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TWO ARMIES IN READINESS TO BEGIN WAR

ACTUAL DECLARATION MAY DEVOLVE UPON AUSTRIA, IS RUMOR.

BOTH COUNTRIES HELD
IN READINESS TO BEGIN

King Affixes Seal to Order Giving Plenary Powers to Cabinet—Whole Situation On the Breaking Point—Declaration of Mobilization Orders Is Diplomatic Move by Italy.

Rome, May 22.—Italy took a most decisive step toward war when mobilization orders were published and preparations were made for a conflict with Austria. It is now regarded that opening of hostilities is virtually only a few hours away.

Reports declare that during the council of ministers early today, a declaration of war was drafted. By publishing the mobilization orders, however, Italy opened a way for hostilities without declaration from Rome, as Austria might demand explanation, and failing to receive satisfaction, herself declare war upon Italy, leaving the initiative to Austria rather than to Italy.

Declaration of war against Austria may be made before night, according to well-defined rumors circulated, and generally credited in diplomatic circles. King Victor Emmanuel this afternoon attached his seal to the bill giving the government plenary powers in dealing with Austria.

Both Austria and Italy are clearing for action. Two great armies are facing each other at the frontier awaiting the word to hurl themselves into the collision.

Civilians are leaving the frontier towns in the path of the expected clash. Bridges are being destroyed at strategic points, while guns have been mounted on entrenchments rushed to completion.

New Danger Appears.
Berlin, May 22.—Roumania has been secretly mobilizing almost her entire army according to private advices and dispatches. It is understood Roumania might be expected to act in concert as to participation in the war.

Summerville Lad Victim of Accident
Earle Lanman, a young man of Summerville, was the victim of a runaway accident a few days ago, that resulted in numerous painful injuries and the demolishing of the buggy and harness. The victim of the accident had just completed the work of hitching a single horse to the buggy, when the animal became frightened at some unknown object and started to run. Lanman, who was still on the ground, grabbed for the lines, but in getting hold, became entangled therein and was dragged a considerable distance. Finally his weight threw the horse, or, else some obstruction was met and the young man, horse, buggy and all landed in a heap, and were entangled to such an extent that a great deal of effort was required to extricate the injured man and untangle the mixup.

Lanman's head, face and body bore a score or more of lacerations and bruises, but he miraculously escaped serious injury. The worst injury sustained was a laceration of the scalp, which required several stitches.

Dr. Whiting was called and performed the necessary surgical work. The doctor reports that the mixup was one of the worst that could possibly have occurred with no more serious results.—Elgin Recorder.

"Brander" Opens Today.
After having been postponed a week because of the rainy weather, the Medical Springs "Brander" will west show started today with every indication of favor from the weather man, according to word received last evening. The show has not suffered by the enforced delay but rather will be improved, as the extra time has given the management better opportunity to perfect their plans, which will be carried out, rain or shine.

The first day's program will be given this afternoon and in it will be seen some of the best wild west performers in the country.

If the present indications of good weather today and tomorrow are borne out the attendance will break all records, as people from Baker, Haines, North Powder, Lower Powder, Union and even a greater distance are planning to be there, as from past experience they know they will be well entertained and cared for by the Brander management.

Jury Decides Case.
Finding for the plaintiff, a jury in Justice Williams' court yesterday evening decreed that the costs should go to the defendant, F. E. Euck, and that F. D. Haisten the plaintiff was entitled to \$250. The suit was over collection of accounts and counter accounts.

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT NEARS CENTURY MARK.



LEVI P. MORTON, EX-VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, CELEBRATES HIS 91ST BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY AT WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 16.

PIONEERS SELECT ANNUAL MEET DAY

JULY 3RD IS DATE SET BY COMMITTEE.

Final Arrangements to be Announced May 26th When Executive Committee Convenes.

The annual reunion of the Union County Pioneer Association will be held in Imbler, Saturday, July 3rd. That is the date set by the officials and executive board at a meeting held in Imbler.

Arrangements for the holding of the most successful reunion in the history of the county are now well under way, and all details will be arranged at Imbler on Wednesday, May 26th, when another official meeting will be held and all matters pertaining to the event will be settled and placed in competent hands to carry out the work as planned.

President S. L. Brooks of Imbler, and Secretary E. B. Morelock of Elgin, are at present actively engaged in carrying out the duties allotted them by the association and have the arrangements well in hand. At the meeting, May 26th, other officials and committees will be selected.

The reunion held a year ago was declared by all to have been the most enjoyable and interesting in the history of Union county pioneers, and this year it is the determination of all those in any way connected with the organization to make the coming event one of greater pleasure and interest.

Imbler business men and citizens performed their part well last season in the way of support and this year are lending every possible effort to the venerable pioneers in making the coming reunion an event that will warrant a brilliant ray of sunlight on the shadowed side of life that besets the silver haired pioneer men and women of Union county.

The holiday of the annual pioneer reunion at Imbler is not a local event from the standpoint of that thriving town—it is an event in which every citizen of the county is interested, or at least ought to be. The ranks of the early settlers are rapidly thinning, and each succeeding year ushers out scores of the men and women, who, in their indomitable spirit conquered the forces that beset civilization in the Westward march of progress.

Imbler asks the co-operation of all in honoring and entertaining the pioneers, and it is sincerely hoped that all will aid in making the coming event one that will be of honor not only to those in whose honor it is held, but to those who are still in the spring-time of life and from whom honor is due.

New Chicken Brooder.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 22.—By placing eggs on a hot water bottle and covering them with a feather duster, Jerome Jackson claims to have raised three broods of chickens in his room at the Y. M. C. A. He says he will continue the business, the profit being 100 per cent. He asks that it be remembered that he is a member of the Young Men's Christian association and a teacher of a Sunday School, when his claim is considered.

Pay Up Week.

Denver, Colo., May 22.—"Pay up Week" opened today in Colorado. The idea was originated by the Colorado Committee on Unemployment for the purpose of inducing persons who can pay as large part as possible of their outstanding obligations, putting more money in circulation and thereby giving an immediate impetus to business.

"Depression cannot continue in the face of determined will on the part of employers to abolish it." A revitalization of business will not only eradicate destitution; it will restore prosperity, in which employer and employee can share alike.

DAVID GRINER, AGED RANCHER, DIES IN RIVER

BODY FOUND AT NOON, NEAR RIVERSIDE PARK, BY A FRUITDALE MAN.

SUICIDE THEORY HAS BEEN GIVEN CREDENCE

Family Watching Old Gentleman Very Closely Night Before—Had Come to Town On Business, But Was Watched by Sons—Had Lived Here 22 Years and Was Wealthy.

David Griner, one of the wealthy Sandridge farmers, was drowned in the Grande Ronde river near Riverside park this morning. Circumstances point to suicide, though he left no note, or telltale evidence, so far as known. His body was seen snagged on some driftwood under Riverside bridge by Chas. Keogle, a Fruitdale rancher who had stopped, while crossing the bridge to watch some fish. Noticing what he suspected was the coat of a man he called to Howard Rowe, who was fishing nearby, and the two investigated further. They decided to call in Fred Young and the three procured a boat and with it trailed the body to shore. Coroner J. P. Graham was called and he took charge, bringing the body to La Grande. In view of subsequent developments it was not deemed necessary to conduct an inquest.

The family had been spending the entire forenoon hunting for the old gentleman. Yesterday he tinkered around his Sandridge farm and at noon walked three miles to Alice to watch the evening train to La Grande. In spite of the fact he was 79 years old, he had little trouble making the trip. His son Frank and Ray came to town yesterday afternoon, keeping closely in touch with their father, but known he had gone to the Savoy for the night, they returned home and came to town again this morning to look after the old gentleman who claimed to have some business to transact. When they arrived today no trace could be found of him, and Frank was on the way to the police authorities for help when word was brought in that the body had been found at the noon hour. Members of the family who live here were hastily summoned to the Henry Undertaking parlors and out of town relatives notified. Mr. Griner had been married three times and children of this union who survive are Mrs. Cecile Cate, Frank, Ray and Leo. The widow also survives. Other children of Mr. Griner's born to previous marriages include Alice Griffin, Macola, Ore.; Ada Eaton, of Walla Walla, Mrs. Dan Murchison, of Summerville, Mrs. L. Owsley, of Walla Walla and Mrs. James Woodell, wife of county representative Woodell. Two other boys are dead and another daughter resides in the east.

Mr. Griner left the Savoy hotel a few minutes before 7 this morning, apparently as well as usual. Proprietor Myers says, a few minutes after he had left Mrs. Griner called from the ranch asking to have Mr. Myers put the old gentleman on the morning train and send him home. It was presumed he went out to breakfast. The supposition now is that he headed for the river and took his own life.

Has Been Ill Some Time.
Mr. Griner has been ill for some time, being bothered with rupture and with failing eyesight. His mind was not as clear lately as usual, and various little incidents about the home led the family to suspect suicide the moment the fact of his death became known.

The Griner family came here from Dayton, Wn., 22 years ago and during their residence in this valley he acquired considerable property owning a couple of splendid farms on the Sandridge and also owned property in Walla Walla.

German Baptist Convention.

Dayton, Ohio, May 22.—Whether it is sinful to operate automobiles and raise tobacco as a crop for money were questions of church policy to be threshed out when the national conference of the German Baptist Brethren church, or "Old Order Dunkards," meets at Taylorsburg, near here, tomorrow.

A huge tabernacle, with seating capacity of several thousand has been erected, and delegates arrived today from all sections of the country.

CLIMATIC DATA

Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum, 62; Minimum, 42.
Temperature at 12:30 today, 60.

THREE TRAINS COLLIDE; DEAD NUMBER 100

COLLISION NEAR GRETN, ENGLAND, HAS SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE.

WRECKAGE BURNED WHEN THIRD ENGINE EXPLODES

Collision of Two Trains Followed by Crashing of Third Train—Impossible to Learn Exact Number of Dead Until Debris is Cooled—Information of Accident Meagre.

Carlisle, England, May 22.—More than 100 are reported killed in a collision of three passenger trains at Caledonia railway station near Gretna. Those who perished were crushed or burned to death when the trains came together and the wreckage caught fire. Forty bodies were recovered shortly afterward. Many of these had been incinerated. It is feared the loss of life will be much heavier than first supposed.

Fully 300 were injured. Information is meagre, but it is determined that a troop train collided head-on with a passenger train and another passenger train crashed into the wreck before the signals were set out. The boiler in the third engine exploded, firing the debris.

There is no way to learn the death list until the wreckage cools sufficiently to permit careful search.

CHAUTAUQUA MERITORIOUS

Critic Recites Some of the Things a Chautauqua Does for a City.

With the Grande Ronde chautauqua but a few weeks away, and committees ready to place memberships, it is interesting to read what some critics have to say about chautauquas in general.

The following are extracts from a comprehensive article to business men by a business man—the editor of the Merchants Trade Journal of Des Moines, an authority in its field: "Any good business man is glad to be able to say, 'We have a good Chautauqua in our town because the word Chautauqua is recognized as a symbol of culture, high ideals and broad thinking. These are things for any community to be proud of. But few people appreciate the chautauqua as a business force, as most of them have never thought of it as such."

"Formerly it was thought that for one to gain an education it was necessary for him to drop his every day work and go away to some great institution of learning. No one thought of having culture and training brought to the community, and while of course, we fully appreciate the fact that for one to receive a broad technical or professional education he must still go to the institution of learning offering special course of study along the lines that he wishes to follow, it is at the same time true that the people of hundreds and hundreds of communities throughout this country have been educated to considerable degree and lifted to higher plane of thinking and living through the influence of this great educational movement."

"Go into any community where a force of this kind has been at work for a number of years and you will find that the whole appearance of the community has been changed. We might cite you to town after town that we have watched personally and we could tell you of some of the splendid achievements of these towns much of which can be traced to this source."

"But the point we wish to make in this article should be of direct and special interest to every retail merchant, men whose business success depends largely upon their community development. The Journal is glad to note that there is a tendency throughout the country to consider the subject of business and commerce from the chautauqua platform. It is fitting to have business men's programs because business is, after all, the chief aim of a majority of our people. We mean business in the larger sense and not in the narrow sense of barter and trade, as the term is often misunderstood."

No Smoking.

Winnipeg, Minn., May 22.—This city is the first one in the world which has come forth with the claim of having a complete city council, on which not a member will smoke a pipe, cigar or cigarette, nor will they take a drink or chew tobacco. The council are all rated in the masculine gender.

Preliminary Hearing Held.
James Childers and Guy Hopson were this afternoon released on \$1000 bonds each, after having waived examination before Justice Williams on a charge of having gained possession of a cow improperly. J. R. Weaver is the complaining witness.

HE GUARDS WILSON'S HEALTH.



DR. CARY T. GRAYSON, PERSONAL PHYSICIAN TO PRESIDENT WILSON, WHO IS CAREFULLY GUARDING THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH, NOW UNDER THE STRAIN OF GREAT OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

FREIGHTER HITS COOS BAY JETTY

TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CREW PROTECTED.

Although in No Immediate Danger, Members Have Lifesavers in Readiness If Ship Sinks.

Marshfield, Ore., May 22.—The Arrow Line steamer Saginaw, freight laden, struck the north jetty in Coos Bay today. She is resting on an even keel. It is believed she is in no immediate danger but a number of vessels have rushed to her assistance. There are no passengers aboard the craft, but she carries a crew of 25. Life savers and the dredger Mische are standing by ready to render assistance.

TAKE BIKES TO FAIR.

Elgin Youths Inaugurate New Means of Long Distance Travel.

Robert Blumenstein, Jr., and Joe Hackett, two well known boys of Elgin, have completed plans for a trip to the Pan-American Exposition at San Francisco, and will cover the distance on bicycles. The two young men already have their "bikes" equipped and will start from Elgin about June 1st. They will carry their food supplies and sleeping equipments on their bicycles and will ride the entire distance in that manner.

After reaching San Francisco, says the Elgin Recorder, they will spend a few weeks visiting the Exposition and will leave there in time to reach Elgin before the opening of school. As yet they are undecided as to whether they will make the return trip on bicycles or not.

Was Cruel to Animals.

Scott Goodall, of the Lyons Hill country, was arrested Friday of last week on complaint of Archie Low, on the charge of cruelty to horses belonging to himself, says the Union Republican. The case was called for Saturday afternoon and was continued until Tuesday before Judge Derby. Several witnesses were examined.

In this case the State was represented by L. Z. Terrall, and the defense by Turner Oliver. After hearing the evidence and looking at the horses, the court fined the defendant \$25 and costs. Notice of appeal was given.

President Seavert, of the Union branch of the State Humane Society, has taken an active part in this prosecution, and announces a policy of prosecuting all such cases to a finish.

Further Details Known.

Later letters from Jerard, Alabama, concerning the death of Marie Frazier-Marshall convey the news that she died of pneumonia. She contracted whooping cough from her children, and later become afflicted with pneumonia. The oldest child has recovered but the youngest is precariously ill. No details as to funeral arrangements have been received, though it is known the ashes will be interred at Summerville within a few days.

La Salle to New Orleans.

La Salle, Ill., May 22.—A fleet of steel barges left here today for New Orleans. The trip inaugurates the opening of the waterway between Illinois and San Francisco. The Steamer Steel City will head the procession of barges and carry as passengers many prominent business men of Chicago, La Salle, other Illinois cities and cities of other states along the waterway and located in contiguous territory.

The opening of the waterway, according to men who have been behind the project, will greatly increase trade between Chicago and Illinois and the South, and between the Middle Western states and Central and South American. Freight rates will be much lower via the waterway than by rail.

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BARNES LOSES SUIT AGAINST MR. ROOSEVELT

CHARGES PREFERRED BY THE COLONEL UPHELD BY THE JURORS.

TEDDY IN HIGH GLEE AND TALKS TO JURORS

Barnes Is Political Boss and Has Been Politically Corrupt Avers Jury Which Has Heard Sensational Case—All Night Session Devoted to Wrangling Over Costs of Case.

Syracuse, May 22.—William Barnes, Jr., is a "boss." A jury in Justice Andrews' court so decided this morning by awarding a verdict to Colonel Roosevelt in the \$50,000 libel suit brought by Barnes against him because Roosevelt had branded Barnes a "Boss" and linked him politically with crooked business and corruption.

The jury had been deliberating since 3:45 Thursday afternoon. Yesterday morning it was seemingly united, but after so reporting found one stood out for Barnes and had to go back. All night the jurors squabbled over who should bear the costs in the case. The jury finally awarded a unanimous decision for Roosevelt after a legal mixup that is almost unparalleled in history of the state.

The Colonel couldn't restrain his joy. He made a short speech to the jurors, expressing his thanks, and posed for pictures in the jury room.

Maccabees Will Convene.

Every World's Maccabee in the United States and Canada is interested in the great convention which is being held in New York City at the Waldorf-Astoria on May 24. This convention is held in the interests of the first Woman's association of the country, with local branches throughout the United States and Canada. The State of Oregon is represented by the state commander, Mrs. Minnie W. Aydelotte, of Oakland, California and Mrs. Florence Chambers, of Portland, as delegate.

At this convention the election of Supreme officers will take place and many important measures will be presented. The net gain from May 1, 1909 to May 1, 1915, has amounted to over 40,000 benefit members, which indicates the prosperous conditions of the association, and the net gain for 1915 to date is 5,000 benefit members.

During the last four years, the interest earnings on bond investments amounted to \$1,058,275.75, and the assets on hand to protect contracts reached nearly eight and a half million dollars. Over twelve million dollars was paid out in death and disability benefits. This order is not connected in any way with The Ladies of the Modern Maccabees.

Local officers and members are elated over the progress of their work, and when their representatives return, a full report will be given by them of the features of this progressive meeting. The success which this society has attained is attributed to the harmony and co-operation existing in the individual organizations of which there are nearly 3,000. This promises to be the most important convention ever recorded in the creditable history of this association.

May G. King is commander and Ada H. Cross is recorder of the lodge in this city.

Classes in Baby Raising

Los Angeles, Calif., May 24.—Not only Los Angeles girls to cook and sew in the public schools, but they may become students of baby culture with real live, gurgling, wiggling babies to practice on. A course in the care and nursing of infants has been added as a permanent feature of the curriculum of the Polytechnic Evening High school, and the first class, numbering 35 pupils, includes a dozen young mothers, and prospective brides as well as younger girls.

Juneau Alaska and Saloons

Juneau, Alaska, May 24.—The citizens of Juneau, the capital of Alaska were voting today on whether or not to abolish saloons. A recent decision by Federal Judges Jennings holding that a majority of the voters, whether participating in the election or not must affirmatively approve the retention of saloons, intensified interest. The decision means that all persons not voting will be counted against the saloons.

Graduation Announced.

Friends of Joseph Ingle have received announcement of his prospective graduation from the Los Angeles School of Osteopathy, June 11. Mr. Ingle, who is a son of Mrs. Stella Ingle, of this city, is a graduate of La Grande high, and has been taking an extended course in osteopathy at Los Angeles since he finished school here.