

## PRZEMYSL FORTRESS AGAIN IN HANDS OF AUSTRILIANS

Former Austrian Stronghold Recaptured From the Russians.

Vienna, June 4.—Przemysl is again in Austrian hands, according to an official announcement.

The great Austrian fortress of Przemysl situated between Lemberg and Cracow, in Galicia, was captured by the Russians March 22 last, after one of the longest sieges of modern war. Since that time the Austro-German armies have made vigorous efforts to re-take it, large forces of men and artillery being diverted for the drive eastward from the great fortress of Cracow.

Recent dispatches stated that the Austro-German forces had been successful in their operations to the north and southeast of Przemysl and that the forts girdling the positions had been taken.

When the fortress fell into the hands of the Russians it had undergone a siege of 201 days. The Austrian garrison originally consisted of 170,000 men of which 40,000 had been killed during the siege. About 120,000 men surrendered to the Russians with the fortress.

King Victor Emmanuel has offered his services as intermediary in the adjustment of territorial questions which have arisen between Russia and Roumania, according to the Milan Secolo.

### Coinurance Clause.

Insurance Commissioner Young says: The last Legislature did not prohibit the use of the coinurance clause, as some wished, but provided that an insurance company before writing a policy with a coinurance clause should give to the insured the choice of a policy at proper rates with or without the coinurance clause. In this our citizens will be apprised of the fact that the coinurance clause is in his policy, and will have the right to say whether or not they will take their insurance in this way. The agent is also required to stamp on the back of each policy in which the coinurance clause is used the words "Coinurance Contract."

### British Steamer Sunk.

The British steamer Saidieh, from Alexandria, Egypt, for Liverpool, was torpedoed in the North sea. Seven members of the crew, including a stewardess, were drowned. Forty-one survivors were landed at Chatham.

The Saidieh had a crew of forty-eight Greeks, a British commander and eight passengers of different nationalities. The loss of life was the result of jamming of davits while one of the boats was being lowered. The occupants were thrown into the water.

Those in the other boats were picked up by a trawler. The steamer sank in fifteen minutes.

### Complaint of Rates.

For two years the Insurance Commissioner has had the power to pass upon any complaint made to him of the discrimination of fire rates; but the last Legislature gave him the right to inquire into complaints where parties believe that rates are excessive or unfair. Under the new law the complaint must be made in writing, and after the notice he can set a place for the hearing and fully investigate the matter.

### Rather Late!

In "clean up" weeks and days conditions that are likely to cause fires should not be forgotten. Clean for fire prevention as well as health; both are necessary for the protection of life and property. Recently a clean-up week was held in a small town in this State, but the big fire came the week before.

## BASEBALL PLANS HAVE BEEN ABANDONED

Hickory Will Not Have Team in the Amateur League.

Those who have been working for an amateur baseball team in the western North Carolina Amateur Baseball League with Morganton, Lenoir and Statesville, this summer, have given up the proposition.

It was realized that \$1500 would be required to put a team in the field equal to those of Morganton and Statesville, and for reason that only a short time has been given to raise funds, only about \$600 had been subscribed.

They were also unable to secure the proper grounds on which to play the games. It was understood at a meeting last week that Gastonia wanted to come into the League and this gave Hickory an opportunity to withdraw in favor of that city.

However, Hickory will have a team in 1916 and an athletic association looking to this end will be organized shortly.

### State News Items.

Judge George W. Connor at New Bern last week practically cleared Solicitor Charles L. Abernethy from any stigma placed upon by Judge Frank Carter during the wrangle that the two had in New Bern over the Baughman case, when he declared that all records after the Baughman case should be expunged.

The abstract of the condition of national banks in North Carolina at the close of business May 1, shows conditions as follows: Reserve held at 18.0 per cent; loans and discounts, \$45,426,941; gold coin, \$355,906; lawful money in reserve, \$1,692,690; and deposits, \$34,364,890.

A man giving his name as Paul Ross and believed to be a veggan, was arrested near Asheville Thursday. When arrested he is said to have had two suit cases, one containing stamps to the value of \$455.68, and this led the officers to believe he was the man who robbed the Honea Path, S. C., post office several weeks ago. The prisoner claimed that the stamps had been given him by a man in Florida.

The cotton mill of the Harden Manufacturing Co., at Worth, Gaston county, was burned Friday morning shortly after midnight, the loss being estimated at \$275,000. The bursting of a main after the fire had been under control lost the reserve supply of water and fire truck called out from Gastonia, 10 miles away, broke through a bridge and could not get to the fire.

Rev. H. G. Kopenhaver, for six years principal of the Star-town high school, left Friday for St. Paris, Ohio. The school officials have not yet selected a successor to Mr. Kopenhaver, or to Mr. Smith, farm life teacher, also resigned, or Miss Etta Mae Ormerod of Kingston, N. Y., teacher of domestic science, who resigned at the close of the school.

When Mack Brown, colored, climbed aboard a Kinston Manufacturing Company locomotive near the log woods around Pink Hill near Kinston last week, John Thomas, the engineer, assuming that Brown had no business on it slapped him off. The negro then secured a shot gun and laid in ambush until some hours later, the white man passed in his cab bound for home. Brown got fair aim and six or eight shot took effect in Thomas' person.

The Newton aldermen have fixed the 1915 tax levy at \$1.20 on the \$100 of property and \$2.40 on the poll. Of the total 90 cents is for general purpose and 30 cents for schools, and 90 cents of the poll is for schools. An ordinance that stops the washing of automobiles on the sidewalks and streets of the town was enacted.

There are 500 tin mills in South Wales.

## INTERESTING ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

Condensed Paragraphs of Important Happenings the World Over.

New York.—The will of Jacob Ruppert, millionaire brewer, who died May 25, filed for probate, disposes of an estate valued at \$20,000,000 divided among his widow and four children.

Montreal.—The Allan liner Corsican, which arrived at Glasgow with about 1,000 passenger, was chased by a submarine near Queenstown, according to a special cable dispatch to the Montreal Star.

St. Louis.—The Davidson Brothers Commission company, of Des Moines, Iowa, pleaded guilty to a charge of having swindled railroads by fraudulent claims for the alleged damaging of goods in shipment was fined \$2,500.

Washington.—The supreme court annulled so far as it applies to interstate commerce the South Carolina statute penalizing railroad companies \$50 for the failure to pay within thirty days claims for loss of shipments.

New York.—Twenty of the leading business and professional men of China, appointed by the president of their republic as members of a commission to visit the principal cities of the United States, were welcomed and entertained by city officials here.

Chicago.—The state began the introduction of evidence in the trial of James O. D. Storen, former police captain, and Michael Weisbaum and Frederick Roth, former detectives, charged with having conspired with criminals to permit burglaries.

San Francisco.—The French bark, Francis d'Amboise reached Honolulu with her part cargo of coal ablaze under the after hatch a message reaching here said. The bark was from New Castle, Australia, for San Francisco.

Phoenix, Ariz.—With five men under death sentence awaiting the outcome of its deliberations, the state legislature met here in special session to consider the questions of capital punishment, land legislation and enforcement of prohibition.

Udine.—Large numbers of ecclasiastics are participating in the war. In addition to several hundred who are going to the front as chaplains or members of the Red Cross thousands have been called to the colors. Most of these belong to sanitary corps but many are officers or non-commissioned officers in the regular army.

Washington.—Formal application was made to the supreme court for bail for Victor L. Innes and wife, pending their appeal to that tribunal from the decision of the Texas state court holding them subject to extradition to Georgia to answer charges of larceny after trust.

San Diego.—Wireless advices received by the United States cruiser, Colorado, state that Mexican authorities at Mazatlan have appropriated the water works there largely owned by American capital. Indians are reported as robbing and pillaging in the interior of northern Sinaloa.

Washington.—Although the Panama canal is in physical condition to permit the passage of battleships it became known that the Atlantic fleet will not make the tour through the great waterway next month. No official announcement has been made however, and officials are reticent in discussing the situation.

Akron, O.—The convention of the general synod of the Lutheran church approved a committee report, virtually authorizing the adoption of graded Sunday school lessons to be used exclusively by Lutheran churches throughout the country. Dissatisfaction with International lessons brought about the action.

Boston.—Uncertainty over the

application of the Sherman anti-trust act to combinations formed to promote export trade is one of the principal obstacles in the way of expanding business with South American countries, in the opinion of New England merchants, expressed at a conference with the federal trade commission.

Yokohama.—A German baker, accused of sending secret documents concealed in bread and cakes to German prisoners at Tokio has been ordered to leave Japan within a week. Four other Germans engaged in business here have been ordered deported for "committing acts against the welfare of the country."

Baltimore.—James Walsh, wealthy clubman and president of an automobile company, was sentenced here to two years in the penitentiary for causing the death of Mrs. Annie McL. Seymour, whom he struck with his automobile last March. Several witnesses testified that Walsh was under the influence of liquor at the time.

Annapolis.—June week with its usual gaieties and its series of formal functions woven about the coming of the members of the naval committee of congress to inspect the institution, opened at the naval academy. The members of the board of visitors after being formally received and accorded the usual honors, inspected the midshipmen in an infantry drill.

New York.—The charge that Chairman Frank P. Walsh, of the United States industrial relations commission, distorted testimony when he issued a statement at Kansas City seeking to make it appear that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was personally responsible for labor conditions in the coal fields, was made here by W. L. Mackenzie King, former minister of labor for Canada and now director of an investigation into industrial relations for the Rockefeller foundation.

### Deeds Filed for Record.

The following deeds have been filed for record in the office of Register of Deeds for Catawba county:

Jerome Bolick Sons Co., to D. E. Bolick, for \$2600, house and 1 acre at Conover.

Newton Motor Co., to Geo. A. Warlick, for \$480, house and lot at Maiden.

J. D. Elliott to Eubert, Walker and George Lyerly for \$600 lot on Tenth Avenue, Hickory.

M. L. Flannigan to E. Flagler, for \$150, lot on Ninth Avenue, Hickory.

J. D. Beal to W. M. Caldwell, for \$1000, 24 acres adjoining John Turbyfill.

### Civil Cases in County Court.

The Enterprise says the civil cases of Virginia Iron and Metal Co., vs. the Shuford Hardware Company, of Hickory, for an alleged account of \$400, resulted in a verdict for the defendants in the county court Tuesday. The Carolina & North-Western Ry. Co., vs. Hutton & Bourbonnais for \$140 for demurrage, and of the Southern Ry. Co., against the same for \$85, resulted in judgments for the plaintiffs.

A farm house in Lewistown, N. J., was recently destroyed by fire. The good housewife was sungeing a chicken in the old-fashioned way, over an open stove. Apparently she burned her fingers and dropped the chicken into the fire, which instantly blazed up and ignited the house.—Safety Engineering.

### Restored to Good Health.

"I was sick for four years with stomach trouble," writes Mrs. Otto Gans, Zanesville, Ohio. "I lost weight and felt so weak that I almost gave up the hope of being cured. A friend told me about Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using two bottles of them I have been a well woman. For sale by Grimes Drug Co. and Lutz's Drug Store.

A man does not please long when he has only one species of wit.—La Bocheleucpuld.

## GOVERNMENT LOSES SUIT AGAINST U. S. STEEL

May Mark End of Federal Efforts to Hound and Harass Big Business.

The United States District Court for New Jersey has handed down a unanimous decision refusing the petition of the federal government to dissolve the United States Steel Corporation.

As against the government the court refused to dissolve the corporation, holding that in acquiring its foreign and home trade the concern did not violate the Sherman anti-trust and refused all the injunctions prayed for by the department of justice.

As against the steel corporation the court held that the committee meetings participated in by ninety-five per cent of the steel trade of the country, subsequent to the famous Gary dinners of eight or nine years ago, were unlawful combinations to control prices; but as these meetings had stopped before the government filled its complaint in October 1911, the judges held that there was no occasion for an injunction.

This famous suit was instituted by the Taft administration, was prosecuted for the government by Jacob M. Dickinson, former secretary of war, as chief counsel.

### Battle Cry of the Locusts.

Did you hear that hollow moaning sound ending with a gasp that sounded like a prophecy of death and destruction—a sound rising and falling, swelling and sinking all day long? It is the horrible battle cry of locusts, and the vanguard has reached the town. You will find them clinging to the branches of trees and bushes, hanging upon fences, and crawling on the ground. And if you pick one up and look closely at the thin gauze of its long wings you will see the letter W very plainly stamped thereon. Now, just as surely as A stands for Archer and B stands for Bow, W stands for War. If there is not war of any other kind there will be war of the flying creatures on trees and other vegetation. Remember Pharaoh and repent of your sins.—Brevard News.

### Special Germany Envoy Dispatched to Berlin in Interest of Peace.

New York, June 4.—Meyer Gerhart, who is understood to be the special agent the German ambassador, Count Bernstorff, is sending to Berlin, sailed yesterday on the steamship, United States, for Copenhagen, it became known today. His accommodations were engaged less than two hours before the vessel sailed and he arrived at the pier less than five minutes before the steamer cast off.

Mr. Gerhart carried documents bearing the official seals of Great Britain, Russia and France giving guaranty against molestation by officers of allied warships. Mr. Gerhart booked his passage from New York city. Whether he is an American citizen or not was not ascertained. In addition to the papers signed by the allies representatives, he carried official papers signed by American and German and Austrian authorities, the nature of which was not ascertained today.

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## GERMANS ANXIOUS OVER UNREST IN ROUMANIA

Rumors Rife That 1,000,000 Men are Being Mobilized in That Country.

Roumania now is occupying the "seat of uneasy neutrality," lately held by Italy. The diplomats of the near east evidently are working hard to bring an understanding between Bulgaria and Roumania. Rumors are rife that Roumania is mobilizing 1,000,000 men.

The German press is showing some indications of anxiety over the situation, and the Frankfurter Zeitung has called for concessions to prevent Roumanian intervention. Vienna has been informed that Germany, pouring out blood and treasure in the struggle, must be listened to, and that Austria-Hungary must be prepared to make certain sacrifices to meet the Roumanian demands.

It is significant, in the opinion of British observers, that three of the opposition leaders in the Hungarian parliament have demanded and have been granted a conference with Emperor Francis Joseph for the statement of opinions which cannot be uttered in parliament itself.

### The Hyphen and the Law.

While the much-reprobated "hyphen" is fast disappearing of its own accord under the compulsion of new, broader patriotism, it is interesting to note that it is also declared to have no standing in law.

A ruling to that effect has just been made by Justice Whitaker of New York. The case concerned a moving picture play which, it was contended, would be offensive to German-Americans. The judge, while deploring any such tendency in the production, declared that he could take no cognizance of the matter, because the American law recognizes no national distinctions based on the origin of citizens.

"The court," he said, "cannot give judicial sanction to the grouping of American citizens in different classes and shape or color its decision therewith. America includes all classes of naturalized citizens, irrespective of their place of birth. What has lately come to be known as hyphenated citizenship has no standing, and cannot be recognized by the court or any branch of the government. The plaintiff should not, therefore, be interfered with because of the super-sensitiveness of alien residents."

It goes without saying that no race ought to be misrepresented in any American play. In a way the decision seems unjust, since it may seem to permit a wrong without possibility of reparation. And yet it ought to hasten the day when there will be no groups of citizens disposed to public action or protest from motives based on foreign sympathy or prejudice, no matter what the occasion may be.—Asheville Gazette News.

## Civil War Horse Still Survives

The oldest horse that served the county in the War between the States is still alive, at the age of 53 years, at Horseheads, N. Y. It is owned by P. A. McIntosh who is also a veteran of the same war. To prove his assertion Mr. McIntosh shows the government brand on the animal's hip, which reads "I. C., 1865." Horse and man served in the same regiment. Although bent with age, his hair turning gray and his teeth becoming worn, the old horse is still able to eat 12 quarts of oats and take his master to town several times a week. It is estimated the animal is at least 53 years old. Farmers say the average life of a horse is about 15 years.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NORMAL TO BE HELD HERE IN JULY

Lutherans Will Assemble Here for Four Days' Session July 12 to 16.

The eighth annual joint Sunday School Normal of the Tennessee Lutheran Church will be held at Lenoir College, this city, July 12 to 16. The committee is gratified to be able to announce that Rev. A. C. Schenck, of Philadelphia, who so capably conducted the kindergarten and primary grades last year, has been secured again this year, with Miss Mabel Bulwinkle as assistant.

The intermediate department will be in charge of Rev. F. B. Clausen, of Wilmington. Rev. W. A. Deaton, of this city, will direct the Bible study period for teachers of all grades.

As in years past, a period each morning will be devoted to the study of Missions, and especially their application to Sunday School instruction. Rev. J. C. Seegers, D. D., of Columbia, S. C., will present this subject.

The usual periods each day will be devoted to Sunday School music. A new feature of the work will be short talks each period on some particular phase of music in its relation to the Sunday School.

At the evening sessions, timely addresses will be delivered upon important Sunday School subjects as follows: "The Pastor's Relation to the Sunday School," Rev. R. L. Patterson, D. D., Salisbury; "The Superintendent and His Work," Rev. L. L. Lohr, D. D., of Lincolnton; "The Teacher and the Spiritual Life," Rev. A. C. Schenck; "The Sunday School and Higher Education," Rev. F. B. Clausen; "The Mission of the Church Through the Sunday School," Rev. J. C. Seegers, D. D.

As on former occasions grade conferences will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, with a closing general conference on Friday. A round table will be conducted each day, a half hour before Vespers.

### More Towns Make Improvements.

Raleigh, June 4.—Old Fort and Hertford are the next North Carolina towns to make notable municipal improvements. Old Fort, the main gateway to the mountains proper, with a population of not over 1000, has contracted for a sanitary sewer system to cost around \$10,000.

Hertford, the quaint old town on the Perquimans, has gone two farther. She has contracted for waterworks, electric lighting and a sanitary sewer system, together with street improvements on specified streets.

The small towns 1,000 or more inhabitants are today making the municipal improvements that towns of 15,000 or 20,000 inhabitants made just a few years ago. Regardless of war times these towns feel that they cannot afford not to make these principal safeguards in defense of health and safety. It is an encouraging sign when small towns feel that they must provide "safety first" for their people, regardless of the money cost.

### Given Twelve Months on Roads.

Forest Reese was given 12 months on the roads in recorder's court here Friday for larceny, he having stolen a number of articles from Shell-Mitchell Grocery Co. He was married the night before his arrest to Miss Bertie Kiliian, of this city.

### Clerk and Registers Receipts.

Receipts in the clerk's office in May were \$150.30, and in the register's office, \$212.80. In the case of the clerk, the receipts proved to be just 30 cents over his salary, while the register had a surplus of \$62.80.—Newton Enterprise.

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