

ED ALLEN'S GAS BOMB PROVES A HARMLESS DUD

City Commission Receives Letters Completely Vindicating Chief of Police

PAVING GOES SKY HIGH

Prices Probably Double What They Were When Bismarck Got Streets Under Cover

Another of Ed Allen's poison gas bombs proved a dismal dud when the city commission by a four to one vote reappointed Chief of Police Martineson at its Monday evening meeting, after receiving letters from former State's Attorney F. E. McCurdy of Burleigh county, Attorney Joseph J. Joyce of St. Paul, an operative of the U. S. department of justice, and others, completely vindicating Chief Martineson of the charges preferred by Allen in his "filly white" epistles.

Allen's campaign against Martineson began during the last municipal campaign. The state's attorney's antipathy is said to date back over a year or two. In addition to his personal distaste for Martineson, Mr. Allen is said to have other reasons for preferring his own man in the office of chief of police. At the last meeting of the commission he charged Martineson with having seized and made away with a consignment of money without having let Allen in on the deal. The state's attorney also alleged that the chief had not prosecuted a gambling charge which had been filed with him.

Replying to the latter charge, former State's Attorney F. E. McCurdy, under whose administration this incident occurred, wrote the city commission last evening advising that during his incumbency he had at all times "active and efficient cooperation of the entire police department." He declares a complaint was made last December by a man who claimed to have lost \$50 gambling, but that the complainant would not name the place where he lost the money; would not make an affidavit that he had lost the money, and would not sign a formal complaint. Instead he asked that the state's attorney and the chief of police address a black-mailing letter to the alleged gambler threatening him with prosecution if he did not pay the complainant \$50. This McCurdy refused to do. After talking with the complainant more than an hour in an effort to secure something tangible to work upon he was permitted to depart with the understanding that he would return in a day or two to make a formal charge. This he did not do.

Would Have Pinched Ed. That he would have pinched the Honorable Ed or any other local official who sought to interfere with the liquor shipment in his possession was one of the statements which Joseph J. Joyce of St. Paul, a department of justice operative who seized 48 quarts of whiskey here last winter, made in his letter to the city commission in answer to the first of Allen's charges. "Any attempt on the part of the chief of police or your state's attorney to interfere with that liquor after it had been seized by the government or by me as a special agent of the United States department of justice would have resulted in prosecution by the United States attorney," says Mr. Joyce, who describes in his letter the liquor which was seized and tells of having seen it poured down the sink in Judge Amidon's private office.

"I do not care to see a man who does his duty suffer for it," concludes Joyce, in explaining his long letter in defense of the chief of police. The wire from U. S. District Attorney Hildreth directing that the liquor be shipped to Fargo; a bill of lading showing its shipment and other exhibits were introduced by the chief of police, proving conclusively that the booze was well taken care of.

Jager Heads Department. In spite of a petition signed by a large number of business men asking that S. F. Lambert be retained as chief of the fire department, the city commission by a three to two vote installed Robert F. Jager in that position. Mr. Jager has been a member of the fire department for a long time and is regarded well qualified for the job. The salary of fire chief was reduced by resolution to \$50 per month and it was directed that there be appointed an assistant chief to receive \$25 per month.

Other officers appointed last evening were: Cecil Burton, city auditor; A. J. Arnot, city treasurer; D. C. McLean, street commissioner; Dr. C. E. Stackhouse, health commissioner; Dr. F. R. Smyth, overseer of the poor, all succeeding themselves. Under a resolution adopted a year ago all of these appointive officers place their resignations in the hands of the city commission when they qualify.

E. H. L. Vesperman was named manager of the auditorium to succeed himself, and Commissioners Larson, French and Thompson were named to the Auditorium committee. A. F. McDonald was appointed custodian of the city firehall; E. E. Morris, city assessor; and J. D. Wakeman, city weigher, all succeeding themselves.

Paving Improbable. That any paving for Bismarck this year is rather improbable was shown when City Engineer F. R. Atkinson reported that St. Paul estimates that its sheet asphalt is now costing it \$3.30 per square yard, as compared with a cost of \$1.90 per square yard for the work done in Bismarck two and three years ago. The cost in Bismarck for relatively small amounts of work would be higher than in St. Paul, and it is probable the cost of any paving done in the city this year is rather improbable. (Continued on Page Two.)

SUMMER CAMPS FOR TRAINING OF RESERVE OFFICERS

Washington, April 29.—Plans for summer training camps for the reserve officers' training corps has been approved by the war department. Six environments will be used for this purpose. They will open June 21st and continue until August 2, for an intensive six weeks' course of instruction. The camps are Camp Funston, Kan., for units from Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, and Missouri.

\$750,000 SURE SHOT FOR GOOD ROADS IN STATE

Manager Luehrs of Auto Registration Department Sees \$9 Average Fee

Manager Luehrs of the automobile registration department estimates that North Dakota's 80,000 cars will yield in license fees at least \$750,000 for better roads this year. Seventeen thousand tags already have gone out, and they now are being issued at the rate of 1,000 daily. Mr. Luehrs believes there are now in use in the state 40,000 cars whose license fee will average \$12 and an equal number whose tags will cost approximately \$9. If present car sales are any criterion, fees will be collected on nearly 100,000 than 80,000 cars before the motor season ends. There has never at this time of the year been so general a demand for cars, especially those of the better grades.

THE TRIBUNE LANDS BIG JOBS OF STATE WORK

Will Print 1919 Publicity Pamphlet and Blue Book—By Far the Lowest Bidder

The Tribune Printing Co. of Bismarck was awarded the contract for 150,000 48-page publicity pamphlets at \$3,689.19 and 12,000 blue books at \$5,627.83 at a meeting of the state printing commission yesterday. Other bidders were: Publicity pamphlets: Globe Publishing Co. of Wahpeton, \$3,894.50; Knight Printing Co. of Fargo, \$5,977.32; Devils Lake Journal, \$3,518.48; Blue book, Knight Printing Co., \$12,346.23. The Knight Co. bid on a different basis than the Tribune, but, reduced to the same terms, its bid was still \$3,000 higher.

CHILD FALLS 70 FEET AND LIVES

Two- and Half-Year-Old Fargo Tot Has Thrilling Experience in Elevator Shaft

Fargo, N. D., April 29.—Harriet, two- and half-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rosenblum, 408 Pioneer Life Building, miraculously escaped death shortly after 6 o'clock last evening when she fell through the elevator shaft from the third floor to the basement, landing on a concrete base at the foot of the shaft.

Child Not Bruised. At a late hour last night the child was still living. She had not been bruised in any way and doctors who examined her were unable to make any definite statement as to her condition, other than that she might be injured internally.

The accident occurred when the child stepped off the elevator at the third floor, evidently thinking it was the fourth floor upon which the Rosenblum apartment is located. As the elevator started up the door was not fully shut and the child turned and stepped back through the open door falling 70 feet through space to the concrete base three flights below.

Breathing Restored. The child was found a minute later lying on her side against one of the shaft's beams. The shock of the fall had taken her breath away and it was several minutes before breathing was restored. She was clothed in a heavily padded cloak and cap and it is believed that these saved her from being outwardly bruised. An hour after the accident happened the child was breathing almost normally and physicians were of the opinion that she would recover from the shock.

ANTI-ART CLUB ENJOYS LUNCH

The sans-Townley faction of the league in the state house enjoyed a delectable Monday luncheon in Attorney General Langer's office yesterday. Assistant Attorney General Hines was master of the event and the young ladies of the various offices concocted salads, brewed coffee and manufactured other appetizing eatables. Mrs. H. H. Steele, wife of Tax Commissioner Steele, led the insurgents in community singing. There was no speech-making.

SHEEP GROWERS MEET. Philadelphia, April 29.—Delegates from many sections of the country representing agricultural interests, the sheep industry, and manufacturing of sheep textiles attended the conference here of the sheep growers of the United States. The meeting will continue two days.

PEST OF GEESE EATING WINTER RYE IN RAMSEY

State Game and Fish Commissioner Appeals to Langer for Farmers' Protection

FEDERAL LAWS INVOLVED

Statutes Guarding Migratory Birds Stringent—Special Ruling Necessary

Grasshoppers as a deadly destroyer simply are not in it with wild geese, according to John Bloom, publisher of the Devil's Lake Journal and state game and fish commissioner, who brought with him to the capital yesterday a wild story of millions of these migratory birds which are devastating winter rye in the vicinity of Devils Lake at the rate of a quarter-section daily.

"There are literally millions of them," said Mr. Bloom. "When they settle down on a field like a flock of grasshoppers every vestige of green disappears as though by magic. I am here in behalf of the farmers who are compelled to sit by with folded arms and see their crops eaten up in front of their eyes."

The farmers believe they should have a right to do something more than say: "Please, Mr. Gander, won't you kindly 'shoo' or 'Mrs. Gander, will you kindly 'shoo.' Shooing doesn't work worth a cent," says Mr. Bloom. "These geese are wild, wilder than a prairie flower and growing wilder every hour."

The fish commissioner took the matter up with Mr. Langer. The attorney general thought that so far as the state laws are concerned there might be arranged a special order giving the beleaguered farmers authority to descend upon the invaders with shot guns and other small arms. He wasn't sure the farmers would have a right to pick their geese after they got them. But the federal statutes protecting migratory birds are very strict and Mr. Langer feared the farmers would have to suffer in patience until some sort of special dispensation could be obtained from Uncle Sam.

In the meantime thousands of dollars worth of prospective winter rye is going into the gutlets of geese that never even heard of the Nonpartisan league or Doc Ladd, and there's likely to be a rebellion up Devils Lake way.

LODGE ASKS SENATORS TO KEEP MUM

Washington, April 29.—Telegrams were sent to all republican senators today by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, floor leader, and Senator Curtis, of Kansas, asking that public expressions of opinion on the league of nations' covenant be withheld.

\$38,000 FIRE AT HILLSBORO

Hillsboro, N. D., April 29.—Fire which city officials say was of incendiary origin destroyed the St. Anthony & Western elevator, coal shed, and two box cars here early this morning, causing a loss estimated at \$38,000. Flying sparks started many small fires in various parts of the city. Just two weeks ago two attempts were made to fire the elevators.

MID-STATE VOTERS OPPOSE S. B. 134

Dr. G. A. McFarland, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, has returned from New Rockford, where he addressed the Mid-State Teachers' association convention on the subject of "Americanism." A noteworthy feature of the session was the adoption of resolutions prepared by a select committee warning condemning S. B. 134, through which Townley seeks to regain his grasp on the public school system of the state. Similar action has been taken by all state teachers' associations which have had meetings this spring.

UNLOADING HAWKER'S PLANE IN NEWFOUNDLAND



Two some packing case that was required to ship to Newfoundland the plane in which Harry Hawker plans to fly across the Atlantic. Here is the box, big enough for an army barracks, containing part of the Sopwith, as it is unloaded from the steamer.

PADEREWSKI IN PARIS TO PLEAD FOR DANZIG AS PORT FOR POLAND



Paderewski, Poland's premier, is in Paris to plead in person for the outlet to the sea by way of Danzig that his country has been promised. Complications in Central Europe threaten the loss of this port for Poland. In the picture, left to right, are: Paderewski's secretary, Strakacz; the premier, and two of his aides, Cilchowski and Major Jwanonski.

PRESIDENT WILSON APPROVES RETURN OF TELEGRAPH WIRES IMMEDIATELY TO OWNERS

Washington, April 29.—President Wilson has approved Postmaster General Burleson's recommendation that the telegraph and telephone systems be returned to their owners on the enactment of legislation deemed necessary and that the American cables be restored to their owners forthwith.

Mr. Burleson stated yesterday that he hoped to effect the return of the cables by May 10.

President Wilson's approval was conveyed to the white house in a cablegram received today.

ARMY MAN TAKES PLACE WITH N. D. DAIRYING BOARD

Lieut. A. M. Challey, recently released from training camp, has arrived at the capitol to assume the post of assistant dairy commissioner, succeeding Stanley F. Abbott, who has taken up similar work in Washington with the federal department.

RAIN PREVENTS ATLANTIC FLIGHT

St. Johns, N. F., April 29.—Early morning plans to start the trans-Atlantic airplane flight today were upset by fierce Newfoundland weather. A heavy rain began to fall during the morning. There was no indication of a letup.

BRONSON'S LAW PARTNER GETS NEW COURT JOB

Joseph Coghlan of Grand Forks, a former law partner of Judge Harry A. Bronson, yesterday was appointed to the newly created office of supreme court reporter, and law librarian. The job pays \$2,500 per annum.

TALK AT DAWSON

Hall and Kositzky to Address Farmers' Meeting

Secretary of State Hall and State Auditor Kositzky will go to Dawson on Thursday evening to address a farmers' meeting on league legislation.

117,179 TOTAL U. S. WAR DEATHS

Washington, April 29.—An official report from the surgeon general gives the total number of deaths reported in the war to date as 117,179. Of this total 56,639, or 51 per cent, were from disease, 43 per cent from battle or wounds received in battle, and the remainder from other injuries. Of the deaths from disease about 12,000 have occurred since hostilities ceased.

STRIKERS MOB PHONE EXCHANGE

Governor Goodrich Declares Martial Law in City of Linton

Indianapolis, April 29.—Governor Goodrich today ordered state, county and city officials at Linton to obtain the name of every person taking part in the telephone disturbances last night and turn them over to the federal authorities. He said the federal government is operating the telephone companies and that the circumstances should be placed before the federal court here.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED

Linton, Ind., April 29.—Martial law was declared and put into effect here this morning as a result of a climax attending a strike of telephone operators employed by the New Telephone Co. State troops are parading the streets, aided by local police. No violence has occurred since the mob which assembled late last night dispersed early this morning. The proclamation of martial law resulted from a demonstration in favor of ten striking telephone operators following a mass meeting last night. A crowd of several hundred went to the telephone company, smashed the windows, and caused all but one of the substitute operators to flee to the roof, whence they were rescued. The mayor appealed to Governor Goodrich for assistance, and state troops were sent to Linton.

TALCOTT WILL MANAGE DELCO LIGHT BRANCH

Former Warden at State Penitentiary Made General Manager for Ashelman Bros.

Frank S. Talcott, formerly warden of the North Dakota penitentiary at Bismarck, is the new general manager for Ashelman Bros., Fargo, distributors in North Dakota and western Minnesota for Delco Light products. Mr. Talcott has removed his family to Fargo.

Announcement of Mr. Talcott's association with Ashelman Bros. was made Monday in conjunction with the announcement of the annual sales convention of the firm which will be held in the Waldorf hotel in Fargo today and Wednesday. Sixty to 75 dealers, salesmen and service men of the firm will be in attendance.

MAJESTIC MINE BLOWN UP; MANY HURT

Birmingham, Ala., April 29.—The Majestic mine, north of Birmingham, has been blown up by an explosion of coal gas. Four men have been taken from the mine severely injured, and 40 are still believed to be in the workings.

PROVISIONS HIT THE TOBOGGAN

Chicago, Ill., April 29.—Tremendous price smashing took place today on the board of trade. Holders of grain and provisions competed on a big scale to unload and stop losses on the market.

Breaks as shown after midday amounted to 8 1/2c a bushel on corn, and \$1.20 a barrel on pork.

STANDARD EIGHT HOUR DAY FIXED

Washington, April 29.—The nine clauses proposed by the committee on international legislation for insertion in the peace treaty as adopted by the peace conference in plenary session at Paris yesterday were made public here today by the state department.

Among the principles incorporated are a standard eight hour day, a weekly day of rest, the abolition of child labor, equality of pay for men and women, and workmen's "right of association for all lawful purposes."

NEW CONCERN ADMITTED

Midland Packing Co. of Sioux City Gets O. K.

The blue sky commission at a special session yesterday admitted the Midland Packing Co. of Sioux City, Ia., whose application to sell capital stock in North Dakota was presented by the Hon. Tom Davis of Minneapolis.

STAGE SET FOR FINAL PHASE OF PEACE MEET

Some of Terms of Treaty to Be Offered Germany Not Definitely Framed

PARLIAMENT TO DECIDE

Issues of Fiume Crisis Will Be Discussed by Italian Leaders

GERMAN MISSION ARRIVES

Versailles, Monday, April 28.—Eighty-seven members of the German peace committee arrived here tonight, being the second party to reach the scene of the presentation of the peace terms. Sixteen of one committee are women. With the party were official couriers Von Bismarck, a doctor, a barber and Rudolf Brand, the press representative. There were also a number of telegraph and telephone operators.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

The stage is rapidly being set for the final phase of the peace negotiations. Yesterday's plenary conference stamped its approval on the final text of the covenant of the league of nations, while today the German delegates are expected to arrive at Versailles to confer with the allied delegates already there. Some of the terms of the treaty to be offered by Germany are not yet definitely framed, but it is expected the treaty will be ready for the enemy delegates by the week end.

Italy was not represented at the plenary session yesterday, but dispatches from Rome indicate the probability that her delegates will return to Paris after a brief period. The Roman parliament will meet today, and it is expected that Premier Orlando will at once appear and place before it the situation which arose in Paris when President Wilson appeared before the peace conference and made his statement regarding Fiume and the Adriatic.

Bella Koff, head of the Hungarian Bolsheviks, has admitted that the troops under his command are being defeated.

REVIEWED AGITATION

Paris, April 29.—Renewed agitation in all parts of Germany is reported in German advices received here. The railway employes in the Berlin district are threatening to bring on a general strike May 7, if their claims are not satisfied, while in the Ruhr industrial district the Spartacists are again showing great activity. Already there have been outbreaks in which casualties occurred.

SURROUNDED BY TROOPS

Paris, April 29.—The encirclement of Munich by German troops has been accomplished. This result was the occupation of Landschuet, about 40 miles northeast of Munich, which town has been closely approached on all sides. In the meanwhile government forces are dealing with troubles in Buremburg, where the Spartacan leader, Albert Schmidt, was killed by government troops and a state of siege declared.

TO ARRIVE THIS EVENING

Versailles, April 29.—The leaders of the German peace delegation are expected to arrive here at 9 o'clock this evening.

PANIC PREVAILS

Munich, April 29.—Panic prevailed in Munich on Sunday when the Bavarian troops began their march on the capital, and members of the communist cabinet resigned. Before midnight the troops had captured several villages. The communist leaders are said to be prepared to escape in airplanes.

MAY MEET IN WASHINGTON

Paris, April 29.—A proposition is on foot to hold the first meeting of the league of nations in Washington during the current year. Should the assembly meet first in Washington, it is said President Wilson doubtless would be asked to become the first president of the league.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN ROME

Rome, Monday, April 28.—Demonstrations in Rome today in support of the government's stand on the Adriatic question culminated in a great mass meeting convened by Premier Colonna the mayor on the capitol hill. The citizens at the meeting adopted a resolution asking the annexation of all territory given to Italy by the treaty of London and also Fiume. A procession afterward went to the Quirinal, where the king and queen appeared on the balcony of the palace. The crowds cheered and cried: "Fiume, Dalmatia."

VISITS ORLANDO

Rome, April 29.—Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador, visited Premier Orlando today. The two men had a friendly conversation in which the ambassador expressed regret over the situation which had arisen. The ambassador said he thought the situation had been aggravated by criticisms from Italian papers which misunderstood President Wilson's attitude.

Premier Orlando in reply said he considered the situation serious, but that his desire was to ameliorate it and to restore calm. The premier said he deeply regretted that the incident had occurred and had been much disturbed over it.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED

Berlin (Saturday), April 28.—Martial law was declared today in all Bavarian territory east of the Danube and government troops began an advance.

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