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GERMANS' CAPTIVES ARE WELL TREATED

Report of Swiss Sent to Observe the Conditions in the Camps.

Berlin, April 20.—One of the great things that makes Switzerland unique, that sets it apart as a nation by itself, is that as soon as a crying need is felt, it is well aired in the papers and discussed in the homes, a committee for its relief springs up goes about the business of relieving the great suffering and liberation and method, and ends up by wiping the crying need from the face of the earth, says Ethel Eugl-Camp, in the New York Times.

From the Swiss parliament, prisoners of war began to write heartrending letters that crept into print and were copied by the Swiss press, about the hardships of prison camp life. I knew that it would be a crying need, not to stir up her lions, form a committee, and get the truth of the matter. Sure enough the moment came.

The arrangement of the camps is purely Prussian and simply reeks of law and order. In one of the highest stages of civilization, The Astec culture and civilization fall, as any civilization without Christianity will fall.

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SUICIDE IS VERDICT IN BARON REUTER DEATH

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War is Divine Vengeance, Says Cardinal Farley, Who Is 73 Today

The great European war is to be considered as divine vengeance upon peoples who neglected and persecuted the Catholic church, in the opinion of Cardinal Farley, the venerable Archbishop of New York. John Murphy Farley was born in County Armagh, Ireland, seventy-three years ago today and was the son of an Irish publican.

"Had the people of Europe heeded the pleas of the late Pontiff, Cardinal Farley has declared, "had they heeded the teachings and warnings of the church, they would not now be engaged in a bloody war. But they did not heed them, and now they are in Europe was persecuting the church, trampling on its rights, driving it into the corners of the land. And now they are paying the penalty. They are suffering for their sins against God, and they are praying to God for mercy."

Men have talked of culture, but now they are realizing that there can be no culture without the Imperialism. They see that culture alone cannot stand. They are remembering the culture of peoples of the past, of the Aztecs in Mexico, whom Cortez found in a state of barbarism.

Nations cannot neglect God's commandments, which require that they come to see that only God through Jesus Christ can give them lasting peace. They must realize that He is the Way and the Truth and the Light, and that He is the only Prince of Peace."

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STRATFORD AVENUE PROPERTY OWNERS EXPECT DAMAGES

Widening of Street for Bridge Approach Is Subject of Council Hearing.

The proposed widening of Stratford avenue from East Main street to the Stratford avenue bridge brought Attorney Thomas C. Coughlin and Samuel C. Shaw before the common council at the public hearing held last night. Attorney Coughlin represented John J. Bergen, who conducts a saloon on the north side of the street half way between the bridge and East Main street.

"I cross the bridge every day and I believe this street should be widened there," he said. "Of course I presume the city will allow my client reasonable damages for any land taken."

When the public hearing was called on the proposal of the Remington Arms Co. to build a sewer in Seaview avenue from Boston avenue to Deacon street, no one appeared either in favor or against the project.

The petition of P. J. McLean and others that an eight foot building line be established in Elizabeth street and the street be graded was adopted on the recommendation of the streets and sidewalks committee. Similar action was taken on petitions for the new Miles street and Boechmont street. Three persons appeared in favor of these petitions while eight opposed them.

It was voted that all plans for the widening and extension of John street be rejected and the matter of a \$500,000 bond issue to defray the cost be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Alderman MacFadden it was voted that the \$4,000 allowed Jennings Bros. for the change in grade at its factory, Harrison and Elm streets, be paid at once.

A communication was received from the Socialist party of Bridgeport, Fredrick Cederholm, secretary, calling attention to the "dilly-dallying" and "dilatory" action of the General Assembly in regard to the municipal ice plant and asking that the common council bring the matter at once to the attention of Gov. Holcomb.

BOY DIES AFTER BEING STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

New Haven, April 20.—Raymond Shanahan, 10 years old, of Torrington, died at Grace Hospital in this city during the night of a fractured skull. He was struck by an automobile at Torrington several days ago and in addition to the fracture of the skull had other injuries.

WIDOW OF PROF. GRIDLEY DEAD

New Haven, April 20.—Mrs. Mary Twining Gridley, widow of Prof. A. D. Gridley, died at her home here today. Prof. Gridley was a member of the faculty of Hamilton College and a cousin of President Hadley of Yale.

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The D. M. Read Co. Established 1857

Spring Styles for Little Men and Women. Garments and Headwear of Distinct and Charming Styles.

A very great handicap is this building over process which curtails space in departments and prevents the attractive display of little Spring Coats, wee bit Bonnets and Hats and other apparel for the littlest.

As much attention has been paid to children's clothing as to that for grown-ups, and perhaps a little more.

Now for a real stunning Spring Coat for a little woman who is seven times one or thereabouts, a Shepherd's Plaid, like her mother's as to material, is quite correct. Black and white, and brown and white. Also there are coverts, serges and diagonals, made up in box style or belted effects.

Little Hats for Summer

Panamas and Leghorns of fine quality, severely plain with a scarf of plain or Roman silk. Plain Tuscan Novelties, Chips, etc., with silk crowns and perky little feathers or tiny bouquets at the side.

White Straw Hats that are quite correct and mannish. White Pique and Linen Hats that are washable. Children's Wear Section, second floor.

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Su-su-dake Baskets

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At 45c—Full eight yard pieces special lot black or colored mosquito netting.

At 20c—Men's long or short sleeve halbriggan underwear.

At 1.29—Splendid quality bicycle tires.

At 8c—Children's 3-piece garden sets.

At 25c—Spray pumps for bushes and trees.

THE SQUARE DEAL FOR BRIDGEPORT

THE BRIDGE Commission is to be congratulated in that it has yielded sufficiently to public opinion to go to a public hearing on the question before it. It is appropriate that the City Plan committee, the Bridge Commission and the aldermen should sit together. They all have power in, or have been concerned in the investigations connected with the work.

The Farmer believes the weight of evidence in favor of the Nolen plan is overwhelming. It was prepared by men who are experts in this sort of work, who were under high pay by the city, and who had in view the conditions which would give the best services now and in the long run. The bridge, under this plan would cost about \$400,000 less.

Under this plan the present bridge would be used until the new one is ready, which means a great and valuable convenience to traffic.

The plans for an approach to the bridge are superior, but may be carried to the extent deemed advisable under all the circumstances. The approach program is elastic. It can be taken in whole, or in part.

It seems that the \$100,000 saved on the construction cost might profitably be devoted to improving the approach, especially because Bridgeport, like many other cities, has the misfortune not to present a good appearance to strangers, who enter at the railroad station, or only know of the city what they see from the train as they pass the station.

There is only one argument in favor of the bridge commission's plan. This is that the work can be begun at once, if it can be done in any old way. The only persons who wish to begin at once are the politicians. The only reason why the politicians are in a hurry is because they want to spend the money. If they spend the money they can furnish certain easy jobs to men who help out on election and primary days.

But the interests of Bridgeport ought not to be subordinated to such petty considerations. It is suggested now that it will not profit politicians to take such a course. For one vote they gain by a quick use of the money, they will lose two, the votes of citizens who believe in a square deal for Bridgeport.

THE BARNES—ROOSEVELT CASE

THE BARNES—ROOSEVELT libel case promises to be a celebrated cause. It ought to produce material instructive to the American people as that provided by the Interstate Commerce Investigation of New England railroad conditions.

Barnes and Roosevelt represent different systems. Barnes is the champion of things as they are. He believes the best state is that which gives the most opportunity to massed wealth. Roosevelt represents the ideal that the state should be superior to its artificial creatures, but his ideal of the state, unfortunately, is limited. It is to him the will of the executive. His Charter of Democracy, in which he adhered to the principles of the initiative, referendum and recall would give a contrary view. It is the official acts of Mr. Roosevelt that stamp his policies with the character of absolutism.

Mr. Roosevelt's opening plea seems sound enough. Of course his attacks against Barnes were not personal. They were aimed at the system which Barnes represents.

Now, unfortunately, the system of politics in almost all the states, includes many dreary features, such as the undue influence of members of legislative bodies, the attempt to control elections by the large use of money, and frequently, as proved in Terre Haute, and many other places, the direct purchase of votes.

The active head of any machine operating such a system is chargeable, and properly chargeable, with all that the system involves, unless he, attempts to eliminate the bad methods and substitute good ones in their place.

It was the system represented by Barnes that Roosevelt challenged. That system should have been challenged, and men will rise to denounce it until the evils have disappeared. It is to be sincerely hoped there will be less Barnes in the United States as a result of the pending trial.

VIOLATING CITY ORDINANCES

THE BOARD OF Charities commissioners want 40 more laborers for Lakeview Home, and according to a decision made at the meeting yesterday afternoon, the board will violate the city ordinances again when the men are obtained.

According to an advertisement, the board will pay the laborers an average of \$1.68 a day for nine hours work.

The ordinances of the City of Bridgeport specifically state that a city workman shall not receive less than \$2 a day and shall not work more than eight hours.

The board continues to allow the Oseawanna Building Co., to employ men on city work nine hours and less than \$2 a day, which is also in violation of the city ordinances.

VISCOUNT KNUTSFORD

Viscount Knutsford, who heads that branch of the British war office charged with responsibility for the care and nursing of wounded and sick soldiers, is sixty years of age, and has long been interested in hospital work, besides being a lawyer, banker and financier.

Since the beginning of the war, Viscount Knutsford has received many applications from American women who have proffered their services in nursing the soldiers, but all untrained women have so far been refused.

Judge Crump, in the Court of Equity at Richmond, Va., decided that the courts have no right to interfere with the operations of Jiney bus lines recently started in that city.



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