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PRZEMYSL HAS FALLEN

GREATEST FORTRESS IN WORLD SURRENDERS AFTER SIX-MONTH SIEGE.

DEFENDERS STARVED, AND DISEASE PRESENT

Sixty Thousand Men Can Now Be Liberated by Russians and Sent to Help Defenders of Warsaw—Last Big Move Planned and Executed On Friday, But it Failed Flatly.

Petrograd, March 22.—Przemysl has fallen. Official announcement of the capture by the Russians of the great fortress in Galicia after a siege lasting many months, was made by the Russian war office today. This result has been forecasted for several weeks by official announcements, it being indicated the beleaguered city was running short of food and supplies.

When the Russians entered the fortress, they found the Austrians in the last extremities of disease and hunger. Suffering had been intense, and the apparent decision to surrender was the result of realization that it was impossible to hold out. Russians spoke highly of the bravery and heroism of the defenders who had fought until their condition was absolutely desperate.

Russians Are Jubilant. The fall of Przemysl is proclaimed as one of the greatest Russian victories since the beginning of the war. It releases an army of 60,000 men who will be sent immediately into Poland to reinforce the armies holding back Von Hindenburg.

The siege lasted almost six months. It began September 20 when the first advance Russian army sent through the Carpathian mountains reached the fortress which is considered one of the strongest in the world.

Friday the Austrians had apparently made their last offensive move and they concentrated all their great guns with a terrific bombardment on the Russian positions. General Dimitrioff replied by a most daring and determined sortie but at the same time the Austro-German army attempted to advance relief to the garrison through Lupkov pass. The Russians were prepared for this double movement and battered back the enemy by hurling them from the passes. It is evident the movement had been the main hope of the garrison.

Failure of this last scheme disheartened the garrison and the leaders realized the utter futility of further siege.

Get Card From the Front

J. H. Peare and family have received cards from the front in Europe, written by a relative Jack Halperin, a member of the Dublin Fusiliers. He was one of those cards supplied to soldiers by the English government, and contains only pertinent information about health and comfort, and writer merely crossing out that which is not the fact.

Dokies Return Happy

Reporting much pleasure, fair success as a team, and roundly praising their hosts at Enterprise, officials members of the initiation team the Dramatic Order of Knights of Reason, returned last evening from their trip. Their next event will be either Elgin or Baker.

AMERICAN OFFICER AND THREE SAILORS DROWN IN BOSPHORUS

Washington, March 22.—Secretary of the Navy today confirmed the dispatches from Constantinople telling of the sinking of Lieutenant Commander Barker and three sailors from the converted yacht Scorpion when a small boat capsized in the Bosphorus.

The Scorpion had been dining at the home of American Ambassador Morgenthau, when a squall arose. It was the Scorpion was not properly secured and they set out in small boats to remedy the fault. The wind increased, swamping the boat. All were strong swimmers and made a fight but the waves were too high and their strength failed.

MERCURY CLIMBS TO MEET SPRING

RECORD MAXIMUM HEAT YESTERDAY IN 14 YEARS.

Two Years Ago Spring Began With a Mark of 10 Above—Heat Wave Continues With New Week.

Yesterday's heat record was the greatest in 14 years, and probably longer, but because climatic records are stowed away prior to 14 years ago, it is inconvenient to obtain them. Mercury yesterday reached a maximum height of 71 degrees, according to readings by Weather Observer Benham. Two years ago the mercury stood at 10 above on the 21st day of March, the coldest official opening of spring in the 14-year period. The nearest to yesterday's record was in 1911, when the mercury touched 69, and the nearest to that mark was in 1901, when it reached 59.

The maximum today will probably be in the neighborhood of 70 or 71.

ADDRESS INSTRUCTIVE

Dr. Baker Speaks to Men at Y. M. C. A. Meeting Sunday.

Dr. B. L. Baker, a lecturer of repute, spoke yesterday afternoon to 65 men at the Y. M. C. A. The only regret of these 65 is that there were not three that many out. Dr. Baker called a spade a spade and in his address on "Female Man and Male Woman," and the "Yellow Streak" he said much of value and instruction. He is loudly praised by those who heard him as a learned speaker and entertainer.

This afternoon he addressed a group of women.

Dinner Served Tomorrow

The Guild ladies of St. Peter's church will serve a 50 cent dinner tomorrow evening at 6:30 at Honan hall. This will be just in time to feed the hungry business men's class, and the directors of the Y will attend in a body as State Secretary I. B. Rhodes will be present. A business meeting of the board will precede the dinner. The public is invited.

Buy Another Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Biever have purchased the handsome Sedlow cottage at the west end of Spring street, which includes lots 4, 5, and 6, in Romig's addition. They will move into the new home next week and will rent their present home on Seventh and Penn.

Eastern Star to Meet.

Mrs. Colon R. Eberhard will entertain the society club of the Eastern Star tomorrow at her home, corner Eighth and N streets.

Main Is Leaking.

Workmen are today breaking through the pavement at Jefferson and Depot to plug a leak in the 10-inch main at that point.

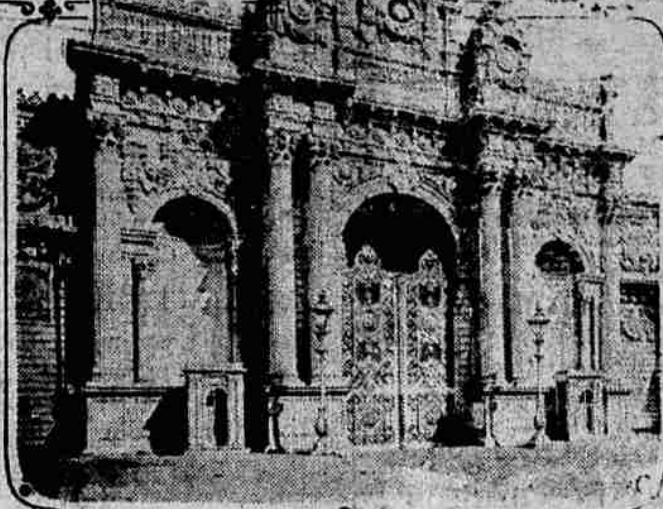
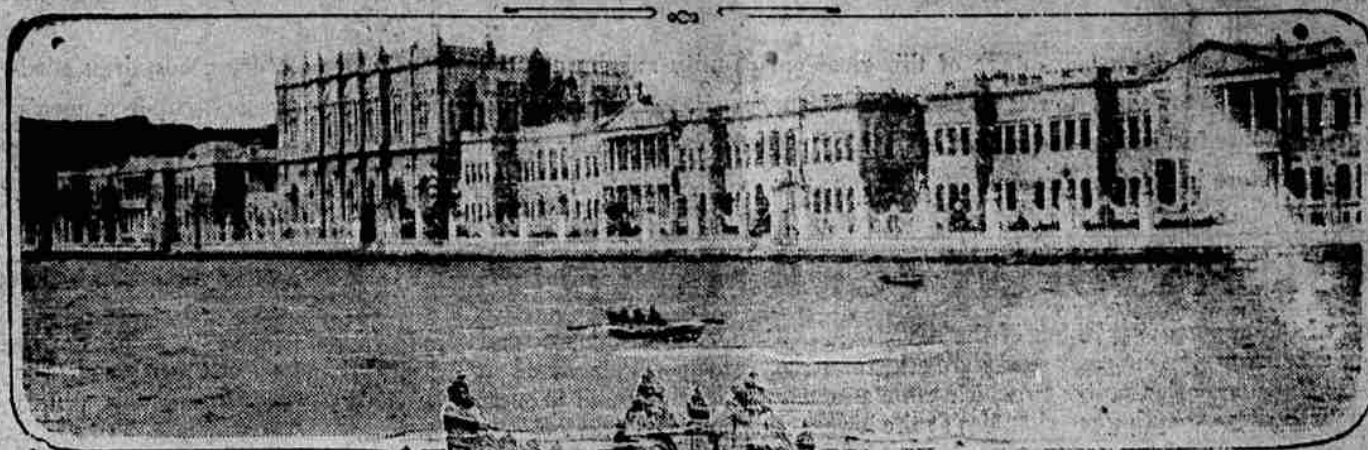
Captain Prescott Here

Captain A. F. Prescott, of the United States army now stationed at Galveston, Texas, arrived in the city yesterday and is a Foley hotel guest. He formerly lived in La Grande and the meeting of old friends has been very pleasant to him today.

Will Build Two Houses

Joe E. Spiker has purchased two lots on N. Avenue from George H. Currey and is now unloading lumber on the premises preparatory to building two new houses. Mr. Spiker is a contractor.

PALACE ON THE BOSPHORUS, FROM WHICH THE SULTAN IS SAID TO HAVE FLED.



Two views of the marvelous Palace of Dolma-Boghe, the principal headquarters of the ruler of Turkey. Above, the Bosphorus view of the marvelous structure which is more than a mile and a half in circumference and encloses the government office buildings, dwellings and gardens. Below is how the famous palace looks from the land side.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED

Surrounded by Snowdrifts, Mr. and Mrs. Grandy Were Married 50 Years Ago Today

Two of La Grande's early settlers half a century ago today Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Grandy this afternoon were recipients of unlimited congratulations. The groom is B. W. Grandy, the bride Lydia Palmer Grandy, his wife. It was 50 years ago today that these two happy, robust youngsters were united in marriage, in a crude house at a point near the river, by a Cove reverend who had to wade through three feet of snow to get to the bridal chamber. In celebration of that event

14 INCH GUN FOR THE NEW PENNSYLVANIA.



This is the new 14-inch gun of the American navy soon to be mounted on the great battleship Pennsylvania, which was launched the other day at Newport News. The gun as shown here is on a freight car being shipped to the Indian Head, Md., proving grounds.

Ten of these 14-inch guns for the new United States battleships have been completed at Watervliet, N. Y., and have been shipped to the naval proving grounds to be tested by ordnance officers. The guns cost to manufacture between \$650,000 and \$700,000.

Other 14-inch guns of similar design for the navy are being made at Watervliet. They will fire projectiles weighing 1,400 pounds, and will have a maximum effective range of more than 21,000 yards, or twelve miles. At 10,000 yards or more than five miles, the projectiles will be able to pierce the hardest armor plate of a thickness of about sixteen inches. The guns weigh 63.3 tons each, and can be fired about 200 times without reloading. The new guns are for the Nevada, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Arizona.

ITALY WILL ENTER WAR

NO QUESTION NOW BUT HER MIND IS MADE UP TO ACT QUICKLY.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE AND WAR BREAD RATIONS ON

Seaports Filled With Men of Military Age and Troops are Drilling Everywhere—Pastries Forbidden and Entire Country is Expectant—Domestic or Fight Now Necessary.

By Phillip William Simms. (Copyrighted by United Press in America and Great Britain.)

Paris, March 22.—Italy's entrance into the war is now but a matter of a few weeks, not over six. Only unexpected international developments will interfere from carrying out Rome's program, which has been absolutely fixed. The country is fully cognizant of the situation.

Italian ports are crowded with incoming Italian ships. These ports are veritable camps of young men from the United States and Europe who have been recalled to the colors. Everywhere troops are drilling. Italy is ready to the last detail for the spring and summer campaign.

Emphatic impression prevails that Italy will be forced shortly to either abandon fighting, and release men now held subject to mobilization, or declare war, to give the reservists something to do.

Teachers all over Italy have been notified to close school houses April 1st, that they may be used for military purposes. Today the country went on war rations, and orders to conserve its food supply. Fancy pastry is prohibited for the same reason. Italy is on tiptoe and expectant, waiting the war she is certain to enter.

CHAIRMAN VISITS ENGINEERS

Work Transacted at Chicago Hearing Gone Over By Him.

Yesterday G. O. Barnhart, general chairman of the B. of L. E. for the O.-W. system, was in La Grande and talked to the engineers about the recent hearing in Chicago. He went over the ground covered by the railroad companies and the engineers and explained many details of importance.

It seems to be the opinion of La Grande engineers that the case in Chicago has been handled in the best manner possible and no complaint is heard from any source at the work done.

Mr. Barnhart will return to Chicago in about three weeks when the final addresses and arguments will be made by attorneys for the engineers and railroads. The decision in the matter is expected to be handed down not later than April 20.

LUMBER TRADE BETTER

Slight Improvements Noted in Yard Stuff Principally.

Leon Stoddard, secretary of the Grande Ronde Lumber company at Perry, returned this morning from an extended tour to Oshkosh, Wis., Des Moines, Iowa, and Chicago. He had business to transact at Des Moines, and investigated the lumber business in considerable detail. He found that winter still rages in most of the midwestern states, but in spite of this there is a revival of business in yard lumber, while factory and other lines are about as of old.

SNOW SLIDE KILLS MINERS

Vancouver, B. C., March 22.—An avalanche, caused by snow melting during Sunday's sunshine, swept down the mountainside at the Britannia mine on Howe sound, hurting scores of sleeping men, and killing an unknown number of miners, according to advices received here.

A launch load of physicians and nurses was rushed from Vancouver to the scene of the disaster this morning. It is impossible to state the exact number of dead, but the death toll is believed to be heavy.