

RUSSIA UNITED IN SUPPORT OF NEW REGIME

New Minister of Justice States That Every Element of Country Stands Behind Government—Tolerance Towards All Keystones of Policy—Only Minor Discords.

PETROGRAD, March 22.—The new minister of justice, A. F. Kernersk, in an interview with a correspondent of the Associated Press, decried all rumors of friction or disorder between the working men, soldiers and the new government. M. Kerensky, who is a member of the radical workmen's party, emphatically denied that there was any latent dissatisfaction in his or any other party which might burst forth into a fresh revolt. He said:

"In my appointment to this post, you have the best pledge that the radical elements of the nation are in harmony with the government. If any serious disagreement existed at the beginning between the dums and the workmen it was only a passing symptom of fever attending the birth of a new nation. I can assure you every difference has disappeared and that every element of the country stand behind the government. Naturally differences of opinions have existed between me and other members of the cabinet, yet each conflict has resulted in a firm agreement on the main issues."

All For New Regime

The minister said that all support of the soldiers and the workmen were opposed to carrying on the war without basis.

"My visit to Moscow, from where I returned this morning," he continued, "satisfied me that the whole army from the commander down to the last soldier are eagerly devoted to a continuance of the war. I found there a better demonstration than one could get in Petrograd of the new unity of the nation. The acclamations which followed my declaration before large gatherings of the co-operation existing between all classes and the government, left no doubt as to the sincere desires of the population. There are, of course, elements throughout the world which are against the war, but the majority in Russia are determined to finish it and not a single element stands out for a separate peace."

Keystone is Tolerance

Answering the question regarding the final form of the new government, M. Kerensky said:

"I am a republican and think I know what kind of government Russians want, but as a member of the government I will not try to bring any pressure upon the popular opinion which will render the decision. The keynote of the new government will be tolerance toward all. The members of the old government who are under arrest will be given a regular trial. There will be no summary military procedure, no court-martial and I believe that I can promise you that capital punishment will be definitely abandoned in the near future."

"Among other reforms will be the establishment of freedom of the press and the Russian press will soon become, I hope, as liberal and outspoken as the American press, which I have always admired. The new government will be based on respect for the rights of mankind."

AMERICA TO FINANCE ENTENTE

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He declared today, offers of mediation and discussion are useless. Germany, it was recalled, never accepted former Secretary Bryan's proposal to sign one of his "peace investigation treaties" which would have bound the United States to inaction for a year, while a commission investigated the situation.

Meanwhile every preparation for an eventual war is being carried forward by the army and navy and the president is awaiting the assembling of congress.

Unless there is some great change in the situation before April 2 it is expected he will detail, in his address, how Germany has in fact been making war against the United States by ruthless operation of her U-boats and leave it to congress to declare a state of war exists and to vote money to protect the interests of the United States.

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JACKSON COUNTY RED CROSS TO BE ORGANIZED FRIDAY

For the purpose of organizing a chapter of the American National Red Cross in Jackson county a meeting will be held at the public library Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The meeting will be presided over by Mayor C. E. Gates. William W. Hush, field agent for the Pacific Division will be the speaker. John L. Clymer, director of the Pacific Division will pay Medford a personal visit within the next sixty days.

About fifty women of the Colony and Greater Medford clubs have been banded together in two organizations for some time for the promotion of Red Cross relief work. These women will affiliate with the chapter to be organized tomorrow, which will receive a charter from the government at Washington, D. C., and which will work in accord with and under the orders of the Central committee at Washington.

Members-hip is 300,000.

At the present time there are 273 regularly chartered chapters of the Red Cross in the United States with a total membership of 300,000. The war department has issued orders that the membership be increased to a minimum of one million members. In line with the membership campaign a chapter is to be established in each county of the western states. Medford has been selected as the nucleus for the Jackson county chapter. It is thought that at least 200 members will be obtained locally judging from the amount of support being promised. Mayor Gates has been mentioned as the probable chairman of the local chapter.

"The American Red Cross," stated Mr. Hush, who will be the speaker tomorrow "is the humanitarian arm of the government. It is active in peace and in war. That the various chapters may be assured of efficient management the war department has specified that a man must head each chapter and that men must take an active part in the work under the various committees.

Draw Upon National Funds.

"Anyone may become a member of the Red Cross," continued Mr. Hush. "The dues are \$1.00 per year. Half of this amount is devoted to the uses of the national body, while the remaining half will be devoted to local relief work when local charitable organizations are unable to handle the situation. The accounts of the various chapters are audited by the war department.

"Contrary to general belief membership in the Red Cross does not imply the liability to a call to active service, does not mean that one who joins must in time of war become a trained nurse. That branch of the work is entirely voluntary.

"The Red Cross work is divided into two sections, under the supervision of two committees, the Civilian

Relief committee, active in time of local or national disaster and the Military Relief committee, active in time of war.

Dues Dollar a Year.

"In time of local disaster, when local charitable organizations are more or less paralyzed, the local chairman is authorized to draw upon the relief funds at Washington for funds in the amount he deems necessary to relieve the situation.

"The local chapter will be asked to assist in equipping a base hospital being established at San Francisco for both local and military relief.

"The Red Cross," concluded Mr. Hush, "is the only authorized volunteer society organized to assist the army and navy in time of war and as such it deserves and I am confident will receive, general and hearty support from the people of Jackson county."

Following the organization meeting tomorrow, a mass meeting will be held early next week for the purpose of securing the largest possible list of members from the entire county.

E. L. Emerson has returned to his home at Salem after a short business visit in the city.

LLOYD GEORGE PLEASD WITH REVOLUTION

LONDON, March 22.—Premier David Lloyd George today telegraphed to the Russian premier saying he believed the revolution in Russia was the greatest service the Russians had yet rendered to the allied cause and that it was a sure promise that the Prussian military autocracy, the only barrier to peace, would soon be overthrown.

ACTIVITY RENEWED ON RUSSIAN FRONT

BERLIN, March 22.—A revival of activity on the Rumanian front is reported today by the war office. On the Russian front, east of Lida, German detachments advanced to the second Russian trenches, over a front of four kilometers (2 1/2 miles) and captured more than 200 Russians.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, loyalty and patriotism are virtues which every true American is proud to possess and glad to express; and

WHEREAS, it is plainly evident that the existing military resources of our government are totally inadequate for the proper protection of the country; and

WHEREAS, we, as a nation, are opposed to the maintenance of a large standing army and infinitely prefer voluntary military service to compulsory organization; and,

WHEREAS, our best opportunity for voluntary patriotic service is offered by the National Guard which today stands in sore need of upbuilding if it is adequately to meet the requirements which may be placed upon it; and,

WHEREAS, I believe that a spirit of patriotism not surpassed in fervor or intensity at any time in our national history, lives in the hearts of the people of this great state of Oregon, which only awaits the call for an expression.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Withycombe, as governor of the state of Oregon, suggest that the need of the National Guard for recruits offers worthy opportunity for the display of practical patriotism, and I urge young men to fulfill the obligations of our national citizenship by rallying to the flag, thus setting an example worthy of our best traditions and indicative of their certain continuance;

AND I FURTHER PROCLAIM the week beginning March 25, 1917, as "Patriotic Week" for the state, to be devoted to the sober consideration of present day patriotism and urge that all officers of the Oregon National Guard make special effort to recruit their companies to full capacity by the end of that time.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the state of Oregon to be hereunto affixed this 21st day of March, 1917.

JAMES WITHYCOMBE, Governor.

RETREAT STYLED GERMAN VICTORY IN BERLIN PRESS

Withdrawal of Forces on French Front Pronounced German Success—Von Hindenburg Lauded for Grand Style of Initiative—Should Bring Joy to Every German Heart

BERLIN, March 22.—"A German success," is the characterization given the German retreat on the western front in the headline of an editorial today on this subject by Major Morah, military writer for the Lokal Anzeiger.

"A great resolution was taken," writes Major Morah, "the boldness of the general who carried it out is overwhelming and only the power of Von Hindenburg's personality could cause such proof of the grand style of initiative to be accompanied by perfect calm and security.

Joy to German Hearts.

"That the plan of the shortening of the front was brought into being at great headquarters and that it succeeded must give joy to every German heart and simultaneously give rise to a feeling of satisfaction when the hostile war aims are remembered. For now the opportunity is offered to inflict more damage upon the enemy in future days than could be inflicted upon him at the moment during a sanguinary defense.

"Although people are often mistaken as to their surmises regarding Von Hindenburg's actions, the critics on all sides who look somewhat deeper into things admit that the Germans will obtain economic advantage, an improvement of the front and a gain of time by this move. The British, however, must again begin the preparation of their offensive. Their heavy artillery must be moved ahead with enormous protections. Roads and bridges must be constructed, often under hostile fire. Ammunition transport will be possible only in a very slow fashion. The condition of the evacuated territory makes each advance movement difficult, as it does the lodging and provisioning of the troops and of observation work.

"They will reproach us with the

HE GETS HIS ODD BOOTS FROM CHINA



The quaint, heavy boots worn by the Russian sentry shown here, at the entrance of a trench dugout in France, came from faraway Mongolia, northern China. The arrow above the sentry points to a Klaxon horn used to warn soldiers of a gas attack, so they may get their masks on.

charge that we acted like the Russians in Poland. As to this, France may settle accounts with England. The law of our warfare is and will be that everything necessary and possible in a military way will be done in this defensive war. Whether the population of the war theatre suffered more through our measures or the enemy's measures may be asked them in the time to come."

NOTICE.

A good roads meeting is called for tomorrow (Friday) 7:30 p. m. at the Commercial Club rooms for the purpose of discussing to what extent a road convention should be held in the month of May as proposed by the Tri State Road association. Everybody interested, is invited to be present. 209* Committee.

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NAVY IS SHORT 13,514 MEN OF NEEDED STRENGTH

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The navy is short 13,514 men of its present authorized enlisted strength of 74,500 and efforts to speed recruiting are being redoubled. The present month has seen the largest recruiting on record, with a net increase of 1,947. Since congress authorized the 74,500 total in September, 5,454 men have been added to the navy's personnel. It was stated at the department today that the authorized strength is sufficient to put all ships immediately available in commission and no effort will be spared in bringing the force to that figure.

To induce recruiting congress provided that 100 enlisted men a year should be selected by examination for appointment to the naval academy. Navy officials say that a very high type of officer material is being secured in this fashion. The way to commissions in the marine corps and to responsible and well paid positions as warrant or petty officers is also being opened as full as possible to boys who enlist.

A recruit need serve only one year in the navy to be eligible for examination for appointment to Annapolis and every possible opportunity for study and instruction to enable him to pass the examination is furnished aboard the ship or at the training station.

Local and Personal

The city council will hold an adjourned meeting at the city hall tonight. Among the questions to be considered are the buying of an auto for reserve fire equipment and the delinquent water certificates.

Miss Grace Taylor of Montague, Cal., is visiting Medford friends this week.

George Boos, secretary of the Tri-State Good Roads association returned Wednesday night from the coast where he attended good roads rallies at Marshfield, Coquille and North Bend. He reports great enthusiasm along the coast for the good roads movement.

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