

AUSTRIANS HERE PLEDGE LOYALTY

Portland Residents, Natives of South Austria, Telegraph President.

POLITICAL CLUB FORMED

Wilson and Representative McArthur Told Nominal Alien Enemies Are Really Loyal to Adopted Country.

Many of the Austrian residents of this city, through the organization of the Southern Slavic Political Club, recently formed, have telegraphed President Wilson and Representative McArthur pledging their loyalty to the United States and her allies and promising every assistance in the war to crush Prussianism. The club was organized recently and the telegrams were sent by a committee consisting of Blas Jurich, Peter Barto and Sam Skogro.

The message of loyalty transmitted to President Wilson follows: We, the undersigned committee, representing the south or Jugo Slavs of Portland, residing in the near proximity of war between the United States of America and Austria, of which country we are subjects, wish to beg of you to be lenient in any rulings which may be promulgated in the future and wish to state that our people are heartily in favor of the actions of the United States in this war.

Our people will not be a party to any intrigue or plot which may be detrimental in any way to the best interests of this country, of which we hope to be citizens as soon as opportunity will permit, and we do not wish to be considered as enemies.

Knowing that you will find us to be loyal to the Government and hoping that you will be able to alleviate the conditions that would cause in case we were to be considered as alien enemies, we beg to subscribe ourselves, etc.

The following telegram was sent to C. N. McArthur, Representative in Congress from this district: We, the undersigned committee, representing the south Slavs of Portland, hereby request that you use your influence in relieving the conditions which will be imposed upon our people in the event war is declared by the United States against Austria.

Our people, represented by this committee, while not citizens of the United States of America, fully sympathize with the allies in the war against Prussianism and hope that our race will gain freedom from the oppression which has been our lot under our present rulers.

We also beg you to believe that under no circumstances will our people be implicated in any intrigue against this Government.

From the text of President Wilson's address to Congress favoring a declaration of war against Austria, we realize that we must request you to use all honorable means to secure more lenient rulings governing the actions of the south Slavic people.

Our people are heartily in favor of war with Austria and desire to become citizens of the United States as soon as opportunity offers and wish to be relieved from the taint of being considered alien enemies.

RULES FOR AUSTRIANS DIFFER

New Class of Alien Enemies Are Not Treated as Germans Are.

Under the regulations prescribed by the President in his declaration of war against Austria, unaturalized Austro-Hungarians are not subjected to the same stringent restrictions as to their conduct as apply to German residents of the United States who do not have final citizenship papers.

The only restrictions against the Austrians at this time as fixed by the President's proclamation are provided in regulations 9, 10 and 11. These three regulations are now made applicable to all Austro-Hungarians. They are as follows:

(9) No alien enemy shall depart from the United States until he shall have received such permit as the President shall prescribe, or except under order of a court, judge or justice under sections 4099 and 4070 of the revised statutes.

(10) No alien enemy shall land in or enter the United States, except under such restrictions and at such places as the President may prescribe.

(11) An alien enemy whom there may be reasonable cause to believe to be aiding or about to aid the enemy, or who may be at large to the danger of the public peace or safety, or who violates or attempts to violate, or of whom there is reasonable ground to believe that he is about to violate, any regulation promulgated by the President, or any criminal law of the United States, or of the states or territories thereof, shall be subject to arrest by the United States Marshal, or his deputy, or any other officer as the President shall designate, and to confinement in a penitentiary, prison, jail, military camp, or other place of detention as may be directed by the President.

"At this time, therefore," said United States Attorney Reames yesterday, "all that a native or citizen of Austria-Hungary must do is to abide by the three regulations quoted above and otherwise behave himself. If these rules or regulations are changed by the President, notice thereof will be given by his proclamation."

CORN PRIZES ARE AWARDED

E. E. Ross, Santa Clara, Gets First at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special).—E. E. Ross, of Santa Clara, was today awarded first prize for the best bushel of corn exhibited at the Western Oregon Corn Show. Mr. Ross won second prize last year for exhibits at the Spokane and Eugene Bank of Commerce corn shows. Other principal awards announced today were as follows:

Best 10 ears, sweepstakes—C. J. Sluyter, Irving.
Best 10 ears yellow dent—Bottom land, McKean Bros., Junction City; prairie land, William Blake, Jr., Salem; hill land, John Maughn, Eugene.
Best 10 ears white dent—Lowland, L. E. Jennings, Remote, Coos County; upland, J. W. Simpson, Eugene.

The judges were Professor J. E. Larson, of Oregon Agricultural College; William Platt, Eugene, and Louis Smith, assistant agriculturist O. W. R. & N.

PARTNERS CAUSE ARREST

Greek Alleged to Have Taken Out More Than He Put in Business.

That Qua Poulos, a Greek, used too much "direct action" in his eagerness to collect \$40, which he alleged to be due him from his partners in the Criterion restaurant, 290 Stark street, is charged by Deputy District Attorney Dempsey, who filed a complaint charging him with larceny yesterday.

Poulos, it is said, agreed to purchase a one-third interest in the restaurant. He is said to have paid \$40 down. Later he got into a disagreement and decided to dissolve the partnership so far as he was concerned.

Unable to get his \$40 returned to him he took his attorney to the restaurant. While the attorney was in the kitchen talking with the two partners, Poulos is alleged to have rifled the safe of \$150.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Dustin Farnum, Star of 'The Spy' at Sunset Theater

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.
Majestic—Rex Beach's "The Auction Block."
People—Tyronne Power, "The Planter."
Star—Mary Miles Minter, "The Mate of the Sally Ann."
Sunset—Dustin Farnum, "The Spy."
Columbia—Billie Burke, "The Land of Promise."
Liberty—William Desmond, "Fighting Back."
Globe—"Who is Number One?"

Liberty.
A rich flavoring of the cowboy stuff one sees at such affairs as the Pendleton Round-up and Cheyenne Frontier Day, a thrilling gambling hall scrap, a fetching love tale and some splendid scenic effects are the chief ingredients of "Fighting Back," the Triangle photoplay starring Bill Desmond, which opened a two-day screening yesterday at the Liberty Theater.

There is plenty of dramatic action and heart interest in "Fighting Back," even if its story is not the most original in the realm of the celluloid drama. Desmond makes a fine hero, a weakling who makes good when a woman furnishes the incentive, while Claire MacDowell and Jack Richardson contribute some pleasing histrionics.

The weakling, an Army officer court-martialed through circumstantial evidence, is possessed of an unconquerable fear. He is found on the plains by a band of cowboys, gets a job as a cowpuncher, but his cowardice brings disgrace. He meets a dance-hall girl, known as "The Fury," falls in love with her, and wins the girl from China Mex, saloon owner, whom he vanquishes in a fistie affair.

Then comes a return to military life, with the news that the officer has been reinstated, the charge against him having been proved false.

Paramount-Bray Pictographs, Mutt and Jeff cartoon comedies and Liberty News Pictorial are also screened.

Star.
Pretty little Mary Miles Minter, she of the blonde tresses and perennial youthfulness—they swear she's still around the 16-year-mark—presents many admirers with some of the best film entertainment of her screen career in "The Mate of the Sally Ann," which is the week-end feature at the Star Theater.

Miss Minter is one of those fortunate individuals who look better in ragged clothes than in fancy gowns, and she never has been more attractive than in this new Mutual-American photo-tale. A ragged suit of men's clothes garbs her during the unfolding of a story which is unquestionably the best of her recent appearances.

This production introduces another canine star to the film world. This dog, who provides so much of the comedy of the play, seems more than human in his interpretation of his role. Alan Forrest and George Periolat are the leading male figures of the photoplay.

Sally, who is Miss Minter, lives with her old grandfather, Captain Ward, in the old ship, the Sally Ann, and because of his hatred for mankind Sally

RIGHT OF CITY TO SELL FISH ARGUED

Retail Dealers Sue to Close Municipal Market While Case Is Before Court.

WAR EMERGENCIES STATED

Defense Contends Council Is Aiding Nations by Providing Sea Food. Plaintiffs' Attorney Argues City Is Depriving Men of Work.

Arguments were in progress all day yesterday before Presiding Judge Kavanaugh in the case wherein a score of retail fish dealers are attempting to enjoin the City of Portland from engaging in the retail business, on the ground that it is unconstitutional and is in restraint of trade.

Arguments in behalf of the city were advanced by Martin L. Pipes, Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson and Richard W. Montague. Attorneys Malarkey and Seabrook are appearing for the fish dealers.

The city's contention is that by engaging in the retail fish business and selling fish at cost it is doing a public service. It was also contended that the city's advent into the retail fish business is in answer to the appeal of the Federal Government for full co-operation and assistance during the period of the war.

Meatless Day Plan Aided.
Judge Pipes pointed out that the Government has asked the people of this Nation to observe one meatless day each week; that it has further urged the people to eat fish in order that the meat supply might be conserved, and that the City of Portland, by furnishing fish to the public at cost, is simply doing its "bit" toward aiding the Government during the war crisis.

The city further denied, and quoted many authorities in support of its claim, that the act of the Council in passing the fish market ordinance was illegal. It was contended that the city had every right to engage in that business, and more especially during the time of war.

Dan J. Malarkey, who is making the principal argument in behalf of the retail dealers, declared that the Council's action was nothing more than a confiscation of the property of the small retail dealers. He declared it was crushing out competition in the retail fish business, and was depriving these retail dealers of their right to make an honest livelihood at their chosen vocation.

Political Move Seen.
He further declared that if the city had the legal authority to engage in the fish business, it also had the right to engage in the clothing business or in any other business it might desire to undertake. He pointed out what he declared to be the havoc which would be wrought should the city enter the clothing business, the grocery business, the meat business, or, in fact, any retail business, as is being done at the city fish market.

He further denounced the plan as a means of building up a political machine through the employment of more persons by the city. He pointed out if the city's contention that it was a war-time measure to correct the city would also be justified and expected to engage extensively in the farming of corn, barley and similar grains in order that it might assist the people to observe a meatless day as well as a fishless day.

In answer Judge Pipes said that, in his opinion, the city could engage in the farming business as was proposed by Mr. Malarkey if by so doing it would be aiding the country in the prosecution of the war.

During arguments by Judge Pipes a number of women who had been interested spectators throughout the hearing began to applaud. Judge Kavanaugh ordered quiet restored at once and threatened to exclude them from the courtroom if the applause were repeated.

The arguments will be continued again this morning, and it is expected the case will be submitted to the court by noon or shortly after. The retail fish dealers are seeking to obtain a temporary injunction to close the municipal fish market until the matter has been thoroughly threshed out by the court.

Camp Lewis Excursion.
Join the popular excursion to invite the soldier boys at Camp Lewis to visit Portland. See Union Pacific display ad on page 14 for details.—Adv.

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TODAY and TOMORROW

FIGHTING BACK

WITH WILD BILL DESMOND

is a rip snortin' two-fisted drama—a composite of the Pendleton Round-up and a Cheyenne celebration; the story of a dancehall queen and a United States cavalryman.

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Camp Lewis

(American Lake)

Saturday, December 15, 1917

VIA

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Camp Lewis will be the scene of a tremendous demonstration on Saturday. Between each demonstration will be exhibitions of trick and fancy riding by expert horsemen from the remount depot, comedy tricks, such as "bulldogging," wild mule riding, "cowgirl" and "all-dressed-up" races will be features.

Portland is going to Camp Lewis to extend a cordial invitation to the soldier boys and assure them of a warm welcome at the Rose City.

Round Trip Fare (Including War Tax) \$5.56

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