

WAR OPPOSITION DEBATES ISSUE

ELECTION GIVES CLEAN SWEEP TO OLD COMMISSION

President Lucas and Commissioners Battey and Bertsch Given Big Support

VOTE TO BE CANVASSED BY CITY BOARD TONIGHT

Official Figures as Revealed by Poll Books Show No Changes in Result

A clean sweep for the present administration resulted from yesterday's election. President Lucas is returned by a majority of 292 over William O'Hara, and Commissioners Battey and Bertsch by pluralities of 203 and 164, respectively. Charles F. Bleckreid led George H. Dolan, the incumbent, for the police magistrature, by 85 votes.

Two-Dollar Wheat at Chicago

All Post Records for Normal Market Exceeded by Sales for May Delivery

Chicago, April 4.—Two dollar wheat became an actuality today. The May delivery sold at that price at the opening of the Board of Trade. It is the highest price ever paid here on normal markets. In 1864, this price was exceeded by values expressed in terms of depreciated paper and in the '80s "Old Dutch" sent wheat to \$2.00. This price obtained only for a moment.

WAR CRAFT IS DISCOVERED IN MINISTRY

Austrian Government Officials Involved in Scandal Over Purchase of Supplies

HEAD OF MILITARY AFFAIRS RESIGNS

London, April 4.—The Austrian ministers of justice, war and finance have resigned after the revelation of a grave scandal connected with army supplies, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from The Hague, which quotes German newspapers as its authority. According to the dispatch, the three ministers assisted Dr. Franz, former director of the Vienna deposit bank to escape the consequences of having illegally sold foodstuffs to the army at exorbitant prices.

WAR MINISTER RESIGNS

Copenhagen, April 4.—The war minister in Vienna, which has admitted their guilt, later resigning. The affair is said to have caused a tremendous sensation in Vienna political circles.

AUSTRIA FORGING PEACE DEMANDS

London, April 4.—A new peace move by the Central Powers seen in extracts from the semi-official paper Lokai Anzeiger carried in United Press dispatches yesterday, is forced upon them by Austria's demands, it was learned from German information via Holland today. The declaration was made that in the forthcoming announcement, Germany would make a worthwhile offer. According to the German belief the new peace offer would apply particularly to the new Russian government.

RUSSIA RECEIVES WILSON'S SPEECH WITH ENTHUSIASM

Petrograd, April 4.—An enthusiastic reception was given President Wilson's speech here. Impromptu meetings were held around the Taurida palace, the speakers explaining the significance of America's action.

"DRYS" CLAIM EDGE ON MINN. EARLY RETURNS

Carry Duluth by at Least 1,000 Vote While Superior, Sister City Goes Moist

BRainerd VOTED "WET" BUT INDIAN TREATY HOLDS

Wisconsin Prohibitionists See Great Victory in "Dry" Vote at Madison

(United Press.) St. Paul, April 3.—The "drys" are claiming the edge over the "wets" today as the returns from yesterday's election are coming in.

Carrying Duluth by at least 1,000 votes was the outstanding victory for the prohibitionists. The city went "dry" last April. Winthrop was another net gain by the "drys," who carried it by the small margin of eight votes.

Cities remaining "dry" are Fairmont, Pipestone, and Brainerd. Brainerd was voted "wet" but remains in the "dry" column under an old Indian treaty. South Center and Sleepy Eye were voted "wet."

Severe Defeat. "Dry" forces administered one of the most severe defeats to liquor forces in the middle west yesterday, when the capitals of two states and one of the principal cities of a third, in addition to a number of small towns, voted to close their saloons.

Vote Against War. Twenty-seven Minnesota cities voted against the United States declaring a state of war against Germany in an unofficial balloting yesterday. St. Peter voted 262 to 31, and New Ulm, 466 to 19, against the proposal.

"Dry" forces gained one town in the local election in Minnesota in addition to sustaining the verdict of Duluth in the election last June, when the city was voted "dry."

Clarence Magney was elected mayor of Duluth. Winthrop, a town of about 1,400 population, shifted from "wet" to the "dry" column by a vote of 130 to 138. Brainerd, a city of 9,000, voted "wet" but the result was classed by saloon men as "moral" victory only, as the city must remain dry as it lies in territory prescribed by so-called Indian treaty that has eliminated saloons in many Minnesota cities.

MADISON PICKED AS BEST WIN OF ALL

(United Press.) Milwaukee, April 4.—As prohibitionists look over a list of 39 victories in Bane county, Madison was picked as the best win of them all. Madison went "dry" by a little over 400 votes. This was offset by the "wets" who won Superior back into the liquor column. While 39 cities went "dry," 11 of which had been in the prohibition column returned to "wet" column. There are now 49 "dry" towns and 52 "wet" towns.

VARDAMAN HISSED WHEN HE SIT THROUGH PLAYING OF NATIONAL AIR

(United Press.) Washington, April 4.—Just a lot of drunks, was the way United States Senator Vardaman of Mississippi described a crowd of diners at one of Washington's most fashionable hotels who hissed through their teeth when he sat through the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

"I did not stand because I did not know the orchestra was playing the national air. It started out by playing 'Dixie' and suddenly switched. I did not realize what was being played, when a lot of drunks began talking about me. I was standing when the orchestra finished playing. I finished my meal before leaving. Anybody who knows me would not doubt my patriotism."

REPORTED HELD UP ON WAY TO U. S.



FRANK WHITLOCK
Whitlock is United States minister to Belgium and is ready to leave Brussels for the United States, having been recalled after diplomatic relations between this country and Germany were broken. He has not yet left the embassy, and reports say he is being delayed by the German authorities occupying the city.

FARGO OUSTS DAHL AS HER POLICE HEAD

(Special to Tribune.) Fargo, N. D., April 4.—Fargo's first trial of the recall provision of the commission form of government resulted in the success of the men who instigated the movement. Police Commissioner J. A. Dahl being ousted from office by the voters yesterday, according to the result of the ballot as completed today.

William Mills, the candidate for the recall position, was chosen with a majority of 151 votes, the total vote cast on the recall ballots being 1,431 for Mills and 1,280 for Dahl.

Stern President of Commission. Alex Stern, prominent local banker and business man, was elected president of the city commission, with a majority of 95 votes over his opponents. E. E. Cole received 857 votes, while J. G. Halland came in third, with 484 votes.

Jordan and Strate Elected. O. M. Strate and J. J. Jordan were elected city commissioners, the former with 1,171 votes, an 11th latter with 992 votes. Ben Wassman ran a strong third, with 880 votes.

Roberts Wins Out. City Magistrate Roberts was re-elected, his majority over his opponent, Attorney Leigh J. Monson, being 103 votes.

The total number of votes cast at the polls yesterday was 1,677.

TEUTON AGENTS WORKING TO AROUSE SOUTHERN BLACKS

(United Press.) New York, April 4.—German propagandists and secret agents are working in the South to align the negroes with the white people in the event of war, special dispatches from Greensboro, N. C., to the New York Tribune said. They are working in Lutheran and other German schools. They have been busy for some time. One settlement entirely of negroes has agreed to follow the German leadership on the promise that at the end of the war the negroes will be placed on the same social footing with the whites. The plan has been known as the plan of San Diego, Cal., in April, 1915.

LA FOLLETTE IS BURNED IN EFFIGY ON CAMPUS

(United Press.) Boston, April 4.—Students of Massachusetts Institute of Technology made a dummy of Senator LaFollette and tagged it so that all might know it was LaFollette and then, on the edge of the Charles river, where it could be seen for miles, it was set on fire. The students executed Indian war dances around the fire and in the meantime singing and cheering. A lone pacifist, the only one in the crowd, pleaded against the action of the other students. Attempts were made by students to get him to turn in their favor by arguments, but this failed. He was then held under a cold shower until he became beligerent.

ARMED LINERS ARRIVE

Washington, April 4.—The armed liners St. Paul and Finland have arrived safely at their destinations, the navy department announced today.

ENTENTE ARE SMASHING LINES ABOUT QUENTIN

Race Between British and French to See Which Army Will Take Town

BOTH ARE EQUALLY DISTANT FROM CITY

Pressure Against Teutons South of La Fere Is Being Tightened by Allies

ONLY QUESTION OF HOURS. (United Press.) New York, April 4.—The capture of St. Quentin, one of the principal cities in the Hindenburg line, appears to be but a matter of a few hours. Official reports said the French would have the honor of being the first to enter the city. Today's French war office reports told of the penetration by patrols of the southwest parts of the town. In the meantime, press dispatches said, the British are maintaining pressure on the west and north.

(United Press.) London, April 4.—British and French forces smashed the allied line of steel closer to St. Quentin today. While the British forces are progressing steadily as in the past few days, the French forces developed a smash five miles from St. Quentin, taking three villages and several dominating heights, two miles from the town. Then the British resumed their pounding against the German lines.

A Race Now. It is now a race between the British and French forces to see who will be the first to take the town. They are almost equally distant from the town. The British were reported in battle front dispatches to be pushing steadily ahead. In the meantime the French are tightening the pressure against the Germans south of La Fere.

SCHOONER TO BE NAMED FOR HAZEN J. TITUS

Christened with a potato the auxiliary powered schooner Hazen J. Titus will be launched early in May by the American Shipbuilding Corporation of Astoria, according to an announcement yesterday. The potato is to be hollowed out and filled with champagne.

The announcement gave the first news that a ship is to be named for the well-known superintendent of dining cars of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Titus long ago became famous as the discoverer of the great baked potato. Harry B. Spears, a Spokane capitalist, who is a member of the American Shipbuilding Company decided that any man who discovered anything about a potato should be honored by having his name painted on the bows of an ocean-carrier and the other owners of the corporation fell in with the idea.

Ere long some cigar manufacturer will name a five-center after Titus, according to his railroad friends in Seattle, and then his fame will be complete.

Some of the directors of the American Shipbuilding Company balked at the idea of christening a ship with a potato, but as a compromise it was decided to hollow it out and fill it with champagne. Herbert Hanlon, of the Seattle Transportation Club, is to have the job of filling the tub with the bubbling refreshment.

Austria to Break With America

(United Press.) The Hague, April 4.—Austria has practically decided to break relations with the United States as soon as America declares war on the imperial government. This decision is understood to have been reached at Hamburg at a conference between the kaiser, Emperor Carl and high Teutonic powers. Emperor Carl yielded to demands made by the kaiser. It is known that the high Teutonic chief conference related to the American situation. Another report received from Hamburg said the Austrian emperor would shortly make a definite peace offer in the name of the Central Powers.

WANT TO FLY AMERICAN FLAG

(United Press.) Paris, April 4.—The leading Americans in the French flying corps are united in an appeal to the French government today for permission for this body of aviators now fighting in France to fly the American flag.

To Spread Speech by Aeroplane

British Aviators to Drop Copies of Wilson's Message Over Germany to Reach Masses

(United Press.) Washington, April 4.—"That's fine, that's great," Secretary Tumulty declared today, when informed of Great Britain's intention to distribute the president's speech throughout Germany by aeroplane. "When the German people have read all of that speech, they will know where the heart of this government is and where the hearts of its people really are," he said.

TAX ON ALIENS IS UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT

Section 8977 of the compiled laws of 1913, which imposes a tax of 25 percent on the inheritance of non-resident aliens, as opposed to a tax of 12 percent on the inheritance of citizens and resident aliens "residing in the United States," is not in violation of Section 20 of Article 1 of the constitution of North Dakota, which provides that "no citizen or class of citizens shall be granted privileges or immunities which upon the same terms shall not be granted to all citizens," the supreme court ruled today in reversing the decision of Judge Pollock of Cass county in the case of Howard Moody, executor of the estate of the late Martin A. Hagen of Fargo versus Otto A. Hagen, et al, and the state tax commission, as intervenor.

Among the heirs of the late Martin A. Hagen was a sister, Elina A. Skardrud, a resident of Norway, who inherited \$25,000, a fourth part of the Hagen estate. The county court of Cass assessed the Norwegian heir 25 percent for inheritance tax, as provided by the North Dakota statutes, or \$8,311, as compared with a tax of \$553 against heirs resident in the United States who inherited the same amount.

Elina A. Skardrud appealed from the county court to the Cass county district court, where Judge Pollock upheld her contention that an assessment against her of inheritance tax in greater amount than that charged other alien heirs, resident in the United States, was in violation of the state constitution and of treaty agreements with Norway.

On this point the supreme court said: "Nor, where decedent was a citizen of the United States and residing therein, is it in violation of Article 6 of the treaty of amity and commerce between Norway and the United States, and which provides that the subjects of the contracting parties in respective states may fully dispose of their goods and effects either by testament, donation or otherwise, in favor of such persons as they think proper; and their heirs in whatever place they shall reside shall receive the succession ab intestato, without having occasion to take out letters of naturalization. These inheritances shall be exempt from all duty, called 'droit de detraction,' on the part of the governments of the two states respectively."

Penalizing Nieces. "Clauses of Section 897 of the compiled laws of 1913, which provide for a larger inheritance tax or charge upon the property devised to or inherited by a nephew or niece than upon property devised to or inherited by a cousin or uncle or aunt are not in violation of the fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution, nor of section 69 of the constitution of North Dakota, which provides that 'the legislative assembly shall not pass local or special laws for the assessment or collection of taxes,' nor of section 70, which provides that 'in all other cases where a general law shall be applicable, no special law shall be enacted,'" held the supreme court today, in denying the petition of Frederick Bismarck Strauss, et al, for a rebate of inheritance tax in excess of the amount which the petitioner regarded equitable upon the estate of the late Frederick Strauss of Bismarck.

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SENATE ALMOST UNIT IN STAND BEHIND WILSON

La Follette and Gronna Plot to Defeat Almost Unanimous Wish of Body

CONSENT TO TAKE UP MEASURE TODAY GIVEN

Senator Hitchcock Forced to Take Stone's Place in Pressing War Measure

PASS BIG BUDGET. (United Press.) Washington, April 4.—After 25 minutes' debate in the senate, the \$240,000,000 appropriation bill was passed today. The war measures will come under a separate bill.

(Associated Press.) Washington, April 4.—Congress got down to work on the war resolution today with the prospect of remaining in session continuously until it is disposed of.

In the senate it was taken up at 10 o'clock by unanimous consent and with administration leaders determined to permit no other business to interfere.

To Postpone War. A resolution designed to postpone war with Germany and give the imperial government an opportunity to change her present course was introduced between speeches by Senator McCumber of North Dakota. McCumber proposed that the United States recognize the right of any belligerent to establish a blockade at any time and any further sinking would be regarded as an act of war.

"I am pausing long enough to allow Germany to withdraw her illegal submarines. There can be no great war without violating rights of a great deal of charitableness in this respect," he said.

Senator McCumber proposed that Americans be warned off ships while negotiations for a settlement with Germany are under way. He held that the United States ought to remain neutral that she might better serve humanity."

Senator La Follette, who forced it over until today, was not in the chamber when Senator Hitchcock got unanimous consent to take it up. Almost every other senator and many house members were present when the debate began.

Time For Speeches Past. In an opening statement, Senator Hitchcock, in charge of the resolution, said:

"The time for discussion has past. The president has already stated the reasons which makes this grave step necessary. The resolution provides for war against the German imperial government. It places responsibility for the war squarely on the German government, charged with repeated acts of war against the United States. It is also unquestionably a declaration of war."

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155 NORWEGIAN VESSELS HAVE BEEN SUNK

(United Press.) Christiansia, April 4.—Since January 1, 155 Norwegian ships with a total tonnage of 243,000 tons have fallen victims to German submarine warfare, with a total loss of 69 Norwegian citizens, statistics announced today showed.

DISCUSS SITUATION

(United Press.) The Hague, April 4.—The American situation was the main topic under discussion at Hamburg between the kaiser, Emperor Carl and Central Powers' generals.

The Vote

| Candidates— | First | Second | Third | Fourth | Fifth | Sixth | Totals |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| For President— | | | | | | | |
| Lucas | 128 | 175 | 148 | 45 | 102 | 112 | 710 |
| O'Hara | 60 | 55 | 94 | 89 | 57 | 63 | 418 |
| Lucas Majority | | | | | | | 292 |
| For Commissioners (2)— | | | | | | | |
| Everts | 44 | 47 | 107 | 95 | 52 | 57 | 402 |
| Bertsch | 113 | 141 | 117 | 36 | 73 | 86 | 566 |
| Nichols | 25 | 29 | 28 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 108 |
| Battey | 120 | 139 | 130 | 32 | 83 | 101 | 605 |
| Giltchka | 19 | 23 | 56 | 67 | 43 | 46 | 254 |
| Hinckley | 37 | 39 | 18 | 25 | 21 | 32 | 172 |
| For Police Magistrate (1)— | | | | | | | |
| Casselmann | 40 | 42 | 53 | 24 | 25 | 49 | 233 |
| Bleckreid | 43 | 55 | 99 | 60 | 54 | 72 | 383 |
| Dolan | 57 | 75 | 45 | 32 | 47 | 39 | 295 |
| Varnay | 39 | 49 | 32 | 9 | 15 | 13 | 157 |
| Totals | 192 | 245 | 251 | 144 | 160 | 156 | 1175 |

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