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#### Fate of Przemysl May be Decided in Outcome of Enormous Struggle Now in Progress.

### GERMANS SUFFER BIG LOSSES

#### Teutons Cross River in Face of Terrible Fire But Are Driven Back By Counter Attacks of the Russians—Mackensen's Army Quiet on Western Side.

PETROGRAD, May 21.—Three hundred thousand men are locked in a great battle north of Jaroslavl which may decide the fate of Przemysl.

In the fact of a terrible artillery fire, the left wing of the Austro-German army forced a crossing of the Labaczovka river near Radava.

Enormous losses were suffered by the enemy in the advance which proved to be but a temporary advantage.

Strong counter attacks by the Russian forces turned the Austrians and Germans back across the river where they are now declared to face annihilation or capture.

Dispatches declared General Von Mackensen has almost ceased his attacks upon the western forts of Przemysl pending the outcome of the attempted envelopment of the stronghold on the east bank of the San. An official statement issued says the situation elsewhere is satisfactory.

"Fighting in southeastern Poland and southeastern Galicia and in Courland continues to our advantage," declares the statement.

### SWITZERLAND WILL ACT FOR GERMANY AT ROME

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Switzerland will represent Germany in Rome if Italy declares war, the German embassy announced today.

Abrams Succeeds Hobbs. SALEM, Ore., May 21.—Miss Fern Hobbs was succeeded today as a member of the state accident commission by Carle Abrams.

### MUCH GOOD WORK DONE ON PENDLETON-FULTON ROAD

#### VOLUNTEER CREW IS STILL ENGAGED IN IMPROVING THE HIGHWAY.

Probably the most effective volunteer work in the county yesterday was done on the road from Pendleton to Fulton for which district Barney Anderson was the committeeman. In fact the work was not confined to yesterday but began on Wednesday and a volunteer crew is still engaged today.

The road has been graded from the Lee street grade to Fulton and drainage. The culverts are also being ditched arranged so as to provide drainage. The culverts are also being improved and other betterments made.

Among those engaged in the work yesterday were Tom Hampton, with man and team; Barney Anderson, with two men and team; Henry Rosenberg with 10 mules and road grader; Frank Rogers with man and two teams; Herman Rohik with two men and a team and T. W. Goodale with four mules. More men have joined the crew today and it is expected to place the road in first class shape.

Between Saxo station and Helt Ben Crosswell, road supervisor, has had a crew at work doing some effective road improving.

Money may not bring happiness, but no man is willing to take another's word for it.

### MAY WHEAT MAKES JUMP OF THREE CENTS

CHICAGO, May 21.—(Special)—A three cents advance in May wheat with a still further advance in July quotations marked the wheat pit operations today. At the close the quotations stood May \$1.55 3-4; July \$1.25 1-2; September \$1.22 3-8.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21.—Portland wheat prices today have been, club \$1.10; bluestem \$1.17.

## ULTIMATUM MAY BE ON WAY TO VIENNA TONIGHT, BELIEVED

### Senate Ratifies Action of Chamber of Deputies Approving Government's War Program—Von Buelow is Still in Rome, According to Latest Reports, and is Hoping to Gain More Time for Austria.

ROME, May 21.—An ultimatum may be sent Austria by the Italian government before night.

After a brief morning session the cabinet recessed until late this afternoon when another meeting will be held. The senate met this afternoon to ratify the action of the chamber of deputies in approving the government's war program. It is understood the ministry will take decisive action after the senate has adjourned.

Prince Von Buelow and Baron Macchio, the German and Austrian ambassadors, had not left Rome early this afternoon. At the embassies it was stated that neither foresaw a diplomatic incident "likely to involve an immediate rupture." Attaches expressed the hope Italy would not begin hostilities without giving Austria an opportunity to make fresh overtures.

No statement was issued following the recess of the cabinet. It was asserted authoritatively, however, that Italy's course is determined and that the government is not to be swayed by Austria's dilatory tactics regarding the concessions demanded by Rome.

Military experts are of the opinion Austria is not prepared for a conflict with Italy and is playing for time in order to complete border defenses.

The action scheduled in the senate this afternoon is purely formal. It is expected to pass a bill empowering the government to act without debate.

As a result of a general agreement many shops closed today and the entire population of the city gave itself over to a holiday celebration. Placards were placed at doors of stores and shops reading: "Closed for national joy."

VENICE, May 21.—Austria today began internment all Italian males of military age. Fifty thousand boys and men between 17 and 60 around Barbariga, Dignano and Marzana have been placed aboard trains for the concentration camps established at Carniola and Croatia, according to advices received here. Leading Italians at Pola have been arrested and others terrorized by Austrian mobs.

NAPLES, May 21.—The Italian authorities seized a Greek steamer today carrying a cargo of 21,000 tons of rice consigned to Germany.

ROME, May 21.—It is reported a war council will be held tonight.

ROME, May 21.—Premier Salandra this afternoon introduced in the senate a bill giving the cabinet plenary powers in the identical form in which it was passed by the chamber of deputies yesterday. The bill was referred to a committee with instructions for an immediate report.

### Four Bears Fall to Rifles of Hunters in Southland Wilds

#### STEWER, JACK AND THOMSON MAKE GOOD CATCH ON RECENT TRIP.

There is bearsteak in town today as proof of the prowess of the local hunting party that left Pendleton nine days ago for the wilds of the southland with as much preparation but less pomp than marked the departure of Teddy Roosevelt for the South African jungles. Four bears in all fell before the trusty rifles of District Attorney Fred Stewer and Fish and Game Commissioner Marion Jack of this city and Asa B. Thomson of Echo.

They spent more than a week bent on the brush of Camas Creek, Cable Creek, Bridge Creek, Texas Bar and Big Creek. Reinforced with eight dogs, four of which were Airedales and others mixtures, they took the trail of the Bruins and, after the hardest kind of work, succeeded in bringing down four of the shaggy brutes. The biggest of the bunch shot only a short distance from camp by Asa Thomson after being out of cover by the trailing party.

The three hunters were joined by John Miller of Pilot Rock and were also accompanied by a man who handled the dogs. Because of their proneness to take a deer trail, the dogs were kept in leash until they got on the hot scent of a bear. At times they worked well and were not averse to battling the bruin when the quarry was run down.

Two of the hides was brought in and the carcass of the biggest bear is hung up today in the Oregon Market. It weighs between 450 and 500 pounds.

Cleveland Manager Removed. CLEVELAND, May 21.—President Somers of the Cleveland Americans, announced that Manager Birmingham has been relieved of duties owing to "unsatisfactory progress" by the club. His successor has not been announced.

## Italian Soldiers in New Field Uniforms



NEW MILITARY EQUIPMENT ITALIAN ARMY

Now that Italy is prepared to enter the world-war on the side of the allies, the feats of her armies will be closely watched. It was only recently that the Italian government furnished new equipment for the troops and the accompanying photograph shows the uniforms of officers and infantryman. During the past nine months Italy has been putting all her energy into having the army fit for the field and ready to launch a vigorous campaign against Austria.

## ROADS OF COUNTY PUT IN SHAPE BY VOLUNTEER LABOR

### Highways are Much Improved as Consequence of Observance Yesterday of "Good Roads Day."

### RESULTS VERY SATISFACTORY

#### So Much Good Accomplished That Plan is Now Afoot to Set Aside One Day in Each Month for Similar Work—Most Extensive Improvement is Done at McKay Grade.

Many roads in Umatilla county today are in better shape in consequence of the observance of "Good Roads Day" yesterday by hundreds of citizens. Many chuck holes were filled or drained, many culverts put in, many ruts eliminated, and many stretches of highway graded and drained so that the traveling public will find riding much easier. So much good was accomplished and so much enthusiasm aroused that there is already a move afoot to set aside one day each month for similar work.

Some of the most extensive work done yesterday was on the McKay grade on the Pilot Rock road. A drainage ditch was built along the bluff side of the road so that the waters that pour down the hillside will not flow on to the road at all. The rocks that made the grade rough were removed and practically all of the work that can be done without blasting was completed. A Pendleton party, consisting of Dr. F. W. Vincent, F. E. Judd, E. J. Murphy, Tom Thompson and A. J. McAllister joined with a party of farmers consisting of Julius Guderan and son, Jov Holmes and Howard Dunn and their hired men, on this work. Eleven teams were used. On the same road this side of the county poor farm, two other teams were at work all day grading and draining the highway. A culvert was put in to eliminate one big chuck hole. Farther out toward Pilot Rock parties from the countryside and from Pilot Rock were at work all day and made good headway.

In the party that went from here to Thorn Hollow, were fourteen and by 5 o'clock in the afternoon they had cleaned the long grade from rocks. Their force consisted of J. F. Robinson, Douglas Belts, A. H. Cox, Judge C. H. Marsh, Tom Keating, William Hoch, Ed Rahr, John Russell, Ray Crystal, H. G. Blydenstein, Roland Oliver, J. E. Montgomery, Charles Hamilton and William Ferguson.

Instead of going out on the Echo road a party consisting of Walter

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### ALTA THEATER BOUGHT BY MEN FROM SPOKANE

#### POPULAR LOCAL PLAYHOUSE NOW UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP.

L. E. Chaloner of Spokane and H. A. Deary, formerly of Pottlatch, have purchased the Alta theater from the former owners, C. M. Stype, Miss Norma Alloway and Miss Edith Johnson and the new proprietors are now in charge of the popular local playhouse.

Both the new owners are young men and confident of success in their venture. They announce that the Alta will be conducted along the same lines as at present, giving the public high grade pictures and vaudeville.

During the time the Alta was conducted by the former owners the house did a prosperous business and it is the hope of the new management to continue and improve that record.

K. G. Warner, prominent sheepman of this county, is here today for the purpose of getting information as to the wool market.

### NEWS SUMMARY

General. No verdict yet in Roosevelt-Barnes case. 300,000 men engage in terrific struggle for control of Przemysl. Farms are buried under sea of mud from Mount Lassen. Ultimatum may be sent Austria tonight by Italy.

Local. Much good work is done on Good Roads Day. Olson & Johnson get contract for hospital wing. Local hunters return with bear and deer stories. Miss Bunch, well known resident, passes away.

### Cabinet Official Portland Visitor



SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE HOUSTON.

Information being sought about possibilities for development of water power on National Forests—Mr. Houston spends but few minutes in Portland on trip of inspection.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21.—To gain first hand knowledge of the potential water-power in the national forests, David E. Houston, United States secretary of agriculture, is traveling through Oregon and Washington. He visited Portland yesterday morning but as Portland is not included within the boundaries of any forest reserve he did not linger long.

In fact, Mr. Houston didn't even leave the terminal district, where he arrived over the Southern Pacific at 7:29 o'clock and whence he departed over the North Bank at 9:55 o'clock.

"No, I don't think we are planning any new policy regarding either the forests or the water power in the forests," said Secretary Houston.

"We are trying to conduct the business of the forestry bureau in a business-like manner and that's the principal reason I am out here. It's hard to know what the business of my department consists of if I merely stay in Washington and don't get in direct touch with the outside country. That's what I want out here—the direct touch."

In the last five or six weeks Mr. Houston has inspected a large portion of the forest area in the federal reserve and has come into close contact with the rangers and the men, actually in the service.

"I have learned more about the forestry service in these few weeks," he said, "than I could learn in as many years by remaining back in the capital."

The only person traveling with Mr. Houston is A. F. Potter, associate forester at Washington. George H. Ceeli of Portland, district forester in charge of the work in Oregon, Washington and Alaska, is conducting the party through the reserves in his jurisdiction.

"I have been away from Washington so long that I don't know anything about the war situation, and much less about politics," said Secretary Houston.

Riga Captured, Reported. LONDON, May 21.—Private dispatches to Stockholm stating the Germans have captured Riga after a naval engagement in the Baltic were not confirmed from any other source. The report is not credited in official circles.

## FARMS BURIED IN SEA OF MUD FROM VOLCANO'S CRATER

### Mount Lassen in Violent Eruption Sends Inhabitants Along Hat Creek Scurrying to the Hills.

### MANY LIVESTOCK ARE KILLED

#### Warnings Are Sent by Forest Rangers of Danger and it is Believed People Near Mountain Escaped Safely—Mud Flood Now Five Miles From Postoffice at Cassel.

REDDING, Calif., May 21.—Mount Lassen, California's volcano, is sending forth a veritable river of mud which is burying farms along Hat Creek from four to six feet deep. The people are fleeing from their homes to find safety in the hills.

Warnings reached here at midnight from forest rangers. W. G. Hall failed to receive the warning in time and his house and barn were swept away. He reports that members of his family escaped in their night clothes. Hall said every head of stock had been killed except one horse.

Last reports stated the mud flood was five miles above the postoffice at Cassel. The farms of Wilbur Wilcox and Charles Hawkins are both submerged in mud, advices say. The families escaped.

The volcano is sending forth volumes of smoke and strong sulphuric fumes. No lava and no ashes are being ejected yet but just unending mud.

## Jury is Still Out in Barnes Suit for Libel Against T. R.

### REPORTED THIS MORNING VERDICT FOR COLONEL REACHED BUT IS ILLEGAL.

SYRACUSE, May 21.—At 2:45 o'clock this afternoon the jury in the Roosevelt-Barnes trial had returned a verdict. Justice Andrews announced the jury would not be discharged until 10 o'clock tomorrow if no verdict was reached.

The jury this morning reported it had reached a verdict in favor of Roosevelt and recommended the costs of the case be divided between the plaintiff and defendant, but a poll of the jury showed one member favored Barnes. Declaring the recommendation illegal, the jury again was sent back for further deliberation by Justice Andrews.

## MISS CORA BUNCH DIES FROM ATTACK OF TYPHOID

### WELL KNOWN WOMAN OF PENDLETON PASSES AWAY AT HOSPITAL.

Taken ill with typhoid fever on her 45th birthday, Miss Cora Bunch, for the past 12 years a resident of Pendleton, succumbed to the disease yesterday morning at 6 o'clock at St. Anthony's hospital. She had been in the hospital for the past four weeks.

Miss Bunch was a native of Missouri, having been born in that state on April 24, 1870. During her residence in Pendleton she made a great many friends to whom her death is a personal loss. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. J. C. Neil, and two brothers, Ed and Harry C. Hayes, all of this city.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the local Baptist church. Rev. Stockton of Adams will have charge.

## ERROR IN FIGURES GIVES BID FOR NEW WING TO HOSPITAL TO OLSON AND JOHNSON COMPANY

SALEM, Ore., May 21.—The contract for the construction of the new wing of the Eastern Oregon Hospital for the insane at Pendleton was let today by the state board of control to the Olson and Johnson company of Portland, the second lowest bidder. Their bid was \$77,880.

Parker and Hanfield of Portland, who had the lowest bid, explained that a mistake of \$4843.95 had been made in figuring and asked the board's permission to raise their bid on account of the error. This would still have been \$2497 under that of Olson and Johnson but Architect Knighton said he believed the board could not be fair and raise the bid. The board then unanimously voted to give Olson and Johnson the contract and returned the Parker and Hanfield check for \$3398. The check could have been forfeited but the board did not feel this would be right under the circumstances.