

SEATTLE'S REAL OPPORTUNITY

In their remarkable statement in support of Senator Poindexter, fifty-three representative citizens of Seattle say—

"To his efforts and influence are due the passage of the Puget Sound Navy Yard bill, creating the government shipbuilding plant and fixing the position of the Pacific coast naval base at Bremerton for all time."

"To him, more than to any other representative in either house of congress, is due the credit for the enactment of the Alaska railroad bill."

There, in plain words, in clean-cut sentences, is outlined just a small part of Poindexter's record of constructive statesmanship.

These two measures are of vital importance to

Seattle.

What is there in Humphrey's long career of pork-barrel activity that can be compared with either one of these worthwhile measures?

Yet, in the face of these things, the hard-pressed Humphrey organs are trying to fool the voters into believing that he can help Seattle more than Poindexter.

The falsity of their argument and the hypocrisy of their plea are self-evident. Poindexter is worth ten times as much to Seattle as a Humphrey.

He is worth ten times more, because as the business men of Seattle say, "Poindexter has gained a po-

sition of commanding influence in the senate and in governmental affairs. He is recognized as a national figure of the highest type."

What can the Humphrey spouters compare with except that he is a regular machine politician.

What can the Humphrey spouters compare with Poindexter's Puget Sound navy yard bill? Nothing better than Humphrey's attempted duck-pond steal.

Poindexter has gained a position of commanding influence in Washington because his record is untainted with pork-barrel thievery, because he has been a senator for all the people and for every part of the state.

He is recognized as a national figure of the highest

type because he has not resorted to the narrow, partisan tactics that have made Humphrey a nonentity in congress.

The rest of the state, east and west of the mountains, is for Poindexter.

Seattle has a real opportunity next Tuesday. Seattle has an opportunity to show her right to leadership. She has an opportunity to show that she is big enough and broadminded enough to rise above petty geographical politics.

That's Seattle's real opportunity—to join with the rest of the state in making Poindexter's election overwhelming.

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"NO THOUGHT OF PEACE," SAYS CZAR'S CHIEF

TALKS TO REPORTER ON WAR'S OUTCOME

(Gen. Alexieff, chief of the Russian general staff, known in Petrograd for his aversion to newspapers' correspondents, has given to a United Press staff correspondent, the only reporter of an American press association or newspaper at the czar's headquarters, the following important interview regarding the possibilities of a great German offensive in the East.—EDITOR.)

By William Philip Simms

IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS RUSSIAN ARMY, Sept. 9.—Germany must send 400,000 men to the aid of the demoralized Austrians if she hopes to stiffen their resistance, Gen. Michael Alexieff, chief of staff of Czar Nicholas' armies, told the United Press today.

Furthermore, German troops must provide the driving power if Von Hindenburg attempts the great Eastern offensive talked about in Berlin. The Austro-Germans cannot count upon the Turks for substantial aid, said the man who directs the movements of Russia's millions of troops.

RESEMBLES BUSINESS MAN

Gen. Alexieff received me in a small, plainly furnished office adjoining the headquarters of Emperor Nicholas. A flat-top desk, a few chairs and maps were the only furnishings. The general looked like an American business man. His hair is beginning to turn white. His eyes are deeply set, small, gray and piercing.

Drive Not Impossible

I asked him if he credited the report of an Austro-German-Turkish combined offensive against Russia. "Despite the encircling ring of the allies, and the continual pressure they are exerting on all sides, I would hesitate to say that such an offensive is impossible," he replied. "The biggest mistake a general can make is to underestimate the enemy. Should such an offensive develop, it would be the end of the world."

This I am most confident the Russian army can do. "On July 16 the Germans started a counter offensive on the Lipa. It failed. Future offensives stand to meet the same fate."

Germans Carry Burden
"I will not say that the Austrian armies on our front have been crushed. They are, however, badly demoralized. The Germans have filled in the gaps with 20 divisions, thus effecting a stiffening, but the Austrians are still badly disorganized."

From the Turks not more than two divisions are available for the Russian front, so if the combined offensive comes, the Germans must carry the principal burden. "The Russians have shown what they are capable of doing when properly equipped. They are now meeting the third winter of the war, stronger than ever. Their defeats at the start of hostilities were due to lack of ammunition. We have the munitions now."

No Thought of Peace

"The drive on the Southern front which began in May and is still going on is proof of this. The Austrians are so badly shattered that they will require 400,000 Germans to cement them together."

Gen. Alexieff praised the work done by the allies on the Western front.

"But what about peace?" I asked on leaving. "A look of grimness overspread his face. "Peace probably is some distance off," he replied. "Neither side has attained the object for which it is fighting. There can be no thought of peace now. War must follow its inevitable, historic course."

BRIDE AND GROOM FOUND DEAD IN BED

Dayton Carter and wife, formerly of Renton, were found dead in their San Francisco apartment Wednesday by the police.

The couple had been married a month. Dayton, it was reported, told his wife he had a job aboard a vessel and was going to sea. Fearing she would lose him, the police believe, she turned the gas on in the kitchen range, and went back to bed.

Mrs. Carter, 20, was married two years ago to Ben Jorgenson, of Seattle. The marriage proved unhappy and six months later they were divorced. She resumed her maiden name, Miss Myrtle White and lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John White, at Renton until she met Carter and married him.

The couple was expected in Renton this week on a visit to the wife's parents. Funeral arrangements are being made to bring the bodies to Renton for burial.

PLANS TO MAKE MEMBERS OF THE BUCKSKIN RANGERS, an organization corresponding to the Boy Scouts, in Seattle in 1873, honorary members of the present council of Boy Scouts, was started Friday.

BULGARIANS AND GERMANS MASS FOR JOINT DRIVE

BUCHAREST, Sept. 9.—The Rumanian general staff has shifted large forces to the southeastern frontier to check the German-Bulgarian invasion. It was semi-officially announced today that "important forces" are now co-operating with the Russians in the Dobruja. A further retirement may be necessary, both because the Dobruja territory is difficult to defend and because the enemy has massed great forces on that front. But military authorities declared their confidence today that the enemy will be unable to throw any large force across the Danube for an advance on Bucharest.

Give Up Tutrakan
The Rumanians were forced to surrender Tutrakan after four days of heroic resistance. They were outnumbered four to one, said dispatches from Oltenita across the river from Tutrakan. The bombardment by German guns was so terrific that the roar of the battle could be heard distinctly in the Rumanian capital, less than 35 miles away.

Take News Calmly
The people of Bucharest received the news of the fall of Tutrakan calmly. The German-Bulgarian victory was regarded as insignificant in comparison with the Rumanian successes on the Hungarian frontier.

The fighting in the Dobruja territory is now taking on the nature of a general engagement along a front of nearly 100 miles. The enemy is pushing eastward from Tutrakan, attempting to outflank the Rumanians and Russians in the southeastern corner of Dobruja and force their retirement behind the Danube. In Transylvania, the Rumanians have resumed their advance in the north after a three-day fight, in which Austrian resistance was finally broken down. The Rumanian advance guards have now pushed 30 miles into Transylvanian territory.

RUSS FLEET SINK 21 BREAD BARGES

PETROGRAD, Sept. 9.—Russian naval forces were engaged against the Bulgars yesterday for the first time, it was officially announced today. Torpedo boats bombarded the port of Belchik, captured from the Rumanians by the Bulgars, sinking 21 barges loaded with bread.

PASSES BAD CHECK

Mike Cohen, 156 Washington st., asked the police Saturday to go catch a fresh-acting man who wore a light brown suit and a Fedora hat. "He passed a bum check on me," said Mike, "and on Silber & Strauss, a few doors down from my place."

ITALY'S GREATEST ACTRESS REPORTED DYING



Eleonora Duse, greatest Italian actress, and often called the richest woman of the stage, is reported dying at her villa in Lugano, Italy. She is 57, and has been on the stage 40 years. She visited America twice.

SAYS MACHINE WILL BE BROKEN

Col. John Stringer, candidate for sheriff, was predicting Saturday he would beat Life Hamilton three to one in Hamilton's own district, following half a dozen campaign speeches Friday and Friday night. Stringer spoke at Algonia, Auburn, Kent and Renton, and in the evening at Queen Anne hill, before the Norway club, and at the university. "From what I hear around the county," said Stringer, "it looks as if the old political machine headed by Hamilton will be broken at the primaries."

ASK FINAL ANSWER

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 9.—Refusing to consider the counter proposition presented by the coal operators yesterday, the miners' committee asked for a final answer today. Operator representatives said they would try to have it ready.

Indications are that the Oklahoma operators who withdrew from the Southwest Operators' association will grant the Oklahoma miners the interstate contract demanded.

Wilson Springs Jingle on Himself

ATLANTA CITY, N. J., Sept. 9.—President Wilson threw an audience at a charity musicale into a roar of laughter last night by reciting the following jingle when called on for a speech: "For beauty I am not a star; There are others more handsome by far. My face, I don't mind it, Because I'm behind it. It's the people in front that I jar."

JUVENILE QUEEN RULES TONIGHT

At 8:15 p. m. Saturday, heralds will announce the entrance of Peggy Standlee and her maids of honor to the floor of the grand advertising pageant at the Arena.

Queen Peggy will be attended by Misses Eleanor Danks, Margaret Lukan, Evelyn Cav and Edith Barstow. As soon as she is formally crowned, the ad masque queen, Miss Alida Blake, followed by her maids of honor, will be crowned. Her maids are to be the Misses Alice O'Neill, Elsie Scherpf, Grace Rippe and Flossie Stecher, while Ruth Noble will be Prince Charming.

The courts of the two queens are composed of 65 young people. Following the pageant, dancing will begin at 10 o'clock. The dancers will unmask at 11 o'clock, and the dancing will continue until midnight.

Boy in Overalls Leaves Home to Become Sailor

Police were on the lookout all along the water front Saturday for young Mr. Allen Johnson, age 11, of Toppish, who, dressed in overalls and a black sateen shirt, is expected to sail for the high seas soon. In fact, Mr. Johnson has had a maritime career in mind for some time. He is said to have notified many of his boy friends at Toppish of his ambition, and hinted around home that a sailor he meant to be.

HOTEL PROWLERS BUSY ONCE MORE

Hotel thieves were busy in Seattle again Friday night. One of them crawled thru a hall window into the room of A. L. Cris at the Seattle hotel and took his watch. He awoke at 4:30 a. m. and discovered the burglary. C. A. Cullender reported to the police that some one entered his room in the Watson hotel during the night and took \$19 out of his pockets.

GRAB PAYROLL IN FIGHT AND ESCAPE

MARTINS FERRY, Ohio, Sept. 9.—Lee Rankin, superintendent of the Florence mine of the Youghiogheny Coal Co., here, was held up by two auto bandits today, robbed of \$12,000 and shot and killed.

Rankin was in a taxi, driven by Oliver Pickens. The money was the weekly payroll of the miners.

The holdup occurred under a grade crossing between this city and the mine three miles out, shortly before noon.

Two foreigners ordered Pickens to stop. Rankin, who was armed, suspected holdup, and jumped out of the machine. He was eight feet from the taxi when one of the bandits shot him. The bullet severed an artery.

The highwaymen, covering the driver, grabbed the money which Rankin had in a satchel and sped away thru the woods. Pickens lifted Rankin into the taxi and sped back to the hospital here. Rankin died as he was being lifted from the car. He had bled to death.

Sheriff Butler and Chief of Police Hyland commandeered five automobiles, loaded the police force of Martin's ferry and a number of armed citizens into the cars and sped away in pursuit. Blood hounds also were put on the trail.

TRIAL WILL begin in October of the five officials of the Northwest General Trading Co. of Spokane, charged with using the mails to defraud.

COAL STRIKE IS THREATENED

Five thousand members of the United Mine Workers of America in this district will go on strike not later than October 1 if the Mine Operators' association persists in its refusal to grant the union's demand for a 5 per cent wage increase.

This provision was included in instructions given the mine workers' officials at the close of a union convention held here Saturday. President Martin J. Flyzik, Vice President E. Newsham, Secretary William Short and Robert H. Harland, national board member, were authorized to determine a date, which is to be not later than October 1, on which the miners will cease work unless their demand is granted.

At 6:30 p. m. the College club will welcome new members Saturday. C. B. Blethen will speak.

Manufacturers' Association Praises Poindexter's Work

The Manufacturers' association, with headquarters in the Stuart-Henry-White buildings, is the latest Seattle organization to show that Poindexter has been senator for all of the state.

George H. Walker, of the Poindexter Senatorial Campaign committee, has received the following letter from the Manufacturers' association:

"Dear Mr. Walker: In reply to your inquiry of the 27th inst. regarding services rendered the association by Sen. Poindexter, we have to say: In every instance in which we have appealed to the senator for assistance, we have received prompt and courteous attention.

"Not only has the senator acknowledged these matters, but he has backed them up with proper presentation to congress.

"Sen. Poindexter has also taken the trouble to keep us advised as to progress in matters of importance.

"We have an impression in the office that if prompt action is required on matters of interest to manufacturers that the senator could be depended upon for results."

"We have no evidence that the senator has shown any particular partiality to one geographical section of one state over another, altho we were under the impression that he was especially in favor of the location of a department of the Bureau of Mines at Spokane and in this he may have been well justified.

Yours truly, (Signed) CLANCY M. DAVIS, Secretary, Manufacturers' Assn.

WORST ELECTRICAL STORM SINCE 1907 TIES UP TRAFFIC FOR AN HOUR AND DOES DAMAGE

"The worst electrical storm since 1907." This was Weather Observer Salisbury's official verdict Saturday of the thunder-and-lightning punctuated downpour that drenched Seattle Friday night, halting traffic, damaging telephone and electric light lines and frightening everybody.

Not a downtown, while the lightning bit gaping holes in the roofs of homes and churches. "Fifty-two hundredths inches

of rain fell in 10 minutes," said Salisbury, "between 5:10 and 5:20 p. m. "That is the greatest on record since 1907, when 24 inches fell in the same length of time."

Salisbury's rain gauge showed a total fall of .52 inches during the storm.

One of the first flashes knocked a gaping hole in the cupola of the German Lutheran church, at Terry ave. and Stewart st. "And about the same time," said a Bellevue resident, "I counted 10

Bellevue-Summit cars stalled in a line at Pine st.

The fire department answered nine calls during the evening, but reported little damage.

A passenger on the steamer Hyak, for Poulsbo, said that vessel waited at the dock while the lightning played.

Nearly all sound steamers delayed their sailings on account of the storm, fearing loss of life if they left the wharf and chanced to be struck some distance from shore. A lightning bolt struck a Mad-

son Park car filled with passengers, and knocked off both controllers.

People dining at Rogers, 45th st. and 14th ave. N. E., were annoyed when the lights went out.

But Proprietor Sales did not worry. "I lighted the Christmas tree candles I had saved," he reported Saturday.

A troublemaker for the Electric Co., who usually goes to work at midnight, and who lives in the University district, was called on

duty at 6 o'clock, suffering terribly from grouch.

"I waited from 7:05 to 7:55 at the Standard Furniture Co. for an Alki car," reports "Zum" Washburn, telegraph operator. "No car came, so I walked to the ferry."

"And when I get home, do you suppose I could make my wife believe my excuse for being late to supper?"

"No!" he denied. After the steamer Hyak did leave the dock, a passenger says, the spring a leak—not from the

bottom, but from the top.

The American cafe was inundated. Six inches of water on the floor hampered the merrymaking.

The basement of the Northern Bank & Trust Co., Fourth ave. and Pike st., contained a like amount of water, as did other basements in that vicinity.

City light suffered. Particularly was this true at Ballard, which spent an evening in darkness after the storm. In the North End and the Green

Lake section, also, the lights went out.

Some phone trouble occurred, intermittently, but repairs were quickly made in most cases.

Conductor 531 had a car full of passengers when the electric storm stopped operations.

"If you don't keep going, I'll miss my boat," one impatient woman insisted. Explanations from passengers and crew failed to convince her that the car was really stalled. "And when the car got to going,"

said the conductor, "and the woman reached the dock, she found the boat waiting. It had to wait. Because of the storm, no passengers had showed up at the time it was scheduled to leave."

"I've been in Seattle 25 years and I never saw an electric storm like Friday night's," says Motorman No. 4. "It's the biggest electrical storm we've ever had."

Electric lights in the Lescht park district fluttered a couple of times, and then went out.