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HERTLING CABINET FALLS AS BULGARIA SURRENDERS

Collapse of Turkey Considered Inevitable— Way Into Austria Opened to Allies— War May End Soon

Bulgaria is definitely out of the war and Turkey, virtually cut off from communication with her allies and her armies in Palestine almost annihilated, likely soon will be forced to sue for a cessation of hostilities against her.

Seeing defeat staring her in the face through the swift progress of the Serbian, Italian, British, Greek and French troops in the reclaiming of Serbia and the invasion of Bulgarian territory, the Bulgars begged for an armistice, reserving to themselves no conditions.

Back Door Thrown Open

In addition to the isolation of Turkey, the back door to a direct invasion of Austria-Hungary is flung wide open to the Allies and doubtless the time is not far distant when advantage to the full will be taken of the new avenue through which the

enemy can be reached. With the debacle in Serbia and Bulgaria complete, the Austro-Hungarians in Albania soon will be put to the test, and when their evacuation to their own borders is accomplished the Allies will have welded an iron semicircle about the Central powers from the Black sea to the North sea.

Viewing the situation in all its aspects—the success of the great offensive in Belgium and France; the blotting out of the war zone in the Balkans; the cutting off of the Turks from intercourse with Germany and Austria-Hungary, except by the long route through the Caucasus and southern Russia and the steady gains that are being made by the Allies in making Russia once more a factor in the struggle—the darkest days of the war seemingly are faced by the Austro-Germans. It may mean the end of the war soon.

PRESIDENT DRAWS FIRST NUMBER

PRESIDENT OPENS CEREMONY NUMBERING 13,000,000 NATIONAL DRAFT REGISTRANTS

Washington, Oct. 2.—The drawing of order numbers for the thirteen million draft registrants enrolled September 12 was started Monday by President Wilson.

Blindfolded, the President groped into the great glass lottery bowl and drew out one of 17,000 capsules. It contained a slip numbered 322, thus giving to men holding that serial number, first place in their respective classes after registrants already classified under previous registrations. The number was low enough to touch the list of every draft board in the country except one or two of the very smallest.

Vice President Marshall drew the second number and was followed by sixteen other notables who had been invited to participate in the formal ceremony of opening the drawing.

When it was over, officers and enlisted men of the army, assisted by a corps of tellers, settled down to the task of emptying the bowl. Two thousand numbers had been drawn and recorded before 4 o'clock in the afternoon, indicating that probably 36 hours would be required to complete the work. The readers and tellers worked in relays, so the drawing continued almost without interruption through the night. Provost Marshal General Crowder hoped to finish early Wednesday evening.

First 100 Numbers Telegraphed

Only the first 100 numbers were flashed to the country by telegraph. Because of the impracticability of (Continued on Page Eight)

SHERIDAN COUNTY COMPLETES QUOTA

FOURTH LOAN SUBSCRIBED ON TIME. \$253,450.00 IS TOTAL BOUGHT UP TO THURSDAY.

Sheridan county has gone "over the top" and this was done in record time without any big noises or spargings. The local campaign committee were requested to complete the fourth Liberty bond sale quota by Thursday night, Oct. 3rd, and that was done, too. The total subscribed in Sheridan county, \$250,000.00 was the quota assigned the county.

SALE DAY. AT OUTLOOK OCT. 12TH

Chas. H. Nau, of Outlook, was in town today and informed us that Outlook is to have a Red Cross Auction Sale Day on October 12th.

Full particulars of the sale is given in the large posters which are used to advertise the event.

THIRTEEN DIE OF IN- FLUENZA IN SCOBEY

Spanish Influenza has taken a total of eight lives in Scobey during the past five days. Martin Smith, saloon man, and Ed Lahiere, farmer, two pioneers of the Scobey country, died Wednesday night. Kilgane Chandle, a homesteader, was found dead in his shack Tuesday afternoon, having been sick for the last five days. Viola Pausa, prominent 16-year-old girl in Scobey, was the first one to be claimed by the disease. George Nelson, a painter, died yesterday morning. Mrs. Gustav Knutson died Monday night. T. L. Coughlin, a transient, died Sunday night.

Five more deaths have been reported just before we go to press. Doctors, nurses and civilians are working day and night with new cases continually appearing. Many whole families are sick without either medical aid or household help. The situation is extremely serious.

Cases Appear in Flaxville

Reports come from Flaxville show that there are a great number of cases in a critical condition and without sufficient medical assistance to properly attend to those afflicted.

A. C. M. Propaganda Reaches Trenches

A Montana soldier in France sends to Butte a clipping from the Daily Mail, an English journal printed in Paris for the soldiers in the trenches. He says, "If the Montana soldiers here were back home they would see that Miss Rankin goes to the senate." Here's the clipping from "our own" correspondent:

MISS RANKIN'S DEFEAT AT THE POLLS IS EXPECTED Her Sympathy With I. W. W. Union Arouses Opposition to Montana Congresswoman

(From Our Correspondent)

New York, Tuesday.—The belief prevails among political observers that Miss Jeannette Rankin, America's sole congresswoman, will be defeated in her effort to secure the republican nomination for the United States senate from Montana. Nominating primaries will be held on Tuesday. Miss Rankin's open declaration of sympathy with the Metal Mine Workers' Union, which is a member of the organization known as the Industrial Workers of the World, has harmed her. The Daughters of the American Revolution and other such organizations are fighting against Miss Rankin. In certain cities of Montana she was denied the privilege of speaking, and it was necessary for her to deliver in a suburb of Butte a speech she had planned to make in that center of the copper industry.

THE LIGHT OF JUSTICE IS BREAKING
FOR THE PRODUCERS IN THE NORTHWEST



Some More Efficiency

THE FOLLOWING LETTERS WRITTEN BY OUR EFFICIENT COUNTY AUDITOR, "SUNNY JIM" REDMOND, THE MAN WHOM THE STATE PUBLIC EXAMINERS WARNED NOT TO BE SO "EFFICIENT" WITH THE "RUBBER STAMP," TELLS TALES.

Following are two letters written by our efficient County Auditor to Peter Westerlund of Antelope.

For an example of "efficiency" these letters are prize takers. To a casual reader they will "get by," and there is where the "efficiency" is demonstrated. But after a little careful study the features of the "nigger in the woodpile" is clearly discernible.

Read the letters.
COUNTY OF SHERIDAN
office of
J. F. REDMOND
County Auditor
Plentywood, Montana
May 24, 1918.

Peter Westerlund,
Antelope, Montana.
Dear Sir:

With reference to seed grain order No. 631 for seed grain delivered to C. E. Lindquist, it will be necessary that you file a claim to support the warrant.

You state that we sent you a warrant in the sum of \$210.00, we undoubtedly misunderstood the applicant as to the price you charged for the grain, therefore if you will return the warrant of \$210.00 in payment thereof, we will issue a warrant in the sum of \$230.00.

Have the claim subscribed and sworn to either before a Notary Public or a Justice of the Peace, attach seed grain order No. 631 to this claim and kindly return it at your earliest convenience, so that we may complete our records in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,
J. F. REDMOND,
County Auditor.

COUNTY OF SHERIDAN
office of
J. F. REDMOND
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Plentywood, Montana
June 4, 1918.

Peter Westerlund,
Dagmar, Montana.
Dear Sir:

Hand you herewith seed grain warrant No. 49 in the sum of \$230.00 in payment of seed grain furnished.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of payment on the form enclosed, returning same to this office. When returning receipt, also enclose the County claim blank, which I am sending you to be executed in support of seed grain warrant No. 49 in the amount of

\$230.00.
Very truly yours,
J. F. REDMOND,
County Auditor.

We will add the information that "Sunny Jim's" signature was not signed with a "rubber stamp."

Now in order to make the "Efficiency" of these letters understandable some explanation is required.

The first letter for instance.

Prior to the time this letter was written, a warrant in the sum of \$210 was sent to Peter Westerlund in payment for a hundred bushels of seed wheat delivered by Peter Westerlund to his neighbor, C. E. Lindquist on seed grain order No. 631. Mr. Westerlund wrote the Auditor, calling his attention to the fact that the warrant was for \$210 (\$2.10 per bushel), when he understood that the Montana & Dakota elevator was getting \$2.30 per bushel for the grain they furnished and his neighbor, Mr. C. E. Lindquist was paying the county \$2.48 per bushel for the seed wheat, the 18 cents advance being to pay the county for the cost of handling the grain, making out papers, etc., and that he, Peter Westerlund should have a warrant for \$230.00 instead of for \$210.00 which had been sent to him, his grain being just as good, if not better grain than that furnished by the Montana & Dakota Elevator Company, and his neighbor was paying \$2.48 for the grain.

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CLOSE CONTRACTS WITH WORLD'S LARGEST FARMERS

Local Banker Joins Morgan In Gigantic Farming Enterprise. Thousands of Acres Will be Farmed Scientifically

NONPARTISAN LEAGUE TICKET

FARMERS AND FRIENDS OF THE LEAGUE SHOULD CLIP THIS AND CARRY IT UNTIL THE LEAGUE WINS A COMPLETE VICTORY NOV. 5th.

WE'LL STICK, WE'LL WIN.

U. S. Senate

JEANNETTE RANKIN

National Ticket

Associate Justice S. Court

CHAS H. COOPER

Republican Ticket

Railroad Commissioner

JACK HALL

Democrat Ticket

State Senator

CLAIR STONER

National Ticket

State Representative

J. S. NYQUIST

Republican Ticket

County Commissioner

JOHN ANDERSON

Republican Ticket

Sheriff

JACK BENNETT

Republican Ticket

County Auditor

BEATRICE K. O'GRADY

Republican Ticket

Co. Clerk & Recorder

A. A. MAJOR

Republican Ticket

County Treasurer

REX MOVIUS

Republican Ticket

County Attorney

J. J. GUNTHER

Republican Ticket

County Assessor

H. B. HILL

Republican Ticket

Co. Supt. of Schools

MABEL V. THAYER

National Ticket

County Surveyor

C. E. CORYELL

Republican Ticket

County Coroner

M. M. JOHNSON

Democratic Ticket

Don't forget that Miss Rankin's name will be on the National Ticket; also that of Clair Stoner for State Senator and Miss Mabel V. Thayer for County Superintendent of Schools. Clip this and take it with you to the polls and hunt the names of the League candidates. In this way you will make no mistake. Vote the ticket straight.

Very truly yours,
J. F. REDMOND,
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The following story from last week's Poplar Standard give interesting insight into farming operations as projected by Wall Street and local capital.

Mr. Thomas D. Campbell, president of the Corporation and Mr. F. W. Stevens, vice president of the company, were in Poplar three days of last week and before they left the final clincher was put on the Ft. Peck proposition, making in certain beyond doubt that the Campbell-Morgan Company, the largest farming corporation in the world by the way, will operate on this reservation. The leases, equipment and machinery of the Bieseker-Martin outfit, who up to the present have blazed the trail in big farming projects for the Ft. Peck have been taken over by the Montana Company and besides the 4500 acres the Bieseker-Martin people have prepared for crop the Montana Company expects to whip some 15,000 or 16,000 additional acres in the line for crop within the next two growing seasons. Next spring they will put at least 10,000 acres into actual crop and break up some 10,000 acres besides. This company operates in units of 10,000 acres. This means that they will put 10,000 acres in crop in a certain year and summer fallow 10,000 acres. The next year the 10,000 acres in crop will be turned over and the first unit sown to crop and vice versa. In brief the policy of this Company who farm strictly according to scientific principles is to have a unit yield a crop every second year. They have a crop each year of course but it is a separate unit each year.

The Ft. Peck project will be directed solely by C. J. Bieseker, the Plentywood banker, according to Mr. Campbell.

"You may say for us positively that Mr. Bieseker will direct the operations here, said Mr. Campbell. His will be the last word on the Ft. Peck project."

Mr. Bieseker expects to establish offices in Poplar immediately and declared that the work will be handled from this point. Mr. W. J. Breake, of Grand Forks, who has been with the Montana Company for 12 years will be in personal charge of the offices. Mr. Harry Martin, who was spoken of in the highest terms by Mr. Campbell, will, it is understood direct the full operations for the new company. The company have purchased three new Aultman-Taylor tractors and by the end of the week expect to be tearing up the earth on the Bieseker-Martin piece and adjacent to it with the aid of 8 tractors pulling 10 plow bottoms on old ground and 8 bottoms on new ground.

Some of the land the company expect to farm is on another part of the reservation but respecting the wishes of Mr. Campbell and Mr. Bieseker that part of the program will not be dealt with at this time.

Mr. Thomas D. Campbell, the presiding genius in all this vast undertaking is an interesting character. Like all truly big men he is not given to talk about himself. When pressed he will admit certain facts but the interviewer must draw him out; he is not there to give you a first person singular interview by any manner or means. To the Standard he was inclined to talk about most anything else than himself. This newspaper was able however to learn a few things about this young man 33 years of age who is at the head of the largest organization of its kind in the world. For instance he undertook the work on the Ft. Peck reservation at the personal request of Secretary Franklin K. Lane, of the Interior, and Herbert Hoover of the National Food Administration. Mr. Campbell who is an engineer as well as a farmer wanted to go to war. He was willing to do his share over here in the farming line as he always has but just now he wanted to get into the thick of things. Lane and Hoover know that the world's wheat supply is down. Our supply is gone. If men are to fight they must eat. To grow wheat is part of this country's task. Lane and Hoover.

Nonpartisan League Meetings To Be Held

Following is a list of dates of meetings which will be held by the Nonpartisan League. A prominent speaker will discuss the program of the League from the League standpoint.

The speaker will be a "beaner" and you will want to hear him whether you like the League or not, and the chances are that you will learn something.

More details later. The dates are as follows:

- Poplar, Oct. 26th.
- Brockton, Oct. 26th.
- Culbertson, Oct. 27, 2 p. m.
- Lanark, Oct. 27, evening.
- Bainville, Oct. 28, afternoon.
- Mondak, Oct. 28, evening.
- Froid, Oct. 29, afternoon.
- McCabe, Oct. 29, evening.
- Medicine Lake, Oct. 30, afternoon.
- Homestead, Oct. 30, evening.
- Antelope, Oct. 31, afternoon.
- Dagmar, Oct. 31, evening.
- Dooley, Nov. 1, afternoon.
- Redstone, Nov. 1, evening.
- Flaxville, Nov. 2, evening.
- Madoc, Nov. 2, evening.
- Whitetail, Nov. 3, afternoon.
- Daleview, Nov. 3, evening.
- Outlook, Nov. 4, afternoon.
- Plentywood, Nov. 4, evening.

The name of the speaker will be announced later and bills and other advertising will be sent out. Don't forget the dates and be sure and be there.

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