

CANAL POLICY OF WILSON SUSTAINED

President's Action Insisting That Treaties With England Be Observed, Already Bearing Fruit.

COULD CAUSE MUCH TROUBLE

Action of Congress in Holding Back Salaries of Absent Members Not to Embarrass Republicans.

(By Congressman C. H. Tavenner)

Washington, September 8.—President Wilson's high-minded course in insisting that the spirit of our treaties with Great Britain respecting the Panama Canal be carried into the written law, although lawyers could quibble about the literal wording of these treaties, is now bearing fruit of inestimable value to the people of the United States.

The president did not insist upon free tolls because he expected any reward for right doing. He did it because this nation had for several decades solemnly agreed to give our ships no advantage in tolls over the ships of Great Britain or any other nation.

Could Give Trouble.

Great Britain is in a position to give us a great deal of trouble if we attempt to carry out the vessel registry law, which admits to American registration foreign vessels bought by Americans. Standing on the letter of the London convention Great Britain might easily refuse to recognize as neutral any German vessel, for instance, bought by Americans and flying the American flag.

The London declaration provides that the transfer of vessels after a declaration of war is void unless the transfer is not made to escape the consequences to which an enemy's vessel is exposed. Many German ships are now thrown out of service by England's control of the sea. These vessels, it is proposed, will be sold to American interests. Under the London treaty of Great Britain might refuse to recognize the validity of any such transfer.

Possibly War.

Her refusal to recognize the neutrality of such vessels would mean instant trouble for this country. About the first thing to happen would be the seizure of a former German vessel admitted to American registry. Such a seizure would have to be protested, if not resented by this nation. Then there would be excitement, and possibly war in these unsettled times. Because of the difficulty in the situation the president is delaying any proclamation of the terms under which vessels may be transferred.

But because the United States did not stand upon a lawyer's interpretation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in the matter of the Panama tolls, Great Britain is now not disposed to take the London treaty literally. She is willing to assist the United States to build up a merchant marine, while she might easily make it difficult. The affair is still being negotiated, but it will probably end by Great Britain agreeing to recognize the neutrality of our vessels providing we guarantee that vessels bought from Germany will not revert to German ownership and registry after the close of hostilities.

Hard Put for Argument.

The cry of Republicans that the Democratic majority of the house passed the resolution ordering the sergeant-at-arms to withhold salaries of absent members in order to embarrass the Republicans in the present congressional campaign is ridiculous. Democrats are hurt by the resolution more than Republicans.

The house is now overwhelmingly Democratic. Many of the Democratic members come from districts which have heretofore sent Republicans. These Democratic members are nearly all candidates for re-election. They are held in Washington while their Republican opponents are working with the voters.

If the house membership is held in Washington all fall the party hurt worse will be the party having the most members in the house. That is so obvious that only Republicans hard pressed for matters on which to criticize the Democratic majority, could have failed to see it.

Northern Attorneys Here.

Attorney George E. Erickson, editor of the Northern News, and who was largely responsible for the success of the recent editorial outing, and Attorney C. R. Middleton of Baudette, for several years mayor of that thriving little village, are attending the term of court which convened here this morning.

Mrs. Rube Grinoldy of International Falls is the guest of Mrs. Harry Mooney.

KING NICHOLAS. Monarch Hopes Italy Join the Allies.



Photo by American Press Association.

The Milan Corriere della Sera of Rome prints an interview with King Nicholas of Montenegro, in which the king is quoted as saying that he hopes Italy will abandon her present position of neutrality and take up arms with the allies against Germany and Austria.

COURT TERM IN SESSION

Twenty-Five Granted Citizenship Papers, But One Applicant Being Refused—Grand Jury in Session.

CIVIL CALENDAR IS REVIEWED

Promptly at 10 o'clock this morning the September term of court for Beltrami county was opened by Andrew Johnson, sheriff, and a few moments later the grand jury, of which sixteen members, a quorum, were present, was charged by Judge C. W. Stanton, of Bemidji, who is to preside during the term.

R. K. Doe of Duluth, naturalization officer, examined twenty-five applicants for citizenship papers, only one being refused. Several Germans made requests that they be permitted to become citizens of the United States and they were closely questioned as to whether they had been properly excused from service in the army of the Kaiser. One man, when asked who the president of the nation is, answered Wilson, and gave Taft's name as the previous chief executive, but when Officer Doe requested him to name Taft's predecessor, he was puzzled, and after a short delay, said: "Well, I can't remember his name, but he was a great hunter." He was admitted to citizenship.

This afternoon the reading of the calendar took place and tomorrow morning the civil jury cases will begin. Judge Stanton appointed Kenneth Melver as foreman of the grand jury and immediately after it was charged, the jury began its investigations as outlined by Graham M. Torrance, county attorney.

These comprise the grand jury: Kenneth Melver, foreman, Bemidji; Albert Schultz, Frohn; Nels Bye, Lammers; Charles Warfield, Bemidji; W. H. Rice, Tenstrike; John Thoren, Lammers; Arthur Page, Blackduck; A. A. Lawson, Liberty; George Becker, Jones; Alfred Moen, Bemidji; Arthur Akerberg, Bemidji; Jeronemus Langeness, Benville; Axel Peterson, Kelliher; A. Goltz, Bemidji; E. A. Olson, Bemidji; C. G. Johnson, Shookers.

To Hold Picnic Sunday.

Nels Bye, president of the Solway Farmers' club, who is spending several days in Bemidji, says a member of the grand jury, being that the picnic which is to be given at the A. Frederickson home next Sunday for the members of the club, will be well attended. Each guest will take a basket lunch.

GOOD SEED WORTH MILLIONS SAYS HILL

Financier and Empire Builder Gives Approval to "Seed Corn Week" Which Will Be Held Sept. 14-19

"IS AN ELEMENT OF WEALTH"

Within Reach of All, He Said, But Usually Ignored—In Sympathy With Campaign Effort.

"If merely the best grain produced this season on each farm were to be used as seed the coming season, millions of dollars would be added to the value of the agricultural products of the state," said James J. Hill, when asked for an expression of opinion as to the value of "Seed Corn Week."

"Here is an element of wealth easily within reach, costing practically nothing, and very generally ignored. The best authorities agree that the total of the crops raised from seed in the United States might be doubled by improved methods of farming. To do this would add \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000 to the nation's wealth and the resources of its farm population. And one of the most important means to this end is the planting of good seed.

Great Gains Possible.

"The importance of good seed is no more theory. Practical application of seed selection on a large scale has produced convincing results. Enormous yields have been secured from some small fields. Corn prize contests have raised the average production over entire states. It is no accident that in Minnesota and Wisconsin, two states where hard, continuous missionary work has been done, the average yield of corn per acre rose from around thirty-two or thirty-three bushels in ordinary years to forty and one-half bushels respectively in 1913. Nor will there be the slightest trouble in lifting that total fifty per cent or more when both cultivation and seed selection are better understood and more generally practiced by the farming population.

Millions for a Little Care.

"These are signs of the times and warnings against the future, which call for the study of the agricultural situation and concerted effort to raise the home production of foodstuffs. Since one of the most effective ways of doing this is to encourage the use of nothing but the best grain for seed.

"Since the general observance of Seed Corn Week will tend to draw attention to the need and the possibility of good seed, I am heartily in sympathy with the effort that is being made to secure its success. The picking out of good seed corn alone at the proper time in September, according to the simple rules laid down for selection and proper care, might mean a gain of good many million dollars next year for Minnesota."

SCHOOL SQUAD TO REPORT.

Coach Bestul Hopes for Winning Eleven—Meeting Held.

Championship prospects for a Bemidji High school football eleven never appeared brighter than at present, and it was with a broad smile that Julius Bestul, instructor of sciences in the high school, glanced over the names of boys who will be candidates for the team this fall. Every position will have several candidates and only the center job is worrying Bestul. The backfield, with "Fuzz" Johnson, who attracted much attention at Pillsbury a year ago by his brilliant playing at quarterback, will in all probability pilot the team play, while the other back positions will be fought for by the two Grahams, Simmons, Tanner, Claude Bailey and several others. The team will be fairly heavy. A football meeting will be held this afternoon and the first practice will be held tomorrow.

W. O. Newman and Family Left Yesterday for Lantana, Florida.

Mr. Newman has disposed of his store interests at Redby. Lantana is six miles south of Palm Beach.

DEAD GENERAL HAD \$17,000 IN POCKETS.

London, Sept. 8.—Telegraphing from Ostend the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "The \$17,000 which was found in the pockets of General von Buelow after he was killed in the battle of Haelen has been turned over by King Albert for Red Cross purposes."

PLAN SCHOOL DISPLAYS

Educational Feature at County Fair Next Week to Be One of Chief Attractions—Many to Exhibit.

EXPERTS TO GIVE LECTURES

Each day as the Beltrami county fair draws nearer it becomes more and more evident that the exhibit of the school children is to be one of the most interesting features.

W. B. Stewart, county superintendent of schools, is working overtime in an effort to maintain the enthusiasm which has been aroused among the pupils during the past few months and is sending out literature to all teachers and pupils of the county, explaining the proper manner in which to prepare and ship exhibits to the fair grounds.

The fact that the premium list includes a larger list of prizes than ever before is an added attraction and it is the desire of those most interested to excel any previous school exhibit. As the fair this year is given one week later than before, added time is given for the preparation of the displays. The exhibits will all be placed in the new building. There is a possibility that a structure to be used for school exhibits only, will be erected for the 1915 fair.

Friday, September 18, will be School Day at the fair, all pupils being admitted free of charge. A short program has been arranged for this day, at which T. A. Erickson, rural school specialist, will talk about school exhibits; C. E. Brown, poultryman, will speak about chickens. Prof. B. M. Gile, agriculturist, will talk about corn and school gardens. E. A. Barker will give a watch to the person having the best two ears of corn and another watch to the boy or girl having the best pair of chickens.

"Ask the school board for the day," says Supt. Stewart. "Where the trains are not convenient, hitch a team to a hayrack and come in. Bring your dinners and have a fair picnic. It is hoped that all the schools within reach will be on hand to hear the program. Let everybody come."

RETURN FROM TRIP.

Bemidji Party Reaches Bemidji After Six Weeks' Tour of East.

Following an automobile trip of six weeks, during which the principal cities of the eastern states were visited, Mrs. E. H. Marcum, who with Dr. Marcum and Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Brooks, made the tour, reached Bemidji yesterday afternoon. Dr. Marcum and Mr. Brooks arrived in Bemidji at noon today, driving the car from Duluth, which place was reached early yesterday morning from Buffalo, the trip being made by boat. Mrs. Brooks remained in Duluth where she will be the guest of her sister for several days. Dr. Marcum says that the weather conditions during the trip were ideal, that the roads were good and that the entire tour was much enjoyed by the party. They left Bemidji six weeks ago, driving to Duluth, from where a boat was taken to Cleveland. Among the cities visited were Pittsburg, Gettysburg, Washington, Baltimore, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, New Haven, New York City, Newport, Boston and Buffalo. The trip was made according to schedule arranged previous to the start, returning to Duluth on the day planned.

Dr. L. J. Perrault of this city was a Walker visitor the latter part of the week. He returned to Bemidji yesterday.

SCHOOLS OPEN WITH LARGE ATTENDANCE

Every Class Room of Bemidji's Educational Institutions Filled by Initial Enrollment This Morning.

MANY ENTER HIGH SCHOOL

Total Number of Pupils Reaches 1,043 With Many Yet to Enter—536 at Central Building.

With the records showing an enrollment of 1,043 pupils, every assembly room of Bemidji's public school system was well filled when the tardy gong sounded for the first time at the opening of the 1914-15 school year this morning.

The first day enrollment was surprising and encouraging to the teachers, and to W. P. Dyer, superintendent. The superintendent had urged the early entering of school and it was with genuine pleasure that he observed only fourteen vacant seats in the large high school study hall this morning. In the senior high school, which comprises the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes, the total enrollment was 148, which number will be increased at least twenty-five during the next week. This will necessitate that special arrangements be made.

Eleven Take Normal Course.

Although only eight students are necessary for the carrying on of a normal department in connection with the Bemidji high school, eleven students signified their intention of entering the course. Several of these will be members of the class which will graduate next spring. This gives 159 pupils to the senior high school.

The Junior High School.

One hundred and eighty-five students are enrolled in the junior high school course, which comprises the seventh and eighth grades. This is a much larger number than a year ago and the total will easily reach the 200 mark within the next few weeks. Special room has been provided for this department.

Central School Crowded.

As had been expected, conditions at the central school building are already crowded, 536 pupils having resumed their grade work. In several of the rooms the seating capacity is filled to overflowing, while others, where more students are certain to enter, have the required number.

26 in Kindergarten.

While but twenty-six pupils entered the kindergarten this morning, it is expected that at least that many more will soon enroll.

In the first grade there are 40 pupils in one room, and 46 in another; in the second grade, 50 in one room and 41 in the other; in the third grade, 40 and 48; in the fourth grade, 43 and 44; in the fifth grade, 38 and 45, and in the sixth grade 44 and 41. These grades are all in the Central building.

Many at North School.

A large enrollment was also had at the North Side school, where 113 students began classes. The first grade here has 21, the second and third grades, 24; the third and fourth, 34, and the fifth and sixth, 34.

Figures at the East Side school were not obtainable this afternoon, but the number will be about fifty. At this school Miss Della Skagerberg of Cloquet, will teach the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. This was the only position not filled when the list of faculty members was published in the Pioneer several weeks ago. Miss Ella Parker of Bemidji, is substituting for Miss Sadie Hill, who is detained at her home by the illness of her mother.

Dyer Much Pleased.

"While the large attendance of the first day is very gratifying to me," said Superintendent Dyer this afternoon, "the high school enrollment is especially pleasing. It shows the growing sentiment in favor of the high school, and that the value of a high school education is becoming more pronounced. It also shows the city to be growing and

GENERAL JOFFRE. French Commander Turns the German Right Flank.



Casualties in Ten Days Number Fifteen Thousand.

London, Sept. 8.—In ten days of fighting the British expeditionary forces on the continent have suffered losses of 15,151 officers and men. The figures include killed, wounded and missing. They were given out by the war press bureau. It was pointed out that many of the officers and men included among the missing may have merely been lost from their commands and rejoined other army units.

"JAKE" PREUS IS WINNER

That J. A. O. Preus, insurance commissioner, has been conceded the state auditorship nomination by Henry Rines, is the press report that reached Bemidji just at press time. With more than half of the votes cast for state auditor at the primaries, recounted, Rines, who contested the nomination, has reduced Preus' majority of more than a thousand, but little.

GIBBONS AND CROSS WIN

Brown and Tillman Defeated in Labor Day Boxing Bout. Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul wonder, had little trouble in winning a decision over George K. O. Brown in their encounter at Bentor Harbor, Michigan, yesterday. The match went for the entire ten rounds.

Cross Trims Tillman.

Leach Cross of New York, won an easy victory over Johnny Tillman of Minneapolis, in a tame ten-round bout at Hudson last night. Although he showed flashes of ability, Tillman disinclined to remain within the reach of Cross.

BELIEVES HERB DORAN HELD

Friends of Bemidji Man of Opinion That He Has Joined Reserves. Friends of Herbert Doran, chief of the Bemidji fire department, and the owner of a local plumbing establishment, are of the opinion that he is being held in Canada as a member of the Canadian reserves. Doran was at one time a resident of Canada, never having taken out his citizenship papers in the United States. Several weeks ago he left for Kingston, Ont., being called there by the serious illness of his father. No word has been received from him in several days.

sets forth the fact that our country districts are being populated and through the rural schools are equipping students for the high school. There are a large number of country students in our high school.

A new hammer has an extension from the top of the head to form a fulcrum when it is used for drawing nails.

ALLIED ARMY TAKES OFFENSIVE ON LINE OF BATTLE

(American Press.) St. Petersburg, Sept. 8.—Gallia is now a Russian province. Official proclamation was issued today and signed by Czar Nicholas, making this announcement an emphasis of the extent of the Russian victory over Serbia.

Paris, Sept. 8.—The allied army is on the offensive on west along the battle line today. General army is co-operating with strong British forces, and are making a fierce effort to turn the German right flank. The Germans are outnumbered, but reinforcements are being rushed to their rescue.

London, Sept. 8.—A dispatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph company says: Telegram from Vienna states that General Ruzky, who, following the capture of Lemburg, executed a flank attack northward against Austrians under General Auffenberg, Austrian war minister, today engaged in a desperate attempt to annihilate Auffenberg's army. The battle has already continued three days and is likely to continue several days.

Paris, Sept. 8.—The war office, in a message to General Gallieni, declared the French forces under the immediate direction of General Joffre, co-operating in a general movement with Sir John French, the British commander-in-chief, have turned the German right flank. At the same time the British forces broke through the German line's left of the right wing.

This movement imperiled the entire German right wing and forced the German commander hurriedly to withdraw all of his troops from Lille and the neighboring towns to strengthen his position. The opposing forces, it is said, are of about equal strength.

It is now accepted here that the real reason for the failure of the Germans to continue their march directly on Paris was the discovery that the allies' plan of battle included a general engagement to the westward of the city. The French army was massed and heavily entrenched.

Germans Discover Trap.

Everything was in readiness to spring the trap, which the general staff had hinted was already baited. But the German cavalry scouts and airmen reported the situation. It is expected the Germans will hold their present positions. Their southern lines now rest north of the Morin river, near La Ferté-Jaufre. It is stated the French and Germans have been in contact here also, with the advantage resting with the French skirmishers.

It is believed here the German right wing has been ordered to maintain its position pending the outcome of the fighting along the Meuse. The Germans crossed in great strength at Stenay and found themselves opposed by nearly 500,000 French.

The line of battle here extends from the neighborhood of Rethel to Verdun, which is surrounded. Some reports say the German emperor himself is there directing the general campaign. It is positively known that the armies of the crown prince and of the Grand Duke of Wurtemberg have been operating here for more than a week.

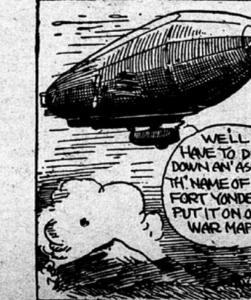
IS ONE OF 112 MEMBERS.

Harry Bowers of Eekles Attending Fair Farm Boys' Camp.

Among the 112 boys of Minnesota who are attending the Farm Boys' camp at the state fair is Harry Bowers, the Eekles boy, who won the trip by a prize essay. Cold shower baths in the morning, wholesome food in quantities which give the farm table no advantage and days crowded with educational sightseeing are keeping busy members of the encampment, now in its third year as an important feature of the state fair. One boy from every county in the state is attending the encampment as the result of success in writing a competitive essay. Thirty boys from the agricultural college at Morris were selected by E. C. Higbee, head of the school, and sixteen girls from the same school are acting as waitresses in the camp dining room. Part of the afternoons and evenings will be spent by the boys in ushering at the grandstand, but the rest of the time they will have the run of the grounds. Teachers from the two schools will conduct them through the principal exhibits and opportunity will be given for the judging of live stock and other tests of farm lore. Following the week's encampment, each boy attending for the first time will write an essay on "What I Learned at the State Fair." The older boys will write on "The Significance of the State Fair to the Farmers of the State."

Luzerne county, Pa., has three police women.

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It's Some Job To Make A War Map



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