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SPECIFIC NOTE TO UNCLE SAM READY MONDAY

CERTAIN SUGGESTIONS BY WILSON ALREADY ACCEPTED BY BERLIN.

POSITIVE REJECTION OF OTHERS CERTAIN TOO

Preliminary Conferences at Berlin With Gerard Indicate the General Tone of What the German Reply Will Be—Abandonment of Submarine Warfare Out of the Question.

Washington, May 20.—Germany has accepted as a general principle that American citizens shall be protected and safeguarded by the United States, under conditions; asserting it is contrary to all rulings of international law, she will reject the suggestion that the United States can demand complete abandonment of German submarine warfare; Germany holds America's legal rights extend only to protection of vessels of American register and safety of Americans aboard belligerent merchantment.

Such is understood to be the German position outlined to Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, during a series of unofficial conferences with the Berlin foreign office. Gerard has stated Germany's answer will be most specific in character.

Complete Note Monday.

Berlin, May 20.—Germany's note to the United States in response to the President's communication will probably be completed Monday and will be delivered to Washington early next week, if no unforeseen delay occurs.

International Relations Safe.

Official assurance has been made that there is no reason for apprehension regarding the relations of Germany and the United States.

LAST MEETING TOMORROW.

Parent-Teacher Organization to Hear Reports.

Tomorrow at Central school building the Central Parent-Teacher organization will hold its final meeting for the year. The meeting will be called to order at 2:30 o'clock and reports will be read by delegates home from the national convention. During the afternoon there will be a silver tea. One of the interesting features of the occasion will be the exhibit work of the children which will be on display.

FRESNO DEPUTY IN CITY.

Extradition Papers Granted for Two Young Men Held Here.

Armed with extradition papers from Governor Withycombe, Deputy Sheriff J. L. Broad of Fresno, Cal., is in Union county today to take in custody two young men wanted for alleged forgery in Fresno. One of them, Earl Griffith, once living in Pendleton where his mother conducted a boarding house, police officials say, and is now supposed to be at Lime where his mother has moved to. It is expected he will be arrested today. The other youth wanted is named McCune, and he was arrested by the Chief's department here, and along with him a young man named Polkenhorn was taken in charge but it appears the latter is not wanted as badly as McCune and Griffith. Deputy Broad went to Union today noon to visit an old friend there, and will leave for Fresno tonight it is expected.

NEW SERVICE RUNNING.

Logging Train Rearranges Itinerary of Logging Crew.

The O-W logging train is being run on a different basis than heretofore. Instead of going out of La Grande in the morning and returning loaded at night, the crew will tie up at Vincent and come to Perry at night, leaving off the Palmer logs here for the switch engine to dispose of, and go to Perry with the Grande Ronde Lumber company's quota. It will have the empties back in Vincent in the morning, dropping off the Perry company's portion at Looking Glass on the way out.

The crew has not been determined yet, depending on the oldest bidders during the 10 days allotted for that privilege.

MERCHANT TAKES BRIDE.

North Powder Couple Wedded Yesterday in this City.

James O. Pilcher, North Powder merchant, and Jessie Smith, also of North Powder, were married yesterday by Justice of the Peace Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Pilcher will reside in North Powder where the groom has extensive merchandizing interests.

PRZEMYSL IS DOOMED; SLAV GRIP SLIPPING

AUSTRO-GERMAN FORCES HAVE DEATH GRIP ON FAMED FORTRESS.

LONDON CRITICS SEE NO HOPE FOR FORT

Arrival of Reinforcements, which is Not Likely, is Only Thing that Can Have Recently Captured Austrian Fort to the Russians—Slaughter of Russians will Be Expected.

London, May 20.—Przemysl is about to fall again, with General von Mackenzen the conqueror, according to military critics, following official word from the administration at Petrograd that Austro-Germans have crossed the River San with large forces. Only the arrival of reinforcements, reported to be en route, can save the fortress to the Russians, critics declare.

The Russians took the fortress from Austrians after a prolonged siege, the fort falling a few weeks ago. It was settled by Russians, but they have not been able to successfully keep the Germans and Austrians far enough away to be safe, and if the fort falls it is generally predicted the slaughter of Russians will be terrific.

Trawler Is Sunk.

Hull, England, May 20.—The trawler Chrysolite was torpedoed by a submarine off Kinnaird Head. The crew is reported to have been saved.

SPORTSMEN'S PRESIDENT HERE

Baker Attorney, Who Heads Eastern Oregon Division in City.

Attorney J. H. Nichols, located at Baker, and president of the Eastern Oregon Sportsmen's league, was a business visitor in the city today, attending to legal matters. Mr. Nichols is among the also-rans for Eastern Oregon commission on the game commission.

PORTLAND MAN STRUCK

Collision Between Automobile and a Train May Be Fatal.

Portland, May 20.—Frederick F. Friedle, superintendent of the Portland Linsend Oil Works, was perhaps fatally injured today when his automobile was struck by a Northern Pacific passenger train.

GRADE ARTS ON EXHIBIT

PUBLIC TO HAVE ACCESS TO ALL BUILDINGS.

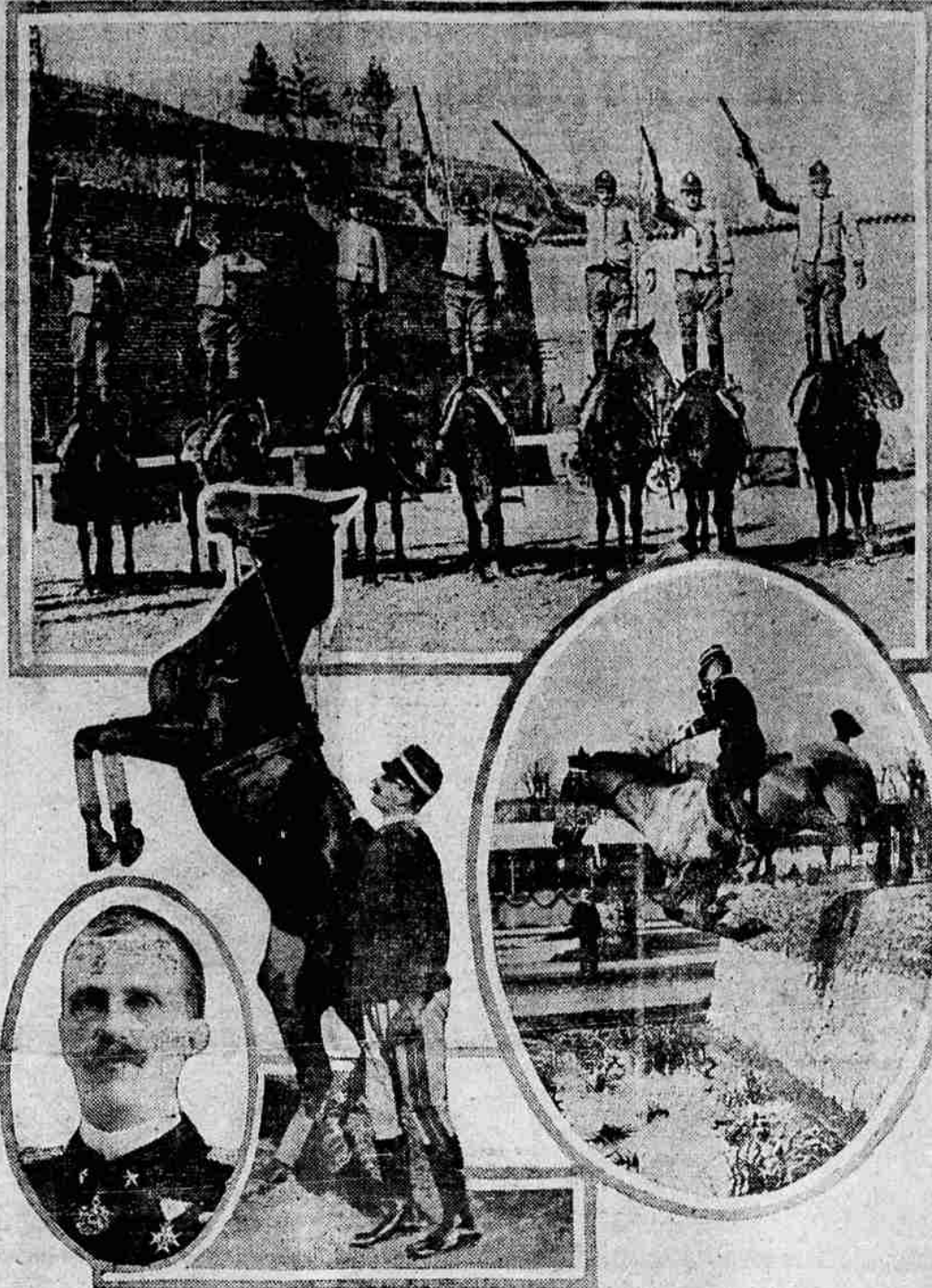
Penmanship and Drawing Productions to Be Shown.

Work done by grade pupils in drawing and penmanship under the direction of Ellenore White will be on display in all grade schools tomorrow afternoon. Parents and the public at large are cordially invited, and urged to be present having pressing inducements to visit all the grade buildings if desired.

This department of school work has been prosecuted in the grades vigorously this year, and much of the fruits of this training is to be on display tomorrow afternoon. Superintendent Girdler and Miss White have issued cordial invitations to everyone to attend these exhibits.

Plenary Powers Given The Italian Cabinet

TYPES OF ITALIAN CAVALRYMEN READY FOR AUSTRIA.



King of Italy.

Officer Training His Mount.

Shooting Practice from Standing Position. Jumping Stone Fence and Mount.

If Italy declares war on Austria the famous cavalry in which the whole nation has taken as much pride as in its fleet will be depended on to march into Austria. The Italian cavalry has been trained to perform manoeuvres something like the Cossacks among the Russians, and among military men in Europe it has a reputation of the very best.

Rome, May 20.—Italy's decision for peace or war rests with Premier Salandra, the cabinet and the general staff. Parliament, by a vote of 365 to 54 gave the government full authority to act against Austria, by passing a bill conferring plenary powers upon the cabinet.

The announcement of the action by the chamber of deputies is believed to mean the general staff is ready and the ultimatum will be delivered to Austria. This may be within 24 hours.

As the news flashed to the crowds outside, it was received with a mighty cheer which spread throughout the city. Over military telegraph lines word was sent to the frontier. Everywhere it was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm as a certain forerunner of war.

Cheering crowds surrounded parliament building when the chamber of deputies met in what is termed the "war session." In this session, Premier Salandra made announcement of the government's policy. It was ex-

BARNES-TEDDY CASE WITH JURY

Syracuse, May 20.—The Barnes libel suit against Colonel Roosevelt reached the stage at 3:15 this afternoon where it was ready for the jury. Justice Andrews charged the jury immediately after argument in behalf of Colonel Roosevelt, by Attorney Ivins. Both sides were confident of victory as the jurors filing

pected plenary powers would be given cabinet members before midnight, but the early passage of the bill indicates the general favor for it. Declaration of war is declared to be a matter of not over 24 hours. Trains are hurrying troops to the Austrian frontier.

Italians Leave for Frontier.

Paris, May 20.—Several Italian regiments have left for the eastern frontier, according to dispatches here.

AMERICANS ALL LISTED.

Complete Lists of Americans in Germany Being Compiled.

Berlin, May 20.—Posters have been sent to all Americans in Berlin by Consul General Lay, asking for their full names and addresses, telephone numbers, date and number of their passports, occupations and future plans. Other American consuls in Germany are doing likewise.

IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR YEAR STARTED

FIRST CERTAINTY IS REPAIR OF RESERVOIR IN SOUTH LA GRANDE.

BIG SEWER PROJECT ALSO A POSSIBILITY

Commission Creates Improvement District for Various Pieces of Sidewalk in West La Grande—Disposal Tank Running Over, Unable to Accomplish Its Purpose Say Farmers.

Preliminary steps looking toward municipal improvement projects that can be carried to successful fruition this summer affording employment for many men and jobs for contractors, were taken last night by the city commission at its mid-week session.

Sidewalk and sewer districts were created and final action taken relative to the construction of a rim to the city reservoir in South La Grande. Furthermore it developed that the heavy rains, with continued flushing of streets into the sanitary sewer because there is no storm sewer, has overtaxed the city disposal tank and farmers are complaining that sewage escapes and is carried out into the valley by the ditches intended to carry only the water from the disposal tank. That sand and sediment of various kinds have filled the tank to overflowing, curtailing its usefulness is the belief expressed and it is thought a thorough cleaning out will remedy that fault.

Big Ditch to Be Built.

An improvement district cumbersome in its boundaries because it is badly broken up to handle various pieces of proposed sidewalk projects, was created last night. It includes a stretch on First street from the South curbline of Jefferson to the North curbline of N avenue; also a portion of Spring street from the East curbline of Cedar street to the West curbline of Second; also a portion of the East side of Cedar street from the Northline of Spring to the Southline of Lot 4, Block 2, Romig's addition. This embraces four blocks of ditch to handle the Deal canyon floods under the proposed sidewalks on the West side of First. This ditch already exists under the wooden sidewalk there, and has been a serious problem for years.

Sewer Project Started.

For sometime past there has been talk about South La Grande property owners to build a sewer to handle that area which lies between G street south to L street, and to build a disposal tank East of the city, using the natural grade of the ground there for a drainage to the proposed tank rather than running it for a mile or more to the city's main tank. The commissioners last evening created a sewer district in that territory and the property owners can now proceed with construction of the sewer.

Just as soon as the weather settles, the proposed rim will be built onto the city reservoir. Contractors were let some time ago to Contractor Fitzgerald for handling the gravel; Contractor Rush offers to place the concrete for \$1.25 per yard and to build the forms for cost plus 10 per cent. Ollinger & Stiles get the contract for handling the cement.

Considerable other matters of a routine nature were gone over. The abundant rains kept the commissioners from looking over the five-acre property South of the city which has been up for sale and for which the Clark bid still holds good. No final action was taken.

General Manager's report for the week ending May 15th, 1915.

There were no fires last week. The auto truck cut the key in the sprocket wheel of its jack shaft. Have secured a new set and shipped the other to head quarters for repairs. When returned they can be stored for use in case those in use break.

The street superintendent spent 210.95. This included \$84.00 prison labor. Cleaned and flushed streets. Built walls under the south part of the basement of the city building. Bought \$22.15 of Lumber; \$4.50 for nails and \$16.80 for meal tickets. One man was let out for being drunk on the job.

The Police arrested two men for the state and 17 city cases. Seven drunks and eight disorderlies. One case of scarlet fever quarantined. Six were paroled. One was turned over to county. Served 52 meals to city prisoners and 12 to state prisoners. Had seven sleepers. Received \$3.00 pound fees and \$69.00 fines. Killed seven dogs. The Police refused to permit a previous inmate of the row to open a lodging house. Even if straight, suspicion would continue to attach. The row is a thing of the past. Questionable hotels and rooming house are by far a greater evil than the restricted district.

The recorder received \$69.00 fines; \$3.00 pound fees and \$480.00 principal and \$23.63 interest on improvement district No. 57. He drew war-

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THESE ARE THE EYES THAT ARE STUDYING THE NATION'S GREATEST PROBLEM TODAY.



A PHOTOGRAPHIC ENLARGEMENT OF THE EYES OF PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON, INDICATING THE JUDICIAL CALMNESS, QUIET FORCE AND POWER OF DECISION OF THE NATION'S EXECUTIVE.