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LIBERTY PRICE AT STAKE Soldiers Told They Must Push Battle to Secure Freedom

PETROGRAD, May 28.

Leaders of the all-Russian Council of Peasant Deputies, which is in session here, have gone on record against a separate peace. They are calling upon the army and navy to continue fighting Germany.

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD

PETROGRAD, May 28. All the forces of Russia's democratic government were turning today toward spurring the army to fight and steeling the people at home to sacrifice.

"Failure to advance against the Germans means losing the fruits of our revolution," declared Assistant Minister of War Yakovlev in a speech today to the peasant congress, which was typical of scores of other government officials in various cities today.

"Germany has removed many of her troops and her guns to the west front," Yakovlev said. "If she can possibly crush the Allies there Germany will next turn to us."

"Russia was never better supplied with shells than now. She is even enabled to stop the manufacture of shells in some factories and to substitute therein the manufacture of farm machinery. We have sufficient guns and other necessities of war. But the army suffers from lack of food."

"The government demands your assistance. Not only is food needed, but more soldiers are required. You must aid in stopping desertions."

Minister of War Kerensky is carrying such a message to soldiers at the front. Here at home other Ministers are busy. Minister of Labor Skoboleff was the principal speaker today at a meeting of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates. His plea was for rehabilitation of Russia's finances.

"We must have money," he declared. "So far we have been compelled to follow the methods of the old regime—that is, to print paper money. Such a deceitful plan must be done away with. We must place higher taxes on war earnings, even to the extent of a 100 per cent levy."

PRESIDENT PROMOTES SIMS TO VICE ADMIRAL

Commander of American Fleet in European Waters Is Given Higher Rank

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Rear Admiral Sims, commanding the American fleet of destroyers co-operating with the Allied fleet, was today formally named Vice Admiral by President Wilson.

Before the Spanish-American War Sims was a naval attaché at Paris and was recognized as an expert in ordnance and gunnery. He made trips to England many times to study improvements in the navy.

During 1915 he commanded the dreadnaught Nevada and was later made president of the Naval War College.

General Strike in Montevideo MONTEVIDEO, May 28.—The labor situation became acute today when labor leaders called a general strike. Taxicab and street car employees have joined the strike of the employees of the American Packing Companies. The general walkout was called, it was explained, as a protest against police and military interference.

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Bleakley's Seat in Congress Vacant HATHISBURG, May 28.—Governor Trumbough issued a writ today declaring a vacancy in Congress as a result of the resignation of O. D. Bleakley, who was elected in the Twenty-eighth district. The Governor fixed the regular election, November 6, as the date for a special election for Congressman.

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