

COUNCIL REPORTS FAVORABLY UPON LIGHT FRANCHISE

A favorable report on the application of the Rogue River Public Service Corporation for a light franchise in the city of Medford was given by the light committee of the city council at the regular meeting on Tuesday night. An ordinance embodying the demands of the council is being prepared, the chief features of which are the clauses that the wires be underground, that it sell out to no competitor with a number of years to be fixed, and that 3 per cent of the gross earnings be diverted to the city. The new light company agrees to these changes. A special meeting of the council will be held Friday to further consider the matter.

An extension of six months' time was granted to the Bullis street car line for the completion of its two miles of track within the city limits, delay being caused by the failure to secure crossing rights over the Main street crossing of the Southern Pacific.

The damage claim of Mrs. C. H. Pierce for \$2500 for injury sustained by a fall over a raised sidewalk in front of the Economy market, was referred to the finance committee.

The question of two weeks' vacation on pay for city firemen was brought up, Chief Lawton holding that as all other city employees were granted this favor, the fire boys should not be excluded. The question will be decided at the next regular meeting.

A petition was presented asking for the vacation of Evergreen street and taken under consideration.

A claim of \$15 from H. G. Shearer for damage to his property from a burst hydrant was allowed.

O. M. Selsby and the Holland bar were granted liquor licenses.

THAW INSANITY HEARING POSTPONED

NEW YORK, June 16.—Supreme Court Justice Hendrick today adjourned the jury trial of Harry K. Thaw to determine his sanity until Tuesday next, pending the decision of the court of appeals, which has been asked by the state to vacate Justice Hendrick's order for the trial.

STREET CAR STRIKE ENDED

Mayor Thompson unlocked the doors of his office. The labor leaders put on their coats and marched out, their faces wreathed in smiles. "Wait a minute," called the mayor. "I want to tell you men how much I appreciate what you have done," he said. "I will accept this responsibility and know that it will be hard. I will do the best I can and see that a square deal is given all around."

Arbitration Next Week
Sessions of the board of arbitration probably will be begun early next week, it was announced. The plan decided upon stipulates that all questions at issue will be heard without any advanced concessions having been made.

Announcement of a settlement came too late to start cars for the rush hours early today and the great armies of workers were obliged again to depend on the thousands of motor buses, moving trucks, ice wagons and railroad suburban trains for transportation.

Officials of the traction systems telegraphed to eastern labor agencies not to employ any more men as strikebreakers. Six thousand men already had been started here, it was said. Sixteen hundred strikebreakers arrived last night and were placed under guard in lodging houses and terminals of the companies.

IMPOSED UPON UNITED STATES

were substantiated, it would involve diplomatic usage and courtesy. American Red Cross officials are inclined not to question the identity of Dr. Meyer-Gerhard. They said he came bearing apparently proper letters of introduction and with the endorsement of the German embassy. He took away with him a certification to his signature on a letter of identification as a delegate of the German Red Cross, entitled to protection under the Geneva convention. The certification, however, was to his signature and not his identity.

Some inquiry probably may be directed to the minister from Denmark, Constant Bruun, who is said to have arranged for the passage of Meyer-Gerhard on the steamer United States.

THREE ADVENTUROUS SISTERS, WITH TINY AUTO, VISIT VOLCANO

Daring Maids Tempt Wrath of America's Only Volcano—They Go Into Devastated Danger Zone to View Angry, Fire-Spitting Mountain That Once They Ascended.

(Story No. 1.)

SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 16.—Three days camped at the foot of Mount Lassen, the fiery monster that has devastated one of the most fertile regions in the world, and that has belched forth its wrath, driving hundreds of people from the homes they have built and the lands they have tilled, brought no terror to the hearts of three Sacramento girls, Inez, Shirley and Antonia Hyatt, daughters of Edward Hyatt, state superintendent of public instruction.

These girls have braved the roughest mountain trails and have climbed the highest peaks of the Sierras, including Mount Whitney and Shasta. What would seem to most girls undertakings fitted only to the endurance of weathered pioneers are to them pleasures rare.

Now that they have returned from the shadow of Lassen filled with the enthusiasm of their unique and wonderful experience, it does not seem to them that they have accomplished anything out of the ordinary. They feel that what they have done anyone can do, and according to their story the feat is well worth trying.

"You see, we feel like we own Mount Lassen," stated one of the girls. "Three years ago with another sister and our two brothers we climbed the mountain and viewed the then dormant crater. From previous outings with our burro pack train we knew the country of both Lassen and Hat creek, so of course when the great volcano broke forth it was to us of great interest and we desired to see our old friend in one of his outbursts of anger.

"We have climbed many more difficult mountains, but we have returned this time with a measure of pride, for in that country anyone who has ever scaled the sides of Mount Lassen is a hero.

"Having seen the volcanic region when it was clothed in verdure and resting in peace and quiet, it was hard for us to believe that such havoc had been created. We did not fully realize the import of the journey that we were about to take, but now, having seen, we would believe almost anything that anyone could say about Lassen.

"It is impossible to describe this phenomenon. One would have to see to appreciate. It is wonderful, and anyone who can should certainly avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing this, a real, active, American volcano, and that which we fully believe to be one of the future wonders of California.

"We left Sacramento Sunday, May 30, in our automobile with just as few trappings as were necessary. Warm clothes, a few provisions and sleeping bags completed our outfit. "People told us all along the way that our tires would be cut to pieces and that we would never be able to make the journey, but our little old Ford went wherever we wanted it to go, up hill and down dale, without any apparent effort.

"It is not that we have done anything so marvelous or that our machine is any better than any other. It simply shows what any one can do. "On the night of June 1 we camped on Manzanita lake, about three and a half miles from Lassen; we made our camp out in the open, with nothing but the lake between us and the mountain. The view was perfect.

"That night we lay in our sleeping bags on the ground, facing the object of our journey. The wind was bitter cold and we were glad that our wool-padded sleeping bags were so cozy and warm. There is no region in California colder than Lassen.

"The greatest convenience of a sleeping bag is that you can sit up in it without exposing yourself to the cold. The bag comes right up with you.

"This luxury was taken advantage of at about 10 o'clock. It was a half hour before sunrise. Someone noticed a flame just like a red finger rise up out of the mountain. With the first 'Oh, look!' we were all three sitting bolt upright in our sleeping bags, gazing in thrilled excitement across the smooth waters of Manzanita lake toward Mount Lassen, standing there in the throes of an eruption!"

(To be continued tomorrow.)

AMERICA WORLD PEACEMAKER

(Continued from Page 1.)
cult," the statement declares. "No American citizen can note without deep concern the manner in which war questions have intruded themselves into our politics—overshadowing economic issues, are stimulating agitation in favor of enlarged apper-



An eruption of Mount Lassen similar to the one viewed by the Hyatt sisters from Manzanita Lake.

COST OF LIVING STILL ON UPWARD TREND

WASHINGTON, June 16.—The cost of living is higher than ever in the United States, so far as government statistics show, and is increasing each year. In 1914 the year's cost of filling the market basket of the average workman's family was \$6.68 higher than it was in 1913, and \$6.43 higher than in 1907, calculating on relative price figures announced today by the federal bureau of labor statistics as a result of its most recent investigation of retail prices.

COUNT ZEPPELIN IS SERIOUSLY ILL

LONDON, June 16.—The Exchange Telegraph company has received a despatch from its Amsterdam correspondent, who says a message has been received in Amsterdam from Berlin, giving the information that Count Zeppelin, inventor of the famous German dirigible balloon, is seriously ill with bronchitis and confined to his bed at Stuttgart. The Count has not been able to keep an appointment to visit imperial headquarters.

At some length Mr. Bryan refers to interruptions to neutral commerce, derangement of business, and consequent readjustments and speaks of severity of American ships as one of the greatest embarrassments to the United States.

"The neutral nations are put to a great expense to preserve neutrality and are constantly in danger of being embroiled in the war without intention or fault on their own part," he declared. "The rules of international law seem to have been made for the nations at war, rather than for the nations at peace. It is almost impossible to alter these rules during the war, because any material change, affecting as it would the interests of the belligerents, would be a seeming violation."

International Conference
"As soon as peace returns, there will be a demand for an international conference on the subject. The presumption should then be given to peace, for peace, not war, is the normal condition. If nations are determined to fight they should, as far as possible, bear the burden themselves and not be permitted to transfer it to the nations which avoid war by resorting to reason instead of force."

WELLS SAYS SCHOOL VISITING PLAN SUCCESS

SALEM, Or., June 16.—Percy Wells, school superintendent of Jackson county, has advised State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill that a plan adopted by him this year of setting aside a certain day for visits by the people to the rural schools of his county has had decidedly beneficial results. He declares that the plan was observed in nearly all the districts and that it brought the people much closer to the schools and the work they are performing.

A gang of wanderers who refused to go to work in the hayfields this morning were ordered to decamp from underneath the water tank by the police this morning.

METZ REFUSED TO AID MEYER IN PURCHASING RIFLES

NEW YORK, June 16.—Count Bernstorff was away from the summer quarters of the German embassy at Colarhurst, L. I., today.

Herman A. Metz, former congressman from New York, mentioned in published stories as having been approached by Mrs. Selma Lewis for assistance in negotiating the purchase from the government of 350,000 old-style Krag-Jorgensen rifles in government arsenals, said today that instead of seeing Secretary Bryan about the purchase of rifles, he declined to have anything to do with the matter.

"Early in the spring Mrs. Lewis came to me," he said, "and told me that she had information that the discarded rifles could be bought. She said that Dr. Alfred Meyer would buy them and that they would be buried to keep them from falling into the hands of the allies. She then showed me a typewritten document which she said was a contract for the purchase of the rifles, signed by Dr. A. Meyer. Mrs. Lewis wanted me to introduce Dr. Meyer to Mr. Bryan. I told her Count Bernstorff was the man to do that if Meyer was what he represented himself to be, and to this she answered that it was desired that the introduction be unofficial.

"I declined to have anything to do with it. Several days later I met Captain Franz von Papen, military attache of the German embassy, and told him of Mrs. Lewis and her proposal. He laughed and said it was another of those schemes—to keep away from it. Later I mentioned it to Count Bernstorff. He threw up his hands, laughed heartily and said: 'Another one of those schemes; the woods are full of them.'

Mrs. Selma Lewis said today: "The report is substantially correct so far as it related to me." At the office of the Scandinavian-American line it was said that the German ambassador's emissary to Berlin sailed unaccompanied when he left New York on the steamer United States. Printed pictures purporting to be likenesses of Dr. Meyer-Gerhard were said by clerks to portray the man who sailed.

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