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HE CELEBRATES 64TH BIRTHDAY BY PASSING AS MANY MILESTONES

His Name's Plank,—And Oh, Yes! He's Related to "Eddie"

VISITS KIN IN PENBROOK



S. D. PLANK, AGED 64 Who Thinks 60-mile Hike a "Mere Stroll"

If you had happened to have met a white-headed, genial, jovial, rather sprightly gentleman plodding along the highways between this city and Gettysburg last Friday the chances are that you would have inquired where he was going.

"Oh, just taking a little walk for my health," he would probably have replied.

"How far are you going?" you'd have asked.

"Oh, sixty-four miles or so," he would have replied casually.

"Why, six?" and your surprise would have been well merited, "how old are you?" you would have continued.

"If a man's as old as he feels then I'm in that same class that Mr. Holmes once so famously toasted," he would have returned smilingly.

"In mere years, though, I'm going on 64, will be 64 on September 14, and I'm celebrating by taking this sixty-four mile tramp to visit my daughter, Mrs. George Koppenhaver, in Penbrook, Pa."

And then he would have probably told you that his name was S. D. Plank; that he lived a mile and a half this side of the Mason-Dixon line; that he left his home at 12.30 o'clock Friday morning; that he was tramping it all the way to Penbrook; that he did a similar birthday anniversary stunt last year in sixteen hours. His trip this year he did in fourteen hours.

Perhaps, too, you would have knowingly recollected that you only knew of one man who has planned to do anything of the kind, and that is Dr. John A. Fager. He'll be 60 next month.

"How far is he going to walk?" Mr. Plank would have asked. "Sixty miles," you'd have replied. "Mere stroll," Mr. Plank would have observed.

And, oh, yes, Mr. Plank has another claim to fame. He's related to Eddie.

WASHINGTON AVOIDS ALL DISCUSSION OF JAPAN'S ULTIMATUM

U. S. Notes With Satisfaction That Attitude Was Based on Anglo-Japanese Alliance

GOVERNMENT ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT JAPAN SEEKS NO TERRITORY IN CHINA

By Associated Press
Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—The significance of the policy of the United States toward the situation in the Far East, as expressed in a formal communication from the American government to Japan was widely discussed by diplomats here to-day.

The declaration that the United States would remain absolutely neutral in any eventuality was not unexpected, but the extent to which the present administration would reaffirm the policy of John Hay for the preservation of the territorial integrity of China and the principle of the "open door" for the commerce of all nations had not been generally known.

In its latest communication with Japan, the United States has carefully refrained from expressing any opinion on the merits of the ultimatum presented by Japan to Germany, but has noted with satisfaction the following points:

That Japan has promised to restore to China the territory of Kiao Chow, if she should obtain possession of it from Germany.

That Japan seeks no territory in China.

That Japan would naturally communicate with the United States before taking any steps outside of the boundaries of Kiao Chow in the event that revolutionary outbreaks or disturbances in the interior of China threatened the lives and interests of foreigners.

The preservation of the common interests of all powers in China by insuring the independence and integrity of the Chinese empire and the principle of equal opportunities for the commerce and industry of all nations in China.

By referring to this part of the Anglo-Japanese alliance the Washington government, it was pointed out to-day, has in effect expressed the expectation that the "open door" policy and the principle of the preservation of China will be maintained no matter what the outcome of the present situation.

Japanese Newspapers Doubt Whether Return of Kiao Chow Will Be Made

By Associated Press
Tokio, Aug. 22.—Japanese newspapers that are sometimes officially inspired say that if Kiao Chow is to be a prize of war, Japan may not be obliged to restore the German protectorate to China. Restoration, they state, would be conditional on the peaceful transfer of Kiao Chow to Japan by Germany.

A number of German officials have left Japan for San Francisco. Captain Dmitri Vassiliev, naval attaché at the Russian Embassy in Washington, who stopped here on his way to the United States, said that Russia had 4,500,000 men ready to strike and probably they would strike soon.

Japanese Cruiser at Frisco Awaiting Orders

By Associated Press
San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 22.—After twenty-four hours in dry-dock, where her plates were freed of barnacles, the Japanese cruiser Izumo was floated out to-day and dropped anchor in the stream to await orders.

It is deemed probable in marine circles that should war be declared.

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JAPAN READY TO BOMBARD KIAO CHOW; GERMANS PUSH RAPIDLY TO ANTWERP

Demand For Shade Tree Commission Following Vast Destruction by Storm



These pictures show destruction wrought by storm among trees in the River Front Park. Much of the damage could have been prevented had a "tree doctor" been employed to look after them.

"Why Sacrifice River Park For a Water Pipe?" Asks a Forestry Expert.

Perhaps nothing that could have occurred has had such an effect upon the people of Harrisburg as the destruction of the shade trees, especially those in the River Park and elsewhere, by the recent storm. They are now waking up to the importance of a Shade Tree Commission and the protection of the trees which are being so seriously neglected and damaged.

In a communication which the Telegraph received to-day from Ernest Morell, a trained expert in forestry, connected with the Berryhill Nursery Company, he says:

"Why sacrifice River Park for a water pipe? By actual count 165 trees are in danger between the pumping station at North street and Paxton street if the water main is laid in River Park, as proposed, instead of in the street.

"There are trees ranging from 15 to 75 years of age and a few fine old cottonwood trees, probably over 100 years, which will be affected. They will either be killed or their period of life considerably shortened by the digging of the trench, as their roots must necessarily be cut.

In a communication which the Telegraph received to-day from Ernest Morell, a trained expert in forestry, connected with the Berryhill Nursery Company, he says:

"When you stop to think that the root-system of a tree extends over an area wider than the top you can easily see that the River Park is one network of roots. So, no matter where the trench in the park strip would be

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Admiral von Tirpitz, German Naval Chief

One of the iron men of Germany who has had as much to do with bringing on the European war as any other man, Admiral von Tirpitz, secretary of the navy and chief of the admiralty. He has built up the German fleet under the direction of the Kaiser, and he has prepared for the moment that has come.

The fleet is now bottled in the Baltic, held there by the British fleet which is so much stronger than a battle would be foolish. But the fleet is strong enough to hold the Russians from trying to attack German Baltic cities or to land a force. In fact, it is powerful enough to clear away obstructions and possibly later land a force which may try to march into St. Petersburg.

May Have to Graft Skin on July-Fourth Victim

Skin grafting may yet be necessary to save the life of Paul Sidney Erb, the small son of Mrs. Lottie Myers Erb, Charles and Green streets, who was burned by fireworks, July 3, at Halifax.

Physicians, however, believe the boy is out of danger and will recover.

Priest Charges Man With Getting Money Falsely

On a charge of obtaining money under false pretense from the Rev. W. W. Whalen, W. H. Burns, residence, at large, was held under \$300 bail this afternoon in appearance at court.

Burns told a hard-luck story, was given aid, and later it developed that he was making a profession of touching kind-hearted clergymen.

Henry Hunter and Edward Sachs, both of whom said they were from the South and left a circus at Pittston, were held under \$200 bail each on a charge of flim-flamming merchants by the short change game.

SHOOTS SELF TO END PAIN

Beacon, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Austin Hall Watson, former president of the New York Credit Men's Association, committed suicide at his country home here to-day. For six weeks he had been almost frantic with pain from an injury sustained when a hard-driven ball bounded back from a stone wall on the golf links near his home into his eye. It is believed that he killed himself to end the agony.

MEAT CHEAP IN PARIS

Paris, Aug. 22, 4.40 A. M.—Cheap living is an anomaly of the present situation in Paris. Meats to-day sold at the lowest prices in twenty years and at the central markets yesterday vegetables were abundant and comparatively cheap. In spite of this some merchants have raised their prices at the risk of boycott and prosecution.

AUTO TURNS TURTLE; ONE DEAD

New York, Aug. 22.—Charles J. Hite, of New Rochelle, president of the Hite-Pile Corporation, whose automobile turned a somersault off a bridge last night, died of his injuries to-day.

German Gazette Doubts Czar's Promise to Jews

[From Philadelphia German Gazette.] Translated for the Public Ledger. The promise of the Czar to grant to the Russian Jews the same civil rights as his other subjects can only call forth from those familiar with the situation a snarl of pity. With this promise he seeks to buy the loyalty of a part of his people whom he and his ancestors have pitilessly held in bondage and slavery.

The treatment that the Jews have received in Russia forms one of the blackest chapters in human history. No one who knows the social and political conditions in the Russian Empire believes the Czar's promise. Will the man who banished the American citizens of Jewish descent from Russia, whose ears were deaf to demands for justice from the President and the Congress of the United States, suddenly transform himself into a friend of the Jews?

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Linn H. Harris, Carlisle, and Rhoda E. Reeser, Lewistown.
Simon C. Nye, Grantville, and Mamie E. Neldie, East Hanover.
John Holler Bush, Esters, and Clara Cline, New Cumberland.
Arutin Casruvica and Sara Cefmazia, Steelton.
Albert Strasser, Duncannon, and Carrie May Wall, Marysville.
Samuel A. Kaster and Clara G. Snyder, Wiconisco.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Sunday; slightly warmer Sunday.
For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Sunday; slightly warmer Sunday in north and west portions; gentle northerly winds becoming variable.
River
The main river will continue to rise slowly for two or three days. A stage of about 2.4 feet is indicated for Harrisburg on Sunday morning.
General Conditions
The disturbance that was central near Montreal, Friday morning, has moved northeastward to Nova Scotia. It caused thunderstorms in the last twenty-four hours in the Ohio Valley and from the Lake region eastward to the Atlantic coast and southward along the coast as far as North Carolina.
It is 2 to 10 degrees cooler with a substantial decrease in humidity in the Ohio Valley, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.
Temperature: 8 a. m., 70.
Sun: Rises, 5:22 a. m.; sets, 6:53 p. m.
Moon: New moon, first quarter, August 27, 11:52 p. m.
River Stage: 1.7 feet above low water mark.
Highest temperature, 81.
Lowest temperature, 69.
Mean temperature, 75.
Normal temperature, 71.

Late News Bulletins

London, Aug. 22.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Rome says the Duke of the Abruzzi has been appointed commander in chief of the Italian navy.

Rome, via Paris, Aug. 22, 1.30 a. m.—The Tribuna to-day publishes a telegram from a correspondent at the front who says that the German retreat from Muehlhausen, under the infernal fire of the French artillery became a tragedy. It was impossible for the Germans to see whence this fire came.

London, Aug. 22, 3.50 P. M.—The German advance into the western part of Belgium has not as yet interfered with the passenger steamer service between Folkestone and Ostend. The regular morning boat from each port left on time to-day.

Paris, Aug. 22, 1.35 P. M.—Official announcement was made here to-day that the Germans had shot to death the burgomaster and a group of the inhabitants of the Belgian town of Aerschot. The execution is declared to have been without provocation. The men were all shot at once.

Elgin, Ill., Aug. 22.—Spencer Wishart, the hero of many automobile races, was fatally injured when his car overturned while he was leading the field in the Elgin National Road race to-day. His mechanic, John Jenter, also was badly hurt. Wishart's skull was fractured, his right leg broken and his chest crushed. He died soon after being taken to the hospital.

2,000 SAIL FROM GLASGOW

London, Aug. 22, 3.25 P. M.—About 2,000 American and Canadian tourists sailed from Glasgow to-day from America. There are now only a few tourists left in the Scottish city.

DUM-DUM BULLETS FOUND

Paris, Aug. 22, 12.10 P. M.—The government to-day calls the attention of the powers which signed The Hague convention to its report that on August 10 following an engagement, a French army surgeon found five dum-dum bullets and the round to Muenster in Alsace. These bullets were in a rifle clip and were turned over to the French commanding general.

"MAGNIFICENT VICTORY" FOR GERMANS

Washington, Aug. 22.—An official German dispatch reports a "magnificent victory" of the German forces between Metz and the Vosges mountains. No additional details are given.

Great Britain Instructs Reservists in U. S. to Be in Readiness to Move

Ultimatum Expires To-morrow and Japanese Charge d'Affaires Has Been Instructed to Leave Berlin at 4 A. M. If Reply Is Not Forthcoming; Germans Are Reported Moving on to Antwerp Where Forces of Allies Are Believed to Be Concentrated in Important Position; Stage Is Set For Great Battle in Which Millions of Men Will Participate

BELGIUM PROTESTS TO U. S. OF GERMANY'S VIOLATION OF TREATY

By Associated Press
Washington, Aug. 22.—Mr. Havenith, the Belgian minister, presented a note of protest to the State Department against violation by Germany of the treaty of 1839 which guarantees the neutrality of Belgium. The same note will be delivered to the foreign offices of all neutral and allied nations.

An official dispatch to Minister Havenith announces the defeat of the Belgian army in Southeast Belgium where it was forced to yield to superior German forces. The troops retreated in good order to Antwerp the dispatch added, from where they will co-operate with the allies.

Brussels is entirely cut off from communication with the temporary governmental headquarters at Antwerp.

No mention was made in any of the dispatches of alleged German violation of the rules of war.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The Japanese government to-day instructed its charge d'affaires in Berlin to leave there at 4 A. M. to-morrow Berlin time, if an answer was not returned then by Germany to the Japanese ultimatum.

Baron Chinda asked Secretary Bryan to transmit through the American embassy at Berlin a message to the Japanese charge d'affaires giving him instructions in detail as to the course he is to pursue if no answer is returned to Germany.

Baron Chinda said the Japanese charge d'affaires at Berlin would wait for an answer until 4 a. m., and that if no communication were received he was to ask for his passports, place the interests of Japan in Germany in the hands of the United States and leave at once.

Baron Chinda did not say what course the Japanese charge d'affaires was to pursue if an answer were returned and it was unsatisfactory, but it was presumed he will remain in Berlin until the answer can be communicated and formally considered by the Japanese government.

Haniel Von Emmichausen, the German charge d'affaires, was a State Department caller just a few minutes before Baron Chinda arrived, and said that while he had no definite information, he would not be surprised if no answer were returned to the ultimatum, placing the burden of action on Japan.

Shanghai, Aug. 22.—According to information obtained to-day from an official but not Japanese source, the tenth division of the Japanese army, consisting of 16,000 men went on board transports at Kokura last Friday.

Furthermore a Japanese battleship fleet, including the superdreadnought Kingom has sailed to bombard Tsing Tau, the seaport of Kiao Chow and cover the landing of the first Japanese forces of occupation.

The second Japanese cruiser squadron from Port Arthur is patrolling between Korea and the island of Formosa.

A British cruiser from Hong Kong passed here to-day, going north.

Washington, Aug. 22.—All British army reservists in the United States have been ordered to place themselves at the orders of English consular officers in their districts. The reservists have not been ordered to join their colors in the full sense of the term but they have been ordered to get in touch with British consuls to be ready for orders. The British embassy here expects that some of them will be assembled in Canada to be ready for transportation to the British Isles, Europe or the Far East. Others will remain in the United States, in close touch with the British consuls.

London, Aug. 22.—2.37 p. m.—The American embassy up to 2.30 o'clock this afternoon had not been advised of the arrival at Rotterdam of the American cruiser Tennessee with assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge on board.

The Tennessee is carrying financial relief to Americans on the continent. She left Falmouth Thursday and should have reached Rotterdam yesterday. Mr. Breckenridge expects to go from Rotterdam directly to The Hague where messages for him have been forwarded by Ambassador Page.

The failure to hear from Mr. Breckenridge is arousing apprehension here that the Tennessee has been delayed and that she will not be able to rush her relief to Americans marooned in Germany. The officers of the cruiser hoped to get this money into Germany by way of Holland.

The German advance into Belgium is going on to-day, apparently without serious check. Having taken Brussels, the troops of Emperor William are forcing their way steadily and rapidly to the north and west.

They have occupied Ghent and are approaching Bruges and Ostend. They would appear to be endeavoring to overrun the whole

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