

ITALY IS PREPARED TO DECLARE WAR WITHIN SIX WEEKS

PROTEST AGAINST BLOCKADE WILL BE GENTLE REMINDER

Note to Allies Will Not be so Vigorous as at First Proposed by Washington Government.

WAR ZONE WILL BE LIMITED

Promises by England and France Acceptable to the United States—Statement of America's position will be mild but will protect U. S. interests fully.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—America's protest to the blockade of the seas about England and the German coast will be shaped at a meeting of the cabinet on Tuesday. It will not be phrased in as vigorous terms as at first proposed.

Secretary Bryan will report that Ambassador Page has received information from the allies that they intend to limit the war zone to the smallest area possible. No definite figures have been given. It is understood the United States will be satisfied with a limitation that confines the war area to within a thousand miles of the coast. So far the allies have been unwilling to guarantee that such a limit can be established. On account of the informal promises given Mr. Page the government has abandoned its original plan to make a very vigorous protest and it is now believed the formal statement will be comparatively mild.

State department officials declined to indicate the nature of the protest but said it would protect American interests fully. It is expected Britain and France will be asked to define the locality they intend to blockade and state how they expect to accomplish any result.

SPRING OFFICIALLY HERE; ARRIVED YESTERDAY MORN

WEATHER GROWS WARM, SUNDAY REGISTERING 78 DEGREES.

Spring "has come." Though the season of sunshine, grass, flowers, lovers and long-haired poets has been with Pendleton and Umatilla county in fact for several weeks, officially it did not arrive until yesterday morning, March 21. By way of announcing and impressing the fact, the weather man served up the warmest day of the year. The official thermometer yesterday afternoon registered a maximum of 78 degrees, the highest the mercury has climbed since October 15 when it reached 83. It was the warmest March day since March 29, 1911, when the thermometer registered 79 and, a hurried search of the records of past years, failed to show any earlier date in March when the mercury climbed as high as 78.

NEW LIBRARY MAY BE OPEN TO PUBLIC IN SEPTEMBER

To have the new public library building erected and ready for occupancy by Round-up time is now the aim of members of the library board and daily meetings are being held for the purpose of considering the plans. A large number of plans have been submitted and it is expected to have the selections of plans made within a few days. By prompt action it is believed that the building can be erected and made ready for use by the Round-up.

HUNDREDS BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED IN AVALANCHE AT CANADIAN MINING VILLAGE

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 22.—An avalanche caused by snow melting in Sunday's sunshine, swept down the mountainside at the Britannia mine on Howe Sound, burying scores of sleeping men, according to advices received here today. A launch loaded with physicians and nurses was rushed from Vancouver to the scene of the disaster. It is impossible to state the exact number of dead, but it is believed to be heavy.

PRZEMYSL FALLS BEFORE RUSSIANS

Stronghold in Galicia is at Last Captured—Siege Has Lasted for Many Months—Austrians Forced to Surrender When Supplies Run Short.

PETROGRAD, March 22.—Przemysl, the Austrian stronghold which has held back all Russian attempts to capture it since almost the beginning of the war, has at last fallen. The war office today issued an official announcement that the Russians have captured the great fortress in Galicia. The Slavs began their siege many months ago but were unable to take the city through assault. The end, however, has been forecasted for weeks by the Petrograd government as the garrison of the beleaguered city has been rapidly running short of food and war-supplies. The Russians have continuously bombarded the defenses of the city and have repulsed every attempt of Germans and Austrians to raise the siege.

When the Russians entered the fortress they found the Austrians in the last extremities of disease and hunger. Their suffering had been intense and apparently the decision to surrender was the realization that it was impossible to hold out. The Russians spoke highly of the bravery and heroism of the defenders who had fought until their condition was absolutely desperate.

The fall of Przemysl was proclaimed as the greatest Russian victory since the beginning of the war. It releases a Russian army of 60,000 men who had been engaged in the long campaign against the stronghold. This army will be sent immediately into Poland to reinforce the armies holding back Von Hindenburg.

ILLUSTRATED STORY OF FRIENDSHIP TO BE TOLD

PYTHIANS AND FRIENDS INVITED TO HEAR NOTED LECTURER TONIGHT.

At the Oregon theatre this evening the illustrated lecture by George W. Penniman of Massachusetts will be given for the benefit of members of the Knights of Pythias, and their families and for all others who desire to attend, the meeting being open to the public without charge.

Mr. Penniman went to Syracuse on the Island of Sicily, and there personally took pictures of those scenes made sacred to Pythians by the greatest example of friendship that adorns the pages of history. The scenes flashed upon the canvass include views in and around Syracuse, castle halls and Pythian homes erected by the order—history, art, romance, beauty, patriotism and fraternity—works of art in colors. The lecture in itself is interesting and entertaining in its fullest sense, whether one is a member of the order or not, one of the best you will ever have the opportunity to listen to, a lecture that held the last supreme convention of the Knights of Pythias of several thousand members under its magic spell from the first word to the last," says Marion Davis of Union, who saw it at the supreme lodge.

MEMEL AGAIN IN THE HANDS OF GERMANS

BERLIN, March 22.—(Wireless via Sayville.)—It was officially announced here today that the Russians have been driven from Memel, an important Baltic sea port, which was captured last week.

A German army from Tilsit drove the Russians from the port after a severe engagement in the streets. The Russians threw up barricades when the Germans attacked and then defended them strongly but were overwhelmed. Earlier in the day the Slavs were defeated south of Memel and compelled to fall back.

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The meeting was an enthusiastic one and the definite action at that time consisted in the appointment of two committees. A committee composed of W. W. Harrah, Barney Anderson, William Kupers, A. F. May and J. E. Montgomery is authorized to secure legal counsel and take action with a view to securing deekage rights at Cold Springs, the aim being to vest those rights when obtained in a port commission.

The other committee is composed of E. L. Smith, W. W. Harrah and William Kupers and is to investigate the status of the portage road to see if that road can be moved to Cold Springs and operated as a state road as a feeder to the open river. This matter was taken up at the instance of E. L. Smith.

The meeting Saturday was presided over by R. O. Earnhart, president of the Farmers Union of the county. Mr. Earnhart had just returned from a trip that took him to other portions of the county. He reported that valuable aid for the road proposition will be forthcoming from the east end of the county, particularly from Farmers' union sources.

The subject of the road meeting at Stanfield Tuesday evening was discussed and it was decided to send a delegation to the meeting with a view of impressing upon the west end people the purposes of the Cold Springs road and to prevent them from opposing the road through misunderstanding.

SUBMARINE AT DEAL ALARMS FISHERMEN

DOVER, March 22.—A German submarine appeared at Deal, eight miles from here, causing great alarm among the fishing fleet. British patrol boats sighted the hostile craft before it could launch an attack. The submarine dived and disappeared before the war ships could reach the scene.

He May Have to Face Italy Soon



Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria-Hungary may soon have to defend his western frontiers from an invasion of Italians, who, according to today's developments, are preparing to enter the war. It is not apparent yet upon which side Italy may engage but as feeling against Austria is very unfriendly it is considered that the Italian government will cast in its lot with France, England and Russia. The refusal of Emperor Joseph to consider the proposal of returning to Italy the Trentino and other former Italian territory, is also expected to play a large part in Italy's determination to crush Austria.

O'BRIEN STATES ATTITUDE OF O-W. R. & N. CO. TOWARD ROADS

Railroad Company Does Not Oppose Cold Springs Road—Paralleling Line to Umatilla Would Injure Passenger Business.

The O-W. R. & N. Co. is making no fight on the proposed Cold Springs paved road and will not oppose that road if it is desired by the people, but if a hard surface road is built paralleling the railroad from Pendleton to Umatilla the inevitable result will be that the railroad company will lose some of its passenger business and it may prove impossible to keep the present motor car service going. The motor has never been much more than self-sustaining and there was talk last fall of taking it off altogether. This statement made today in an interview with the East Oregonian by T. F. O'Brien, local agent, summarizes the attitude of the O-W. R. & N. Co. takes with reference to the various road propositions now under discussion here.

SPEAKER CLARK AND HIS DAUGHTER IN HOTEL FIRE

BOTH HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM BLAZE IN EARLY MORNING FIRE.

JACKSON, Miss., March 22.—Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives and his daughter Genevieve had a narrow escape when they fled from a fire at the Layndhaven hotel at Pass Christian, early today. They escaped in their night clothes. Clark was soon provided with clothing and returned to help the firemen. Miss Clark was cared for by friends. The hotel was destroyed, the loss being \$50,000.

PARIS BOMBARDED FROM SKY; 8 PERSONS WOUNDED

ZEPPELINS APPEAR SUNDAY DROPPING BOMBS—ONE HOUSE SET AFIRE.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Ambassador Sharp reported from Paris that during the Zeppelin raid Sunday fire was set to a house near the American hospital. No serious casualties occurred as a result of the raid.

THOUSANDS OF RESERVISTS CLAMOR FOR DECISIVE MOVE ON PART OF THE GOVERNMENT

MUST EITHER ABANDON PLANS OR GET INTO THE FRAY

All Schools Through the Country Will be Closed April 1 That Buildings May be Used for Military Purposes—War-Bread Rations go Into Effect Today—Problem of Unemployed is Serious One and Men Called to Colors Clamor for War to Relieve the Situation.

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PARIS, March 22.—The entrance of Italy into the war within six weeks is practically a certainty. Only unexpected international developments will interfere with carrying out the Rome government's program which obviously has been fixed.

The country is fully cognizant of the situation. Italian ports are crowded with incoming Italians of military age. These are veritable beehives of young men from the United States and Europe who have been recalled to the colors. Everywhere troops are drilling. Italy is ready to the last detail for a spring and summer campaign. An emphatic impression prevails that Italy will be forced to abandon her fighting attitude and release her subjects which are being held for mobilization, or to declare war and give the idle reservists something to do. Teachers through Italy have been notified to close their schools on April 1 so that the buildings may be used for military purposes. Today, the country went on war-bread rations in order that the supply may be conserved. Fancy pastry has been prohibited for the same reasons. Italy is on tip-toe, expectant, waiting the war which she is certain is at hand.

17 YEAR OLD GIRL INVOLVED IN CASE FOR WHICH RANCHER OF HERMISTON IS ARRESTED

Charged with soliciting and procuring a child under eighteen years of age, William B. White, a young rancher of Hermiston who is said to be wealthy, is in the custody of the sheriff pending arrangements to furnish a bond of \$1500 fixed this morning by Justice of the Peace Joe H. Parkes. The complaining witness is Walter Botkin, stepfather of the girl involved. White was arrested Saturday by Deputy Sheriff J. A. Blekeley and brought to Pendleton, and this morning was arraigned. His attorneys are Col. J. H. Raley and Judge James A. Fee. It is charged by the complaining witness that White recently enticed the girl, who is 17 years old, to his home and kept her over night. The girl is said to have told the story that led to the filing of the charge. The girl and her mother, it is said, through shame and fear of notoriety, fled several days ago from their home but were located Saturday out in the country from Hermiston by the officers. The stepfather, it is said, is much aroused and is determined upon pressing the charges. White is said to be a man of means, having a large income, and it is said will come into considerable estate in Chicago within the month.

ROSE SHOW WILL PROBABLY BE HELD HERE THIS YEAR

PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY—EXHIBIT WILL TAKE PLACE EARLY IN JUNE.

In all probability Pendleton will hold another rose show this spring, the local organization which, two years ago opened the eyes of the city by an exhibition of the choice flowers adopted to this climate, having already begun preparations for a second demonstration. A meeting was held last Friday evening in the offices of Dr. L. U. Temple and it was then definitely decided to put on a show this spring, probably during the first part of June.

At the meeting Mr. Temple resigned as chairman of the organization on account of other work and Mrs. John Vaughan was chosen to fill the position temporarily. Another meeting will be held soon at which new officers will be chosen and definite plans made for the rose show.

The committee is urging that the entire city give its support and cooperation in making the exhibition a success. So far the spring weather has been ideal for horticulture and, unless some late frosts interfere, there will be an abundance of blooms. The committee has more than \$100 in cash besides many trophies and prizes put up for the show last year, which was called off when the late frosts killed a great many of the roses.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Italy is prepared to enter the war in six weeks. Przemysl is at last captured by the Russians. American protest against blockade will be mild in its terms. Local. O-W. R. & N. attitude towards road projects explained by T. F. O'Brien. Wealthy Hermistonian held on serious charge. Farmers take further steps to forward Cold Springs road scheme. Pendleton will hold another rose show this spring. Spring ushered in with warmest day of year. Local bowlers win honors at Spokane.