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AMERICANS TO BE GUARDED IN CASE OF GERMAN BREAK

Ambassador Gerard Has Made Preparations for Transporting Residents in Berlin to Safety.

SPECIAL TRAIN IS SECURED

Von Jagow, Foreign Minister, Gives Assurance That Americans Will Be Protected in the Event of Diplomatic Relations Between Two Nations Being Severed.

AMSTERDAM, June 3.—Ambassador Gerard already has arranged to safeguard Americans in Berlin in case of unforeseen events, it was learned. The ambassador has asked the foreign office for assurances that a special train will be furnished members of the embassy staff and their families and other Americans, in which they may leave Berlin in the event of a breach. Members of the American Red Cross Polish relief workers and American newspapermen would leave on the same train under this arrangement. Foreign Minister Von Jagow assured Gerard full protection will be given all Americans.

ROUTINE TRANSFER OF TROOPS LEADS TO RUMORS OF WAR

SECRETARY GARRISON DENIES EMPHATICALLY NO PREPARATIONS MADE.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—No war preparations have been ordered on any contemplated, either by the regular army or the state militia, because of the Mexican and German situations, Secretary of War Garrison stated emphatically today.

Transfers of troops to and from the Philippines and along the Mexican border are merely routine matters, he said. No increase in the border guard has been proposed. Some patrols are being shifted and some summer maneuvers planned, but the secretary insisted none of these moves has even a remote connection with active service. It is not proposed to use soldiers or marines to guard or distribute food and supplies taken to Mexico by the Red Cross relief workers, according to Garrison and Secretary Bryan.

MATTER OF SECURING STRIP OF LAND TO BE CONSIDERED

COUNCIL, LIBRARY BOARD AND OWNERS OF PROPERTY WILL MEET JUNE 9.

For the purpose of arriving at some understanding relative to the request of the library board for the vacation of a few feet of Jackson street adjoining the library site, a meeting of the council, the library board and Charles Greulich and R. Alexander, owners of the property opposite the library site, has been called for Wednesday, June 9.

This call was in response to a communication to the council last evening from Judge S. A. Lowell, representing Messrs. Greulich and Alexander. He stated that notice had been given that plans for the library building had been accepted and this before the vacation matter had been settled.

Plans and specifications were last evening adopted for the Garden street sewer and an ordinance passed ordering the construction and advertisement for bids.

May Order Gas Plant Moved. Representing property owners on Thompson street near Railroad, Norborn Berkeley addressed the council last evening, asking for the reopening of Railroad street which was closed in 1891 to permit the construction of a gas plant on it.

Mr. Berkeley complained that the only way of access to his and other back yards has been along the railroad right-of-way and that now the O. W. R. & N. Co. is contemplating closing this to traffic because of near-accidents. In this event he stated that to get to his back yard, a wagon would have to go to Webb street and drive two blocks out of the way.

Recorder Fitz Gerald stated that the original grant to the use of the street to the gas company expired in 1906. The matter was referred to the street committee and city attorney.

QUESTION OF ARMS ON LUSITANIA IS HELD IRRELEVANT

President Wilson Receives Legal Opinion Which Will Probably be Incorporated in Second Note.

ISSUES ARE BEING NARROWED

Main Point Now Seems to Be Question of Submarine Warfare and Safety of Americans at Sea—Affidavits Filed With State Department to Be Considered.

Aviator Was German. BERLIN, June 3.—The German foreign office admitted it was very probable the aviator who attacked the American steamer Cushing was a German, it was learned. The admission was made in a note from the foreign office to Ambassador Gerard. It was previously learned Germany is willing to grant the owners of the Cushing full damages without prize court proceedings.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Within a few hours the president will have a legal opinion disposing of Germany's contentions regarding the Lusitania. It will then be up to him to decide how much of this opinion is to become a part of his rejoinder to the Kaiser's unsatisfactory reply. The president's next note is expected to be approved by the cabinet tomorrow and dispatched to Berlin. The legal opinion will state positively that Germany's question regarding the Lusitania, carrying arms and Canadian reserves is irrelevant. (Continued on page five.)

UNITED STATES IS READY TO HANDLE MEXICAN FACTIONS

Administration Prepared for Anything That May Come as Result of President Wilson's Note.

2 WEEK'S TIME TO BE GIVEN

Leaders Will Be Allowed Ample Opportunity to Get Together to Agree on Strong Provisional Government—Disquieting Reports of Americans Killed Are Received.

LAREDO, June 3.—Evidently preparing for further hostilities instead of endeavoring to reach an agreement with the other factions, the Carrancistas have taken 400,000 rounds of rifle ammunition into Mexico. It was learned today the ammunition is being taken to arsenals in the north and more is said to be en route in order that it may be in the hands of the military forces before a possible embargo has been declared.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The administration is prepared for anything in Mexico. With the president's firm statement now in the hands of the Mexican leaders, the cabinet is expected to consider what "reasonable time" will be given the factions to get together and agree on a strong provisional government. It is probable no more than a fortnight will be allowed in which the warring factions will be expected to lay down their arms and begin the work of reconstruction. (Continued on page eight.)

JOHNSON LOTS TO BE PURCHASED TO BE USED FOR PARK

By Vote of 5 to 3 City Council Accepts Proposition of Civic Club—Will Pay \$2000 Toward Price.

ATTEMPT TO BLOCK PLAN

Acting Mayor Dyer and Councilmen Cole and Ell Try to Have Action Postponed—Upon Motion Vote Is Later Made Unanimous—Title to Cemetery to Go With Lots.

The Johnson lots adjoining the old cemetery on the north side will be purchased for city park purposes. By a vote of 5 to 3 the city council last evening accepted the proposition presented by the Civic Club and this vote was afterwards made unanimous. By the terms of the proposition, the city guarantees the payment of \$2000 of the \$3000 purchase price. The original proposition provided for the city to guarantee \$2500 but the Civic Club last evening announced that it would secure \$1000 of the total amount. The city will not be called upon to advance any money this year, the Civic Club having made provision for the first payment of \$500. Even the new proposition met with opposition and an attempt was made by Acting Mayor Dyer and Councilmen Cole and Ell to postpone action. Following the submission of the new proposition, Councilman Montgomery made a motion to accept it, and Councilman Murphy made the second. The motion was put at once, the voting being by acclamation. There were no negatives voiced but Acting Mayor Dyer announced that he would require a rollcall. Councilman Cole declared further time should be taken to investigate the new proposition and Councilman Cole declared at least another week should be taken. The acting mayor declared he favored holding the matter off until the people could vote upon it. Councilman Murphy called for the rollcall. Councilmen Cole, Dyer and Ell voted in the negative and Councilmen Montgomery, Murphy, Phelps, Siebert and Vaughan voted affirmatively. It was Councilman Siebert's vote that decided the issue, the other four who voted affirmatively having stood for the proposition since it was first submitted. When the city's guarantee was reduced to \$2000, Councilman Siebert declared he would stand for it.

Upon Councilman Cole's motion and Councilman Ell's second, the vote upon the proposition was made unanimous. By purchasing the Johnson lots, the city not only acquires that strip of land but, it is understood, will secure title to the cemetery property, nearly two blocks in area. With the Johnson deed the city will secure a quitclaim deed signed by Mrs. Abra M. Haley, the original owner of the cemetery property and it is understood, will also secure a deed from the trustees of the cemetery. Favor East End Park. Reporting upon the petition for the purchase of the block in the east end of the city, owned by the Catholic Sisters and now used for hitching grounds, Chairman Murphy of the finance committee declared the committee to be in favor of the block for park purposes providing it can be secured at a reasonable price. "The block is situated ideally for a park," he said, "and should be purchased, if the price is reasonable." He asked for another week in which to make a further investigation of this proposition and also of the petition for a park in the west end.

GERMANS RETAKE PRZEMYSL SLAVS RETREAT IN DISORDER STRATEGIC POINT IS GAINED

Vast Quantities of Supplies and Ammunition Taken by Austro-German Army Which Has Been Bombarding The Stronghold for Three Weeks--Slavs Retreating Toward Lemberg--Big Guns of The Germans Smash Northern Forts to Pieces and Infantry Rushes Into Gaps and Drives Enemy out of Positions

Acting Head of Italy During War



Duke of Genoa.

The Duke of Genoa, uncle of the king of Italy, has been appointed by him to act in his stead during his war. The king issued a proclamation on assuming command of the army and navy in action. It read as follows: "We, Victor Emmanuel, on the report of the president of the cabinet and hearing the advice of the council of ministers, have appointed our most beloved uncle, Tommaso, of Savoy, Duke of Genoa, our lieutenant-general during our absence from the capital.

"On the advice of the responsible minister he will transact all matters of ordinary administration and every other matter having the character of urgency. "He will sign all royal decrees, which will be counter-signed in the usual form."

OLD KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS BUILDING PREY TO FLAMES

FIRE AT 9:15 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT PARTIALLY DESTROYS FRAME STRUCTURE.

Fire that broke out at 9:15 o'clock last evening partially destroyed the old Knights of Pythias building on the corner of Main and Water streets, one of the few remaining wooden buildings in the business district. But for the prompt action of the fire department, the building would have been a total loss and the fire might have spread to adjoining buildings. As it is the loss is estimated not to reach beyond \$250 and was covered by insurance.

DISOLUTION DENIED

TRENTON, N. J., June 3.—The government's action asking for an injunction and dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation was denied by the federal court.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. San Marino declares war on Austria. Administration is ready for anything that comes in Mexico. Przemysl is recaptured by the Austro-German army. Local. Council votes to buy north side park strip at reduced price. C. P. Strain urged as candidate for school director. Fire partially destroys K. of P. property. Library board, council and property owners to settle question of vacancy of street.

VIENNA, June 3.—Przemysl was recaptured by the Austro-German army of Von Mackensen today, after a siege of three weeks, during which tons of shells were hurled against the fortifications by the great German field guns. Many prisoners, cannon, machine guns and great supplies of food and munitions were captured. The Russians are now reported in disorderly retreat back upon Lemberg.

The terrific bombardment broke the northern forts of Przemysl to pieces. Large bodies of Austrian and German troops rushed through the gaps between the ruined forts and drove the Russian garrison through the town. Today German cavalry is harassing the retreating forces, retiring upon entrenchments in the vicinity of Mosciska.

The capture of Przemysl gives Von Mackensen undisputed control of the Jaroslau-Przemysl railway to a point 40 miles south of the forts. The railway parallels the new battle front which the Russians are attempting to form and is of great strategic value. By using the railroad, the Austrians and Germans will be able to concentrate enormous forces for smashes against the Russian line toward Lemberg.

DEATH CAMAS FOUND TO BE CAUSE OF KILLING SHEEP

INVESTIGATION UNCOVERS CAUSE OF LOSS OF ANIMALS ON DEATH RIDGE.

Death camas is the cause of the death of many sheep passing along the Death Ridge road south of Pilot Rock. This definite information was given out by Assistant District Forester Thos. P. MacKenzie, Supervisor W. W. Cryder and Dr. H. E. Pinkerton yesterday evening upon their return from a personal investigation of the cause of the sheep losses in that vicinity.

They found a considerable area along on either side of the ridge road in which the fatal plant is growing in quantities. The affected area runs about a half mile each side of the old Manning place, according to their observations.

Supervisor Cryder this morning stated that it would be almost impossible to eradicate this plant and he advised, as a precaution against the death of sheep by it, that before coming to the affected area, flockmasters send out herders on the flanks of the bands to keep the animals moving right along.

For a considerable distance before coming to the region of the death camas, the road runs along lanes in which there is little grass growing. This fact causes the sheep to reach Death Ridge with empty stomachs. Ordinarily they will not touch death

trate enormous forces for smashes against the Russian line toward Lemberg.

BERLIN, June 3.—General Von Mackensen's Austro-German army has recaptured Przemysl. This was the official announcement from Austrian headquarters on the eastern front telegraphed here this afternoon. Przemysl was taken at 3:30 this morning, a later announcement from Austrian headquarters stated. The capture of the famous fortress after a sensational rush across Galicia and a fierce bombardment of the outer fortifications was announced from Vienna in four words: "We have captured Przemysl."

LONDON, June 3.—It is reported the Austro-German army of Von Mackensen has recaptured Przemysl. Three separate sieges of Przemysl have made the great fortress one of the most memorable centers of the conflict. Przemysl surrendered to the Russians March 22 after the garrison had endured the greatest hardships and was being reduced almost to a point of starvation. It is now again in the possession of the Austro-Germans.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD

BEND, Ore., June 3.—The body of Mrs. Nettie Cole was found in her cabin with a bullet hole in her temple. Nothing of value had been molested. No evidence tending to show a motive for the crime was introduced at the coroner's inquest today. The woman had not been seen by neighbors for several days.

CLUB WHEAT DOWN TO \$1.02 IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., June 3.—(Special)—Portland wheat quotations today are lower than in several months. Club quotations were \$1.02 and the blue stem price \$1.01.

CHICAGO, June 3.—(Special)—July wheat showed a slight advance today; quotations at the close being \$1.19 1-2; Sept. \$1.15 1-2.

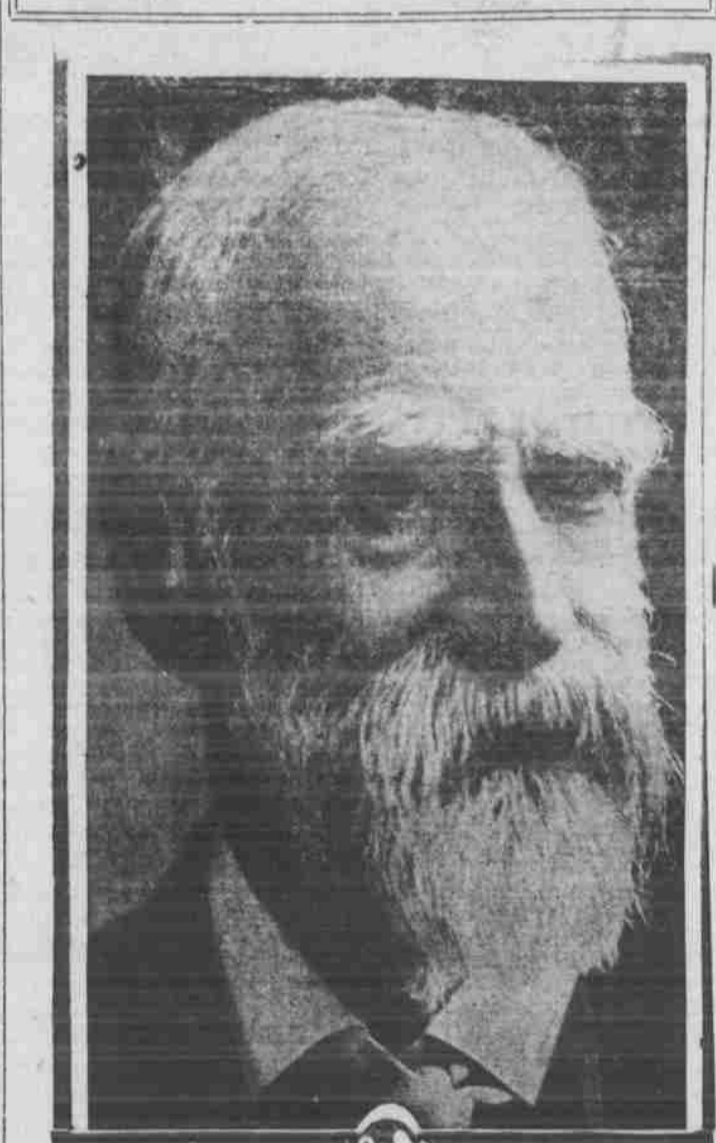
C. P. Strain Urged For Vacancy on School Board; Will Accept if Elected

If a large number of local people have their way C. P. Strain will be elected to the Pendleton school board at the annual election to be held June 21. The term to expire will be that of W. E. Brock who has refused to seek another term.

For several weeks past there has been a quiet effort to get Mr. Strain to run and today he formally announced that he will accept the position if elected. He does not wish to become an active candidate and asked to be excused but has given his friends permission to use his name for the place if they so desire.

Acting upon this statement friends of the assessor are setting about to have his name voted upon June 21 and they are confident he will be chosen to fill the vacancy on the board. In behalf of Mr. Strain it is argued that he will be a very desirable member of the board because of his well known independence of thought and his ability in handling work of a civic nature. He is particularly well posted upon taxation and financial subjects. Another fact pointed out as a reason why Mr. Strain would be a valuable member of the board is the fact he has had considerable experience as a school teacher. He was a teacher prior to being elected assessor and he holds a life diploma in Oregon. Hence he will be able to judge more intelligently of various school problems. During his life in Pendleton Mr. Strain has served capably as a member of the city council, of the water commission and the library board. He is a local homeowner and has children in the schools. One son, Clayton is a graduate of the Pendleton high school and graduates from the agricultural college this spring. A daughter is now a student in the high school and a second son is in the grades.

Alleged Atrocities Proved



THE RIGHT HON. VISCOUNT BRUCE Q.M.

LONDON, June 3.—Proofs of atrocities by the German armies in Belgium are presented in the report of the "Committee on Alleged German Atrocities," headed by Viscount Bryce, the famous historian and formerly British ambassador at Washington. Additional members of the committee are E. Grimwood Mears, W. J. H. Broderick, barristers at law, and Sir Kenelm E. Digby, K. C., G. C. B. The committee finds as follows: 1.—That there were in many parts of Belgium deliberate and systematically organized massacres of the civil population, accompanied by many isolated murders and other outrages. 2.—That in the conduct of the generally innocent civilians, both men and women, were murdered in large numbers, women violated and children murdered. 3.—That looting and house burning and the wanton destruction of property were ordered and countenanced by the officers of the German army and that these outrages had no military necessity. 4.—That the rules and usages of war with regard to using civilian men women and children as a shield for advancing forces exposed to fire and the rules of the Red Cross and white flags were often broken.