

FRANCE REJOICES OVER VICTORY

HOUSE GIVES FRANCE CHEER FROM AMERICA

Head of American Mission to Allies Speaks Words of Encouragement

U. S. MOBILIZED TO FREE THE HUN RIDDEN

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PEACE PROPOSALS.—Stockholm, Nov. 23.—According to the Tidningen, a Russian diplomat left Stockholm yesterday for Petrograd with orders to hand to the Russian revolutionary government proposals for peace by the Central Powers.

Paris, Nov. 23.—Col. E. M. House, for himself, and in behalf of his associates, who have been welcomed to France, said concerning the purpose of the American mission: "We bring to the French Republic a message of encouragement from the American millions, who are mobilizing in factories, farms and upon military fields.

"There is a grim determination amongst us to wage war until the world is free from the shadow and spectre of the sword. We have in mind no material gain. What we want is an assurance of permanent peace, and the tramp of our soldiers upon the soil of France will be heard ever increasingly until it is achieved. "It is here that our brave men are come to mingle our blood with yours. It is here that all come to gather inspiration from your heroic deeds. "Our President, and our country see the issue clearly and France may confidently count on every resource which may be at our command."

REDUCE ARMIES.—Petrograd, Nov. 23.—A reduction of the Russian armies beginning with the class conscripted in 1899, has been proclaimed by the Bolshevik leader, M. Lenin, an official announcement today states. "The order is to take effect immediately.

ITALIANS HOLD FAST.—Rome, Nov. 23.—A great encircling attack was attempted yesterday by the Austro-German forces against Monte Meletta but the Italians held all the positions, it was announced today by the war office.

COMMISSIONS TO THREE BISMARCK SNELLING BOYS

Graham First and Talcott Second in Infantry and Day First in Signal Corps

TWO CAPTAINIES GO TO NORTH DAKOTA

Three Bismarck men are listed among the officers commissioned at Fort Snelling as graduates of the second officers' training school. Fred D. Graham, a veteran of Co. A, lands a first lieutenant in infantry and Porter Talcott, son of Warden and Mrs. F. S. Talcott of the state penitentiary a provisional second lieutenant, and Robin A. Day is made first lieutenant in the signal corps. In addition, Arthur F. Collar, stationed here until recently as manager for the Underwood Typewriter Co., and George E. Haggart, a brother of Senator Haggart of Fargo, who has spent much of his time here in connection with the Haggart Construction Co., win commissions.

Ft. Snelling, Minn., Nov. 23.—North Dakotans were well represented in the list of student officers granted commissions in a list made public here today which give commissions to nearly 1,000 student officers who will wind up their work here next week. The North Dakotans who received commissions follow: CAPTAINS EDWARD S. PERSONS, Minot. JULIUS BACON, Grand Forks. FIRST LIEUTENANTS FRED D. GRAHAM, Bismarck. KENNEDY S. WANNER, Jamestown. WILLIAM W. SCOTT, Fargo. ANKOLD A. LORSSBOUGH, Fargo. ARTHUR B. CARLSON, Minot. JACOB A. HOFFT, Grand Forks. ARTHUR F. COLLAR, Fargo. ROY W. RUSSELL, Grand Forks. L. M. BYRNE, Minot. ARTHUR ELLIOTT, Fargo. G. E. HAGGART, Fargo. SECOND LIEUTENANTS WILLIAM A. BURKE, Grand Forks. BURKE E. THOMPSON, Grand Forks.

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Linton, N. D., Nov. 23.—Mrs. A. R. Corwin is chairman, Miss Frances Perrie secretary and Miss Haugo treasurer of the Linton Red Cross chapter organized here through the efforts of Mrs. P. C. Remington of Bismarck, district chairman. The ladies are meeting every afternoon at the Hogue garage and are making excellent progress with their knitting.

O'LEARY INDICTED.

New York, Nov. 23.—Jeremiah A. O'Leary, president of the American Truth society, and editor of The Bull, a publication recently jarred from the mails, was today indicted on the charge of violating the espionage act and the postal laws.

Big Berthas Concentrate On Sammies

No New Casualties Reported—American Troops Return German Artillery Fire

NIGHTLY EXCURSIONS TO WIRE DEFENSES CONTINUE

With the American Army in France, Thursday, Nov. 23.—(By The A. P.)—The enemy artillery firing is more active along the American sector. Shells in more than normal number are falling on the rear areas. No new casualties have resulted. In reprisal, for the shelling of the town in which the American headquarters is located, during which a shell fell on an American regimental headquarters, American guns sent an equal number of shells into the corresponding towns behind the German lines the next day. Germans are Wary. Patrolting operations continue with nightly excursions to the vicinity of the German wire defenses, but the Americans have failed to encounter any Germans. The officers who have served their turn in the trenches with the lateral line already relieved have held a meeting with the commander of the first contingent and discussed their experiences. All agreed that actual training in the trenches under fire is the ideal method of acquainting officers and soldiers with fighting methods.

POPULAR EMMONS COUNTY COUPLE MAKE HOME HERE

Linton, N. D., Nov. 23.—A. J. Jangula, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Jangula of Linton, and Miss Anne E. Mowry, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mowry, former Emmons county citizens now residing at Lemmon, S. D., were united in marriage at St. Anthony's church here by Rev. Father Strand of Bismarck. The popular young couple will make their home in Bismarck, where the groom is well established.

TREATED WILSON, CIGARMAKER NOW HAS CHANCE TO REPEAT

Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 23.—Ernest A. Webling, charged with unlawfully making threats against the president of the United States, was placed under arrest at the Don Almo cigar factory, where he was employed as foreman, and lodged in jail.

BOARD REJECTS CLAIMS ON 2142 FARM LABORERS

Grat Majority of Applications for Exemption on Agricultural Grounds Failed

725 APPEALS TO WILSON TAKEN FROM DECISIONS

Tillers of Soil Predominate in All Classes Asking Discharge From Service

North Dakota exemption boards in order to furnish the state's quota of approximately 5300 select service men for the national army examined 19,696 registrants. A trifle more than 9,000 were discharged by the local boards; in the neighborhood of 8,000 were held, and the remainder are made up of men who did not appear for examination or who were examined in other states. Of those held by the local boards, 3,381 applied direct to the district board, 327 claiming exemption on industrial grounds and 3,054 as agricultural workers, and of these the claims of 257 industrial workers and 912 farm workers were discharged. Of those held by the district board on original jurisdiction, 35 industrial workers and 699 agricultural workers have applied to the president. Over these two classes the district board had original jurisdiction after the registrants had been given their physical examination by the local board and denied exemption on dependency claims, if any were filed. Of registrants over whom the local boards had original jurisdiction and whose claims for exemption, principally upon the ground of dependency, were denied by the local boards, 1,311 appealed to the district board. The claims of 526 of these appellants were denied, and 719 of the claimants were discharged from service by the district board, which reserved 10 local board cases in this number of instances. Of these appellants 719 asked exemption on the ground that some relative was directly dependent on their income for support; 51 asked exemption as licensed pilots; six as employees of the United States government in an arsenal, armory or navy yard; three as departmental employees; two as employed in the transmission of the mails, and the remainder were scattered over a wide field of divisions. These interesting statistics are contained in a report which the district board for North Dakota today made to President Wilson covering the work in this state on the first draft. The district board's report indicates that of North Dakota's original 65,007 registrants, 45,401 are still available for registration; that 3.7 registrants are required to produce one select service soldier, and that North Dakota should still have material left in the first draft for 12,270 select service men.

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JUDGE DECLINES TO ISSUE ORDER FOR GRAND JURY

Nuesse States Legal Reason for Refusal Failure as to the Time of Service.

PETITIONERS SHORT DAY IN PRESENTING DOCUMENT

No Facts Have Been Stated to Judge Calling for Special Jury, He Asserts.

FILES PETITION
Judge Nuesse today filed with the clerk of courts the petitions for a grand jury with an endorsement denying the request. He also filed copy of letters sent to Thompson, Beer and Sweet. Whether an appeal will be taken is not known at this time. In answer to a petition presented to Judge W. L. Nuesse on the 19th inst., signed by A. Thompson, Clinton C. Sweet, Anthon Beer and 307 others, a letter was last evening dispatched to the gentlemen above mentioned, and through them to the other petitioners, in which the court refuses to summon a grand jury for the December term of district court, as requested. There are various reasons for this action in refusing the petitioners' request, fully set out and explained in the letter before, addressed in this instance, to Anthon Beer. The letter is as follows: Judge Nuesse's Letter. Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 22, 1917. Mr. H. A. Thompson, Mr. Clinton C. Sweet, Mr. Anthon Beer, Bismarck, N. D. Gentlemen: On the 19th inst., about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, you presented to me petitions, purporting to be signed by something over 300 signers, requesting that a grand jury be drawn to attend the December, 1917, term of the district court in and for Burleigh county, North Dakota. At the time that you presented this petition I stated to you that I was not inclined to order such a jury unless such action was absolutely obligatory upon me under the law. I have carefully gone over your petitions, and, after consideration, have decided to refuse to call the jury as prayed. I believe it is only fair to you, gentlemen, and to the other signers of the petition, that I set out shortly my reasons for taking this position. The legal reason that I assign is that the petitions were not presented in due time. Under the statute the term convenes on Dec. 4. The law, section 10635, Compiled Laws of 1913, relative to the calling of a grand jury, requires that such petitions must be presented to the judge at least 15 days before the commencement of the term at which the attendance of a grand jury is requested. As I construe it, this petition was presented on the fifteenth day before the commencement of such term, and the last day in which the same could be properly presented was Nov. 18. I am willing to concede that this is a technical objection on my part, and one that could easily be overlooked should the occasion require, but I am impelled to take this stand by reason of the following, which I consider real and substantial reasons: In the first place, the calling of a grand jury imposes upon the county a very large additional expense, and in times such as we now have, every item of expense should be carefully scrutinized. In the second place, the petition is presented at so late a date that there would be great difficulty in getting a proper grand jury and having the same in working order in time to attend to such business as might arise at the term, and by reason thereof the business of the term would be greatly hindered and delayed. In the third place, no facts have been stated to me which could cause me or anyone to believe that a grand jury is necessary at this time. There has been no charge made that any criminal matters requiring investigation have not been investigated. There has been nothing said to cause me to believe that either the state's attorney or the attorney general have failed, refused or neglected in any manner to perform fully and carefully any and all duties that they might properly be expected to perform. On the other hand, I know from my own knowledge and observation that the attorney general of North Dakota, and the state's attorney of Burleigh county, and each of them, are not only honest, conscientious and capable in discharging the duties of their respective offices, but also zealous in seeing that all malefactors are brought to justice. In this state we have the system of prosecution by information, which I believe nearly all authorities concede is much more speedy and efficient than the grand jury system. As a result of my observation heretofore I have come to the conclusion that a grand jury is ordinarily called for one or more of the following reasons: First, Where the state's attorney of any county is either dishonest, incompetent or negligent in the performance of his duties, and thereby

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HAIG'S STRATEGY CONTINUES TO PRESS HINDENBURG LINE AS IT RETREATS BEFORE BRITISH TANKS

One of most spectacular drives recalls wars of days gone by because armies are meeting on battlefields over an open plain. Driven in confusion from their trenches and dugouts, the Teutons fight desperately.

Allied Forces Less Than Three Miles From Cambrai

British Army Headquarters in France: Thursday, November 22.—The success of the British arms in the Cambrai sector has continued to grow steadily and Field Marshal Haig's troops in little more than two days' fighting have over run an area equal in size to that won by the Germans during the first fifteen days of their spectacular drive on Verdun. British cavalry, tanks, and infantry today were battling their way forward along a line which at many points west and southwest of Cambrai was less than three miles from that important town. The advance also is spreading northward in the region of Bullecourt and the salient toward Cambrai was being widened. The total number of prisoners captured approaches the 9,000 mark.

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