## RUSSIAN SUPPLY OF **MUNITIONS IS LOW**

Fall of Przemysl Ascribed to Inability of Factories to Meet Situation.

MANY SOLDIERS UNARMED

Tampering With Machinery by Spies Results in Enormous Quantity of Ammunition of Incorrect Size for Weapons Used.

LONDON, June 5 .- (Special.)-The fall of Przemysl was half expected in Russia several days before it happened. Even if the Russians had had time to fortify the fortress thoroughly, they had neither guns nor ammunition for such fortification. Indeed, all the recent Austro-German successes in Gali-cia and the Baltic provinces are direct-ly assignable to the Russian lack of guns and ammunition.

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Guns had been sent to the front without ammunition and thousands of soldiers marched to the front without rifles to act as reserves and take the places of the killed or wounded. Such troops are, of course, valueless except as they are able to find discarded rifles on the firing line.

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Official Foresight Lacking.

This situation was due to three things: The inadequacy of the Russian factories to supply ammunition and guns: the isolated situation of Russia, which has only two ports of entry—Archangel, where the accommodations are wholly inadequate to meet the needs, and Vladivostok, the use of which, because of the Pacific journey and long railroad communications, makes shipments uncertain and irregular: and the circumstance that the Russian war officials have lacked foresight and have been slow to place foreign orders.

To these facts must be added the capture by the Germans of large numbers of rifles and cannon in their success two months ago. It is also known that German spies have been blowing up powder depots and obtaining a foot-hold in the large arms factories of the country and tampering with the ma-chinery so that an enormous quantity of amminition has been discovered of an incorrect size.

Effective Force Too Small. It has been proved that the Russian army, when well equipped, can check the advance of the Austro-Germans, as they have done before Warsaw from December 19, since which time the lines around that city have been stationary.

lines around that city have been stationary. The Russian army, because of its length of line and dearth of arms, although having an unlimited supply of men, is actually too small in fighting force to meet the Austro-German advance.

This explanation alone makes the fall of Przemysl intelligible. Any army is great only in proportion as it covers the fighting line effectively.

The importance of the Austro-German victory in Galicia and the fall of Przemysl should not be underestimated. It is within the possibilities that the Russian forces will be driven out of Galicia and compelled to evacuout of Galicia and compelled to evacu-sie Warsaw before Russia has renewed its stores of ammunition, large con-signments of which, it is said, are al-ready on the way.

Equipment Problem Momentous. It seems probable, however, that Warsaw will not be taken, for the Russians fight best in adversity, and have a surprising way of pulling them-zelves together when everything seems hopeless. Because of Russia's isola-tion, it has even been suggested in high quarters that the supply of ammuni-tion among the allies be handed over to a Russian, British and French joint committee. If the problem of supply-ing Russia with war equipment is once solved, there will have been solved a problem much more impor-tant to the outcome of the war than is realized in England.

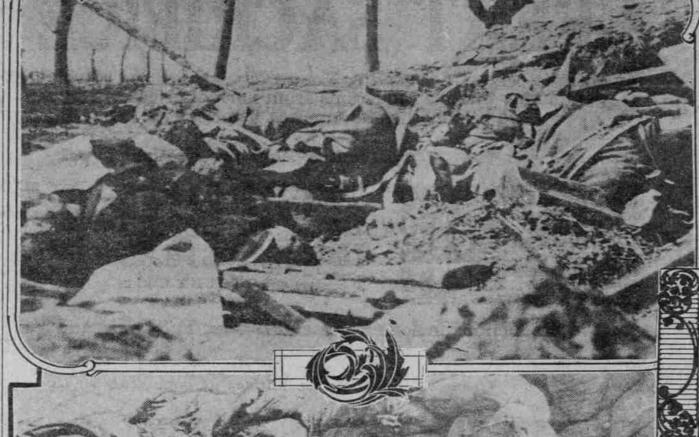
continued to commit atrocities in the districts of Bitlis, Mush and Diarbekr, Armenian volunteers in increasing numbers are fighting desperately to protect the Christian population from the Kurds. Inhabitants of Diarbekr, following the example of the Arme-nians in Van, have organized armed

The population of Urumiah, in Persian Armenia, greeted the Russians with enthusiasm. Food for the refu-gees in the American missions was brought by the Russians. The con-sulates at Urumiah and Van have suffered little in the fighting of the last few months.

The success of the Russians in these districts is causing disaffection among the Persians and Arabians. Disorders are developing.

The concentration by the Turks of military efforts on the Dardanelles has caused a shortage of arms and ammunition for their troops in the Car A portion of the artillery has been re-moved from the Turkish forts at Erzerum, the principal city of Turkish

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HOW GERMAN WAR GAS FELLS ITS VICTIMS.

SCENES IN TRENCHES OF ALLIES, SHOWING BODIES OF SOLDIERS SUFFOCATED.

GERMAN MINISTER SAYS SURPLUS WILL BE CARRIED OVER.

Eighty Per Cent of Arable Area of Bel- Coalition Government Now Regard- Freight Engagements Limited to July gium and France Planted to Potatoes and Grain by Troops.

The Russian people are determined to fight to the end, and this feeling and form Berlin says that Clements of the form Berlin says that Clements also dominates the Russian army. Harred against Germany and Austria is intense and the German element realizes that any attempt at the prospect of the surplus of

## REFORM WINS REWARD

GOVERNOR REFUSES WRIT FOR MAN WHO REDEEMED HIMSELF.

Escape From Washington Reformatory Not to Count Against Record to Which Neighbors Testify.

SACRAMENTO, June 5. - Governor Johnson denied today the application of the Governor of the State of Washington for extradition of Ragner Berg, from Vallejo, on a charge of escaping from the Washington State Reforma-

The denial was on the ground that the papers were faulty and also on the Kaiser's government has admitted were state by the group of crusaders strivadditional ground that Berg now is mistaken for British ships.

to Germany. It was to the effect that the last of the French reserves were in the field and that raw young recruits had been called up. The case was heard under the defense

HUNGARY TO REORGANIZE ed as Virtually Certain.

LONDON, June 5 .- The Exchange AMSTERDAM, via London, June 5.— Telegraph Company has published a dispatch from Vienna, received by way of Amsterdam, saying it is now prac-

Police Report That Patrolman Jones Fired at Man Near His Home.

Persons living in the vicinity of East Twelfth and Ainsworth streets were aroused early Saturday morning by two shots, followed by loud calls for mercy. Investigation by the police revealed that the shooting was done by N. M. Jones, a policeman, who had discovered a man named Niles prowling in the vicinity of Jones' home. Niles claimed acquaintance with Jones, and protested that he had called to see him in search of information about Mrs. Niles. Niles was taken to the police station but later released.

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PACIFIC MAIL DECLINES BUSINESS, returning to the White House OWING TO SEAMAN'S ACT.

31, Passenger Bookings Subject to Cancellation.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5,-Further

by Chinese. Compliance with the sea-man's act would be runinous, Pacific Mail officials announced some time ago. The act provides that crews shall uncertain food and sanitary regulations which the company said would be onerous.

SINGLE TAXERS WOULD LEND ONE THIRD FOR BUILDING.

Talk Switches to Water Meters and Opponent Cites Havana Case, While W. S. U'Ren Indorses Them.

Single taxers at the Central Library

last night considered an entirely nev proposition embodied in the measure to be submitted to the voters of the

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## NOTE NOT CABLED, REASON NOT GIVEN

President's Missive to Germany Still Awaits Action by Legal Officers.

ALL DETAILS ARE SECRET

British Ambassador Transmits Sol emn Assurance of His Government to State Department That

Lusitania Was Unarmed.

WASHINGTON, June 5 .- The note which President Wilson with the approval of his Cabinet had prepared to be sent to Germany insisting on an adherence to the rules of international law in the conduct of maritime warfare was not cabled today. Word came

fare was not cabled today. Word came from the White House in the forencon that it had been virtually finished, but the document was not given to the legal officers of the State Department today, as had been expected.

The reason for the delay in the dispatch of the note was not revealed. President Wilson played golf during the morning and went motoring after luncheon with members of his family, returning to the White House after sundown. Secretary Bryan went driv-ing in the afternoon. Counselor Robert Lansing went to the baseball game.

Legal Revision Remains, Officials declined to say when the note would be cabled or what its status was. The fact that the President had practically finished it led to the belief that Secretary Bryan would study it tonight and tomorrow, and that it

Freight engagements from San Francisco are not being made beyond July
31, the sailing date of the steamer
bookings are being made subject to
cancellation, both here and at Oriental
ports.

The last sailing date on the schedule is that of the steamer Mongolia,
November 2. She will omit calling at
Honolulu because she could not reach
there in time to get clearance before

Time of Dispatch Kept Secret, an official secret tonight.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador here, has transmitted a note from the British government solemnly assuring the United States that the Lusitania was not armed. This assurance conforms with the investigation conducted by American officials

## The Peerless WEED Destroyer

IS EPILEPSY CONQUERED?

New Jersey Physician Said to Have Many Cures to His Credit.

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RED BANK, N. J., June 5.—Advices from every direction fully confirm previous reports: that the summariable treatment for epilepsy belinding of the summariable treatment for epilepsy be What of the weeds? This device will

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before the ship was given clearance from the Port of New York by Colector Dudley Field Malone.

Affidavits asserting that Gustave Stahle saw guns mounted on the Lusitania are still under investigation by the Department of Investigation. by the Department of Justice, but of-ficials declared no evidence had been adduced to prove the statements made in the affidavits. Portuguese "Men-of-War" Beached.

A man believed to be A. E. Day, of Cartland, Neb.

A man believed to be A. E. Day, of Cartland, Neb., was killed by the Northern Pacific southbound train near Willbridge last night. He was sitting on the track a short distance in front of the train when first seen by the crew, it is said. The engine hit the man as he rose to his feet.

The man was well dressed, and apparently well-to-do. A considerable mount of money, a watch and a round ancisco and Los Arm.

SEASIDE, Or., June 5 .- (Special.)-

Myriads of argonauts or Paper Nautilus,

### Recommendations of the Taxpayers' League, City Election

In accordance with its custom of many years, the Taxpayers' League has carefully considered the measures on the ballot at this election and presents herewith its recommendations to voters.

TAXPAYERS LEAGUE.

An ordinance authorizing the purchase of 5000 water metera. Water should be paid for by the user according to the amount used. This matter has been considered by the League on three occasions, and the league has always resolved in favor of the meter system. Those in charge of the Water Department, including the Chief Englineer, who has had 22 years' experience in the department, believe this measure is necessary and expedient. The amount required to purchase and install these meters will not exceed \$40,000, and will be paid from water revenues. Constant enlargement of mains made necessary by waste of water must be paid for by bond issues, thus increasing fixed charges and making reductions in rates impossible. Use of water will not be curtailed. Waste will be. The measure promotes private thrift and economy in public affairs.

SUNDAY CLOSING-102-103 An ordinance prohibiting the opening of shops, stores and groceries on Sundays. This has nothing to do with taxation. It is a simple question which is well understood, and the league does not feel that a recommendation from it is necessary.

NO RECOMMENDATION. CIVIL SERVICE AMENDMENT-104-105

A charter amendment relating to reappointments in the classified civil service. Corrects an error in the present charter by providing that the last man discharged shall be the first reinstated, and, accordingly, gives preference to the more able employes and those who have a longer record of service with the civil the service. VOTERS ARE ADVISED TO VOTE "YES." MUNICIPAL GARBAGE COLLECTION-106-107

This provides, among other things, for the free collection of garbage, and entails an expense of probably \$150,000 a year, necessitating also a new site and the building of a new incinerator. This is a large additional expense which is not necessary at present.

VOTERS ARE ADVISED TO VOTE "NO."

ELIMINATION OF GRADE CROSSINGS-108-109 A charter amendment to provide in one proceeding for the elimina-tion of grade crossings on two or more streets. The city should pos-sess this power. It would reduce expenses by permitting the pro-ceedings for several street crossings on the same railroad to be

voters are advised to vote "YES." POUND MANAGEMENT-110-111

A charter amendment authorizing the pound work to be contracted out and delegating to the contractor necessary police power. The conduct of the pound is a proper municipal function. If the pound is not being properly conducted now, such improvements as are necessary should be adopted. The delegation of police power is justifiable only on a strong showing of necessity. No necessity appears for delegating this work to private parties. VOTERS ARE ADVISED TO VOTE "NO."

"JITNEYS "-112-113 An ordinance licensing and regulating the operation of "Jitneys." Some regulation of public carriers is essential. It is milder and less restrictive than most. It will mean a great improvement on the present traffic conditions. Being an ordinance, defects which appear

VOTERS ARE ADVISED TO VOTE "YES." BONDING ACT CHANGES-114-115

This amendment reduces the minimum that may be bonded to \$5, provides for a better method of sale on delinquency, and for semi-annual interest payments to enable the city to meet the semi-annual interest on its bonds. At present a large amount of money must be advanced from the general fund to carry delinquent and deferred payments due from property owners. This would help correct that voters are advised to vote "YES."

FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND-116-117

This provides for a contribution from temporary firemen to the pension fund. It also extends relief from that fund to two disabled firemen whose injuries were received shortly before the law became effective. This is entirely equitable and just.

VOTERS ARE ADVISED TO VOTE "YES."

FIRE WALLS-118-119 A charter amendment authorizing condemnation of land for the erection of fire stops, and assessment of the cost against the property benefited. Recent destructive dock fires have made need for fire stops particularly apparent. The measure seems well designed, and the property benefited should stand the expense.

VOTER ARE ADVISED TO VOTE "YES."

ADMISSION OF ST. JOHNS

A measure to include St. Johns in the City of Portland. St. Johns has assets to offset its obligations. Geographically it fits in, Its proportion of taxes paid will meet its share of the city expense. It VOTERS ARE ADVISED TO VOTE "YES,"

ADMISSION OF LINNTON VOTERS ARE ADVISED TO VOTE "NO."

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