

# RUSSIA ACCEPTS GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS

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### Pan Soviet Executive Committee Agrees by Big Vote; Austria Signifies Willingness to Conclude Separate Peace With Slavs; Face of Europe Changed by Treaty; German Force Reach Jitomir

PETROGRAD, Feb. 25.—The Pan-Soviet executive committee agreed today to accept German peace by a big vote. The bolsheviki occupied Bostoff, the Cossack stronghold, and street fighting continues.

### Austria Willing for Slav Peace.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—According to radio messages from Switzerland, Foreign Minister Czernin wired Leon Trotsky, "Austria, with her allies is willing to conclude a separate peace with Russia," replying to Trotsky's recent query regarding this.

### Russia Impotent in Huns Hands

(By Ed L. Keen)

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Russia's acceptance of Germany's peace terms changes the face of Europe. It cuts 381,000 square miles of territory and fifty million population from Russia, and cuts her off from the Baltic, leaving her impotent in Germany's power both economically and physically. Some papers are insisting the move is the result of treachery but all agree that Russia was worsted in the bargain.

### Helpless Before Germany.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 25.—"When the world's proletariat comes to our aid, we'll renew the fight. We are helpless, Germany's knees are on our chest," Lenin told the Pan-Soviet, urging the acceptance of German terms. The opposition held the acceptance would make Russia Germany's vassal. The meeting last four hours.

### Jitomir is Occupied.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—The German forces have reached Jitomir, the principal city of Volhynia. At Rovno, all the special Russian army's general staff but the commander were captured. Perama on the Gulf of Riza is occupied. Dorpat and 9000 prisoners were taken by storm troops. The Germans have entered Verkau, Finland, after violent fighting.

### Is Costly Peace.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 25.—The Vienna Zeitung says the Russian separate peace is a costly victory as the other allies will now war to the bitter end. Ensign Krylenko was shot in the neck by a socialist. The wound is not dangerous.

### LOCAL ODD FELLOWS BEST DEGREE TEAM

Integrity Lodge No. 29 Captures Prize at the District Convention.

Integrity Lodge No. 92 captured the prize for having the best degree team in the county Saturday at the district convention in Stanfield which was attended by 50 Odd Fellows. In competition with the teams from Freewater, Weston, Adams and Stanfield the local team exemplified the fraternal work in a way that won a decision from the judges.

Milton was selected as the place for the 1918 convention which will probably be held in Freewater. Robert McKewen of that city was elected president with R. E. Bean of Freewater, vice-president. J. E. Benn of Pendleton and Joe Bailey of Eehn were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

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### Four Governors Will Meet in the Chicago Congress



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At least four governors of important states will be among the delegates to the National Service Congress to be held in Chicago next week under the auspices of the National Security League. Besides Governor Lowden of Illinois, there will be Governor Richard L. Manning of South Carolina, Governor John A. Burquist of Minnesota, and Charles S. Whitman of Wyoming.

### LAYETTE WORKERS MEET WEDNESDAY

The first meeting of layette workers will be held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Domestic Art room of the high school. All parent teachers people and others interested are urged to attend. The garments are for the relief of Belgian and French refugees and the need is urgent.

### HAVE UNTIL APRIL 1 TO MAKE RETURNS

Portland, Ore., Feb. 25, 1918. Editor East Oregonian: I would be glad if you would announce in your paper that the time for filing income tax returns has been extended from March 1 to April 1, 1918. This applies to the returns of individuals as well as corporations. In a conversation with some Umatilla county residents today I was informed that the impression prevails there that the extension applied only to corporations. While it is desirable, of course, that all returns be filed with as little delay as possible, this extension of time may be taken advantage of by those who are unable to make their returns on account of not having received their blanks as promptly as usual. Thanking you for your consideration and with regards and best wishes I am, Sincerely yours, MILTON A. MILLER, Collector

### GERMANS PLAN UPRISING OF SPANISH ARMY

### Feels it Would Create Dangerous Situation to Rear of Allies in the West.

### PROPAGANDA LETTER IS MADE PUBLIC

### Goldman and Berkman Cooperating With Hun Spies Abroad.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—John Devoy, former editor of the Gaelic-American directed the German efforts to launch a revolution in Ireland according to letters he wrote, it is announced today. He claims all the credit for the unsuccessful arms shipment to Ireland, saying Sir Roger Casement had no more to do with it than the "man in the moon." He described the Sinn Fein means of communication and told how an intercepted message from Berlin betrayed the German landing of arms in Ireland. He blames Casement for the rebellion's failure and says Germany furnished a good sum of money for the work.

### ROBERT J. BENDERLY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Germany has launched a determined effort to cause a Spanish uprising and swing the Spanish army to the Germans, now that Russia is eliminated. Germany feels this will create a dangerous situation to the rear of the allies in the west. American military officers today permit the publication of a propaganda letter Germans are circulating in the Spanish armies. In addition, German agents are seeking to split the army and commercial men. Letters show John Devoy, former editor of the suppressed Gaelic-American directed the German attempt to ship arms to the Sinn-Felers. Emma Goldman and Berkman are apparently cooperating with the German spies abroad. The letter to the Spanish troops rammers their vanity, and seeks to show it is impossible to remain in the barracks, while other armies are winning glory. It hints the German officers are ready to assist in war preparation.

### Letter Found in California.

Devoy's letter was found on the premises of Lawrence Delaney when the latter was arrested in California for conspiring to free the interned German Consul General Bopp. It blamed America for the failure of the plot through giving England the information received in raiding locks office at New York. It said Germany ordered him to deal directly with the Germans in America in engineering the rebellion. The letters involving Berkman and Goldman were from a Hindu now in Berlin seeking to organize a Hindu revolt in collaboration with the German foreign office. It asks Berkman to send aid for the movement and supplied a code for cabling purposes.

### BRITISH ARTILLERY ACTIVE

LONDON, Feb. 25.—There were minor raids on the British front. On the French front, artillery is active around Tullure, where the American gunners are aiding the French, also in the Champagne region and upper Alsace. French raids were successful north of Albert. The British in Mesopotamia overtook Rhina this day and may within ten miles of Hill on the Euphrates west of Baghdad.

## AMERICAN STARTING OUT TO PHOTOGRAPH ENEMY LINES



The man in the back of the photograph is an American photographer who is starting on a trip over the German lines to photograph them for use of the American soldiers holding down a sector of the western front. Americans are regularly flying over the enemy lines.

### PARITY P... ANS \$10,000,000 GREAT CROP FOR UMATILLA COUNTY

The wheat price for the coming harvest has been fixed at the same figure as last year, \$2.20 per bushel. Chicago and the United States shipping board has granted such a rate by water from northwest points to New York that inland empire farmers will virtually be on a parity with those using Chicago as a terminal. The water rate fixed is \$3.50 per ton and it is estimated that this arrangement will make a price of \$2.10 at Portland or Seattle. Local farmers will be charged with the local rate to tide-water, eight and a half cents per bushel and other charges of various natures. At the Farmers' Union office today individuals as well as corporations, farmers will receive 17 cents more for their wheat than they did last year. The local price is fixed at something like \$2.04.

### Ten Million Possible.

On a basis of a five million bushel crop the price fixed would mean over \$10,000,000 more than last year. It was roughly estimated that our crop, or considerably more than double the normal price received for the crop of the country. The Portland Journal's Washington correspondent gives Herbert ten million dollars for Umatilla's price granted the northwest, with some praise also for Senator McNary and none for Julius Barnes, head of the grain corporation. The Journal correspondent says: "Wheat growers of the northwest, successful at last in securing a market on an equality with growers in other parts of the country, have Food Administrator Herbert C. Hoover especially to thank for the recognition they have gained. Mr. Hoover earnestly took up their cause after the shipping board had named an ocean freight rate which was prohibitive, and assisted in marshaling the facts which showed the justice of the contention of those growers who were penalized. In freight rates because they live far away from the places named as primary markets, after the ships upon which they ordinarily depend have been taken by the government. "Chairman Hurley of the shipping board comes in for a share of thanks, also, because when the whole matter was laid before him he took a broad view of it, and readily agreed to apply the remedy in the form of a reduced freight rate. It was a new question to him, and it develops that when he first sent Senator McNary a letter quoting an \$11.50 freight rate, he had not been fully apprised as to what this involved. "He had been told that this just about covered the cost of carrying the wheat to the Atlantic seaboard, and he naturally supposed that in offering to carry it at cost he was making a fair offer. When he learned later on that such a rate meant that no wheat would be shipped by water; that the railroads would thus be given a burden they ought not to bear; that northwest growers would be discriminated against to the extent of the freight rate if the ships are not used for wheat; and when it was pointed out that the ships and wheat both owned by the government, the logical thing to do is to put the wheat in the ships and send them across the water to meet the war needs of the nation, Mr. Hurley saw the point. "Senator Charles L. McNary also plays an important part in this little drama of the wheat. The Oregon senator was a schoolmate of Herbert C. Hoover at Salem, Ore., and they met last year in Washington on the basis of old chums."

## PROFITEERING IS THROTTLING NATION DECLARES M'CUMBER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Urging the passage of his "labor conscription" bill, Senator McCumber declared "Capital and labor and the bolsheviks of America, the profiteers," are threatening the nation in its hour of trouble. This profiteering is "encouraged and impeded in by the government. He warned the American people would be heard from if the evil is not corrected. He cited Hog Island as a capitalistic bolshevikism and the attitude of the shipyard labor, especially on the Pacific coast which he charged is "shamefully and disgracefully slacking" as an example of workingmen bolshevikism. He charged Gompers is unable to handle the laboring men who are in the grasp of unscrupulous leaders. The bill requires the registration of all males 18 to 62 years old; it classifies them by occupations; authorizes calling any class into war work with liberal pay; does not require drill or uniforms and does not interfere with employment and right to contract for labor.

### Need For Ships Imperative.

"Never before have we so needed ships. Never before has the cause of democracy, the cause of these very laborers needed ships as today. The very life of the cause depends upon ship construction. But what's the labor doing in this battle? In the shipyard it's slacking shamefully. After the Hog Island site was purchased by capital and the foundation laid on graft, it is natural that the shipyard structure should be of the same fabric. Every contract and agreement has been wildly extravagant. We have human energy to win the war and win quickly, but it needs mobilization. Three fourths of it is being wasted now." He said over six million men in the United States were not doing remunerative labor and 400,000 more should be obtained by substituting women in certain lines of work they are able easily to perform.

### DEATH TAKES AGED UMATILLA RESIDENT

Death last night brought to an end the life of John Day, a long time resident of Umatilla and one of the best known and most prosperous sheepmen. He died at the county hospital where he had been for several years. His exact age is not known, but he was near 70. Twenty-five years or more ago he owned land south of Pendleton and was engaged in the sheep business extensively. He was counted well-to-do in those days but later he met with reverses which stripped him of all his property. He is survived by two daughters who live in Spokane. The body is at the Baker undertakers parlors and no funeral arrangements have yet been made. Two rainy days had to wait around and about while the other man lies.

## TREACHERY IS SUSPECTED IN VESSEL'S WRECK

### Hun Agents Believed to Have Fixed Compass Throwing Ship off Course

### FORTY SURVIVORS ARE REMOVED TODAY

### Steamer Hits Rocks Near Cape Race Yesterday During Gale.

### ST. JOHNS, Feb. 25.—It is believed today that 102 perished.

### Scenes of indescribable heroism in the face of serious odds continued to arrive as fishermen battle the mountainous waves in small dories.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Feb. 25.—Forty survivors were removed from the wrecked steamer Florizel, when it hit the rocks near Cape Race yesterday. The rescued included the captain and first officers. Several bodies washed ashore. Treachery aboard the Florizel is believed to have caused the wreck, as it seems impossible that Captain Martin, one of the best known navigators, would take his ship 15 miles off the course. It is believed the compass was "fixed." German agents are suspected. The ship carried 136.

The rescue work began at dawn, fishing craft, sailors and life savers joining in the seemingly impossible task of getting the survivors ashore.

## UNFAIR COMPETITION IS CHARGED AGAINST 38 MID WEST FIRMS

### Federal Trade Commission Files Complaint; Bribery Methods Used.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The federal trade commission today filed complaints against 38 middle west concerns, alleging unfair competition methods. They charge the firms with stifling and suppressing competition through the lavish entertainment of competitors' employees, secret payment of money to employees of customers who might otherwise buy goods from the competing firms, and in one instance, with the adulteration of the competitors' goods.

## SPRING DRIVE IS NEEDED IN AMERICA

(FRED E. PERGUSON) AMERICAN FRONT, Feb. 25.—America needs a spring drive at home to aid the army that over the world she must give Germany. Her officers and men are not worrying about the warlike tactics. Bill from here, America needs a drive to the trenches that the trenches seem to the Americans at home. It's evident here that war must mean us much to the villages in America as the villages in France. The only difference being that the former are spared the danger of raids and demolition. Holding a freight car in the country village of America today may be reflected in the front line trenches tomorrow, where the men of that village may be standing on the firing line. Freight congestion at home means delaying supplies shipped here. The real shortage is delayed the sailing of supply ships.