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Tonight and Friday Probably Rain.

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SWEDISH REPLY  
MADE TO LANSINGOral Statement of Position of  
His Government Made by  
Swedish DiplomatSAYS CHARACTER OF  
MESSAGE NOT KNOWNAmerica Said to Have Acted in  
Similar Capacity; Case of  
Turkey Cited

Washington, Sept. 13.—Sweden's reply to the United States on the expose of the Lusberg affair was delivered orally to Secretary Lansing. Charge Akerhielm submitted the Swedish explanation. Sweden was not obliged to make a full and formal answer because the affair is not considered a diplomatic incident as far as the United States is concerned.

Charge D'Affaires Akerhielm declared that the American Minister at Turkey used neutrals cables rights to send and receive messages.

Amsterdam, Sept. 13.—Chancellor Michaelis will address the Reichstag Friday a Lusberg note discloses.

NORA CALAVAN DIED  
AT HARRISBURG HOSPITAL

Miss Nora Calavan died at the Harrisburg hospital this morning after a lingering illness. She was 30 years old. Miss Calavan was well known in this city, having worked for several years as a saleslady in the Hamilton store.

She is survived by her father, James M. Calavan, four brothers, J. E. Calavan, and four brothers, J. E. Calavan of Oregon City, John of Seio, Earl of Oregon City, and Virgil of this city and one sister, Mrs. Frank Miths. The body will probably be taken to Seio for burial.

CYRUS WALKER RE-APPOINTED  
COUNTY TRUANT OFFICER

Cyrus H. Walker was reappointed truant officer today for Linn county by the county court. Mr. Walker has held this position for the past few years and has made a good officer. He has succeeded in getting several children back into school and in starting some who should have been there sooner.

Teachers should report promptly all cases of truancy to the truant officer and not to the county school superintendent.

## NEW CLASSIFIED

PEACHES—Muir ready Sept. 14. Elbertas a little later. Can be had at orchard on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, only for \$1.25 per bu. Please bring box. J. J. Cate & Son, Dly, S-13-15. SW-14\*

FOR SALE—Hogs, bred sows. Home phone 8153, or call evenings, 404 Calapooia St., S-13-15.

EVERGREEN—BLACKBERRY pickers wanted—Will pay 2 cents a pound and pay fare if one ton of berries are picked or will be in proportion if a less number are turned in. Harry E. White, Toledo, Ore. S-13-15

FOR SALE—1 6-hole range; 1 \$65 phonograph and records, a bargain if taken at once. 225 W 3rd St. S-13-15\*

PEACHES—Muir now ready. Come at once and bring boxes. J. R. Wilis. Home phone 8153. S-13-15\*

FOR SALE—One black filly, four years old. Gentle to drive, single or double. 223 Jefferson St. or Phone Home 2371. S-13-15

NOTED RABBI WILL  
SPEAK HERE SUNDAYWill Tell of Conditions in the  
Russian Republic; Speaks  
Twice in Albany

Dr. Joseph Goldman, former Jewish Rabbi and ex-political prisoner in Russia, will speak at the M. E. church next Sunday morning and at the Christian church in the evening. The subject of his sermon at the morning service will be "The Russian Nation," and in the evening he will speak on the subject "Home-coming of Israel to Palestine."

"America will be the brains of Russia," he said, when speaking of the war. "It is her part to revitalize that great people. They have plenty of strength thus far," he said, putting his hands eloquently on his shoulders, "but above that, they have nothing." America will supply the brains, the head and the Russian people the man power. Russia is going to be the greatest republic in the world. America is going to make her that.

"The United States will do most of her fighting on the eastern front. She will send her men via Vladivostok and will crush in on Germany from the east while England and France will supply the crushing power in the west."

Part of Dr. Goldman's work in the United States is to get the young Jews to fight. The United States, he says, is the only country which offers the Jew equal opportunity and it is their duty to put Europe on the same plane.

The recent dethronement of Czar Nicholas and the overthrow of autocracy in Russia is a source of great satisfaction to Dr. Goldman.

He has witnessed and suffered the hardships formerly inflicted on the Jews in his country, and until four years ago, had always lived in Russia, having been a rabbi for ten years. Immediately upon coming to this country about four years ago, he began the study of English and since then has lectured to 100,000 people in eight states.

MAN HUNT IN PROGRESS  
AROUND ALBANY TODAYOfficers Seeking Escaped Convict  
Who was Seen by  
Farmer This Morning

Local police officers and guards from the state penitentiary are looking for Jacob Strauss, who escaped from the penitentiary this week. This morning a farmer living northeast of Albany saw a man that answered the descriptions printed in the papers as he was passing the Jewish cemetery, and when he arrived in town he looked at the picture in the sheriff's office. He said that there is no question but that he saw the right man. Salem officials were notified and three guards arrived soon after noon. The woods around all sides of the city are being scoured and it is thought that the man may be captured before night.

BIG AMERICAN TRANSPORT  
SUNK; 50 LIVES LOST

New York, Sept. 13.—The big American Atlantic transport "Minnehaha" was submerged off the Irish coast after survivors arriving today reported. Fifty were lost.

Dean Crowell in Wis.—

Dean Crowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Crowell, who has been attending summer school at Rush Medical College is spending his vacation between the summer term and fall term, which does not open until October 4th, with his cousin in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Visitors from Foster—  
Mrs. Pear Stone and Miss Whitcomb are Albany visitors from Foster.

SUCCESSFUL MASS  
MEETING IS HELDState Leader Is Pleased with  
Interest Shown by Linn  
County WomenPURPOSES OF REGISTRATION  
ARE EXPLAINEDAll Women Urged to Register  
Saturday and Offer Services  
to Country

More than pleased was the way that Mrs. C. H. Kastner of Hood River, State Chairman of the Women's Work of the State Council of Defense, expressed her approval of the manner in which the ladies of Linn county turned out to the meeting at the armory last night. The large auditorium was well filled with interested, patriotic women, and they learned a great deal about this big movement to index the women of the country to assist in carrying on the war in case their services are needed.

The program of the evening was carried out as printed yesterday. Mrs. Kastner was the principal speaker and explained thoroughly the work of the women in connection with the Council of Defense. She told of how the league happened to be formed and explained to the women that registration next Saturday is not compulsory, but that it is desired to have every woman in the United States to list herself with the council.

The registration is not compulsory but each woman who can do anything—any kind of work, should present herself to the registration board Saturday afternoon. Signing up does not obligate any one, but simply gives the government the names and the qualifications of the various women to call on if it is necessary for women to take man's place in the conduct of business affairs. The cards provide checking places for all kinds of occupations, and anything that a woman can do will be indicated. It is not thought that American women will be called on to fill as many places as the English and French women did, but no doubt many will be asked to assume men's places in mills, factories, offices and in other lines.

The committees from the various precincts met after the speaking and talked over plans for Saturday's registration. The ladies will register at the regular voting places in their home precincts. The polls will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 o'clock and will be in charge of the women who served on the last election board.

All women, whether their work is in the home or store, are urged to patriotically come forward at the government's request and place their names on the cards Saturday.

MOB LYNCHED INSANE  
MAN IN MICHIGAN

Hillsdale, Mich., Sept. 13.—A mob this morning lynched Frank Van Tassel, insane, who killed Sheriff George Ralston. Van Tassel was penned in a barn by the mob and the structure fired. The man's body was riddled with bullets as he tried to escape.

FRENCH ARTILLERY DRIVES  
GERMANS BACK

London, Sept. 13.—Only the predominating strength of French artillery prevented a successful German infantry assault at Bixchoote last night it is stated.

General Haig reported minor operations. German airmen bombarded Dunkirk.

Yesterday's temperature ranged from 67 to 43 degrees. The river stands at 1.1 feet. Rainfall .17 inches.

TWO DIVORCE CASES  
SET FOR TRIAL TODAYDecree Granted to Pearl Stone;  
Other Cases Heard Before  
Judge Bingham

At ten o'clock this morning Circuit Judge Bingham convened the regular September term of court in Department No. 2.

The first case set for trial was that of Pearl Stone vs. Harry Stone, wherein the plaintiff was seeking a divorce. The case was not contested and the decree was granted.

In the case of Wilkie Watkins wherein he was seeking a divorce from his wife testimony was submitted and the case was taken under advisement by the court.

In the case of Duncan Lbr. Co. vs. Clement Lbr Co. decree of foreclosure granted.

In the case of Otis L. Frisby vs. S. A. D. Piter, et al., for foreclosure of tax lien, decree and order of sale made.

Kearns of S. L. Stewart vs. J. F. Kearns et al., confirmation of sale of real property ordered.

In the case of Addie B. Davidson vs. Lina M. Hale, order entered granting sale of real property.

Grant of Leo Hanley et al., Order of confirmation of sale of realty on foreclosure.

The case of Rozell vs. Hawes set for trial Thursday, Oct. 25.

The case of Weatherford and Bilyeu vs. Leslie Crouch et al., set for trial for Friday, Sept. 21.

The case of Fleckner vs. Terrill, set for trial Saturday, Sept. 22.

ALBANY HIGH BOYS  
SERVING UNCLE SAMUEL

The Albany high school foot ball team, champions of Oregon for 1916, are most all serving their country either in the navy or in National Guard of the Twenty-one boys of the first and second teams, including the coach and the student manager, all but five have entered into some service of the war. Clarence Wicks, Louis Schults, Ralph Bilyeu, Jessie Ellis, Kenneth Austin, Johnny Tate, Walter Gilbert, Ray Eastburn, Kenneth McCune, Loren Davis and Merrill Gibson are with the Fifth Company of the Oregon National Guard at Ft. Canby. Fred Michelson is attending Yeoman school, Goat Island, San Francisco, and Francis Beals is head cook on a vessel in the navy. Pete and Paul Miller are on the battleship Oregon, while George McBride is in U. S. Naval Training Station at San Diego. Of the five that are left only one will be at high school this fall, Jay Willard, the others having graduated with the class of 1917.

BIG TOMATO CROP  
TAKEN FROM TWO HILLS

L. E. Blain has what is undoubtedly the largest tomato vines in the county in his yard at Seventh and Broadalbin streets. Mr. Blain planted two clumps of tomatoes on the west side of his house, and these grew to be over seven feet high. Already many fine tomatoes have been picked from them and there are still over half a bushel of fine vegetables on each of the vines.

The tomatoes seem to do especially well in this place and Mr. Blain will plant more there next year. The vines are a curiosity, the largest many people will ever see.

TWO DIVORCE SUITS FILED  
IN COURT TODAY

Hospital Raid Unintentional  
Berlin, Sept. 13.—German airmen did not intentionally attack the allied hospitals, it is officially stated.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slavens of Sweet Home, were in town today on business.

RUSSIANS MAKE  
GOOD SHOWINGGermans Driven Back on North-  
ern Front; Korniloff Beaten  
and May SurrenderKERENSKY ANNOUNCES  
SWEEPING REFORMSCommander of Moscow Named  
Minister of War; Provincial  
Govt. Gains Strength

Petrograd, Sept. 13.—The Russians are fighting the Germans desperately and successfully on the Northern front, it is officially stated. The Russians occupied Maslof north of Lake Ploonda and Rutsan positions at Schkeroten-Simlannja are being fortified.

New War Minister

Petrograd, Sept. 13.—Colonel Verzhbitsky, commander of the Moscow garrison, has been named as Minister of War and Admiral Veredovsky as Minister of Marine.

News of Surrender

London, Sept. 13.—Korniloff's unconditional surrender is believed imminent according to a Petrograd dispatch filed Wednesday and received here today. The provisional government has taken positions at Semirino, Luga, Narva to protect the capital.

Germans Retreat

Berlin, Sept. 13.—Under strong Russian pressure, German cavalry withdrew from Moritzberg, Neukapen officially stated.

Sweeping Reforms

Petrograd, Sept. 13.—General Korniloff is preparing to surrender. The mutiny failed completely. Kerensky told the United Press.

Kerensky announced sweeping reforms, confining the power of the soldiers' committees entirely to matters behind the fighting lines. Military authorities were given supreme command of all fronts. It is declared that General Alexieff and Verzhbitsky, now commanding the provisional government forces, form a brilliant combination, assuring solidarity. It is added that guilty mutineers will be delivered over to the revolutionary tribunal. Foreign minister Tereshchenko told the United Press that the government is determined to punish them by death as traitors and propagandists. The entire Russia will now be united to prosecute the war.

SAVED \$25,000,000 FOR  
HEIRS SAYS MERRILL

In 1916 at least \$25,000,000 belonging to heirs was saved from swindlers by bonding companies which had become surety upon the bonds of Administrators, Executors and Guardians.

An estimate to this effect, based upon National Surety Company records has been made public by H. F. Merrill, the company's local agent.

Some remarkable frauds were prevented last year by the vigilance of surety companies.

Fascinated by a foreign financier, a wealthy widow was prevented by a surety company from investing a \$55,000 estate in the bonds of a South American republic which soon after repudiated its debt.

Grossly deceived by a promoter, another widow was saved from sinking her \$3,000 inheritance in certain oilwells which have never been known to flow.

Deluded by bogus Register's Office seals and stamps, a third bereaved woman was kept from investing her \$27,000 heritage in real estate to which the dishonest salesman had no title.

Swindlers have even been found to be following Surrogate Court proceedings in order to obtain the names and addresses of heirs who seemed easy to victimize.

JOHN OUTERSON DIES  
SUDDENLY AT DETROITWell Known Mountain Mer-  
chant Popular With Friends  
All Over Northwest

John Outerson, sage of Detroit, postmaster, store keeper and good friend to everybody, died in his office at 7:30 o'clock last evening while sitting at his desk in the little store in the mountain village near the end of the C. & E. railroad. He was between 60 and 65 years old.

Mr. Outerson was well known in many parts of the west. He came to Detroit about 24 years ago. During his residence there he conducted the only store, did some farming, and kept a string of pack horses which he hired out for packing government supplies or to parties making trips to Mt. Jefferson or the lakes above Detroit or to Breitenbush Springs. Hundreds of people all over the Northwest remember Mr. Outerson for his many kind acts on these trips.

He never married and had no relatives living in Oregon. Eastern relatives have been notified and word is waiting regarding the disposition of his remains.

He was a member of Albany lodge No. 359, B. P. O. E. and the Masons and Knights Templar. Fred Fortmiller went to Detroit this morning to care for the body and will bring it to this city upon receipt of word from members of the family.

ANNUAL W. C. T. U.  
CONVENTION AT PLAINVIEWMeeting of Linn County Dele-  
gates Opens Two Day Ses-  
sion This Afternoon

The annual Convention of the Linn County Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened a two-days' session at Plainview this afternoon. The convention will end Friday evening. Delegates from the Albany branch of the society are Mrs. L. E. Blaine, Mrs. E. H. Edgar, Mrs. Henrietta Brown, Mrs. F. M. French and Mrs. Charles C. Curry.

The official board is composed of Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, Harrisburg, president; Mrs. Madge Mears, Shedd, vice president; Mrs. Roxamara Clark, Harrisburg, cor. secretary; Mrs. Alice Fletcher, Shedd, recording secretary; Mrs. Esther Alcorn, Brownsville, treasurer; Mrs. Mabel Shearer, Tangent; L. T. L. secretary.

Committees—Finance, Mrs. Dora Davis, Mrs. Alice Booth, Mrs. Lillian Howe, Resolutions, Mrs. Mary Bowser, Mrs. E. C. Fisher, Mrs. May Porter.

One of the most important pieces of work to be brought up will be the plans to be made for co-operating with the Red Cross in war relief work. The W. C. T. U. will decide upon what branch they wish to take up and then work in conjunction with the local chapter. The W. C. T. U. has always cooperated in army and navy work at all times, but this year, with America in the war, they will make their plans more intensive and go deeper into the matter.

The Gold Medal contest will take place this evening. The gold medal will be awarded for papers on reform work.

General business matters will be transacted and plans looking to the next year's work will be discussed. Following is the program for the two days:

Thursday, Sept. 13  
2:00 p. m., Praise Service, Mrs. E. H. Edgar.

2:30 p. m., Address of Welcome, Mrs. Alice Fletcher.

Response, Mrs. Cecil Wilhelm.

2:45 p. m., Appointment of Committees.

2:50 p. m., Patriotic Relief Work in the W. C. T. U., Mrs. John Archibald.

3:15 p. m., Department Quiz, lead by Mrs. S. A. Childs.

4:00 p. m., Symposium, Is the of the W. C. T. U. finished? Opened by Mrs. M. J. Myers.

7:30 p. m., Gold Medal Contest, admission, 15 cents, Children under 12, free.

Friday, Sept. 14

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TELEPHONE FIGHT  
BEFORE COUNCILInformal Discussion of Consoli-  
dation Reveals Council-  
men's Opinions"NONE OF OUR BUSINESS"  
SEEMS TO BE SENTIMENT\$300 Recommended for Mess  
for Fifth Company; Other  
Routine Business

From all appearances if the discussions heard last night are any criterion, the city council will "lay hands off" of the telephone consolidation business. The council practically concluded that the matter was none of its business and that it was up to the companies themselves to come to an agreement and merge.

All the councilmen expressed a desire to have but one system and agreed that two lines are a nuisance. But the two companies are here doing business and there seems to be no way to make one or the other stop until one of them gets ready.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the members of the council and Home Telephone Company officials was held. The situation was discussed and the information gained that the Home company is ready and anxious to consolidate. At last night's meeting District Manager C. P. Van Houtte of Eugene, speaking for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, said that his company was willing to consolidate, but that they did not want to be forced into anything.

W. A. Barrett and L. E. Hamilton appeared before the council on behalf of the business men and protested against the dual service and the double tax on the business houses. They asked that if there is anything that the council can do to bring about the consolidation that action be taken.

Councilman Tweedale said that he did not think that the council could make the companies unite or force them out of business. Mayor Carl was of the opinion that it is "not our fight," and that the companies should fight the matter out between themselves. He thought that any action that the council might take would have no legal value.

During the afternoon conference the Home Telephone Company, whose Superintendent, Mr. Middleton of Portland, was present, asked the council to adopt the same resolution which was presented to the Corvallis city council recently, but which has not been adopted. This resolution calls for the refusal of the council to grant any further franchises or to permit the making of further extensions of improvements until action is taken on the consolidation.

Mr. Van Houtte, in speaking before the council, strenuously, but politely, urged that such action be not taken, claiming that the resolution was aimed directly at the Bell company and would cripple them considerably. He referred to it as a means of making the Bell company buy something which they did not want.

Councilman Lyons brought the matter to a close by suggesting that the matter be referred to the Albany Commercial Club as he proper body to investigate. A motion was passed asking the Commercial Club to investigate the matter and to seek the consolidation of the two companies and to report back to the council within a month.

Mess Fund Adopted

Councilman E. F. Wiles proved himself the champion of the soldier boys last night when he brought up the long-delayed mess fund proposition and got an expression from the council which fixed the sum of \$300 to be voted toward helping the boys who will fight Albany's battles with the Kaiser, buy a few articles of food not supplied by the army commissary. Mr. Wiles said that he did not think \$400 was too much to give the boys, and moved that the council agree on that figure. Councilman Lyons thought

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