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ITALIANS SWEEP INTO AUSTRIA TOWARD CITY OF TRIESTE WITH EASE

King of Italy Marches Off to the Front With Great Ovation From People

Rome, May 25.—The first land engagement involving any great number of troops in the Italian-Austrian war, is announced by the war office. Italian cavalry crossed the border in the Isonzo district, attacking a strong Austrian outpost, and the Austrians were forced to retire after a sharp engagement.

An Italian destroyer shelled the harbor of Porto Buso, Austria, inflicting heavy damage. Two of the enemy were killed.

Rome, May 25.—King Emmanuel, accompanied by his staff, left early today for the front. The king was escorted by cuirassiers. Huge crowds lined the streets, cheering and waving flags. The monarch was accorded a remarkable ovation.

Rome, May 25.—Italian troops have crossed the frontier and have invaded Austria. They have occupied four towns, seized important heights and now threaten the town of Goritz, 22 miles northwest of Trieste, the big objective of the Italian forces. They are likely driving at Trieste to bring a decisive battle to issue at once—Trieste was the point sought by Italians as a price for keeping out of the war. It is the biggest seaport on the Austro-Hungary side of the Adriatic. Great speed was shown in reaching the point attained, it is admitted. Undine, the farthestmost Eastern city of importance in Italy and lies practically North, though slightly west, of Trieste. Comparatively few miles separate the Eastern Italian frontier from Trieste.

It is officially announced that the towns of Cormons, Cervignano, Terzo and Caporetto are occupied by Italian armies. These towns are located North of Trieste.

Invading Forces Powerful. The invading forces are composed of troops supporting a detachment of cavalry which earlier drove in the Austrian outposts and crossed along the valley between Judno, Isonzo rivers. Cormons was captured first and the other towns fell in rapid succession, both wings of the Italian army operating.

The capture of Caporetto is taken to indicate the Italian invading force is much stronger numerically than first supposed.

Destruction of Austrians Complete. Reports state the Austrians were everywhere withdrawing several miles from the frontier. They are destroying bridges, leveling buildings that might be used for military purposes by Italians, and doing other logical acts to frustrate the advance of the Italians.

Strange Farm Products Exhibited. San Francisco, May 25.—Historians today were interested in the queer crops from James Bellwood's farm in Virginia which were on exhibition at the Panama Pacific Exposition. The products of this farm included several score Indian flint arrowheads, round shot fired from the guns of the Merrimac, a three-inch soft nosed shell hurled by a Confederate cannon and embedded in an oak tree, and several bayonets, sabres and bullets. Before George Washington was born Indians and settlers fought a battle on the site of Bellwood's farm—hence the arrowheads, and in 1864 the battle of the Brewery's Bluff, waged there, caused the deposit of other missiles. Numerous skulls and bones were also turned up by Bellwood's plow, but these were buried again in deeper graves than the shallow trenches in which they first reposed.

Railroader in Town. H. W. Peterson, the Milwaukee traveling freight and passenger agent, in this vicinity, and who is good enough with sleight-of-hand stuff to be with the A. G. Barnes circus, and E. K. Garrison, district freight and passenger agent for the same company, are here from Portland on business matters.

Feed Tomorrow Night. The fire department will enjoy a feed tomorrow night at the Sommer grill, commencing at nine o'clock.

CLIMATIC DATA. Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 8 o'clock: Maximum, 60; Minimum, 47. Temperature at 12:30 today, 70.

COUNTY WINS FAMED SCHOOL SITE QUARREL

WAGNER APPEAL FAILS TO CHANGE DECISION OF THE LOWER COURT.

SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS JUDGE ANDERSON VERSION

Judge Knowles Again Sustained in All Cases Handed Down by Supreme Court—Litigation Over Wallowa County High School Property Ended for Present, at Least.

Salem, May 25.—One of the most important cases to come up in the supreme court from Eastern Oregon was decided today when the Supreme court affirmed the lower court, Judge Anderson of Baker, in the case of A. M. Wagner, appellant, versus Wallowa county, an action to recover to the Enterprise school district the property on which the Wallowa county high school is situated. The case was heard before Judge Anderson of Baker, and the county won it. It was then appealed and the lower court upheld. It was argued at Pendleton May 4th and is admitted to be one of the most important cases this term.

D. W. Sheahan brought for his client, A. M. Wagner, for the purpose of securing possession of the land deeded by Wagner to the county in 1906 by a deed providing that the land be used as a site or part of a site for a county high school and for no other purpose, and further providing that if not so used, it should revert. The county placed a \$20,000 county high school building and the land, and Wagner asked for that also. Prior to the abolishment of the county high school by the voters of Wallowa county, however, Mr. Wagner deeded all his interest in the land and appurtenances to the school district at Enterprise. When the high school was discontinued, the school district brought an action to get the land, but the lower and supreme courts denied its claim. Wagner then brought this action in his own name. Judge Anderson, sitting for Judge Knowles, held that the county had complied with the deed and also that Wagner parted with his interest in the land by his deed to the school district.

At the argument in Pendleton, Mr. Sheahan claimed that the deed provided the county was to maintain a high school in the building required to be built on the land, and that when the school was discontinued, about

CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF ROCKEFELLER JR. LIKELY

Charges of Murder May be Preferred Against Oil Magnate's Son and Three Others

Washington, May 25.—It is reported here that an attempt will be made to bring J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., and three officials of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, J. F. Welborn, L. M. Powers and E. H. Weitzel to trial in Colorado on charges of being responsible for the Ludlow massacres during the coal strike there a few years ago. Attorneys for labor interests have closely followed the evidence brought

HOLLAND PROTESTS LUSITANIA LOSSES

NOTE SAID TO RESEMBLE THAT OF AMERICA.

The Hague Dispatches Set Out That Holland Is Filing Note of Protest On Lusitania Horror.

London, May 25.—Holland has sent a note to Germany regarding the loss of Dutch lives on the Lusitania, according to The Hague dispatches. The text of the protest has not been made public but is said to be similar to the American note.

which there is no dispute, the title went back immediately.

Opposing Mr. Sheahan in the litigation, were District Attorney Corkins, of Wallowa county; A. W. Schupp, of Joseph; W. G. Trill, of Wallowa; and Cochran & Eberhard, of La Grande.

Other cases decided today are: Estate of David Diggings, appellant, vs. Malvina Diggings et al, appealed from Wallowa county, and involved construction of a will. Opinion by Justice Harris. Knowles' judgment in circuit court affirmed.

Peter Heuel, appellant vs. Wallowa county, involving vacation of a highway. Opinion of Judge Knowles' decision for defendant affirmed.

Justice Burnett wrote the Wagner decision.

Stock Show Boosted.

Four automobile loads of stock show boosters are in the city today talking up the stock show, spreading gospel and placing window cards and souvenir whistles.

ATTORNEY F. S. IVANHOE FILES RESIGNATION AS PROSECUTOR TO BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST

Salem, May 25.—(Special)—Today F. S. Ivanhoe resigned as prosecuting attorney for Union county. The resignation, although written and placed in the hands of Salem parties several weeks ago was filed with Governor Withycombe this morning.

Upon receipt of the foregoing news dispatch this morning a reporter for the Observer called on Col. F. S. Ivanhoe at his offices in the Roesch building and learned that the information is correct. The resignation as district attorney has been in the possession of a mutual friend of Col. Ivanhoe's and Gov. Withycombe's with instructions from Col. Ivanhoe to file the same today, which has been done.

The letter to the governor follows: To James Withycombe, Governor, Salem, Oregon.—I hereby tender my resignation as District Attorney for Union County, Oregon, to take effect June 1st, 1915.

Prior to the commencement of the recent case of the State vs. Hodgkin, I advised my attorneys I would resign the office as soon as the Supreme court should decide I was entitled to continue as District Attorney, as I wished to be relieved of its duties and responsibilities. At the time the case was heard certain pending litigation was unfinished, and the same is now concluded. There exists no present reason for further delay, and the attorney who succeeds me should be appointed before the term of court commencing here June 7th, 1915.

I have held this position since July, 1906, and during this time, have performed its duties without oppression to any and with fairness to all, as I understood my duty and their rights under the law. In all this I have had my critics, and appreciate the support and encouragement I have

out in sessions of the Industrial Relations commission. They hoped to obtain evidence upon which to base their demand for criminal prosecutions.

The theory on which the labor attorneys interested base their case is the same as that in the case of John Lawson, the labor leader, who was tried and convicted of murder in connection with the Ludlow labor troubles a few weeks ago.

O-W SPENDS A MILLION

COYOTE-ECHO CUTOFF IS TO BE FINISHED.

Walla Walla-Pilot Rock Junction Is Among Beneficiaries.

Portland, May 25.—The O. W. R. & N. Co. has announced construction work entailing the expenditure of a million dollars, is to be undertaken immediately. It will include new terminal facilities at Walla Walla, a new division headquarters at The Dalles, completion of the Coyote-Echo cutoff in Eastern Oregon, and establishment of another terminal at Pilot Rock Junction near Pendleton.

War Bulletins

Petrograd, May 25.—A new treaty between China and Japan, embracing conditions recently accepted by the Chinese government in negotiations with Tokio, has been signed, according to Pekin messages received here tonight.

London, May 25.—Following a conference between Foreign Minister Sir Edward Grey and Ambassador Page, it is stated all differences and misunderstandings in regard to trade negotiations with America were cleared away.

Washington, May 25.—In response to appeals by American packers, Secretary of State Bryan has announced the state department has agreed to take up with England the question of valuable cargoes of meat detained in British ports. Great Britain will be asked to call the cases up for hearing before prize courts immediately.

Hardware Convention at Frisco

San Francisco, May 25.—Hundreds of delegates from all parts of the United States are in attendance here today at the sixth annual convention of the American National Iron, Steel and Heavy Hardware Association, which meets at the St. Francis Hotel. This is one of the many conventions scheduled in connection with the Panama Pacific Exposition.

A special train carrying delegates from eastern states arrived here last night. The visitors went immediately to the Exposition grounds, where they were invited to inspect the exhibits of iron, steel and hardware products.

An excursion around San Francisco Bay, banquets, luncheons and receptions will keep the iron-masters busy during their week's stay here.

Big Bell to California

Troy, N. Y., May 25.—Securely packed for safe ocean transportation, eleven huge bells, shipped by the Mancelly Bell Co., of this city are on their way to the new million dollar Bible Institute at Los Angeles, California. Shipment was made via the all water route, and this chime will enjoy the two fold distinction of being the first set of bells to pass through the Panama Canal and the largest in any building on the Pacific Coast. A new chiming system, similar to the one used in connection with the famous chime in Trinity Church New York, will be employed for ringing the Los Angeles bells.

Further Arrests Made.

John Mayfield, who has from time to time, been employed by J. R. Weaver, of Elgin, was last evening bound over to the grand jury by Justice Williams on a charge of being implicated in the theft of a cow from Weaver, in which case Jim Childers and Guy Hopson have already been charged. It is claimed that Mayfield was wanted from the first but his arrest wasn't negotiated until yesterday.

MAETERLINCK EMULATED AT BIG BREAKFAST

THE MASTERPIECE "BLUE BIRD" BASIS OF POST-PRANDIAL SPEECHES.

SEASON'S MOST STELLAR SOCIAL FUNCTION STAGED

Speakers Follow Life and Development of the Neighborhood Club Through Various Stages by Adoption of Blue Bird—Pantomime Introduces Setting—Menu Served at 11.

Living up to the reputation of originality in staging what has come to be the apex of La Grande club and social life, the annual Neighborhood club breakfast was this noon staged with all the brilliancy and elaborateness that money and brains could devise. One hundred and twenty-four reserved plates, and shortly after 11 o'clock the breakfasters were seated at handsomely decorated tables in the Neighborhood club's home in the City Library building.

Tiny bluebirds were used as place cards and the cuisine sent forth these dishes, prepared fit for a king: The menu follows: Pineapple Creamed Chicken Hot Biscuits Boiled Rice Blackberry Jelly Coffee Small Cakes

In times past the guests were kept in the dark as to what the entertainment might be; today was no exception, and even the programs themselves didn't fully elaborate on just what was in store as the last course—that of entertainment—only when Miss Naomi Williamson commenced to read the synopsis of Maeterlinck's Blue Bird, did the audience begin to comprehend the purport of the event. Several little folks—future club leaders they were—pantomimed the synopsis. When Miss Williamson had finished, the silent actresses withdrew and the various scenes of the Blue Bird were gone through in localized exemplification.

Maeterlinck, it will be recalled, follows, in his masterpiece, the growth and development of the child; the speakers, upon whom Mrs. Turner Oliver, as toastmistress called, used, it is true, Maeterlinck's chapter themes, but brought their subject close home by parading the child's growth to that of the Neighborhood club. The various stages of its always industrious career were taken up and discussed. At the conclusion of its post-prandial address, vocal selections were heard.

From the moment the reading of the synopsis began, the vast assemblage of club workers sat spellbound. The characters appearing in the pantomime during Miss Williamson's rendition of the synopsis, were:

Characters. Tytyl Malcom Byrkit Mytyl Eileen Kiddie Fairy Laura Jane Talbott Light Mildred Kiddie Blue Bird, Martha Elizabeth Cochran Then came the various scenes from Blue Bird. Mrs. Oliver called upon the following speakers and musicians: Scenes Act I.—The Hours of Life Mrs. William Miller Solo—"Slave Song" Del Riego Mrs. Harry M. Bouvy Act II.—The Land of Memory Mrs. Edward Kiddie Solo—"Spring's Awakening" Hawley Mrs. J. F. Corbett Act III.—The Palace of Night Mrs. John Girdler Solo—"A May Morning" Deuzu Mrs. A. L. Richardson Act IV.—The Kingdom of the Future Mrs. Geo. Gibbert Solo—"Joy of the Morning" Harriet Ware Mrs. T. J. Scroggin Act V.—Remember, the Year is Over Mrs. George Cochran Act VI.—The Blue Bird Mrs. Oliver Silverthorn Gloria Gloria be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Today's Oddest Story

Jourdanton, Tex., May 25.—The Pied Piper of Hamelin, please note. Guido Struve of Campbellton won a thoroughbred Jersey heifer as a prize for being the champion rat-killer. In a contest, inaugurated by U. S. Farm Demonstrator A. S. Whitten, Struve killed 17,071, leading field of 500 would-be champion rat killers.