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WEATHER REPORT For 24 hours ending at noon, April 18: Temperature at 7:00 a. m. 35. Temperature at noon 45. Highest yesterday 37. Lowest yesterday 29.

Forecast. For North Dakota: Partly cloudy tonight; Thursday fair; no decided change in temperature. Lowest Temperatures: Fargo 44, Williston 34, Grand Forks 38, Pierre 38, St. Paul 56, Winnipeg 34, Helena 20, Chicago 58, Swift Current 32, Kansas City 64, San Francisco 46.

Man is neither the vile nor the excellent thing which he sometimes imagines himself to be.—Disraeli.

A HISTORIC DATE.

One hundred and forty-two years ago today, America decided the hour had come to free a liberty loving people from the autocracy of the Old World.

Today we are involved in a greater struggle, but for the same principles. It is not a war of national aggrandizement. But if it is not fought with vigor and determination, those principles for which Paul Revere made his famous ride may perish from the earth.

April has been a month of national sorrow, as well as joy. More momentous steps have been taken by the United States in the fourth month of the year than during any period.

Old Glory became the national flag in April. War was declared upon Mexico in April; Abraham Lincoln was shot and died in April and United States declared a state of war with Spain and Germany in the historic month of April.

History surely reveals no more interesting coincidence in the chronology of national events.

One hundred and two years ago, in April, the military autocracy of Napoleon was given its first real body blow and the dictator of Europe retired to Elba in the same month.

On the eve, then, of the celebration of the Battle of Lexington, a nation finds itself committed anew to the cause of individual liberty. The United States is entering the war to reduce the possibility of war in the future. Its quarrel is with Prussian autocracy. If victory results, the United States, the foremost republic, will take part in the peace conference as the friend of the German people and the foe of the Hohenzollerns or Prussian autocracy, whatever its label.

Women are war's worst victims—even those who marry slackers.

CAN'T THE GERMANS SEE IT?

In modern warfare, as we are witnessing it, one fact sticks out above all others, and that is that results depend, in the highest degree, upon artillery. Cavalry and infantry can make little progress until the artillery has pulverized the opponent's trenches and fortifications.

At the start of the war, Germany unquestionably had the superiority in number, calibre and general effectiveness of artillery. The British and French hold that superiority today. What's more, Germany started in with men who knew how to use her guns. The vast majority of these specially skilled men have been killed off, or otherwise incapacitated, and now she is no more than equal with her enemies so far as experience of her gunners goes.

Today we must estimate the Central Powers as the inferior in artillery, navy, cavalry and infantry, and despite all the past failures and weaknesses of the Allies, present proceedings strongly indicate that Germany and her allies hold no decided

superiority in the matter of generalship. With this view of the fighting forces, all that's still to be considered is resources. What the Central Powers have captured in the shape of supplies has gone to the armies, not to the peoples, and the suffering of the millions of non-combatants increases daily, and the national misery surely affects the morale of the fighting forces. For nearly three years, Germany's financial operations has been the process of taking hard cash from one pocket and, in lieu thereof, getting paper promises to pay into the other pocket, which promises are absolutely worthless unless Germany gets peace with a victory the most stupendous and against the greatest odds ever known.

The people of Germany, with a nobility that cannot be denied, have sacrificed their lives and possessions, loyally and in confidence of victory, at the call of their autocrats. How can they possibly longer hope for victory? How can they longer blind themselves to the final failure of their autocrats? With each brutal measure resorted to by her desperate war lords, Germany's penalty grows. That penalty already threatens absolute financial ruin. It may be national annihilation. There is no honor, no sense, no credit in loyalty and courage that mean national pauperism or suicide.

The hour is late, but the German people can still save Germany. Let the German people give the world peace by Russianizing their autocracy, and they will find in the peace council these United States as their strongest sympathizer and best friend, these same United States, which will demand nothing save their inalienable rights, but which are prepared to put billions of dollars, millions of men, unheard of resources, into the balance against Germany for those rights.

One of our country's military hopes is Gen. Economy.

Our navy likes U-boats; it's going to make them submarines forever.

The man who orders more than he can eat, the woman who cooks more than she can use, are not exactly patriots.

Anyhow, if the girls will turn their knitting from sweaters to soldiers' socks, we'll have an army that can't put up cold feet as an excuse for getting out of the trenches.

President Wilson urges the farmers to "speed up" on production, as a war measure. The farmer is puzzled about speeding up, just now. Doesn't know whether to feed \$1.20 corn or bank notes to his \$25 pig.

Mrs. Geo. B. Rice of Escondido, Cal., with two young sons just enlisted, says: "While we hate to see them go to war, we thank God we have raised no cowards." It's American public sentiment in a nutshell.

WITH THE EDITORS

NO "SCRAP OF PAPER" PEACE.

The world's word is: "Peace any day with the German people—peace never with the Hohenzollerns!"

Otherwise no peace bargain can be better than a "scrap of paper" all too easily torn up and thrown away.

THE CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY.

Within a short time a special election will be held in the First Congressional district of this state to fill the place in the North Dakota delegation recently made vacant by death. There are some things to be borne steadily in mind in this connection.

Since the last election our nation has become involved in the greatest war ever waged on this planet. Nation after nation has entered that conflict, impelled to such action by reasons more or less local, as well as by those of a more general character. But as the situation develops, the local and incidental disappears, and there stands forth the great fact that the world is being shaken to its very foundations by the shock of a titanic struggle between the forces of autocracy, seeking in a last desperate enterprise to strengthen their grip and to secure to themselves for generations an unlimited and irresponsible power, and the forces of democracy, seeking to establish for all time on this earth the right of human beings to enjoy the blessings of free government and to enjoy in peace the product of their own labors and the fruits of their own enterprise.

The United States has become a partner with the other great democracies of the world in this struggle, and, so far as the establishment of the principles for which we contend is concerned, the partnership is absolute and unlimited. We have enlisted for the war, and there can be no sheathing of the sword until conclusive victory has been won. The conduct of America's share in this war is vested in the hands of the president and congress. The president, under the constitution, has supreme military power and congress must supply all the means whereby his authority can be exercised effectively.

Under these conditions, the first consideration in electing a member of congress is that the man elected shall be a man of unquestioned loyalty to American institutions and American ideals. No matter to what political party he may belong in ordinary times, he must be prepared

UNCLE PAUL REVERE



The Ride of Paul Revere

Today is the one hundred and forty-second anniversary of the ride of Paul Revere and here is Longfellow's poem describing that famous event of our early history: Listen, my children, and you shall hear Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere, On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five; Hardly a man is now alive Who remembers that famous day and year.

Then he climbed to the tower of the church, Up the wooden stairs, with stealthy tread, To the belfry-chamber overhead, But mostly he watch'd with eager search The belfry-tower of the Old North Church. As it rose above the graves on the hill, Lonely and spectral and sombre, and still, And, lo! as he looks, on the belfry's height, A glimmer, and then a gleam of light! He springs to the saddle, the bridle he turns, But lingers and gazes, till full on his sight A second lamp in the belfry burns!

Readers' Column

THEY WHO STAY. Bismarck, N. D., April 16. Editor of Tribune: America is facing a crisis in her national development and in this crucial time it well behooves the women of America to consider well their part in this conflict.

English women have donned the habiliments of men and have gone into the munition-plants and factories. French women run the street cars and drive the busses thru the streets of Paris. Clerical and business offices in all the European warring nations are filled with women who keep the machinery of the country running while the men sacrifice their lives in the trenches. As the men are dying for their countries at the front, the women are living for them at home.

Patience! Wait but a little longer and every woman of America will have the opportunity to show her patriotism to the last limit of her strength. Hand and heart and head are to be called into play and each woman can serve as her talents best fit her.

In homes, the greatest care must be taken to conserve every atom of the nation's food and clothing and fuel so that not one atom of her strength may be lost. In the business world, brain and brawn must be tried to their utmost to fill in the places of the fighting men so that the wheels of industry fail not in supplying food and money and clothing and transportation and all the myriad other things needed to back the soldiers at the front.

And, above all, women will have to preserve a calm heart and unclouded mind, free from malice and from hatred, preserving the high pulse of a nation that battles for its principles as God gives it to see the light. —A READER.

war on the English people, but on the English autocracy. Their victory helped their blood-brethren of England to wrest rights of self-government from the throne and the nobles by a gradual revolution which lasted for many years and which has made Britain a democracy. In the same way today the worldwide struggle between freedom and despotism makes it necessary for German-Americans to take up arms against their own brothers. But they fight in a holy cause, and in defense of their own liberty.

New Ulm, as Mr. Mueller makes evident, is patriotic at such an hour and in such an emergency. So, we believe, are practically all the people of German blood in this Country. And as they come to understand better the real issues of this conflict, their loyalty will engender an enthusiasm for victory that will be of immeasurable service.

JAMMED FULL. (Hattori Free Press) It is a good thing for the country that patriotism does not depend on how we display the American flag. Although many of the business places about town are displaying the flag, we have failed to notice anyone display in the residence section of the city. But even at that we know that Hattori is just jammed full of patriotism.

COMMISSION ERRED IN TECHNICALITIES, URGES ELLSWORTH That the city commission was guilty of technical errors in handling details connected with the awarding of the contracts for having Bismarck District No. 2 was the only important point which Judge Ellsworth of Jamestown, representing Oscar Will, A. VanHorn and others, sought to make yesterday in arguing before the supreme court on his clients' application for a permanent injunction.

GRAIN EMBARGO RAISED. The Minneapolis embargo on grain shipments is raised, the state railway commission was advised this morning. Much wheat which has accumulated in the state awaiting shipment will now move, the commission anticipates. The apparent cause of the embargo has been a freight conference, which the carriers have limited at market reasons for the tie-up. The Duluth market is expected to be the Duluth price secret.

LIBERTY OR DESPOTISM. Medora, N. D., Apr. 17. Editor Tribune, Bismarck, N. D.: Being fairly well acquainted with the history of our world for the past four thousand years, brings to my mind man's struggles for liberty; his struggle to free himself from the rule of the robber class and tyrants, whose aim has always been, aided by a priestcraft, to keep the great majority in ignorance. This priestcraft can be plainly traced from ancient Egypt down almost to our own time. This priestcraft was always the willing tool of the ruler. Commencing in Egypt we find that a great majority of the land was set aside by the ruler for his priests; this condition has followed. We find it years ago in Italy, France and England have long cast it aside; but Mexico still suffers from the curse. Wherever we find the priestcraft strong we find the rulers corrupt, and the common people ignorant, and made believe that kings ruled by divine right. This later belief is still prevalent in Germany, where William and his family virtually rule the land. Why should this family rule millions of people and, they, the people, have no say as to how they shall be governed? All this family of Hohenzollerns are maintained by the state in luxury, and render no more service to the people at large than a man for much less could be secured for. All the princes and little princes must be provided for by the common people. It does not appear to us a question of what England has done in this war; it's a question of what the government of England stands for today and what France stands for in the matter of the liberty of the individual? The next question is: What does Prussia stand for? Do the people of this country desire to take a backward step in self government? No king has any use for a Republican form of government, and we fully believe that should Germany win this war that this country would be the next to be attacked by Germany. You read much about the intelligence of the German people. This is only true in part. The great majority of the common people are not a well educated people; besides, they have no voice in their government and those who have been kept down for hundreds of years are never an educated people in the way of government. The question is: do the people of this country want to live under such a form of government where the ruler has alone the power to declare war and drive his people, to war, like sheep to the shambles. We have had copies of telegrams which passed between Germany and England just before the breaking out of the war. In these telegrams the Emperor of Germany was spoken of as "Wilhelm," and the Emperor of Russia as "Nicky," and so on. It was more like baseball managers getting up a game than rulers plunging the whole world into war. The time has come when it's either liberty or despotism. Take your choice! —JAMES W. FOLEY.

MEDICOS READY TO SERVE UNCLE SAM AT FRONT

Prominent Physicians Enlist in Country's Cause at Rousing Meeting Here

AUXILIARY MEDICAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Organization Formed Sixth District Society—New Members Taken In

A rousing meeting of the doctors of Bismarck and surrounding cities attended the monthly meeting last evening of the Sixth District Medical Society in the Commercial club rooms. Thirty of the most prominent of this profession attended and extensive plans were made to aid the government in time of war.

Three of the medical reserve men of the United States army were present. Drs. A. M. Fisher, Hugo Mella and F. B. Strauss of Bismarck, and one of the medical staff of the National Medical Guard, Dr. Hunt of Valley City. Dr. Fisher has been named as the physician to examine all applicants for the medical corps of the United States army.

For immediate service, Dr. Strauss, who is now in active service and in charge of North and South Dakota, gave an interesting report of the work being done at the present time with the North Dakota troops. The doctors of this profession are unanimous in offering their services to their country. Seventeen of the number pledged themselves for immediate service.

A committee composed of Drs. F. R. Smyth, W. H. Bodenstab, Bismarck; C. G. Forbes, Washburn; Martin Kranz, Mandan; W. C. Wolverton, Union, were named as the "Auxiliary Medical Defense Committee." This is a subcommittee of the state organization of the same name and both will be under the lead of the National Auxiliary Medical Defense committee, with headquarters in Washington. This new auxiliary will be asked to find out how many physicians are willing to contribute assistance to the country during the war.

New Members. Five physicians were taken into the membership of the society. They are: Drs. John Simon, Kintyros; R. F. Plassman, Golden Valley; R. Lipp, Bismarck; H. E. Winchester, Flasher; E. C. Gaebe, Halliday. Following the business session the visiting doctors were entertained at a banquet at the Van Horn grill.