

ADVERSE TO BREAK

POWERFUL FORCES AT WORK IN GERMANY FROWN ON RADICAL ACTION.

MESSAGES FROM GERARD

Dispatches Contain Strong Intimations that Berlin Government Will Make Concessions in Reply to the American Note.

Washington, D. C.—Indications that powerful influences in German politics are opposed to any action by the Berlin government which might lead to the severance of diplomatic relations with the United States are understood to be contained in confidential dispatches received here by the state department from Ambassador Gerard.

Other dispatches from Mr. Gerard were said to contain strong intimations that the Berlin government would make some concessions to the United States in reply to the note demanding the immediate abandonment of the present methods of submarine warfare.

McCOMBS PLANS TO RETIRE

Will Not Handle President Wilson's 1918 Campaign.

Washington, D. C.—Choice of the man who will manage President Wilson's campaign for reelection, becoming chairman of the Democratic national committee to succeed William F. McCombs, who notified the president Monday that he would retire after the St. Louis convention, lies between Fred B. Lynch, national committee man from Minnesota, and Homer S. Cummings, of Connecticut, vice chairman of the committee.

Mr. McCombs' decision that his personal affairs demanded that he give up the chairmanship after five years of active service, was communicated to the president in a letter which was made public Monday.

To Pay Death Penalty. Deming, N. M.—The seven Villistas who were captured after the raid on Columbus and convicted of murder in the first degree were condemned to death by Judge Edward L. Medler. The date of the execution is set for May 19.

Troops Ordered to Alaska. Juneau, Alaska.—It is reported here that federal troops stationed at Fort Lincoln, near Valdez, have been ordered to Anchorage because of trouble with the railroad construction laborers who went on strike there.

Tallest Man is Dead. New York.—Hugo, a circus giant, who was said to be the tallest man in the world, is dead. Pneumonia was the cause. He was eight feet four inches high and normally weighed 630 pounds.

Ford to Build New Factory. New York.—Henry Ford has purchased an eighty-acre tract of reclaimed meadow land, located in New Jersey between this city and Newark, which he plans to build an automobile factory costing \$5,000,000, according to an announcement.

Airplane Raid East Coast. London.—Three seaplanes visited the eastern coast Monday night, dropping incendiary bombs, according to official announcement.

Strikers Resort to Riot. Pittsburgh, Pa.—The first serious rioting in the strike of 13,000 employees of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, in East Pittsburgh occurred Monday night. Several shots were fired and an unidentified striker and a detective were injured.

Lone Robber Loots Bank. Brigham, Utah.—A lone robber held up and bypass Cashier A. Walter Keesler, of the Copperfield State bank here, at noon Monday, took \$4,500 in cash and escaped.

Red Cross Campaign. Washington, D. C.—In connection with its campaign to enroll a million members by December 1 next, the American Red Cross announces that a national committee has been given through the secretary to individuals making the best records in obtaining new members.

Country Club 200 Notes. Washington, D. C.—Consolidated \$100 notes of the Federal Reserve bank of New York are in circulation in New

NEWS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Happenings of the State Condensed for Readers of the Dakota Farmers Leader

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Western Newspaper Union News Service. Robbers broke into James Fitzgerald's drug store at Miller and took a number of valuable articles.

Reuben Snyder, aged 65, a man of family of Miller, ended his life by poisoning himself in the head.

Claire City will have a new school house this season. Preliminary arrangements, including the voting of bonds, have been made.

The town of Java has voted bonds for the erection of a municipal lighting plant, and will boost for early commencement of work on same.

Mrs. W. W. Westbrook, better known as Mother Handy, who claimed to be 100 years old, but is believed to be about 90, died at Yankton last week.

As the result of a meeting held in Parker it was arranged that the town should be represented in the baseball field this season by a semi-professional team.

The Gray Construction company of Watertown has been awarded the contract for the construction of the new Clark high school building, the contract price being \$25,999.

The financial statement, issued by the postoffice at Huron for the fiscal year ending March 31, shows an increase of \$2,427.50, or 3 per cent of the total of last years business.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Southern Corn Belt Tractor company, at Sioux Falls. Capital \$100,000. Incorporators, George H. Hazen, Ralph Johnson, J. P. Hoffman.

Lester Harbert, a resident of Hanson county, has been held for trial in the state circuit court on the charge of cattle stealing. There is a rumor that others were implicated.

Farmers of Brule county in the immediate vicinity of Chamberlain are, as a rule, feeding a good supply of cattle, according to John H. Peterson. Feeding conditions in that vicinity are favorable and there is quite a lot of stock being made ready for market.

A representative of the insurance inspection bureau of Minneapolis, after thoroughly inspecting the business buildings of Summit, the water supply and the town's fire fighting apparatus, announced that he would recommend to the bureau a lower rate of insurance on Summit fire risks.

Two more bad prairie fires burned in eastern Sully county last week, both being driven by high winds, and while no buildings are reported to have been burned, a large amount of grass was burned over. Fires have been more prevalent on the east side of the river this spring than for many years.

Former House Speaker J. M. Lawson of Aberdeen spoke to a large audience at the auditorium in Pierre in favor of statewide prohibition. His address was preceded by a parade in which the children of the various Sunday schools carrying flags, and the W. C. T. U. and church and temperance workers of the city participated.

J. R. Dodge of Washington, D. C., has arrived in Pierre to assist in carrying out the county systems of highways inaugurated by the county commissioners. Dodge is a road engineer who is sent out by the good roads bureau of the department of agriculture, and his presence assures the construction of a county system of highways on a scientific basis.

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Mrs. Mary Flemington Strand, county superintendent of schools in Dickey county since January 1, 1913, has resigned her position and the county commissioners have appointed Miss Clara Flemington, deputy superintendent, to fill out the term of Mrs. Strand.

LANDS IN DEMAND

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM SALE OF SCHOOL LANDS THIS SPRING IS \$1,185,913.87.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the Capital City, the Various State Institutions and from Many Different Parts of the Sunshine State.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Pierre.—A million and a quarter dollars is the return from land sales by the state at the spring offerings which were completed last week. The average price received from school lands was \$51.71 per acre, and for endowment lands was \$55.59 per acre.

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Organized fire companies in 176 towns of the state will receive \$26,104.30 from the foreign fire insurance companies operating within the state from the tax levied upon the premiums paid in such towns for support of the fire companies.

Action taken by United States District Judge James D. Elliott completes the disbarment of G. W. Egan. There is no court of law in South Dakota now in which Egan can practice his profession.

Perkins County Roads. Two main highways are to be constructed across Perkins county from north to south, one from Lemmon, the other from Hettinger. The government has provided the county with a highway engineer, and after a conference of the county a program was laid out which calls for a roadway of 28 feet and a maximum of 3 per cent grade on any of the roads to be constructed.

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Better Farming.

Following is a copy of the resolutions passed at the annual meeting of the South Dakota Experiment association from the secretary of the organization. They are important and interesting to everyone interested in better farming work.

"Whereas, We the members of the South Dakota Experiment association have received inspiration and help from the various departments of the South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and the South Dakota experiment station, and desire to continue in hearty accord and co-operation therewith, be it resolved, that we hereby express our appreciation to each and all of the said departments for such help and encouragement as we have received from them.

"Whereas, We have been supported in our efforts from the very beginning by students and graduates of the South Dakota School of Agriculture which is now conducted for the five winter months from November to March inclusive, making attendance possible when farm work is not pressing, and desire to see the school continue to grow in numbers and in usefulness, therefore be it resolved, that we pledge our continued support to the said school of agriculture, and further, that we favor the addition of a fifth year of post graduate work, to be held during the five months from November to March inclusive, and designed to lead directly to collegiate work, that is, to fill in the interim between the courses of school and college.

"Whereas, We believe in the permanent and profitable development of agriculture in South Dakota, based on good farm practice, founded on definite knowledge, be it resolved, that we urge the coming session of the state legislature to appropriate not less than \$15,000 for the purpose of conducting a statewide soil and crop survey, including the analysis of soils and the establishment of soil and crop experiment fields.

"Whereas, We believe in progressing along definite lines, be it resolved, that we approve of the arrangement of definite outlines or projects for the improvement of seed, soil, live stock, and farmstead, on our respective farms and that for these we will look to our respective advisers in their various departments.

"Whereas, The buyers of seeds should always be protected against the danger of purchasing impure seeds, especially those containing noxious weeds, and growers should be encouraged to produce only pure seeds of high quality, be it resolved, that we favor a revision of our state seed law in such manner that it may be at once protective and educational concerning the purchase, sale and use of pure and improved seeds only."

Winner to Staggs Contest. Those in charge of arrangements for the interstate inter-scholastic track and field meet at the university of South Dakota on May 12 have decided to follow last year's precedent and send the winner of the highest number of points to the Staggs meet at Chicago. The contestant winning the first honors at Vermillion will have all his expenses paid to the big meet at Chicago early in June.

Live Stock Brands Increase. That the breaking up of the large herds has not in any way limited brand filings in this state, but has, in fact, increased them is shown by the work of the state brand commission at the session just ended in which they passed upon three hundred different brands, the largest ever brought to them at any one meeting.

Federal Court Also Acts. Action taken by United States District Judge James D. Elliott completes the disbarment of G. W. Egan. There is no court of law in South Dakota now in which Egan can practice his profession.

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'RAID' ON U. S. CAPITAL SIX DIE IN RAIL WRECK

AVIATOR DROPS 'BOMBS' ON WASHINGTON AT NIGHT. FORTY INJURED WHEN NEW HAVEN EXPRESS HITS LOCAL.

Declares He Made Ascent to Accelerate Sentiment in Favor of Aerial Preparedness.

Washington, April 18.—DeLloyd Thompson, an aviator of Washington, Pa., soared 2,000 feet over this city on Saturday night and dropped 300 excellent bombs on the city.

Mr. Thompson said he made the ascent as a demonstration to members of congress and to Washington citizens to accelerate sentiment in favor of national aerial preparedness. President Wilson witnessed the exhibition from the White House.

"Had I used real, effective explosives of the deadly order," said the aviator, "I could have blown the White House and the capitol off the map. Aerial attack is the only attack we openly invite to our unpreparedness. Not a single anti-aircraft gun is in the country."

"I am going to 'raid' 20 big cities in the United States within the next eight weeks. When I get through I am sure every voter in the country will be aroused to preparedness in every branch, but for aviation in particular."

At the Washington barracks officers said that searchlights had picked up the invader without difficulty and that the guns could have riddled it before its object had been attained.

U. S. AERO CHIEF IS OUSTED

Lieutenant Colonel Reber Relieved of Duty—Two Others Are Hit by Saker.

Washington, April 19.—Creation of a separate army corps for aviation distinct from the signal corps was forecast by Secretary Baker in announcing a general shaking up of the flying branch of the army by the president and the war department as a result of the recent investigations of the service.

AIR RAID ON TURK CAPITAL

British Naval Flyers Attack Constantinople and Bombard Powder Factory.

London, April 18.—The admiralty on Sunday issued the following official announcement: "On Friday evening three naval aeroplanes bombed the Zettunlik powder factory and the aeroplane hangars at Constantinople. Another machine bombed the railway station safely."

Further Gains for Germans. Berlin, April 20.—A further gain for the Germans northeast of Verdun was reported by the war office. The Germans it was stated, now hold all of the Steinbruch (Stone quarry) position south of Haudimont farm. Several machine guns were captured from the French.

Belgrade Swept by Fire. Paris, April 21.—A destructive fire in Belgrade, formerly the capital of Serbia, is reported in a dispatch to the Matin from Bucharest. It is said the eastern section of the city was almost destroyed.

Lift Honduras Cattle Ban. Washington, April 21.—Honduras cattle growers, long barred from American markets by the presence of the cattle tick, are treating their herds and will begin shipments to New York soon.

To Establish Trade Bureau. Berlin, April 19.—To facilitate the operation of the German-Romanian trade agreement selling bureaus will be established in Bucharest and Berlin. These will exchange lists to govern exportation and importation.

25 Winnipeg Men Killed. Winnipeg, Man., April 19.—A new Canadian casualty list, received here, contains the names of 25 Winnipeg men, who were killed in the fighting around St. Eloi. Thirty-three were wounded in the same zone.

Losses Sustained by British. London, April 19.—The British casualty lists issued Saturday and Sunday give the names of 38 officers killed, 118 wounded and 20 missing. The losses to the rank and file are correspondingly heavy.

HISTORY OF SUBSEA DISPUTE WITH BERLIN

Washington, D. C.—The submarine controversy between the United States and Germany had its beginning on February 4, 1915. A chronological record of subsequent steps follows:

Feb. 4—Germany notifies United States she will start submarine war in waters adjacent to British isles on Feb. 18.

Feb. 10—United States notifies Germany it will hold her to "strict accountability" for any loss or injury to Americans as result of submarine war.

Feb. 20—United States suggests to both Germany and Great Britain a cessation of their illegal activities.

March 28—British steamer Falaba sunk; 160 lives lost, including one American.

April 28—American steamer Cushing attacked by German aeroplane.

May 1—American steamer Guilford attacked by German submarine; three Americans lost.

May 7—Lusitania sunk; 114 Americans killed.

May 13—President sends first Lusitania note to Germany, saying United States will omit "no word or act" to preserve its rights.

May 28—Germany replies to United States note, dodging issues raised by Wilson.

June 1—Germany offers reparation for Guilford and Cushing attacks.

June 8—Secretary of State Bryan resigns from cabinet.

June 9—Second Lusitania note sent to Germany by President Wilson.

July 8—Germany's rejoinder received by United States.

July 9—Steamer "Orduna" attacked without warning by German submarine.

July 21—Third American Lusitania note sent to Berlin, informing Germany that further attacks would be regarded as "deliberately unfriendly."

July 25—American steamer Leelanaw sunk.

Aug. 18—Count von Bernstorff assures Secretary of State Lansing Germany will end submarine warfare on passenger ships.

Aug. 19—Liner Arabic sunk, two Americans killed.

Aug. 27—Von Bernstorff promises "complete satisfaction."

Sept. 1—Germany promises to sink no more liners.

Sept. 4—Liner Hesperian sunk mysteriously.

Sept. 7—German note on Arabic received by United States.

Sept. 9—Germany explains attack on Orduna.

Oct. 6—Germany apologizes for attack on Arabic, disavows act of submarine commander, and offers indemnity to United States.

Nov. 7—Italian liner Ancona sunk, with loss of American lives.

Dec. 6—United States calls Austria to account for sinking Ancona.

Dec. 15—Austria replies and attempts to start argument on fact.

Dec. 19—United States sends rejoinder to Austrian reply, demanding complete backdown.

Dec. 22—Japanese steamer Yanaka Maru sunk in Mediterranean.

Dec. 29—Austria backs down and apologizes.

Dec. 30—Steamer Persia sunk in Mediterranean, United States Consul McNeely killed.

1916. Jan. 5—United States senate debates advisability of warning Americans of belligerent liners.

Jan. 7—Von Bernstorff gives United States new assurances on German submarine policy, insisting safety of non-combatants will be considered.

Jan. 18—Secretary Lansing sends note to allied powers suggesting they disarm merchantmen or United States will regard them as auxiliary cruisers.

Feb. 10—Germany informs United States after March 1 it will attack all armed liners without warning.

Feb. 21—Senator Stone, chairman of senate foreign relations committee, Chairman Flood of house foreign affairs committee, and Senator Kern of Indiana call on Wilson at White House and tell him congress wants Americans warned off armed ships.

Feb. 24—Wilson makes public letter to Stone declining to warn Americans.

Feb. 27—Germany informs United States its order will go into effect.

Feb. 29—Wilson demands that congress defeat resolutions warning Americans off armed ships.

March 3—Resolution of warning introduced by Gore tabled by senate with provision in it that sinking of armed ships, resulting in death of Americans, would be cause for war.

March 7—House tables McLemore resolution of warning.

March 24—English steamer Sussex attacked by submarine—several Americans seriously injured.

March 25—British steamers Manchester Engineer, Eagle Point and Berwyndale attacked.

April 18—Wilson decides to lay entire case before congress after cabinet approves note to Germany informing her United States will not argue submarine matters any longer.

Discouraging Company. Mrs. Flanagan—Come over and sing for me tonight?

Mrs. Bensonhurst—But you have company visiting at your house, haven't you?

"Yes, but my husband thinks they have been with us long enough."

Demonstrating It. Mrs. Binx—"I was just reading about a man seventy years old who has been sent to the penitentiary for the fifth time for burglary." Mr. Binx—"Yes, old age steals on."—Boston Globe.

Not Mind Readers. Newed—My wife thinks you are clever.

Oldwed—You mean she says I am. Newed—Well, isn't it the same thing?

Oldwed—Not on your life. No man knows what a woman thinks.

Still the Same. The Chinese claim that they bred and domesticated hogs 4,000 years before the Christian era, but in all that time the manners of the hogs have not improved much.—Atchison Globe.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 20.—Harry K. Thaw was granted a divorce from Evelyn Nesbit Thaw by Judge Cohen in common pleas court on grounds of infidelity.

Rome, April 19.—The ancient cathedral at Andria, near Bari, was destroyed by fire. The fire began in the residence of the bishop, from which Monsignor Seidi was rescued with difficulty.

Policeman Kills Mexican. Lincoln, Neb., April 20.—Comilo Salas, a Mexican, was shot and killed by Patrolman Ted Oliver here on Monday. Salas was killed after he had stabbed and slightly wounded Police Captain C. A. Moore.

Mayor Richardson Dies. Kalamazoo, Mich., April 20.—George Richardson, "iron mayor," who was in command at Nashville, Tenn., after the capture of that city by federal forces during the Civil war, died at his summer home north of this city.

Auto Workers Strike. Syracuse, N. Y., April 19.—About 3,000 men quit work in the Brown-Lipe Chapin plant, the Brown-Lipe Gear works and the New Process Rawhide company plants. The plants are said to be making autos for the allies.

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