

# WILSON PREPARES MESSAGE

## DEPARTMENTS ARE ORGANIZING ON A WAR FOOTING

DEFERRED VESSELS MAY LEAVE BY STATE OF WAR EXISTS

United States Can Seize Ships if Willing to Pay for Them—Treaty Terms Allow Nine Months for Germans to Prepare to Leave Country—Navy Recruiting Suspended—Strength of Navy Placed at 61,000 Men.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—President Wilson is preparing his "war message."

The navy department has unofficially called for 14,000 naval recruits, and will ask congress when it convenes on April 24, to authorize the recruiting of 100,000 men.

The national council of defense completes inaugurating government supervision of raw material used in the manufacturing of war supplies, and also the regulation of munition factory profits.

Activities of neutral diplomats who called on Secretary Lansing today give rise to the suggestion that they may offer to mediate between America and Germany.

America will not negotiate until Germany withdraws her submarine decree, and renounces the pledges formerly given the United States that neutrals will be protected on the high seas, it is declared, Secretary Lansing said that the neutral diplomats had not offered to mediate.

The second infantry has been ordered from Nogales, Ariz., to New York.

The navy department gave out the information today that if a state of war exists, interned German vessels are free to leave American ports. It was also said that the United States has a right to seize these ships, if the government desires to pay for them.

Terms in past international treaties allow nine months for German citizens to prepare to leave the country.

The navy department has suspended many of the requirements heretofore held necessary in the recruiting of soldiers. The strength of the navy is placed at 61,000 men and the records show a gain of 2,000 new men during February.

The national advisory aeronautics committee is planning for the construction of 5,000 aeroplanes. A meeting is being held with thirty airplane manufacturers for a discussion of the rapid building of these machines.

Army experts say that the steps to be taken in the land defense would be as follows: Call out the national guard; call the men who attended the civilian training camps; advance the production at West Point, and examine all applicants for commissions in the reserve force.

They say this will give the United States an army of from 250,000 to 300,000 soldiers.

Following custom, the members of the cabinet have signified their willingness to resign if the president desires. It is officially stated that demissions will be named in any vacancies.

The president is not considering a cabinet, but wider power will probably be accorded the national council of defense, in case of war.

## REPORTS GERMAN REVOLUTION HAD AT WASHINGTON

30,000 CASES OF SMALLPOX SAID TO EXIST

Belief is Strengthened at National Capital That Internal Strife Exists. Retreating Germans Back Belgian Relief Warehouses—Women and Children Line Roads During Fighting and Hails.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—There are 30,000 cases of smallpox in Germany, a member of the reichstag declared in a speech before that body, a copy of which has been received by the state department.

The member charged the rich with getting all the fatty foods and the poor none, while the government is hoarding the meats.

He said that the smallpox is spreading and that extreme methods of vaccination are unavailing.

This report strengthens the belief that Germany is near an internal revolution.

PARIS, March 22.—The French troops have occupied many additional villages in the North Boissons regions, despite a vigorous German defense, says an official statement given out here.

The retreating Germans sacked the warehouses of the Belgian relief commission to prevent the people from getting food.

Thousands of homeless and hungry refugees, mostly women and children, line the country roads. Constant bombardments and heavy rains are adding greatly to their discomforts.

Correspondents declare that the Germans gathered 200 old people and children, in addition to the usual population, at Rouy le Petit, then bombarded the town, killing many.

## RAILROAD BONDS SIGNED TODAY

MAYOR CRISLER AND POLICE JUDGE LEAVITT AFFIX SIGNATURES TO 300 INDIVIDUAL BONDS IN \$300,000 BOND ISSUE

Mayor C. B. Crisler and A. L. Leavitt, police judge, are engaged today in signing 300 bonds for the sum of \$300,000 for the construction of the Straborn railroad from this city to Dalry, recently provided by the city ordinance passed.

The mayor and police judge have to place their signature on each bond, and they are taking most of the day for the work.

The bonds will then be returned to Spitzer-Rorick company's bank and the warrants cancelled.

Prepares to Leave Rev. Chas. T. Hurd, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, has disposed of his furniture, preparatory to leaving for his new pastorate in Washington, and is now stopping at the White Pelican hotel with his family.

Passenger Agent Here H. W. Wenzel, traveling passenger agent of the Southern Pacific railroad, is in the city today on business, from his office in Sacramento.

# RUSSIAN CONDITION IS UNSTABLE

### Leader in Russian Revolt and Ministers He Imprisoned



MIKHAEL RODZIANKO

## Reservation Bids Open on April 14

The bids submitted on more than 11,000 acres of land in the Klamath Indian reservation, which will be thrown open to settlers, will be opened by Wm. B. Freer, agent, on April 14th and May 10th. The first set of bids will comprise 4,235 acres, and the second bid 7,048 acres of land.

The land to be opened to white settlers is that held by Indians who, because of age, are unable to make a living from their property. No bids will be considered that are below the assessed value of the land. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 10 per cent of its bid price.

The land is largely under irrigation, and comprises some of the most valuable property in the reservation. It is particularly adapted for grazing purposes.

A detailed description of the available lands with their assessed values may be obtained from William B. Freer, Klamath Agency, Oregon.

## ESPEE FILES INJUNCTION SUIT

HEARING WILL BE MADE NEXT MONDAY IN FEDERAL COURT, AND TRAFFIC MANAGERS DO NOT THINK MADE PERMANENT

The Southern Pacific railroad filed an injunction suit Saturday against the California State Railroad Commission in the United States district court to keep the commissioners from enforcing the class rates from California points to Klamath Falls, according to a letter received by Secretary Fleet of the Commercial Club.

Federal Judge Rudkin issued the order, and set the injunction suit for hearing next Monday, March 26th.

"We believe the order of the commission to be fully in accord with the evidence adduced at the hearing before the commission, and while it is rather hard to predict the view the United States district court, we cannot see on what grounds the injunction can be made permanent," writes L. R. Bishop, of Bishop & Bahler, traffic managers, which firm has been handling the Commercial Club's fight to secure reduced rates from California points to this city.

While technically the upholding of the commission's ruling will not give reduced rates to this city, it would be far north as the California line, and Secretary Fleet believes there will be little difficulty in getting the Oregon railroad commission to acquiesce in a similar ruling, if it is established, from the line to this city.

## HOLD TOURIST CONFERENCE IN PORTLAND SOON

SIEMENS URGED TO ATTEND THE NORTHWEST TOURIST MEET

Tourist Association Formed to Advocate the Entire Northwest and to Which Legislatures Have Appropriated Money, Will Hold Conference of Commercial Club and County Representatives on March 31st.

A conference of representatives of Commercial Clubs and county courts of the counties of the state has been called for Portland at the end of this month, according to word received this week by Captain J. W. Siemens, one of the directors of the Northwest Tourist Association, which urges him to be present at the conference.

The Northwest Tourist conference was formed to promote and place before the United States, at large the tourist possibilities and scenic wonders of the Northwest, all Northwest states being represented in the organization.

This is to be done by scenic pictures, motion pictures, advertising and many other plans. Money has been appropriated by the legislature, a \$45,000 bond issue being provided. Other Northwest state legislatures have also made appropriations, and a systematic plan of advertising is to be carried out.

Many views of Oregon taken along the Columbia highway, of Crater Lake, Upper Klamath Lake, the Lava Beds, Harriman Lodge, the many mountain streams and other scenic wonders of the state, taken by private enterprise, are to be utilized in this program of advertising, termed "the first organized plan ever formed in the Northwest for its advertising."

The letter received from Mark Woodruff, a director of the association, urged Captain Siemens to be present to form plans for the future action of the association. "We have called a conference of representatives of commercial clubs and county courts to form an advisory committee in connection with the expenditure of funds appropriated for the Northwest Tourist Association," says the letter. "We want the advice of the representative citizens of the state in forming the plans, and want the various sections of the state to know what we are trying to do, as well as their aid in the work."

The conference will open at 10 a. m. March 31st, in the Oregon building in Portland.

Taft at Greensboro Today GREENSBORO, N. C., March 22.—Former President Taft arrived here today on his trip to stir the preparedness sentiment in Southern and Western hearts. He spoke in Richmond, Va., yesterday. Tomorrow he will be in Atlanta, Ga. Governor Harris, Mayor Chandler, Clark Howell, editor of the Constitution, and other leading citizens have prepared a monster reception for Dr. Taft.

tence is inadequate, and the case should be presented to congress for the department of justice to take action. "Such acts as these are involving us in the war," he said.

## MUCH CONFUSION EXISTS IS SAID

LAW SAYS ENGLISH GREETING SHOULD BE SENT

Too Soon to Send Recognition of the New Government, Bessar Law Declares—Suggests That Sympathy be Extended to Czar—Anquith Says Conditions in Russia Demand "Special Immediate Recognition."

By JOHN GRANDENS

BERLIN, March 22.—Dispatches received here from Stockholm say there is much confusion in Russia, and that the anti-war agitation is growing rapidly, while many workmen are refusing to resume their work in the factories.

They say that the army discipline in Petrograd is relaxed and that the provisional government control is not yet established.

It is declared that the streets of Petrograd are thronged with socialist speakers, and that the old regime is aiding in attacks being made on the Jewish government.

Travelers report that 4,000 people have been killed and 7,000 wounded in Petrograd riots.

LONDON, March 22.—Bessar Law introduced a motion in the house of commons today that the British government send greetings to the Russian parliament.

Law said that it is too soon to be sure of the stability of the new government, but that it is not too soon to send greetings.

He also suggested that the sympathy of England be extended to the czar.

Anquith seconded the motion, and said that recent events in Russia demand "special immediate recognition."

PETROGRAD, March 22.—The Holy Synod Russian church has expelled the members who have obeyed the new government's orders.

PETROGRAD, March 22.—The Bourse Gazette says that correspondence between the czar and former minister Propoyoff, which has been discovered, proves that Propoyoff and others attempted to negotiate a separate peace with Germany.

Mother Dies in Washington.

J. H. Stutz, of the reservation government service, received word this week of the death of his mother at her home in Washington, D. C. The word was unexpected, as her health had been improving since his visit there at Christmas time, and he had but recently received word that she was able to be up and about after a severe illness.

Former Local Lumberman Here.

Chas. Smith, formerly manager of the Lamm Lumber company for a period of two years, and now located in Portland, was in the city several days this week on business.

Fate on New Coast.

New 1917 model Monarch machines have been placed on all the billiard tables at the Palm club here in this city.



GENERAL SCHOUVAIEFF ADMIRAL GRIGOROVITCH COUNT IGNATIEFF

Dispatches from Petrograd indicate that Mikhael Rodzianko, president of the duma, is temporary dictator of Russia. He is chairman of the executive committee, which seized the government. Among the ministers he and his committee imprisoned after the revolution succeeded were General Schouvaieff, minister of war; Admiral Grigorovitch, minister of marine, and Count Alex Ignatieff, minister of public instruction.

## GERMAN PLOTTERS ARE SENTENCED

GIVEN TWO YEARS IN THE PEN AND A \$2,500 FINE FOR SENDING SPIES TO ENGLAND FROM THIS COUNTRY

NEW YORK, March 22.—Albert Sander and Carl N. Wunnenberg, arrested for German plot dealings, admitted today that they sent spies to England with German money. They were each sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and fined \$2,500 each. The judge declared that the sen-