

SCHOOLS MUST BE IMPROVED, SAYS CLAXTON

United States Commissioner of Education talks to Board of Regents.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS TO BE GIVEN ATTENTION

Educational Requirements of the Country School Teachers Must Be Raised.

United States Commissioner of Education Dr. P. P. Claxton of Washington, D. C., was in the city yesterday and appeared before the state board of regents, who opened their regular monthly meeting at the capitol.

Dr. Claxton informed the board that the report of the commission making the educational survey of the state would be ready not later than May 20.

At the present time Dr. E. B. Craighead and Dr. Bowden, who gathered most of the data in the state, are compiling their information in Washington, preparatory to making the report.

They will be joined within the next few weeks by Prof. L. D. Coffman of the University of Minnesota, who will also make a report on conditions in the state, and by Dr. Claxton.

Practically all the data has already been gone over by Dr. Claxton, and he is in the city at the present time to outline general recommendations to the board.

Additional information will be required on the state school for the deaf at Walpeton, and on the Ellendale normal, before the final report can be submitted to the board of regents.

Dr. Claxton will visit both institutions this week and secure the desired information.

Must Raise Standards. Dr. Claxton has given his close personal attention to the educational survey being made in this state, and in discussing conditions, he stated, "It is my opinion that the time has come to raise the educational standards of the state.

The standard of the schools and the teachers must be improved, he stated, especially in the country districts.

"The educational requirements of country teachers are not enough to meet the demands made upon them," said Dr. Claxton. "They work under a serious handicap at best, not having the equipment and the advantage of expert supervision that a city teacher has."

Few of the country teachers have the equivalent of a high school education, yet they are required to teach all subjects, in most cases from the first to the eighth grade.

Burdick Is Unwilling to Leave Race

Says He Cannot Withdraw for Frazier as He Is Opposed to the Socialistic Non-Partisan League.

Fargo, N. D., April 24.—U. L. Burdick declined the invitation of the Non-partisan Progressive league to "get out of the way for its candidate for governor," at a conference held in Fargo last night.

Burdick, in interviews here and at Grand Forks, today explained why he opposed the "Non-partisan league's" work, declaring dissatisfaction with "state ownership" propaganda and its refusal to come out with respect to the prohibition issue.

FIGHT TO HOLD VON IGLE ON A PLOT CHARGE

Department of Justice Declares He Acted Independently of Embassy.

PROBABLY WILL HAVE TO FACE TRIAL. New York, April 24.—Evidence presented here today before the federal grand jury investigating the alleged plot to destroy the Welland canal establishes that von Papen's former office at 60 Wall street was not a branch of the embassy when Wolfe von Igle was arrested there on April 18, and papers claimed by the German ambassador seized.

The papers now are in the custody of the department of justice in Washington. They were sent to the capitol by United States Attorney Marshall, at the request of the state department after Ambassador von Bernstorff's demands.

Attorney General Gregory and the local prosecuting officers insisted that the former office of von Papen was not German territory. The state department announced that the return of the papers rested on this point.

It also had an important hearing, it was said, on the status of von Igle, whose release the German ambassador demanded, representing that he became a member of the embassy staff in December, 1915.

To Stand Trial. Assistant United States Attorney Roger B. Wood, in charge of the prosecution, is understood to be confident that as a result of today's testimony von Igle will have to stand trial and that the papers will not be returned.

Von Igle's own sworn statement, federal officers here assert, denies the claim of the ambassador that von Igle was a member of his staff and that his rooms were a part of the German embassy.

If the rooms were hired as an advertising agency, it is contended, the German embassy cannot claim title to them.

The information regarding the lease, it was said, at the federal building, already is in the possession of the state department.

AIR RAIDS ON TRIEST AND OVER ENGLAND

Nine Civilians Killed in Austrian City; British Suffer Losses.

GERMANS ARE HARD PRESSED IN AFRICA

Member of Irish Separatist Party Arrested Upon a German Boat.

London, April 24.—Bombardments alone are taking place on the French and Belgian fronts, the scenes of great events being Lemort Homme and in the Argonne forests, with the Germans the aggressors in the former and the French in the latter sector.

French aviators have dropped large numbers of shells on German positions at Longuyon, Stenay, Dun and near Montfaucou.

Bombs on Trieste. Vienna reports an attack Easter Sunday by seven Italian aeroplanes on the city of Trieste, in which nine civilians, five of them children, were killed, and five wounded.

The report says that because of this attack, "the enemy forfeited every right to have his towns spared."

The British in German East Africa are continuing their forward movement against the Germans, having no occupied the town of Kondoa, in the Tangi region. Considerable casualties were inflicted on the Germans.

The British also have been successful in an operation near Denidari, Egypt, repulsing with heavy casualties a Turkish attack. In an engagement near Quatia village, however, the British were forced to retreat after an engagement with a Turkish column superior in numbers.

In the Kut-el-Amara region of Mesopotamia, despite their recent check, the British are keeping up their effort to reach the sea at Kut-el-Amara. The town of Sannayit is still under the bombardment of the British guns.

Heavy Losses. Constantinople, reporting on the repulse of the British at Felahie last week, says the British losses were more than 3,000, about 2,000 men being killed.

A defeat of the Russians on the center of the Turk line in the Caucasus region is recorded by Constantinople, but the Russian war office announces that the Turkish attempts to advance were frustrated by a Turkish attempt in the region of Kataruru check.

Sir Roger Casement, leader of the Irish separatist party, who is reported to have negotiated with Germany concerning an invasion of Ireland has been captured from a German ship.

England has received another visitation from Zeppelins, three of the airships having dropped incendiary bombs on the eastern counties.

FALL OF RIVER IS CONTINUING

Heavy Rain of Thursday Has No Effect on Drop of Water.

Grand Forks, N. D., April 24.—The Red River of the North continued to drop steadily at Grand Forks Friday, in spite of the heavy rains which had prevailed during the previous 24 hours.

INFLUENCES AT WORK TO PREVENT COMPLICATIONS

Powerful Officials Opposed to Breaking Off Diplomatic Relations.

BERLIN PREPARED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS

Germany Ready to Go to Great Lengths to Keep Our Friendship.

Washington, April 24.—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 today by the state department from Ambassador Gerard.

Other dispatches from Ambassador Gerard were said to contain no indications that the Berlin government would make some concessions to the United States in reply to the note demanding complete abandonment of its present submarine warfare.

It is still uncertain, however, whether any concessions will be sufficiently broad in their scope to meet the American demands.

Officials allowed it to become known that Mr. Gerard's dispatches indicated that Germany would go to great lengths to preserve friendly relations with the United States.

Mr. Gerard is understood to have gained his news through conversations with Berlin officials, including Foreign Minister von Jagow.

His dispatches are said to emphasize the difficulty with which the German government is confronted to find a way to meet the demands of the United States without arousing the element which insists upon a relentless submarine warfare.

The state department tonight was awaiting a dispatch from Mr. Gerard reporting the result of a lengthy conference today with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German imperial chancellor.

CAMPAIGN LEADER IS A TOSS-UP

Probable That Fred B. Lynch Will Handle Wilson's Issues.

Washington, April 24.—Choice of the man who will manage President Wilson's campaign for re-election becoming chairman of the democratic national committee to succeed Wm. F. Combs, who notified the president today that he would retire after the St. Louis convention, lies between Fred B. Lynch, national committee man of Minnesota, and Homer S. Cummings of Connecticut, vice chairman of the committee. It is thought to be probable that the task will fall to Mr. Lynch, now chairman of the national committee's executive committee and in charge of the preliminary work of the coming campaign.

WHAT TO DO TO HELP MAKE BISMARCK CLEAN

- Set your neighbors a good example. Remove all rubbish from your attic, cellar, backyard and areaway.
- Clean all carpets and hangings for the summer.
- Scrub floors, hallways and all unvarnished woodwork thoroughly. Use plenty of soap and hot water.
- Clean all windows and keep them open to fresh air and sunlight.
- Ventilate damp cellars. Exterminate rats, flies and all vermin.
- After cleaning up, paint or whitewash your buildings, outhouses and fences. Paint kills germs.
- Put your walks in first-class condition. Paint trees, shrubs and flowers in suitable places. Keep your lawn in good condition.
- If you rent, ask your landlord to repair leaky roofs and plumbing, and to repair dirty, broken walls and ceilings, fences and walks.
- If there is a vacant lot in your community, see that it is thoroughly cleared up.
- Report all dirty or unsanitary places in your neighborhood to the health department.

Dr. Ladd Taken Ill Suddenly

Has Three Sinking Spells, But Has Rallied and No Immediate Danger Feared.

Fargo, N. D., April 24.—Edwin F. Ladd, president of the North Dakota Agricultural college, was taken suddenly ill at his home here this afternoon, being seized with two sinking spells.

Tonight, the attending physician declared Dr. Ladd's condition satisfactory, there being no immediate danger. The exact cause of Dr. Ladd's illness has not been ascertained, but his condition gave no little concern for some time.

DRAFT OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL PRESENTED

Second of Nation's Preparedness Measures Is Reported.

ALLOTMENT OF NEW SHIPS TO BE INCREASED

Washington, April 24.—A draft of the naval appropriations bill, the second of the administration's great preparedness measures, was reported by a sub-committee today to the house naval committee which next Thursday will begin consideration of the construction section.

Present indications are that the proposed five-year building program will be approved, but that the first year's allotment of new ships will be increased from two dreadnaughts and two battle cruisers, as proposed by Secretary Daniels, to two dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers.

The measure, as submitted by the appropriations sub-committee, carries a total of \$217,652,174 for the coming year, in the basis for the secretary's recommendation for four capital ships. This is an increase of \$7,000,000 over last year's figures.

The sub-committee presented a recommendation summarizing the several naval officers' recommendations who were examined. They were so much at variance that the committee would have been forced to accept the secretary's plans had not some of the republican and democratic members announced their intention to support a program of six capital ships.

GOVERNMENT AID IN AUTOMOBILE RUN

National Highways Association Headquarters at Washington Offers Help.

Fargo, N. D., April 24.—The National Highways Association, headquarters at Washington, D. C., today tendered its support to the twin cities-Yellowstone Park automobile run July 22 to August 5, according to information received by W. W. Smith of Fargo, president of North Dakota Automobile association. It also was announced today that there would be more under auspices of North Dakota Automobile association sanctioned by American Automobile association.

EDUCATIONAL MEET ENDS AT MINOT

Minot, N. D., April 24.—The Northwestern Educational association ended its eleventh, and decidedly best, annual session in this city Saturday, following an address by Dr. Wm. A. McKeever of the University of Kansas, and a delightful musical program by Miss Cyrenia Van Gordon.

Among the last things at the close of the afternoon session was the election of officers for the ensuing year, as follows: President—A. C. Berg, Towner. First Vice President—Bruce Francis, Minot. Second Vice President—L. H. Darling, Bottineau. Secretary—Miss Edith Stadium, Minot. Treasurer—L. M. Rochne, Mohall.

The report of the treasurer showed that the membership of the association is 479.

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION AWAITS CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE WITH DE FACTO GOVERNMENT

General Scott and Carranza's General Will Discuss General Military Situation; Mexicans Want Early Reply to Note of April 12.

Washington, April 24.—Further developments in the pursuit of Villa and the relations between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico, now await the personal discussion of the subjects by the senior military advisers of the two governments.

HOLD CONFERENCE

A conference between Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the American army, and General Obregon, minister of war of the de facto government, was arranged late today to take place probably in Juarez. Gen. Scott is now in San Antonio, Texas, and Gen. Obregon is thought to be on his way north from Mexico City. They may meet tomorrow, or next day.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS TO BE INSTALLED

Bismarck Council No. 325 U.C.T. Will Put Four Fountains in City. Four public drinking fountains will be installed on the streets of the capital city within a short time, according to the plans of Bismarck Council No. 325 U. C. T. in a communication from the council which was read at the meeting of the city commission last evening, stating that they were ready to install the fountains, and only awaited the action of the city fathers, as to location.

The Knights of the Grip announced their intention of installing drinking fountains several months ago, and last fall secured the funds through the medium of the "Kangaroo Court" held in connection with their annual gathering. Practically everyone in the city has contributed something toward the purchase of the fountains, as the U. C. T. boys were anything but partial in halting the citizens before their tribunal.

Commissioners Best, Kirk and Bertsch were named as a committee by Mayor Lucas to select the sites for the fountains. A light will be installed over each fountain, the expense of which will be paid by the city. The management of the Bismarck Water company has already agreed to furnish the water for the fountains to the city free of charge.

A contract was awarded by the city commission last night to the Wachter Dray and Transfer company for sprinkling the city streets this summer. Their bid calls for \$85 a month for each team engaged.

The city attorney was instructed to render an opinion as to the validity of transferring \$1,500 from the fund created for oiling the streets to the fund for sprinkling.

A number of minor matters were disposed of by the commission and the usual grist of bills allowed.

SPRAGUE WILL SPEAK AT COMMENCEMENT

Grand Forks, N. D., April 24.—Dr. Homer Baxter Sprague, president of the University of North Dakota from the year 1887 to 1891, will deliver the university address at commencement time. He will also deliver the Phi Beta Kappa oration. The honorary degree of LL. D. will be conferred on Dr. Sprague by the University of North Dakota at the time of his visit.

Dr. Sprague was born October 19, 1829, in South Sutton, Worcester county, Mass. He received an excellent education, entering Yale in the class of 1852, at the beginning of the academic year 1848. At junior exhibition he delivered the philosophical oration, and at graduation in 1852 he delivered "high oration." He took a number of prizes during his college course for Latin and English essays. He won a gold medal for the best written and spoken oration given in the college. He delivered the class valedictory.

D. S. HELMS. Carson, N. D., April 24.—A deal was consummated here whereby the D. S. Helms hardware store was sold to Olson & Gravseth, who will hereafter conduct the business. Mr. Helms will leave this place and later in the season will open up a line of business at Burt in Hettinger county.

GOVERNOR AT WILLISTON. Governor L. B. Hanna delivered the dedication address last evening at the dedication of the new Williston armory.

SPRING WORK HAS STARTED

Farmers Near Larimore and South of Arvilla Started Seeding Wednesday.

Grand Forks, N. D., April 24.—Seeding in Grand Forks county has already commenced and it is expected that within a few days, with favorable weather conditions, the spring work will be on in full force.

In the vicinity of Larimore several farmers have already commenced seeding and south of Arvilla, six drills were put into action Wednesday.

The wet weather of Friday checked the progress of the work to some extent, but the farmers appear optimistic and believe that the ground will commence to dry rapidly this week, and no further hindrance will be experienced until the seeding and crop preparation work is completed.

LABOR TROUBLE CAUSES MOVE

Juneau, Alaska, April 24.—It is reported here that the troops stationed at Fort Lisicum, near Valdez, have been ordered to Anchorage because of trouble with railroad construction laborers who went on strike there Saturday.

FIRST SERIOUS STRIKE RIOT

Pittsburg, Pa., April 24.—The first serious riots in the strike of 30,000 employees of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company in East Pittsburg occurred tonight. The strikers were led to the scene by a stylishly dressed woman, whose face was masked. Several shots were fired and a detective was injured.

The trouble was the climax of a day of disorder, during which deputy sheriffs and railroad detectives frequently used their clubs. Fifteen hundred strikers were returning to East Pittsburg, after breaking up a meeting of shell makers in Wilmerding, an adjoining borough, when the clash tonight occurred.

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