

ROOT MISSION EXPECTED TO SOLVE RUSSIAN PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Russia has become the pre-occupying question at the state department with the approach of the Russian mission to Washington, the beginning of negotiations by the American commission to Russia in Petrograd and the continued reiteration of the demand of the council of soldiers and workmen's delegates for a statement of allied peace terms.

Recent reports indicate that the council of soldiers and workmen's delegates is not so dominating a factor as is generally assumed. It represents not over five million people of Russia's 180,000,000. The council is confined very largely to the industrial centers, whose voice is always the first heard and the loudest.

The peasants, according to these reports, comprise the vast majority of the population and have voted overwhelmingly in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the war.

Moreover, the business men of Russia, it is pointed out, have recently voted practically unanimously through what corresponds in Russia to the American chamber of commerce for a vigorous prosecution of the war. Nevertheless the continued insistence by the soldiers and workmen's delegates for a new declaration by the allies shows a lack of confidence which it is realized, must be swept away before Russia can present a united front.

Great hope is felt that the Root mission may find some way to appeal to the Russian radical on his own ground, but no definite advice from the American envoys are expected for some days.

CHANGE IN COMMAND OF RUSSIAN FLEETS

PETROGRAD, June 16.—The newspapers report that Admiral Mandimoff, commander of the Black Sea fleet, has left his post and will be replaced by Rear-Admiral Verdesckl. General Yudevitch, commander in chief in the Caucasus, has been replaced by General Prjevalsky.

Two officers and two men of the Austrian espionage bureau have been arrested.

FRENCH SOLDIERS DRINK TO PERSHING

PARIS, June 16.—The army committee of the chamber of deputies adopted a resolution recommending the remitting of all outstanding punishments in the army for minor offenses in honor of General Pershing. The resolution also requests that an extra ration of a pint of wine be served to the soldiers.

ORDINANCE NO. 291.

AN ORDINANCE correcting and modifying certain local assessments upon the lien certain of the City of Medford.

WHEREAS, sundry corrections and modifications have been made of certain special assessments heretofore levied and confirmed by the City of Medford by ordinance for local improvements;

WHEREAS, such corrections and modifications have not heretofore been authorized and confirmed by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed expedient and for the best interests of the City of Medford and the properties charged with such assessments and the persons liable therefor that such corrections and modifications be ratified and confirmed by ordinance; Now, therefore, THE CITY OF MEDFORD DOETH ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the special assessments heretofore levied and assessed against the several lots, tracts and parcels of land in this ordinance specified in the several principal sums and for the several improvements heretofore mentioned, be, and they are hereby severally modified and corrected as is herein provided, to-wit:

1. Assessment No. 1, under Ordinance No. 229, assessed against Fred H. Cooke, in the principal sum of \$65.50 for the improvement of Rose avenue from Main street to Fourth street, by water main, reduced to principal sum of \$42.30.

2. Assessment No. 14, under Ordinance No. 222, assessed against C. D. Wolverton, in the principal sum of \$73.15, for the improvement of Ross Court, from West Main street to West Fourth street, by water main, reduced to principal sum of \$46.98.

3. Assessment No. 15, under Ordinance No. 247, assessed against Bert Anderson, in the principal sum of \$40.30, for the improvement of Jackson street from Grape street to the West Corporation Boundary, by water main, reduced to principal sum of \$44.40.

4. Assessment No. 38, under Ordinance No. 247, assessed against Ray H. Toft, in the principal sum of \$51.50, for the improvement of Jackson street, from Grape street to the West Corporation Boundary, by water main, reduced to principal sum of \$47.95.

5. Assessment No. 1, under Ordinance No. 251, assessed against Edward and Joseph Preece, in the principal sum of \$605.80, for the improvement of Priddy street, from Clark street South to West Jackson street, by water main, reduced to principal sum of \$451.80.

6. Assessment No. 17, under Ordinance No. 257, assessed against Ada Porter, in the principal sum of \$28.50, for the improvement of Newtown street, from West Main street to West Eighth street, cancelled.

7. Assessment No. 15, under Ordinance No. 263, assessed against Mary B. Orr, in the principal sum of \$52.50, for the improvement of Orange street, from West Main street to West Eighth street, by water main, cancelled.

Attest: C. E. GATES, Mayor. (Signed) E. T. FOSS, City Recorder. Approved: (Signed) C. E. GATES, Mayor.