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PRESIDENT WILL DEMAND THAT SUBMARINE WARFARE ON U. S. VESSELS CEASE AT ONCE IF GERMANY WISHES TO DISCUSS LUSITANIA

BOARD OF EDUCATION IN BITTER STRIFE ON MERIT SYSTEM IN SALARY SCALE

Dozen or More Teachers Already Assured That They've Been Denied Increase Through Clerical Error And That They'll Be Reinstated.

Members of the Board Accuse One Another of Making Deals in Connection With Recent Vote to Endorse Merit System By Accepting Report.

Dissension, long threatening because of the secrecy that has shrouded the work of some of the board of education members, has broken out in full force as a result of the meeting held Monday evening and developments that transpired.

Several members of the board won't speak to some other members of the board on the street. Instead of clearing the situation by the vote taken at the meeting, the matter is becoming more muddled and sensational revelations are expected. The board has been disrupted.

A dozen or more teachers will be restored to the list of those who will receive the \$50 increase that comes due next year. Teacher after teacher is finding that the marks principals say they gave them, either do not agree with the ones on the list in the possession of the board of education, or are so high that somebody else must have given them a ridiculously low figure.

Four instructors in the Maplewood avenue school have been assured that they will be restored to the pending list. They were informed that "clerical errors" had been made in their cases.

In many other schools teachers have received the information that "clerical errors" have been made. Indignation is waxing more and more pronounced every day, and teachers assert that the "merit" system, instead of making the school system more efficient, has given efficiency the greatest blow it received in years.

One teacher, who has been severely affected by the "merit" system, entered her class room early this week. A buzz started and one boy stood and shouted "You're dead!"

President Elmer H. Havens of the board of education was asked this morning if he had heard of any errors in the marking. He declared he hadn't. However, he said: "If there had been any such errors the teacher will be restored."

The restoration will take place at the next meeting of the board of education to be held the second week in June. President Havens said a special meeting has yet been called.

President Havens denied that there are three standards of marking. It has been said that 80 in the passing mark for a teacher who has reached her maximum, 75 for a teacher about to attain her maximum and 70 for a new teacher. He declared that it isn't true, and that 80 is the standard.

President Havens was reported to have consulted with the principal of Maplewood school concerning several teachers who had found discrepancies and it was said the principal later assured the teachers that they would get their \$50. President Havens, however, said this morning that no errors had been called to his attention.

Developments in the situation are awaited with interest by those who followed the fight at the school board meeting. A storm is impending.

A couple of members of the board have been charged with making deals that resulted in the shifting of their votes at the meeting. Bitter battles are expected at the meeting of the board next month.

DOCTOR'S AUTO BADLY SMASHED IN SOUTHPORT

(Special to The Farmer.) Southport, May 29.—Dead Man's Curve spawned another motorist half an hour after midnight when the machine driven by Dr. E. T. Sharp of 12 Elizabeth street, Derby, crashed into a telegraph pole at the corner, partly broke the obstruction, and was wrecked.

Dr. Sharp's companion, his wife, was hurled from the car and she suffered severe injury to her left leg. Dr. Sharp was not injured and he stuck to his seat in the machine.

A motorcyclist who saw the accident told Sheriff H. R. Elwood today that the car was traveling about 58 miles an hour. Dr. Sharp said his car cannot go that fast.

Dr. Sharp treated the injured woman. Persons at the scene of the accident declared that he found a compound fracture but Dr. Sharp said this morning that the injury was merely a sprain. Both left the scene of the accident, removing the automobile number, before police officials arrived. An ambulance whisked them from the scene.

Woman Takes Poison; Phones For Ambulance

Ida Waite, a young divorcee who formerly lived at 78 Beardsley street, telephoned the Western Union Telegraph office to the Bridgeport hospital just after 1 o'clock this afternoon, summoning an ambulance.

Then she walked across the office to a desk and began an almost illegible note, during the penning of which she fell writhing on the floor. She cried out that she had taken a dose of bichloride of mercury, a slow poison.

An unfinished note, addressed to Jack Holman, a waiter at the Algonquin club, living at 331 Fairfield avenue, calls him "My dear husband," and says, "I am so tired." As she wrote the epistle she fell.

To Emergency Surgeon Finnegan, who was hurriedly summoned, she hysterically cried that she had not taken any poison and tried to resist the efforts to relieve her. At the Bridgeport hospital it is doubted whether she has taken any quantity of poison though she will be kept under strict observation.

Jack Holman, seen at the Algonquin club by a reporter for the Farmer, stated that the woman, who was well-dressed, about 5 feet in height and probably 22 years of age, was undoubtedly Ida Waite, a friend of his who he recently been divorced from her husband, and that she was probably dependent because of that fact. He denied that he was married to her, or that he had any knowledge of what could have prompted the act.

Father of 15, all of them alive, is dead at 73 years

Edwin W. Thornton, the father of 15 children, grandfather of 22 and great grandfather of seven, all of whom are living, died last night at his home in Trumbull. The head of this remarkable family was only 73 years of age, and had lived in Trumbull for the last 35 years, having come there from his native land, England. He was a machinist by trade.

Surviving him are his widow, seven sons and eight daughters, and the grand children and great-grandchildren of the family. The sons are John C. and James H. of this city, William of England, Edwin W., of Trumbull, and Royal K. P. Earl and Addison, who are at the parental home in Trumbull.

The daughters are Mrs. William Crompton of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Edward Roberts, of England, Mrs. Robert Baines, Mrs. George Strong, Mrs. Edward Auley, and Miss Rebecca Thornton of Bridgeport and the Misses Nellie and Marie Thornton who live with their parents in Trumbull.

VANDERBILT WILL FILE; ESTATE IS OVER 50 MILLION

Two Sons of His Second Wife to Be the Largest Beneficiaries.

New York, May 29.—The will of Alfred L. Vanderbilt, who passed away when the Lusitania went down, was filed for probate today in the office of the surrogate of New York county. Mr. Vanderbilt was reputed to be one of the richest men in America.

The will disposed of an estate estimated at upwards of \$50,000,000. The bulk of the estate is bequeathed to the nucleus of which was left to Mr. Vanderbilt by his father, Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Margaret Emerson Vanderbilt, the testator's wife, is left \$2,000,000, in accordance with an anti-nuptial agreement made in London, an additional sum of \$1,000,000 and the income of a trust fund of \$5,000,000.

Mrs. Vanderbilt also receives real estate here and abroad including Sagamore Lodge, Camp Hill Kare, in New York and Gloucester House in London.

The trust fund which was bequeathed to him by his father, Cornelius Vanderbilt, is transferred to the testator's eldest son, William H. Vanderbilt, who also receives the use of Oakland Farm, at Portmouth, R. I., which the executors are forbidden to dispose of until he reaches his majority when it will be transferred to him.

Mr. Vanderbilt's brother, Reginald C. Vanderbilt, receives \$500,000; his uncle, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, \$200,000; Frederick M. Davies, \$500,000; Henry B. Anderson, \$300,000; Fredrick M. Anderson, \$200,000; Charles E. Crocker, \$100,000, and Howard Lockwood, \$100,000.

Employees of Oakland Farm, Sagamore Lodge, Camp Hill Kare and Gloucester House, who have been in service for five years get a full year's wages.

The rest of the estate is bequeathed to the executors to divide among the sons of Margaret Emerson Vanderbilt, his second wife, who are Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Jr., and George Vanderbilt.

The will is dated Dec. 16, 1913, and was signed in New York city. The executors are Reginald C. Vanderbilt, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Henry P. Anderson, Frederick M. Davies and Frederick L. Merriam.

FREIGHT HANDLER FATALLY CRUSHED; ANOTHER INJURED

One man was killed and another slightly injured today at the Whiting street freight station of the New Haven road when a freight handler backed off the platform of a car being unloaded on a long section of a train that arrived early this morning.

Coroner Androvitch, aged 23, residing at 537 Lafayette street, was killed almost instantly. His neck was probably broken as he was thrown from a platform extending between two lines of tracks. His body is unclaimed at the city morgue.

Michael Alamosky, aged 37, living at 219 Warren street, suffered from shock and an abrasion of the left leg as he was thrown from the same platform. He returned to work later.

The accident which occurred at about 10:45 o'clock was apparently caused by Androvitch, who in transferring about 600 pounds of metal on a truck from a car on track 6 to those tracks, backed through an open door falling on track 8. In his fall, the truck and weight fell upon him crushing his chest. Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick began an official investigation.

Alamosky, who was aiding the victim was pushed over with the truck but escaped serious injury.

A report that the accident was due to the backing down of an engine upon the cars was denied at the freight house.

Engineer 30 Years, Tells Coroner of His First Fatality

For 30 years an engineer for the New Haven road, Riley Phillips of New Haven, had his first accident when he ran down and killed John Kungert, a railroad carpenter at Southport station last Wednesday. Before Coroner Phelan at the inquest yesterday afternoon Phillips testified that he saw Kungert on the tracks when he was half a mile away.

Coroner Phelan today gave a finding that Kungert's death was accidental. Kungert lived in Darien and had worked for the railroad many years.

Stamps will be on sale at the parcel post window at the Post Office on Monday from 8 until 11 o'clock.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK; ITALIANS PUSH ADVANCE THROUGH AUSTRIAN SOIL

Liverpool, May 29.—The Elder Dempster Line steamer Ethiope has been torpedoed and sunk. The chief officer and 16 of the Ethiope's crew have been picked up. The rest of the crew is supposed to be in boats.

The Ethiope was bound from Hull to Liverpool, whence she was to have sailed for South African ports. The vessel was sunk by the German submarine U-74.

The Ethiope, of 2,475 tons net, was built in 1906 and was owned in Liverpool. She was 340 feet long. She was last reported as arriving at Hull, Eng., on April 22 from La Goze.

Italian Army Advances

Geneva, Switzerland, May 29.—The Italians, after a severe fight, along the frontier north of Lake Idrò, have captured the town of Storo and are now bombarding Riva.

On the eastern front, north of the Gulf of Trieste, beyond fighting is in progress south of Goritz. The Austrians are retreating slowly. Italian forces have arrived before Gradisca, about 16 miles from Trieste.

The Italian authorities issued an order last night prohibiting the Austrians and Germans from leaving the country.

Russians Claim Gains

Petrograd, May 29.—Army officers assert that the victory of Emperor Nicholas' troops at Sienawa, on the San, in central Galicia, has offset the success of the Austro-German forces at Hadytyn and Gousskow. Both north and south of Przemysl the Austro-German assaults are being prosecuted with unusual vigor but as yet no direct assault has been made upon the fortress.

The aim of the Germans apparently is to encircle Przemysl and attempt to work to a position from which it will be possible to proceed directly toward Lemberg.

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In addition to the charge of infidelity Budlong also alleges intolerable cruelty. He says Mrs. Budlong often used vile and abusive language to him, that she hurled an ink well at him and insulted his friends who called at the house. He also accuses Mrs. Budlong of traducing him among his acquaintances and being a party to secret meetings with other men.

The defendant charges Mrs. Budlong with visiting New York and other places in company with other men, making engagements over the telephone with men and ridiculing her husband during such talks. He says she visited road houses with other men, received love letters from men and pledged her husband's credit at various times with the intention of embarrassing and humiliating him. At a grand climax she deserted him and took the household furniture, Budlong claims.

The last paragraph of the cross-complaint states that Mrs. Budlong fraudulently prevailed upon Budlong to marry her by declaring she was a virtuous girl when in reality she was not. He also alleges Mrs. Budlong represented to him that she was a well-born child, when as a matter of fact she was of illegitimate birth.

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GOODSELLS SELL RIVER CLIFF, RICH ESTATE ON THE HOUSATONIC

River Cliff park, the 150 acre estate situated on the high bluff at the east end of Washington bridge, and commanding a magnificent view of the Housatonic river and Long Island Sound has been sold.

The park has in it numerous varieties of fruit trees, grapes, groves of hickory, oak and chestnut, and handsome trees of other kind. Located close to the mouth of the river, the view of the Sound is perfect from nearly all points in the park. The river, which is deep and wide, makes a harbor or craft of many varieties.

The property was purchased by the Goodells of Mrs. Medora Spilus of New York in 1902.

A surveyor will begin work on the land next Tuesday. In a few weeks the preliminary work of developing the estate will be instituted. When the plans are carried out, the park is expected to be one of the most improved estates in Connecticut.

Assessor Hughes Recovering After Automobile Smash

Frank J. Hughes, president of the Board of Assessors, who is confined at Bridgeport hospital as the result of yesterday's automobile mishap, is reported as resting comfortably. His early recovery is looked for.

Thomas O'Brien, the other assessor, has two fractured ribs and is under the care of Dr. Edward F. McGovern. In spite of his injury Assessor O'Brien came to his office in the city hall today but because of the pain he suffered he was unable to stay.

Hugh F. Keegan, who was driving his automobile in which the assessors were riding when George Burns in a big Locomobile car collided with them has a broken right thumb and several of the small bones in his right hand are broken. Dr. LaField made an X-ray photograph of the hand yesterday.

Dr. C. W. Deane was the guest of honor at the dinner, which the Schoolmasters' Round Table of Connecticut held last night in the Hotel Lorraine in Chapel street.

Reply May Be Sent From Berlin Today, And Is Expected To Be Received In Washington By Monday—Endeavor to Temporarily Will Be Met By Stern Demand That American Shipping Be Safeguarded During Any Prolonged Diplomatic Discussion—Germany Issues New Warning to U. S. Ships in War Zone.

Washington, May 29.—On the eve of Germany's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Lusitania there are indications that President Wilson will take the position that if Germany wishes to conduct a long diplomatic negotiation she first shall suspend submarine warfare on American ships or those carrying American lives. It was expected here that the German note might be delivered any hour today to Ambassador Gerard.

Note May Reach Here Monday

The first official despatch in from Europe gave no intimation of the situation and officials were of the opinion that should the document be delivered to the American embassy today it might not reach Washington much before Monday. They had no official intimation of its contents.

The passing of three weeks, however, since the Lusitania was torpedoed, has not diminished the tension in official quarters where the conviction prevails that President Wilson feels Germany should make an early disavowal of any intention that American lives should be lost.

May Seek to "Define Terms"

Unofficial advices said the reply would embrace a proposal to the United States to defer definite consideration of Germany's submarine policy and the American demands until the two governments have had an opportunity to determine whether the Lusitania was a peaceful merchantman, as assumed in the American note, or an auxiliary cruiser on the British navy list, mounting concealed cannon and carrying munitions of war as indicated by information the Germans claim to have.

The reply, it was said, will be in effect an invitation to "define the terms" to be used in the argument before proceeding with the discussion. Germany's delay in replying to the American note has caused widespread speculation in official and diplomatic circles.

GERMANY ISSUES NEW WARNING TO U. S. VESSELS IN WAR ZONE

An urgent warning to American shipping against traversing the neutral war zone incautiously and to have all neutral markings displayed as conspicuously as possible, including illumination at night, was communicated to the state department today by the German government through the American embassy at Berlin.

The German warning was announced in the following statement made public by the state department: "The American ambassador at Berlin has been informed by the German foreign office that, in view of the fact that during the past few weeks it has repeatedly occurred that neutral ships have been sunk in the waters designated as an area of maritime war by the German admiralty on Feb. 4, 1915, and especially in one case where it was established that the sinking was traceable to an attack by a German submarine which took the neutral ship for an English vessel in the darkness, on account of the inadequate illumination of its neutral distinctive markings, it recommended that American shipping circles again be warned against traversing the area of maritime war incautiously and also, be urged to make the neutral markings as plain as possible and especially to have them illuminated promptly and sufficiently at night."

REPORT ON NEBRASKAN REACHES STATE DEPT.

Ambassador Page's report on the explosion which damaged the American steamer Nebraskan, including the findings of the naval experts who examined her, reached the state department today but will be withheld from publication for the present. Whether the naval experts reported the ship torpedoed or damaged by a mine, department officials would not discuss.

ENGLAND THINKS THAT BERLIN SEEKS TO GAIN TIME ON NOTE

London, May 29.—The reply of the imperial German government to the note of the United States concerning the sinking of the Lusitania is awaited with keen interest in England. The belief is general that Berlin will endeavor to gain time by the discussion of the debatable points in the questions at issue.

Terrific fighting is continuing all along the river San in Galicia, with the Austro-German hosts making progress except at Sienawa, 50 miles north of Przemysl where, according to the claims of Petrograd and the admissions of Vienna, an Austria-Hungarian force is being thrown back across the river to the west bank.

In this action the Russians assert that they captured several thousand prisoners and a number of guns. In the Caucasus the Russians, now in occupation of the city of Van in Turkish Armenia are steadily advancing against the Turks.

The latest report given out by French army headquarters dwell on the British advance toward La Bassée and further French progress in the most difficult sector of the Lens-Arras line. Near Ecurie, a little to the north of Arras, a formidable German fortress bars the road to the eastward. The French have captured a part of this work, which is known as the "labyrinth" and they are now endeavoring totally to reduce it. The Germans are fighting stoutly to prevent allied progress in this direction and have made no less than seven sanguinary assaults on the new French position at Angrea.

Berlin reports that the battle at Abulain-St. Nazaire is still raging.

Several candidates have been mentioned for the chairmanship, among them Hugh J. Lavery, Archie Lavery and Alderman William F. Carr. Mr. Mullins who has served efficiently for a year declined to consider a renomination because of pressing business affairs.

City Auditor Keating and Mrs. Keating who have been spending the week at Atlantic City returned home to-day.

NO FARMER MONDAY

In accordance with custom, there will be no publication of the Farmer on Monday, Memorial Day.

WEATHER FORECAST

Unsettled tonight and Sunday, probably showers. Moderate northeast to east winds.