Oscar B. Gingrich went to Portland Friday to attend a union meeting of the Portland churches and Missionary societies for the purpose of boosting the Salem convention. The laymen's convention team was induced to stop over for a few hours for the purpose of getting acquainted and urging a large delegation of the Portland churches to attend the Salem convention. Short addresses were made by O'Farrell, Agar and Doughty. Each of the local men spoke briefly concerning the convention and distributed programs and registration blanks to the audience.

Leaders Are Sketched. Following is a sketch of each of the leaders of the men's convention: W. E. Doughty of New York, the convention leader, in charge of all the field activities of the Laymen's Missionary movement, author of "The Call of the World" and "Efficiency Points," had led many of the

great men's conventions in recent years.

William S. Marquis of Chicago, for years a successful pastor of large churches, has visited the great mission fields and has greatly increased the missionary output of his denomination. He is western secretary of the assembly's committee for the every-member plan of the Presbyterian church.

Frederick A. Agar of New York was formerly missionary to Africa and home missionary superintendent in Montana. He is author of widely read books, and is now methods secretary of the Northern Baptist convention. He has revolutionized the spiritual and financial life of thousands of churches.

Thomas A. O'Farrell is a Methodist missionary from Africa with a great story of triumphs in that great continent, a lecturer with a wonderful array of lantern slides of worldwide scenes.

F. J. Clark of New York is a former lawyer and Y. M. C. A. secretary and now one of the secretaries of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary society of the Episcopal church. He has direction of special missionary work for men.

C. R. Marsh was for a quarter of a century a missionary of the American Baptist Telugu mission in South India. He is an Oregonian and claims as his home Eugene, coming to that city from Pennsylvania. He left Eugene in 1922 for the foreign field representing the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

Speak at Churches Today. All of them will occupy pulpits of the Salem churches at the morning services today and the assignments for both men and women have been made as follows: First Methodist, W. S. Marquis; First Presbyterian, W. E. Doughty; First Baptist, F. A. Agar; First Congregational, H. H. Kelsey; First Christian, C. Marsh; St. Paul's Episcopal, F. J. Clark; Englewood United Brethren, F. C. Jackson; Leslie Methodist, Thomas A. O'Farrell; Jackson Lee Methodist, Mrs. Paul Raymond; South Salem Friends, Mrs. W. C. Kantner; Court Street Chris-

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FRANK WARD CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

Heeds Pleas of Friends to Run and Declares His Candidacy Highest Office in City

PLATFORM IS STRONG

Will work for a Speedy Settlement of Reassessment Question

Frank S. Ward, alderman from the third ward, announces that he will be a candidate for nomination for mayor of Salem at the primary election May 17. He is the first to announce his candidacy. Several other men are being urged by friends to go in for the position, but most of them are reluctant, and a possibility exists that Mr. Ward will be without opposition.

Mr. Ward has not yet had time to formulate a complete platform, but three planks in it will be strict enforcement of the prohibition law, a speedy settlement of the reassessment question and an administration economically conducted, though his policy will not be one of allowing the weeds to grow. Mr. Ward believes a safe financial policy is to follow out the plan of Mayor Keyes who has made a good-sized reduction in the city budget.

The reassessment question is to go into the courts and Mr. Ward says he will do all possible to hurry it to a conclusion, but that if the reassessment policy of the present council is upheld he will not be in favor of foreclosing on the property of any person who is making an honest effort to pay.

Mr. Ward has lived in Salem fifteen years and is owner of a drug store on State street. He was born and raised at Albany and is a graduate of the department of pharmacy at Oregon Agricultural college. He is secretary of the state board of pharmacy.

NEW HUN ARMY. CREATED UNDER VON GALLWITZ

General Prominent in Russian Campaign Is Now on Western Front

BRITISH SHELL TOWNS

Berlin Admits Casualties; Artillery Is Active in Verdun Sector

(By The Associated Press)

The military situation on the Franco-Belgian front has shown no marked change in the last twenty-four hours. The most notable development was the increasing activity by the British on the old Arras front, from Arras itself as far south as St. Quentin, reported by Berlin. Apparently the British long range guns were doing effective work some distance behind the German lines in Flanders as well, for the German statement complains of casualties among the population of Menin and Halluin—more than five miles in advance of the British front southeast of Ypres—caused by British shell fire and airplane bombs.

Both German and French reports show that heavy artillery fire has been in progress in the Verdun region, and that there has been brisk work by the batteries near Rheims, on the Lorraine front and in Alsace. No change in the situation in the American sectors in Lorraine has been indicated, although Paris reports a German raid in the vicinity of Flirey, near the American sector northwest of Toul, which was repulsed.

New German Army Created. Interesting possibilities are suggested by the revelation in Saturday's German official statement that a new German army group has been created on the front in northern France. It is under command of General Von Gallwitz, an officer previously prominent in the Russian and Serbian campaign, and apparently transferred to the western front late last year and put in command of the Verdun sector, included within the front occupied by the German crown prince's army group. The German statement is so worded that the boundaries of the district under General Von Gallwitz's command cannot be determined even approximately. That part of the front running east and southeast to the Swiss border from about the vicinity of Laon, on the Aisne front, had previously been divided between the German crown prince and Grand

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Deckebach Calls Meeting of Committee March 22

Chairman F. G. Deckebach has called a meeting of the Marion county committee in charge of the third issue of liberty loan bonds for Friday, March 22 at 2 o'clock at the commercial club.

The campaign, which will be a house-to-house drive will begin bright and early on the morning of April 6 and it is to be so thorough a visitation by the workers of each subcommittee, that not a single home in the entire county will be overlooked. When it is considered that upwards of 2400 farmers in Marion will be visited especially, in view of the recent appeal of the president, it will be seen the task is a large one.

Captain Keller Is Back With Parole Violators

Captain Joe Keller, Oregon parole officer, returned last night from San Rafael, Cal., where he was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of abduction brought by Charles B. Smith, whom Keller arrested and attempted to bring back to Oregon when Smith was released from the penitentiary at San Quentin. Keller brought with him Arthur G. Graham and Paul Durney, two parole violators.

SALEM WOMAN D. A. R. OFFICER

Mrs. W. E. Pearson Is Treasurer; Mrs. F. M. Wilkins, Eugene, Chosen Regent

PORTLAND, March 16.—The Oregon chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, closed its annual convention here today by election of the following officers: Regent, Mrs. F. W. Wilkins, of Eugene; vice regent, Mrs. Walter F. Burrell, Portland; recording secretary, Mrs. Pearl Gregory Carthage, Oregon City; corresponding secretary, Miss Bertha Cummings, Eugene; treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Pearson, Salem; historian, Mrs. J. Thorburn Ross, Portland; auditor, Mrs. Charles Worell, Coos Bay; chaplain, Mrs. Levi Tracey, Albany; consulting registrar, Mrs. John P. Gibson. Among resolutions adopted by the convention was one favoring the elimination of German from the school curriculum of Oregon.

Many Merchants Seem to Think That Misrepresentation of Values in Advertising is Permissible

and will be excused by the buying public because it has become such a common practice that nobody believes the exaggerated statements anyway.

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