

NEW SECRETARY IS ENGAGED FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB

George L. Price Will Arrive in City This Week to Take Charge

WIDE EXPERIENCE IN PUBLICITY WORK

Bismarck Commercial Club Expects to Make Things Hum This Winter

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Bismarck Commercial Club, George L. Price, former secretary of the Copper County Commercial Club, of Michigan, was engaged as secretary of the local organization. Mr. Price has had wide experience in commercial club and publicity work of all kinds and comes to this city very highly recommended. He will arrive in the city Friday and will assume his new duties at once.

The directors of the Commercial Club have a number of plans on foot, which have not been made public as yet, and a strenuous program has been mapped out for the club. A number of projects will be brought up within the next few months, through the club, and the directors are determined that Bismarck will be placed on the map in a most conspicuous manner.

The New Secretary
Mr. Price has had upwards of ten years experience in general publicity and town promotion work. He is a newspaper man of wide experience. For two years he was secretary of the Industrial Accident Board in the state of Michigan. Last July he was recommended by Governor Ferris, and received the appointment to install the Michigan system in Montana, in connection with the Industrial Accident Board of that state.

For the past two years Mr. Price has been secretary of the Copper County Commercial Club, and has been instrumental in doubling the membership of that organization, in the time. The period was characterized by a ten month's labor struggle, involving all the mining companies in the district, and the general depression due to the European war.

New Industries
During the regime of Mr. Price a number of new industries were introduced. A Merchant's Credit Bureau and Collection Agency was established. A co-operative delivery association was formed, which greatly reduced the cost of delivery for all merchants in the district, and proved a great success. Hundreds of columns of publicity were obtained in some of the best periodicals in the country and through the efforts of the organization the Federal Government was induced to spend half a million dollars in improving the waterways of the district, and giving increased protection to shipping interests.

There is no limit to the amount of work to be undertaken by the Bismarck Club, but the directors have been waiting the arrival of a secretary before starting their activities. With the new secretary on the job, the club expects to start the ball rolling and keep it rolling from now on.

SNOW FALL AT DEVILS LAKE

Devils Lake, N. D., Sept. 27.—Snow fall of from a fraction of an inch to four inches gave the country north of Devils Lake its first touch of winter this morning. Brandon, Manitoba reports four inches. Points along the international border report four and five hours of snowfall, the ground being covered. In this vicinity the snow is melting before it reaches the ground. The snowfall sets a new record for the district according to the local weather observers.

The snow followed a steady drizzling rain and pushed the resumption of threshing back a few more days, causing considerable apprehension. The situation west of Devils Lake, where there is three weeks threshing to be done, is becoming precarious. There is no prospect of a break in the weather.

BOY PLAYS MINER AND LOSES FINGERS

Phillip Sailer is a coal miner at Stanton. His son wanted to do like papa, and Sunday morning when his parents were in church Phillip, Jr., tried playing with dynamite caps. He was brought to Mandan last night and physicians yesterday morning performed an operation at the Mandan hospital to cut off shreds of the fingers of his left hand which still remained.

FIGHTING IN HAITI.
Washington, Sept. 27.—Details of fighting between natives and American forces near Cape Haitian yesterday, in which one marine was killed, ten injured and more than 50 Haitians killed, reads the navy department day messages from Rear Admiral Caperton.

Big Strike Threatened

Chicago, Sept. 27.—In a statement issued tonight officials of the Garment Workers union, whose members went on strike here today, declared that unless some action toward a peace parley is taken by the employers, a general strike affecting between 20,000 and 25,000 garment workers in practically every shop in Chicago would be called. The statement reiterated the willingness of the union leaders to cooperate with the employers in an effort to restore peace, but held to the terms of the union ultimatum, which gave the employers until midnight tonight to submit to the union demands of arbitration.

DUMBA WILL BE RECALLED

Austrian Government Accedes to Demand of United States

Washington, Sept. 27.—Dr. Constantin T. Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States, will be formally recalled by his government, according to assurances given American Ambassador Penfield at the Vienna foreign office. Mr. Penfield has been instructed to make clear informally that "leave of absence," for Dr. Dumba would not satisfy the request of the United States in its formal note, asking for the recall of Dr. Dumba, and Mr. Penfield was advised that the wishes of the United States would be complied with.

A note on the subject is being prepared and immediately upon its receipt, safe conduct home for Dr. Dumba will be arranged, and the incident, so far as the United States is concerned, will be closed.

CANCELS PASSAGE.
New York, Sept. 27.—It was announced here tonight that Dr. Constantin T. Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, has cancelled his passage on the steamer Rotterdam, sailing September 29, and has engaged passage on a steamer sailing October 5.

INCENDIARIES TRY TO BURN OFFICIAL'S HOME

Faughkeepsie, N. Y., Sept. 27.—An attempt to burn the \$30,000 home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, near Hyde park, early tonight, failed through the prompt discovery of the blaze by a watchman. Handfuls of dry excelsior were found packed beneath the main floor of the building, evidently placed there by an incendiary. The damage was slight. The house was unoccupied at the time.

GERMANS SINK TWO WARSHIPS

Successful Operations Take Place Off the Belgium Coast

Berlin, Sept. 27.—One British warship was sunk and two other others were damaged in the attack by a British squadron on German batteries along the Belgian coast, especially at Zeebrugge, simultaneously with the launching of the Allied new offensive movement on land, according to a German official statement. After these losses the British ships withdrew.

COMMISSION LEAVES UNDER HEAVY GUARD

Anglo-French Financial Commission on Way to Chicago for Conference

New York, Sept. 27.—The fact train which left here today for Chicago with Lord Reading, Lord Chief Justice of England, and three of his associates in the Anglo-French Financial Commission aboard, was inspected and policed as never before when it rolled out of the Grand Central Station this afternoon. The Commissioners were found for Chicago, where they are to confer with western bankers over the tentative terms of the proposed half billion dollar credit loan to Great Britain and France. During their stay in this city members of the Commission have received threatening letters from persons hostile to the loan, and the police have taken unusual precautions to guard them from harm. These precautions were extended today to their departure for Chicago.

SELFRIDGE SAYS U. S. IS REGARDED AS LOCAL POWER

Former Chicagoan Presents Some Very Decided Opinions on European War

FURTHER AFFRONTS BY GERMANY EXPECTED

Says Billion Dollars is Figuratively a Ten Cent Piece in Money Market

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Europe regards the United States as a local power. When the next German affront is offered—as it surely will be—this country should enter the war.

These are the statements of Harry Gordon Selfridge, former Chicagoan and now a London merchant, who spent yesterday in Chicago. He will leave today for New York and will sail for London on Saturday.

Mr. Selfridge presents some very decided opinions on the war and not the least of these was a personal desire to see this country taking part. "Mr. Wilson's attitude in the most recent clash with Germany was saved by the merest chance," said Mr. Selfridge. "Had not Germany taken the position it did, the President would have been the laughing stock of Europe. But Mr. Wilson cannot rest on these laurels, for it is my belief that Germany will soon repeat her acts of offense, and when the next occasion offers this country should not hesitate to take up arms.

"The war, according to the best judgments, cannot last more than another year. This is based on purely economic reasoning. There are only a certain number of men and a certain amount of money and munitions. These are being expended at a tremendous rate. Germany is losing men at the rate of 250,000 a month. Another year will see the end." Mr. Selfridge is of the belief that the proposed half billion dollar loan will not affect the Allies one way or another. If the loan is not made, he asserted, the credit of the Allies will be lightened for the moment, but on the other hand, a billion dollars is figuratively a ten cent piece as money is now regarded in the prosecution of the war. He believes, however, that the loan will be made.

"Business in London has been better this year than in any year since I went to London," said Selfridge. "This, possibly is because the wages of the soldiers, together with their government paid per centage on their normal peace earnings, go to their families."

'KATY' SYSTEM GOES INTO RECEIVERSHIP

Four of the Great Middle West Roads Now in Hands of Courts

St. Louis, Sept. 27.—The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway system, embracing the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway, a Kansas corporation, and a Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway of Texas, and popularly known as the "Katy" went into the hands of a receiver today.

This change affecting a system with an aggregate mileage of more than 3,800 was brought about by the independent orders filed in the United States district court at St. Louis and Dallas, and was a result of a friendly agreement between certain creditors and the managements of the two companies that comprise the "Katy" system. Charles E. Schaff, president of both roads, was made sole receiver of each.

As the result of court orders today, four of the great railway systems connecting the middle west with the Texas gulf ports are now in the hands of the federal court. Rock Island system, the Missouri, Pacific Iron Mountain, the St. Louis & San Francisco, and the "Katy."

Mundy Placed On Trial

Morris, Ill., Sept. 27.—Selection of a jury to try C. B. Mundy, charged with conspiracy to wreck the La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank of Chicago, will be continued tomorrow at the second session of the trial, which opened here today. The greater portion of today's session was taken up by argument on motion to strike from the file records of former actions because of alleged omissions in the record. The motion was denied by the court.

THE WEATHER.
North Dakota: Partly cloudy.
Tuesday: Wednesday fair; not much change in temperature.

WAR "EXPERTS" ARE ROASTED IN NEWSPAPERS

Manner in Which Blunders are Covered Up Exposed by Writer

EXPERTS DISAGREE ON ALL OPERATIONS

Fall of Warsaw Wrecks Reputation of Many Famous "Parlor Strategists"

London, Sept. 27.—Military experts are the objects of a satirical article in the Daily Chronicle entitled, "The Inexpertness of War Experts."

"Unhappily the only experts who get into print and into funds," says the article, "are those who simplify their prognostications by maps in Greek or those who, when they have been unable to flake a single speculative success, entrench themselves the next day behind a comparison of the operations in Poland and the methods of employment in Beluchistan a hundred years ago."

The writer comparing the views of two of the best known military critics finds that one of them on July 27 said of the Vistula fortresses: "The fortresses of the Vistula are not of supreme account;" while the second on August 7 declared: "The Vistula is the most formidable military obstacle in Europe."

One expert is convicted of contradicting himself in this manner. On July 8 he wrote: "We know that Archangel has been open for many weeks and that arms and munitions are pouring in." Just 12 days later his opinion had veered to this: "As Russian munitions are notoriously in default, the situation is most uncertain."

The fall of Warsaw wrecked the reputations of many critics. One who, just 24 hours before the taking of Warsaw, had declared that, thanks to important information just reaching him, he could state authoritatively that the Polish capital would not be abandoned, said in his next article: "It is, of course, cruel, but it is inevitable." To follow the prognostications of the same critic, just a fortnight before Warsaw's fall he interpreted the German advance on Warsaw as a scheme of the Russian staff to lure the Germans into previously selected lines of defense in order to force a decisive battle under conditions favorable to Russia.

Some critics, the Chronicle finds, invariably turn the geographical position and the weather to the advantage of the allies, forgetting that cold rains and swampy roads are likely to hinder one side as much as the other. Some of them are optimistic against common sense and others pessimistic without reason.

MANY POISONED TASTING MEDICINE

Philadelphia, Sept. 27.—A score or more persons are believed to have partaken of a slow poison, accidentally mixed with nerve medicine distributed by a demonstrator in a department store here today. The demonstrator, who also tested the liquor, is in hospital, but none of the other victims have been reported at any hospital or to the police.

An analysis of the mixture will be necessary before the seriousness of the mistake can be determined.

G. A. R. WELCOMED BY PRESIDENT

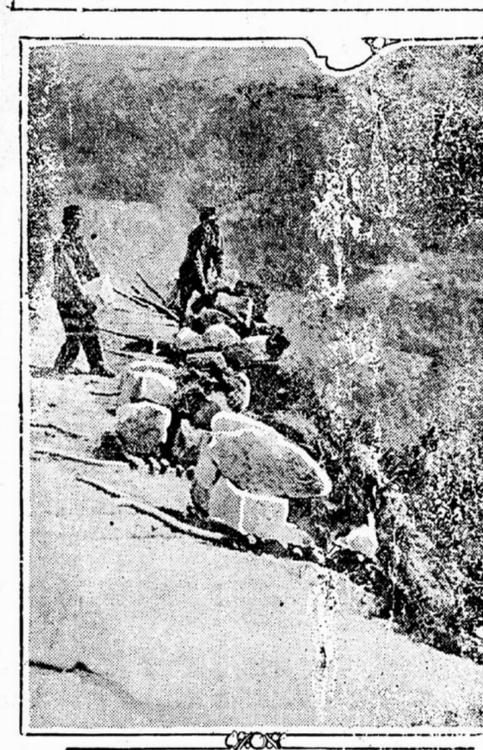
Ten Thousand Vets Already Registered at Headquarters

Washington, Sept. 27.—President Wilson tonight welcomed to Washington the G. A. R. Lieutenant Colonel David J. Palmer, commander-in-chief of the rapidly thinning ranks of the men who wore the blue uniforms '91 to '95, together with his staff, called to the White House and received personally the greeting from the chief executive to the men who fought that the union might be saved.

Ten thousand veterans tonight were registered at the headquarters of the union and thousands more were expected to arrive during the night. Tonight Washington streets were ablaze with color. The blue-clad veterans of the North fraternized with the stooped and white-bearded men who wore the buttons of the Confederacy, many of whom came to Washington by special invitation to join the 50th anniversary of American peace. White haired, grey bearded drum corps alternated between "Yankee Doodle" and "Dixie" in the hotel lobbies, and on all sides the war was being "thought over again."

There was no formal program today except the dedication of the headquarters building and the call on the president by the commander-in-chief.

RECALLING HANNIBAL'S PASSAGE OF THE ALPS; AUSTRIANS ROLLING ROCKS ON FOE



An Austrian device for rolling rocks and boulders down the mountains onto Italian troops.

In the mountain warfare now being waged between the Italians and the Austrians, the latter, it will be seen from the above photograph, are resorting to a method which, it might well be said, is "as old as the hills." The rolling of great stones and boulders down a precipitous mountain-side onto an enemy below is a very ancient but still effective mode of bombardment, as the Italians who are trying to make a passage through the Alps are willing to testify.

GASOLINE TANK EXPLODES KILLING THIRTY-ONE AND INJURING TWO HUNDRED

Ardmore, Okla., Sept. 27.—At least 31 persons were killed and about 200 others were injured here this afternoon when a 250 barrel tank car of gasoline standing near the Santa Fe Freight Office in the business district exploded. The terrific force of the explosion razed many buildings and threw burning gasoline in every direction. A few minutes later, Ardmore was the mercy of scores of fires. At eight o'clock tonight the flames were under control. The city is under martial law. The property loss was estimated tonight at \$500,000.

PRIVATE HOMES OPENED

Private homes were immediately thrown open to the injured and scores of men were working tonight in the smoldering ruins along Main Street in search for additional victims.

Late tonight 31 bodies had been recovered. Of these 12 were negroes.

Not a building on Main street escaped destruction or serious damage, either as a result of the force of the explosion or of the resultant fire. All school buildings, business houses and residences within 12 blocks of the business district, bear evidences of the explosion. Practically every window in the city was shattered by its force.

Spark Does Work.
Two workmen were repairing the tank at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. One of them struck the tank with a hammer and it is believed a spark from the blow ignited fumes escaping through a small leak. There was a terrific explosion, followed by many smaller ones.

The workmen were blown to pieces. The shock shattered the Ardmore railway station, used by the Santa Fe, Frisco and Rock Island railroads, and the Rock Island train station, and scores of the buildings quickly took fire from the flying liquid.

The entire population sensing the disaster poured, terrified, into the streets.

Inferno of Smoke.
"Ardmore was a hideous inferno of smoke and flames of pungent odors, and blood and groans," said one witness telling of conditions which followed the explosion. The flames spread rapidly until all of Main street was a roaring furnace. Thirty freight cars in the Santa Fe railway yards were destroyed. The roof of the Wittington hotel was blown off by the force of the first explosion, but all guests were believed to have escaped.

At the store of Maddin & Company scores of girls were working and it was feared tonight some of them lost their lives. Communication Cut Off.
The pall of smoke which hangs over the whole city seriously has hampered the work of rescue, but deeds of heroism were many. For five hours after the explosion Ardmore was cut off completely from the outside world. Telephone and telegraph communication was sev-

HEAVY LOSSES FOLLOW FIERCE ENGAGEMENTS

Allies Capture 23,000 Prisoners in Offensive Movement

TEUTONIC STRUGGLE STILL IN PROGRESS

Germans More Than Two Million Strong Along Big Line of Action

London, Sept. 27.—The great offensive of the French and British forces against both sides of the elbow joint of the German positions on the western front has not slackened, but general Joffre's afternoon's bulletin reported no new outstanding success.

The British official statement told briefly of heavy losses inflicted on the Germans northwest of Hulluch, where heavy German counter attacks were carried out during the course of the day.

Berlin maintains that by means of counter attacks the Allies' drive has been checked with heavy loss, but as the Germans make no claim of having recovered the ground taken from them the indications are that the Allies' gains on Saturday and Sunday have been gradually maintained, and at some points improved and that the fighting has reached the stage of vicious attacks and counter attacks which may persist for weeks.

Many Prisoners Taken.
It is estimated that the prisoners captured by the Allies during the rush will reach a total of more than 23,000, but this is offset to some extent by the German claim that nearly 7,000 French and British fell into their hands.

Denied further news of the great battle, England is awaiting developments with an eagerness not equaled since the critical days when the Germans fell back from the gates of Paris. In the meantime the public is warned to expect heavy losses, and that the Germans already two million strong from the coast to the Swiss frontier, may throw reinforcements into the lines for a struggle, the like of which this bloody war has not yet seen.

Optimists are also reminded that the Germans are likely to put the most dependence on their second and third lines of defense, relying upon machine guns and apparently new men to hold their front line, which means that a difficult task is before the Allies.

On Eastern Front.
The fighting in the Eastern Theater has brought no important change, but England regards the position of the Russian army as improving daily, which strengthens the hope here that Germany did not weaken her 700 mile front in order to fill the gaps in the west.

The Bulgarian situation remains obscure, resting, as it did last week, on the oft repeated assurance of Sofia that the country intends merely to maintain an armed neutrality.

London, Sept. 27.—A Sophia dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Co., says: "According to private dispatches from Constantinople the Turks are expelling all Catholic priests from that city."

Capture 2,800 Men.
A British official communication made public tonight says: "Northwest of Hulluch we have repulsed a number of counter attacks and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. East of Loss our offensive is progressing."

Our captures now amount to 53 officers and 2,800 men and 18 guns and 32 machine guns. The enemy abandoned a considerable quantity of material which has not yet been classified."

TRANSPORT SUNK.
Eerlin, Sept. 27.—A dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung, from Athens says that a French transport steamer of 5,000 tons has been sunk by an Austrian submarine on the Libyan Sea," says the Overseas News Agency. "The steamer was carrying coal from Malta to Cyprus."

HEAVY LOSSES REPORTED.
Paris, Sept. 27.—Military critics estimate that the Germans killed and wounded in the big battles of the last two days in the Artois and Champagne regions must easily equal the number of prisoners taken. Hence, they reckon the Germans total losses at not less than 40,000, equalling the size of an army corps.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE.
Paris, Sept. 27.—The French official statement made public tonight says that the situation to the north of Aars remains unmodified, and that the fighting in the Champagne continues. The statement adds that the Germans today began another offensive movement in the Argonne, that it was completely checked and that the German losses were heavy.

ROUMANIA STANDS PAT.
Bucharest, Roumania, via London, Sept. 27.—The Roumanian cabinet at a meeting today in which the mobiliza-