

GERMANS IN FINAL EFFORT TO CHECK ALLIES

DEMANDS THAT COMMISSION REVOKE LICENSES OF TAXI DRIVERS WHO HAUL BOOZE

CHIEF THOMPSON OUT

Head of Bismarck Fire Department Tenders Resignation to Commission

CHANGE IN LINE-UP FOR NEXT TWO YEARS

Best Takes Sewer and Water Department, Bertsch Police and Kirk Streets

Declaring that a majority of the capital city's taxi drivers have within the last few months been convicted of, or have pleaded guilty to bootlegging, blindfolding or kindred offenses against law and order, State's Attorney F. E. McCurdy last evening submitted to the city commission a long list of names which he held should no longer appear on the rolls of Bismarck's licensed taximen, and asked their licenses revoked.

The state's attorney stated that in practically every instance offenses charged had been committed by employee rather than owner of the taxi service, but that the fact of the latter having retained the convicted driver or drivers in his employ tended to prove his sanction of the traffic. The city has power to take away the licenses of these men, said Mr. McCurdy, and he recommended that it be done. The communication was referred to the police commissioner.

Complete Shift.
The old commission died last night and a new one was born without a single change in the personnel of the board. The business of the old year finished, a roll was called of the commission which is to serve Bismarck for the next two years; President Lucas delivered his message, and the work of reorganizing the board followed.

A shift was made in every commission, except that of finance, which is held for another two years by R. L. Batts.

Other elections made follow: Water and Sewers—R. L. Best. Streets and Allys—C. N. Kirk. Fire and Police—Chris Bertsch, Jr. In the former line-up, Best had streets, Kirk police and Bertsch sewers and waterworks.

Thompson Would Quit.
The resignation of Harry A. Thompson as chief of the fire department was handed in by Commissioner Kirk as soon as his successor as head of the fire and police department was named. On motion of Best no action was taken on the filing of the vacancy, none of the commissioners feeling competent last evening to make recommendations for departments new to them.

Gets Money Back.
Commissioners Best and Kirk each refunded the city \$27,000 paid for their bonds during the last two years. The commission recently adopted a resolution calling upon members to pay their own bonds. The city will save \$270 on each four-year-term as result.

Want Car Line.
A petition against the shortening of the street car line, questioning the legal right of the commission to do so, and threatening court action if the commission does not refrain from curtailment was presented by Hugh Jackson and 49 others. "Forfeiture," said the petitioner, "must be complete or not at all. The commission has no power to change an act of legislature by private agreement." The city was urged to resist any change in the line proposed by the board of control.

On motion of Commissioner Kirk, the governor, board of control and emergency commission will be asked to set a date for another conference with the city commission on this problem.

Drinking Fountains.
Appreciation of the drinking fountains presented to the city by the United Commercial Travelers will be shown by enameling these life-savers pure white and keeping them spick and span in appearance. This duty was delegated to Commissioner Best.

Health Report.
Health Officer Strauss at the request of the commission presented a report showing the city to be unusually free from communicable disease and the general health standard high. His report was made from cards filed with him by every physician in the city and was pronounced absolutely correct. Complete statistics covering

NEW LINE-UP

PRESIDENT—A. W. LUCAS.
FINANCE—R. C. BATTEY.
STREETS—C. N. KIRK.
POLICE—CHRIS BERTSCH, JR.
WATER-SEWERS—R. L. BEST.
PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION
Better vital statistics.
Recreation parks.
Public playgrounds and gym.
Motorized fire department.
Rigid law enforcement.
Clean streets everywhere.
General sewer connections.
Systematic garbage collection.
A definite city plan.
A bridge over the Missouri.
Co-operation and teamwork.

PRIDE IN PAST; FAITH IN FUTURE LUCAS' MESSAGE

President Reviews Accomplishments of Old Administration and Tasks for the New

SHOWS PERIOD OF REAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CITY

Pride in Bismarck's past and faith in its future were the keynotes of President A. W. Lucas' inaugural message, delivered at the initial meeting of the new city commission last evening. The president commended his co-workers for the good work which they have done, and set for them important tasks for the new term upon which they are entering.

His address in full follows:
To the Honorable members of the Commission of the City of Bismarck: Preparedness and co-operation should be the keynote of the new administration which is inaugurated this evening. The citizens of Bismarck have entrusted the management of the city into our hands and it seems proper at this time to outline in a general way plans for the future and touch briefly upon the record of the past four years.

I desire to thank my colleagues for their co-operation during the term that has expired and earnestly request a continuation of the same harmony and team work.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
There is no more important department of the city than that devoted to the health of the people. In the health of a people lies the wealth of the land.

I take pleasure in calling attention to the excellent service rendered by the city health department under the regime of Dr. F. B. Strauss, especially in view of the meagre funds available for this work. No epidemic has afflicted the city and the low death rate is one the citizens can well be proud of.

Health authorities are agreed that Bismarck is done a radical injustice in the present methods employed in keeping vital statistics. Deaths have been credited to the Capital City inadvertently from other points in Burleigh county.
Then there is no proper distinction drawn between resident and non-resident deaths. Before going further into a discussion of health and sanitation, I desire to call attention to the two hospitals, the largest and probably the most efficient in the state. These institutions have treated approximately 29,000 patients in the last five years. Approximately 6,000 persons a year are treated, a large percentage of whom are non-residents. Many of them come here for treatment with ailments in an advanced stage and the death rate naturally among such a number would be much larger than among 6,000 normal citizens of resident population. But in making out the death certificates, a very considerable number of these non-resident deaths among the hospital patients have been charged to Bismarck, and the same has been true of deaths at the penitentiary.

But with all these inaccuracies, Bismarck makes a commendable showing according to the records of the state board of health.
In 1915, the state board of health records 51 resident and 71 non-resident deaths in Bismarck. In 1916, the number of local deaths was 92 and non-residents dying aggregated 95 or a total of 187. The last total includes deaths of ten persons who died in Burleigh county outside of Bismarck. Only a careful checking of vital statistics will give the accurate data, but in the face of all possible errors in recording vital statistics, Bismarck's showing is excellent and a fine tribute to the general features of civic life here which mitigate disease.

The vital statistics are being carefully checked by the city health officer who in due time will certify the results with any recommendations he may see fit to make.
It is imperative for the best interest

WORST HEADS STATE BOARD FOOD RESERVE

Former President of Agricultural College Named Chairman of Efficiency Commission

CLUB WOMEN OF NORTH DAKOTA REPRESENTED

Mrs. Weible and Mrs. Vick Members of Committee—Will Have Much to Accomplish

John H. Worst of New Rockford, former president of the North Dakota agricultural college; Oscar J. Seiler, Jamestown attorney; Hon. W. R. Porter of Fargo, superintendent of the agricultural college demonstration farms; J. M. Still of Beach, Hon. Horace Bagley of Tower, Mrs. Mary Darow Weible of Fargo, vice president of North Dakota Suffrage association; Mrs. Mildred B. Vick of Cavalier, president of the State Federation of Women's clubs; M. V. Boddy of Fargo, secretary of the state Equity; D. E. Shipley of Bismarck, state secretary of the Farmers' union; O. O. Morrell of Surrey, state secretary of the Grange, and Howard R. Wood of Deering, state manager for the Northern league, form the efficiency commission which is to work out North Dakota's problems of greater food production and adequate distribution.

Governor Frazier named his commission this morning. The board is appointed in conformity with resolutions adopted at the national food conferences held in St. Louis and in other parts of the nation the fore part of the month. It will be the duty of this commission to encourage the tillage of every acre of available soil; to consider the labor problem, and to solve the problem of efficient and equitable distribution. The task of the commission has been divided into four heads: Production and labor, distribution and prices; economy and utilization and effective organization. Its object will be to increase the food supply and improve the machinery of production and distribution. In this effort it will have the co-operation of the federal department of agriculture and other branches of the national government.

The commission will be depended upon to plan its own campaign, which will be one adapted to conditions prevailing in this state. Governor Frazier feels that he has selected good men for this important duty, and he is confident that North Dakota will not be found a laggard in the mobilization of food reserves.

HIGH COST OF PRODUCTION IS DISCUSSED

New York, April 24.—Editors, publishers and advertising men from all parts of the United States and from Canada are here for the annual convention of the Associated Press, and the American Newspaper Publishers' association held here this week at the Waldorf-Astoria.

One of the most important questions for discussion is that of the war censorship. The high price of newspaper also will be discussed.

The fourth annual report of the bureau of advertising of the A. N. P. A. shows that newspapers of the country during 1916 gained \$20,000,000 in advertising over the preceding year, while the magazines showed a gain of \$9,000,000.

In an address to members at a luncheon, Frank B. Noyes, president of the Associated Press, said: "In the past it has been necessary on like occasions for me to explain the constraints the Associated Press was under to observe the strict neutrality on all controversial points, due to the varied and manifold opinions of its membership."
Not a Trace of Neutrality.
"Today, thank God, this is not only not necessary, but the contrary is true, for not a trace of neutrality is coursing in our veins—but red blood and red blood alone."

"Today, neutrality has been cast aside, and we, in common with all true Americans, are standing with our cousins to the north and those across the sea, who, under many flags, are battling that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."
God Gives Us a Leader.
"In every past great national crisis that we have met, God has raised up a leader truly great who has typified America, her hopes and ideals. In this day of national peril, He has not failed us."
"I give you the health of the president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson."

FLANNAGAN APPOINTED DEPUTY GAME WARDEN

(Special to Tribune)
Towner, N. D., April 24.—J. J. Flanagan of this city has been appointed deputy game warden for the northern district of the state.

Railroads Prepare for Exigencies

Important Announcements to Facilitate Handling of Material Are Expected

PARTY OF RAILROAD OFFICIALS IN CITY

Important announcements relative to changes in passenger and freight service on the main and the branch lines of the Northern Pacific to facilitate the transportation of troops and government supplies are expected to be made by officials of the road within a few weeks.

As far as the movement of war material is concerned, the railroads of the country are under government control and according to information left here by the officials, the Northern Pacific is so organized for this move that little difficulty will be experienced in making the change.

The only expression which Superintendent Nichols left in Bismarck during his brief stay yesterday afternoon with Superintendent Borne of the Jamestown division, was the willingness of the officials of the Northern Pacific to co-operate with the government. However, no important changes will be made in the service affecting the Northern Pacific until official word has come from the war department.

Vice President George T. Slade, J. M. Rappelle, general manager of the Northern Pacific and T. H. Lantry were present at the largest railroad meeting of employees held in the west in many years at Glendive, Mont., last night. Vice President Slade outlined the part the company will play in the war and what is expected of the employees of the road. He stated that there were possibilities of making changes on this road and that through freights, carrying government material and munitions, must be handled with efficiency and promptness.

C. L. Nichols, general superintendent of the Northern Pacific, and W. E. Berner, members of the official party, left this morning on a special for Wilton on an inspection trip, after spending a portion of Monday in Bismarck and Mandan. The two officials will not return to Bismarck tonight but will go over to Fargo and inspect other branch lines of the Northern Pacific.

ASSAILANT OF SCHOOLTEACHER IS IDENTIFIED

Body Found in Dunbar Creek With Bullet Hole Above Heart Believed Self-Inflicted

HOMESTEADER FINDS CORPSE WHILE FISHING

Grand Rapids, Minn., April 24.—The body of a man found in Dunbar creek was identified positively today as that of the assailant of Miss Olga Dahl, who was attacked, tied to a tree and twice shot, while on her way home last September from the school near this place, of which she was the teacher.

Girl Identifies Body.
Identification was made by Miss Semi Manula, at whose home the man stopped to beg breakfast, the morning of the attack, and by George Johnson, who saw him later in the day.

Homesteader Finds Corpse.
The body, caught in a snag, was discovered by Gust Johnson, a homesteader, while fishing last Sunday.

A bullet hole above the heart is thought to have caused death and officers believe it was self-inflicted.

Empty Revolver Found.
A revolver, with three empty shells was found on the bank nearby.

Two had held the bullets, which the man had fired at the girl and the third that which ended his life.

SCHOOL TERM AT HUFF CLOSES FOR THE YEAR

(Special to Tribune)
Huff, N. D., April 24.—Elaborate exercises marked the closing Friday afternoon of one of the most successful school terms the school here has ever had.

Pressure Upon Kaiser To Abdicate Growing Daily State Reports

Rome, April 24.—The Corriere D'Italia, the clerical organ, declares that it is able to confirm reports published in the Spanish newspapers that the immediate following of the German empire is exerting pressure on him to abdicate. The paper says that at a recent meeting of the Hohenzollern family, one member, bolder than the rest, intimated that the emperor might save the situation by following the example of Emperor Nicholas.

WORST BATTLE IN WAR RAGING ON WEST FRONT

Teutons Hastily Organize East of Arras to Stem Drive of Entente Armies

LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR USE OF BIG HOWITZERS

Heavy Losses and Tenacious Fighting on Both Sides Are Reported

(By Associated Press)
What is apparently the bitterest fighting of the present Anglo-French offensive is raging today along the Wotan line, the hastily organized position east of Arras to which the Germans retired, when the northern end of the Hindenburg line was turned by General Haig.

Supreme Effort.
The Germans are putting forth a supreme effort to hold this vital portion of their defenses, the crumbling of which would expose Douai and Cambrai, and bring into prospect another great retreat.

The British have driven two wedges into the German position, forming sharp salients in the region of the Scarpe river and north of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. The head of the first salient has been thrust within four miles of Vitry, the most important point on the Wotan line. But the tenacity and power with which the Germans are fighting leaves the issue for a time in doubt.

Can't Use Howitzers.
The semi-open character of the fighting affords little opportunity for the use of great howitzers. The battle is being waged largely with machine guns and field artillery, and the meagre report from the fighting line indicates heavy losses on both sides, although the British claim that their casualties are moderate compared with those of the enemy.

Subdue Strikers.
The situation behind the German lines, fraught as it is with far more tremendous possibilities than those presented by any battle, remains uncertain. The little news that trickles across the German frontier indicates that the authorities have gained the upper hand over the strikers by the drastic methods of militarizing the munitions industry and forcing strike leaders into the fighting line. It is too early and information is too meagre to say whether these stern measures of repression have definitely crushed the startling storm of discontent which has swept over the

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TAKES CHECK AS PAYMENT ON DICE GAME

Orrin, N. D. Farmer Learns Later That He Is Victim of a \$1,000 Swindle

Minneapolis, April 24.—Peter Wolf of Orrin, N. D., told Minneapolis police today he had been swindled in this city by two strangers of \$1,000, the amount he received for a carload of cattle in South St. Paul.

According to Wolf, he came to Minneapolis from St. Paul after the sale, and was met by a man who called him by name, and said he used to live in Orrin.

Then another man, who claimed to be a farmer from Orrin, joined them, and the three got in a dice game.

At his conclusion, one of them offered a check for \$1,000, in settlement of his losses, and Wolf obligingly cashed it.

Wilson Signs War Credit Measure

Washington, April 24.—President Wilson today signed the war bond bill, authorizing the sale of \$5,000,000,000 in government bonds, and \$2,000,000,000 in treasury certificates.

IOFFRE AND VIVIANI HEAD WAR MISSION WHICH LANDS ON AMERICAN SOIL TODAY

HEAD MISSION CONVOYED OVER SEA



GEN. JOFFRE. RENE VIVIANI.

HOUSE LUKE WARM TOWARD CONSCRIPTION

Passage of War Army Bill Forecast by End of This Week

SENATE TO RUSH MEASURE THROUGH

Washington, April 24.—Passage of the war army bill by the end of the week was forecast today upon the assumption of congress. General debate on the measure continued in both houses. A vote may be reached in the house Thursday, and in the senate by Saturday.

System Failed.
Lieutenant General Bridges, member of the British commission, declared here today in a talk with newspaper correspondents that the British democracy had become almost "fanatical" over universal military service. The volunteer system under which the empire entered the war, General Bridges said, has cost the lives of the most valuable citizens, crippled industrial mobilization, and immeasurably set back England's efforts in the war.

What War Means.
"War," said General Bridges, "is no longer a war of expeditions, but is a case of nation against nation. Men, women and children are equally drawn into its vortex. The women and children being forced into industry and fed on half rations in order to supply the men at the front. War has become an immensely democratic business, and needs the full effort of every member of the community directed along the line, most necessary to be served."

Attention is focused mainly in the house, where opposition to the administration's plan for raising an army by selective draft is started.

In the senate, passage of the bill virtually without modification is expected.

With both houses of congress debating the war army bill today, it became more than ever apparent that there is no fight over whether a great army shall be raised, the only question being what strategy can be meted out by opponents of the administration's selective plan.

Certain to Pass Senate.
In the senate passage of the general staff bill, virtually without change is regarded as certain, on the house side the president's supporters also are confident of success, though the contest there will be bitter. Discussion in the senate may continue until Saturday, but the house, under a tentative agreement for 18 hours of general debate, probably will be ready to vote by Thursday.

Most Speeches Favor Draft.
Most of the speeches in the house were in favor of the administration plans, after Representative Dent, chairman of the military committee, had made an opening statement earnestly supporting the bill.

Both Sides Heard in Senate.
Senators Wadsworth and Weeks vigorously advocating the draft and Senator Thomas as strongly opposing it, made the principal addresses in the senate.

Distinguished Visitors Are Welcomed With Salutes and Follia of American Craft

GRANDSON OF LAFAYETTE
MEMBER OF COMMISSION

Leading Men of French Government Sent Here to Arrange Plans for Co-operation

TO HEAD MISSION.
Rome, April 24.—It is expected that the Duke of Abruzzi, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, will head an Italian mission to the United States.

Washington, April 24.—The French commission has safely landed in the United States. This official statement was given out early today by the government.

"The department of state is advised of the safe arrival of the French commission."

The commission arrived early this morning on board a speedy steamship of the French line, which was convoyed across the Atlantic.

Met By American Ships.
The vessels were met off the coast by American torpedo boat destroyers and escorted to a port. The distinguished visitors were welcomed with salutes as the vessels dropped anchor.

The naval and military attaches of the French embassy at Washington and military officers, together with a representative of the state department, immediately boarded the French vessel and extended welcome to the American shores.

Viviani Heads Mission.
Among the most notable figures in France are the members of the mission. At the head is Rene Viviani, minister of justice, and vice president of the Council of Ministers, who embodies the highest type of French democracy. He is a progressive in every sense belonging to the Independent Socialist party, which includes such men as Painleve, Briand, and Millerand. As minister of labor in the Clemenceau cabinet, he passed the workers' pension law through parliament.

Other members of the party are: Marshal Joseph Jacques Cesaire Joffre, commander in chief of the French armies until last December, now military adviser of the government; Vice Admiral P. L. A. Chocheprat, dean of French admirals, and an expert on submarine problems; Marquis Pierre de Chambrun, member of the chamber of deputies, and a student of international affairs; and M. Simon, inspector of finances.

Marquis de Chambrun is a grandson of Lafayette of Revolutionary fame. The Marquis married Miss Rives Nichols, step-daughter of Belmont Storer, ambassador to Vienna in the Roosevelt administration. His brother married a sister of Representative Nicholas Longworth.

Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour, formally presented by Secretary Lansing to President Wilson yesterday, was the guest of honor last night at the most notable dinner given at the White House in a generation.

During the day he was presented to Vice President Marshall at the capitol, lunched with Ambassador Spring-Rice at the French embassy, and received cards or calls from many prominent persons, including former Secretary Bryan.

Spend Day Exchanging Calls.
Meanwhile Lieutenant General Bridges and other embassy officers called on Secretary Baker, Major General Scott, chief of staff, and war department officials; Admiral De Chair and his naval aides called on Secretary Daniels, Admiral Benson and other navy department officials and Lord Curzon, governor of the Bank of England, called on Secretary McAdoo.

The officials so far, with the enthusiasm the people of the capital have shown and the courtesies and cordialities extended by the officials, have taken the British commission completely by surprise. Mr. Balfour after three-quarters of an hour's conversation with President Wilson remarked enthusiastically that his trip had been justified by that meeting alone.

Welcome Surprises Commission.
All during the day members of the commission exclaimed over the warmth of the welcome. As if to make it more perfect, Washington just at this time is blossoming into the full richness of its spring dress. The preliminary conferences on all hands were stated to have laid an excellent basis on acquaintance and understanding for the detailed conference to follow.

President Wilson and Mr. Balfour are known to have reached on the broad phases of the situation in such a way as to give each an insight into the other's personality and viewpoint and to have established an atmosphere

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