

PATRIOTIC NOTE AMONG MINISTERS

Show Friendship for German People, But Oppose Ruling Autocracy.

Patriotism and friendship for the Christian people of other lands, with a decided opposition to autocracy and Prussian militaristic rule, were the keynote of the Silver Bow Ministerial association meeting this morning. A resolution was adopted pledging loyalty to the president and Secretary Wilson was instructed to introduce at the next meeting a resolution pledging friendship to the German people and a desire to assist them in removing the Prussian autocracy.

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. J. A. Billingsley, Vice President. Rev. D. N. Anderson was in the chair. Rev. E. J. Groenewald, who was educated in Germany, spoke of conditions there and of the qualities of the German people. The demonstration on Saturday night was referred to in the following resolution which was adopted: "Resolved, That while the British Ministerial association is as opposed as ever to war and continues to be desirous of peace, we pledge our loyalty in this crisis to the president as the leader of the people."

Secretary Wilson introduced the following motion: "That the ministers should be leaders in expressing the sentiments of American Christian patriots to the German people, telling them of our friendship and our desire to assist them in the removal of the Prussian autocracy." Mr. Wilson was instructed to have the resolution read that effect ready for action at the next meeting. Mr. Wilson explained that in the event of the American and German soldiers meeting on the battlefield, the Americans would be shooting down, not the autocracy which is responsible for the strained relations, but the plain Christian people with whom they are friendly.

The report of the simultaneous meetings held in several of the churches of the city for the past two weeks, Mr. Wilson declared, showed greater and more satisfactory results than the Bughin revival held here last year. Mr. Wilson added that increases had been received in every congregation. Next year the association proposes to start preparations earlier for the simultaneous meetings and so ensure a still greater success.

An invitation was received by the association from Rev. Charles V. Chapman to attend the opening of the St. John's parish house on Wednesday evening. The ministers clarified their intention to accept and attend in a body.

LANDER'S ANNIVERSARY: 21 YEARS IN BUSINESS

A Gratifying Appreciation of Service on Part of Local Patrons.

Lander's furniture store on West Park street celebrated today the 21st anniversary of its establishment with a special anniversary sale, which opened at 8 o'clock and attracted a large crowd of the patrons of the store, old and new friends, who testified by their presence to the mark which the store has made in Butte's business world.

The sale was taken advantage of by those who were planning for the spring refreshings. Visitors to the store complimented the management on the successful career of business in this city and that the Lander store will continue its progressive merchandising in the future was evidenced by the activity of the department heads and clerks.

In honor of the anniversary the store was unusually decorated, the artistic blending well with the useful and the ordinary furniture required in the home being displayed in that ornamental and attractive manner for which the store is famous.

HINDU REVOLUTIONIST RELEASED ON BOND

San Francisco, April 8.—Ram Chandra, avowed Hindu revolutionist, arrested here Saturday on charges of attempting to form a military enterprise against Great Britain, was released here today on \$1,000 bail. Four compatriots were released on bail of \$1,000 each. Hearing of the charges was put over 10 days.

SUSPICIOUS STAMMERING.

Male Customer—Er, er—er. Min. Ah, Er—he—he. Jeweler (to his assistant)—Bring that tray of engagement rings here, Hally.

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SERIOUS TONE TO EASTER HOLIDAY

Deep Religious Feeling Shown. Usual Dress Parade is Held.

The impending war clouds added a deeper religious observance to Butte's celebration of Easter Sunday yesterday, while beautiful summer-like weather encouraged a lavish display of spring fineries. The presence of the American colors on stores, public buildings and private homes, as well as on breasts of citizens, added a further touch of brilliancy and color.

The divine services at all churches were well attended. The fact that the country is entering the world war was dwelt on by the majority of the speakers and the attention of the congregations was directed to the fact that this world is transitory and that in moments like these, when the future is dark and gloomy, the thoughts of men must turn to the newly risen Savior with a prayer that the world will rise to a new glory of peace and religion when the war has ceased.

Every church was a special feature. During the afternoon the streets were crowded with parades and the loud tones of the spring fashions were the object of admiration. In the homes the usual ceremonies of the Easter day were observed. Various colored eggs were brought to the children by Bunny. Automobileists took advantage of the improvement in the roads around Butte. The street cars were largely patronized. Several private dinner parties were held. Hotels and cafes were crowded all day and during the evening the vaudeville and picture houses did a roaring trade.

The day marked the conclusion of "Dress-Up" week, inaugurated by the Butte Ad club. Hundreds took advantage of the sunshine to pay their first visit to Columbia Garden, struggling from its winter snow bank. In spite of the war clouds, the day was observed with its usual elaborateness, although there may have been just a subdued tone to the celebration as if the people of the city were checked in their happiness and prosperity by the thought of what may come later.

BRITISH SMASH GERMAN LINES ON NEW FRONT

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and lies directly north of the field of the retreat which the Germans have been conducting for the past several weeks.

The fact that the line has been penetrated by the British all along this wide front indicates that the movement there is a general offensive. That it is proving a successful drive is indicated by the statement that "satisfactory progress" is being made "at all points."

An entire new phase of operations on the western front is opened up in this new battle of the Lens-Arras line. The field of attack represents the greatest danger point for the Germans, as in the recent fighting a sharp salient was driven into the German line southeast of Arras.

In the Lens region into which the British are driving is a rich coal field which the Germans have been exploiting since their occupation of this territory early in the war.

Aerial Activity.

The opening of the new offensive had been foreshadowed in the intense aerial activity of the past two or three days in which hundreds of airplanes have been engaged on both sides. This work, as the British statements have indicated, has given General Haig's staff photographic reproductions of the German positions for long distances behind the fighting line.

Further south the British have continued their progress in the field of the German retreat, the advance reported at Hermites and Bourles being particularly important. Bourles is directly on the road from Bapaume to Cambrai, about eight miles from the latter place. Hermites lies just to the south of Bourles.

In their drive toward St. Quentin the capture of Freanoy Le Petit puts the British within two and a half miles of St. Quentin's outskirts.

17 ENTENTE AIRPLANES SHOT DOWN BY TEUTONS

Berlin, April 8 (via London).—Seventeen entente airplanes were brought down yesterday on the western front, the war office announces.

The statement says that the battle of Arras, begun this morning after several hours of strong fire, continues.

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