

GERMANS HIDE IN SUGAR BEET SACKS AND SPY ON FRENCH

"Beet Coat" One of War's Cleverest Inventions—Leaves Assisted in Completing Disguise.

DRESSED LIKE GRIDIRON HERO

Bombs Thrown From One Trench to Another Like Base Balls—Mathewson Would Be Medal Winner.

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London, March 1.—What Christy Mathewson could do to the Germans near our trenches!

The Germans are masters of new tricks, or of adapting old tricks to new purposes, but their grenade stunt would put them at the mercy of the great American ball players.

The hand grenades are about the size of a baseball and weigh only a few ounces more. It has four little buttons on it, which must strike with a blow of four or five pounds in order to cause an explosion, so a man can handle it in his hands with perfect safety.

Wear Out Trenches. We were considered the best bomb-throwers of all, because we pitched them with force. A trained pitcher could have worked havoc with them.

Eugene Smith, who sold his butcher shop in Pawtucket to come and fight the Germans, because they had destroyed his birthplace in Birmingham, saved 3 or 4 lives the other day by catching one of these bombs, as though it were a baseball. He threw it back and it exploded in one of the German trenches.

There was a huge Swede in my section who swung the butt end of his rifle at one of these bombs one day and hit it. There was a terrific explosion and he was found brained. Why he did such a foolish thing I do not know.

Play Foolish Tricks. A man's nerves plays him foolish tricks in the trenches and you find yourself tempted to do strange things just as some persons find themselves tempted to jump from high places.

The Germans had another trick that reminded me of the American game of football. Now and then a few of them would clamber out of the trenches under a terrific fire to cut the barbed wire entanglements.

Had Deadly Effect. Another invention of the Germans was a swivel with which the Germans swung their rifles. Each man would fix his aim at a certain spot of our trenches and when he was ordered to fire he could reach up and pull the trigger without exposing his head.

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And on our part of the line all the new inventions which the Germans developed could not overcome the great advantage which the French held on account of the soixante quinze gun. In its way the gun is as marvelous and revolutionary as the great 42-centimeter guns of the Germans.

The "beet coat" as we called it, was one of the cleverest German inventions that we saw in our part of the line. All of the country around us and the fields in which our trench-

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PIERPONT MORGAN VISITS WAR ZONE FOR REST

Liverpool, March 26.—J. Pierpont Morgan arrived in Liverpool this morning on the American liner Philadelphia. When interviewed he told the reporters that he was visiting the war zone for a rest.

WILL ADDRESS CHILDREN

Evangelist to Hold Services for Young Tomorrow Afternoon.

Chapman will address a service to be conducted in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. At 4 o'clock Mrs. Chapman will conduct a service for young women in the lecture room. Last evening the evangelist preached a strong sermon on "How to Escape Many of the Hard Things of Life."

BOYS ENTER CORN CONTEST

Beltrami County Farm Lads to Seek Free Trip to Minnesota State Fair

—W. E. Stewart in Charge.

EXPECTED 2500 WILL TAKE PART

Beltrami county farm boys will be given plenty of opportunity this year to attend the state fair, which is to be held September 6 to 11, for not only will the winner of the essay contest be entitled to go but the lad securing the best acre-yield in the corn contest will be made a member of the Farm Boys' Camp.

There is no factor that has been more instrumental in showing Minnesota into the corn belt than the state acre-yield corn contest conducted by the State Agricultural college during the last four years. In that time nearly 5,000 farm boys and girls have worked hard to excel at raising corn, and the scores of yields from 100 to 135 bushels an acre obtained has demonstrated that corn is one of the great Minnesota crops.

This year so well organized is the movement that T. A. Erickson, state leader of boys' and girls' contest work, believes over 2,500 farm children will take an active part in the acre-yield corn contest. In order to give those in the northern part of the state a better chance, the state has been divided into four zones—northern, north central, south central and southern. As a result there will not be a single county in the state unrepresented in the movement for bigger yields of corn.

As a special incentive the Minnesota State Fair has decided to offer a sweepstakes prize in each country of a free trip to the 1916 Minnesota State Fair. In addition to the large cash prizes offered to the winner of a county corn contest this year, the lucky farm boy will also receive credentials entitling him to membership in the 1916 Farm Boys' Camp.

For an entire week he will inspect the educational exhibits under care of a special instructor, and learn how to judge live stock and equip a modern money-making farm.

The 1915 members of the Farm Boys' Camp, who will be given free trips to the state fair, are being chosen in essay contests, as has always been the custom. The subject of the essay may be clover, alfalfa, live stock or corn. The contest in each county closes June 1. W. E. Stewart, county superintendent of schools, is in charge of Beltrami county.

FORMER FRENCH PAYMASTER TO BE HUMILIATED IN PUBLIC

Paris, March 26.—It is planned to publicly humiliate France Desclaux, the former paymaster of the French army, who was convicted of embezzling army food supplies, sending them to a friend, Madame Bechoff, before he begins his sentence of seven years in prison.

Before committed he will be paraded before the military school where the Legion of Honor and other decorations will be removed. Madame Bechoff will begin her term of two years this afternoon.

Attorney C. W. Scrutchin returned to Bemidji last evening from International Falls and left this morning for Brainerd on legal business.

ADVANTAGE WITH GERMAN FORCES AT DARDANELLES

Allies Would Meet With Frightful Loss of Life in Attempt to Drive Enemy from Trenches.

REMAIN ON DEFENSE IN FRANCE

Serious Differences of Opinion Among General Staff Concerning Advantages of Using Troops.

By J. W. T. MASON.

New York, March 26.—Reports that the Allies are landing troops on the Gallipoli peninsula and the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles have been circulated several times since the bombardment of the Turkish defenses began.

The present rumor is like its predecessors, and bears no distinguished mark to demonstrate its truth.

Differences of Opinion. Unquestionably, there are serious differences of opinion among the Allies concerning the advisability of using troops for the Constantinople campaign.

A large number of men must be employed, if they are not to be wasted in vain assaults, while every soldier France, Great Britain and Belgium can equip is needed now for operations in the west.

A few days ago, the London Times, using roundabout verbiage to satisfy the close censorship which prevails in England, declared it would be a fatal mistake to permit subordinate issues to interfere with the main object of the war.

Continue on Defense. On the other hand, a belief exists that it will be impossible to drive the Germans from their trenches under present conditions, except at a loss too frightful to be considered.

This view of the situation suggests that the Allies must continue on the defensive in France and Flanders and concentrate their offensive power against Constantinople.

The situation concerning Constantinople is not, at the moment, favorable to the Allied cause. The Turks have obtained the balance of success to the present moment. The inability of the Allies to make their Dardanelles bombardment continuous and the apparent division of council concerning land operations are highly favorable to the Mohammedans.

NORD BILL PASSES SENATE

Provides That No Limit be Placed on State Land Purchased by Any Person—Senator Measure Killed.

(United Press) St. Paul, March 26.—The bill introduced by Senator Leonard H. Nord, providing that no limit be placed on the amount of state land to be purchased by any one person, was passed by the senate this afternoon.

This bill is in direct opposition to the bill proposed by J. A. O. Preus, state auditor, providing that each purchaser be limited and that he be required to make certain improvements in order to hold the property.

A bill was introduced this afternoon authorizing the board of control to select a site for the women's reformatory.

The bill limiting the number of senators in each county to one was killed, and the measure of Senator Dwinell prohibiting the practice of hypnotism in Minnesota carried.

RAINS AID FRENCH AT LORETTE HILLS

Paris, March 26.—The French war office gave out the following official information this afternoon: Heavy rains along the entire front is hindering operations. Several German attacks in the vicinity of Verdun were easily repulsed and a German attack on Lorette Hills failed.

PIONEER FARMER PAGE IS READ IN COLORADO

More and more is the value of the Pioneer Farmers' page, of the weekly edition, realized and now comes a letter from Arnold Dahlberg, of Sterling, Colorado, who in reading the page, in a paper of a friend, observed items of interest to him. Dahlberg is a former resident of Minnesota and plans to move back here in the near future. Want ads of the farmer are inserted in the farmers' page free of charge.

FRENCH ATTEMPT TO DRIVE GERMANS FROM VERDUN

Berlin, March 26.—The French have resumed their attempts to drive a wedge into the German lines south from Verdun and cut off their force at St. Mihiel.

A strong French attack near Combres, southeast of Verdun, has been repulsed after a tenacious struggle. Fighting for possession of the hills around Hartmannsweller in Alsace continues and the French infantry is engaged in sporadic attacks. Engagements elsewhere are not considered of importance.

Russian attacks east of Augustowo in the lakes region has been checked at every point. German infantry controls the courseways leading through the marshes east of Augustowo and every Russian onslaught has broken down under a murderous fire.

STAR OF TOURNAMENT

College Paper Praises Work of Bemidji Basketball Player.

Lloyd Tanner, the brilliant basketball performer of the Bemidji high school quint, whose work attracted much attention in the state tournament at Carleton college, Northfield, last week, is highly praised in the college paper, The Carletonian, which says: "Tanner of Bemidji and Herbert of Mountain Lake are given the forward positions. Tanner was the unanimous choice of the six men who made the selection, and it is generally conceded by all who witnessed the games in which he played that he is one of the best forwards who has ever appeared on Carleton's floor."

DRYS AND WETS CLASH IN CHICAGO

Chicago, March 26.—Prohibition will be made an issue in the mayoral campaign, Arthur Burrage Farwell of the Dry Chicago Federation announced today. Representatives of the federation and the Chicago Law Enforcement league will call upon Democratic Nominee Robert M. Switzer and Republican Nominee William Hale Thompson, asking their views on the "dry" issue and if they will stand for a strict enforcement of the prohibition law if the city votes dry April 3, 1916.

"What we wish to establish is whether or not the successful candidates will promise prohibition of the drys win," Farwell said. "We want both of them to pledge us they will enforce the law if it carries so we can be fortified against the argument that 'prohibition' does not prohibit."

First Club Member Enrolls

M. J. Troop, who operates one of the Nymore-Bemidji "jitney" buses, was hailed into municipal court this morning and given an option of a two-dollar fine or three days in jail for violating the auto speed laws. Troop was the first offender of the year and therefore is the first 1915 member of the "Municipal Court Auto Club" which had such a large enrollment during 1914. "Others will follow soon," said Chief Lane this morning.

U. S. SUBMARINE GOES DOWN; COSTS LIVES OF 25 MEN

Submerged Yesterday Morning Two Miles off Honolulu Harbor—Engaged in Target Practice.

ABANDON HOPE FOR CREW

Water of Sea Covered With Fuel Oil—Attempts to Bring Craft to the Surface Fail.

(United Press) Honolulu, March 26.—The American submarine F Four, which was submerged at 9:15 yesterday morning, two miles off Honolulu harbor, has not been found and all hope of saving the lives of the crew of 25 has been abandoned.

Lieutenant Alfred L. Ede was in command. Four American submarines are stationed here, One, Two, Three and Four of the "F" Group.

It is believed that the craft has been located in about thirty fathoms of water, fuel oil on the surface being found. It is believed that this had been released in an effort to make the craft lighter. The submarine is equipped with sidehooks but all efforts to secure it by use of grappling hooks have been unsuccessful.

All Have Families

Naval officials said they were hopeful no serious mishap had befallen the F Four, but they admitted the circumstances of the craft's prolonged disappearance gave rise to much apprehension.

The little flotilla of submarines engaged yesterday morning in target practice. It was not regarded as unusual that the F Four should remain under water for an hour or more in the course of the maneuvers, but when noon came and the vessel continued submerged, anxiety began to be felt.

This increased as the afternoon wore on, and other submarines began a systematic search. Most of the twenty-five men on board are married and have families.

TO STANDARDIZE SPUDS

Superintendent of Experiment Station Recommends Varieties Best Suited for This Country.

In order that standardization of potatoes will promote the industry in the state by limiting the kinds and by raising and unifying the quality of the potatoes to be put on the market, thereby creating a greater demand for northern Minnesota "spuds," the Minnesota Potato Growers' association has recommended a list of varieties which may be best grown here.

The Growers' association, together with the Crop Improvement association, urge that farmers in purchasing seed for this year's crop confine themselves to varieties included in the list.

Otto I. Bergh, superintendent of the North-Central experiment station at Grand Rapids announces the varieties desired as follows: Purple flowers and purple stalk—Rural New Yorker, Carmen No. 3, Sir Walter Raleigh. White flowers and green stalk—Green Mountain, Carmen No. 1, McKinley. Oblong type—Burbank, Russet or Netted Gem—(Recommended only for special localities having heavy, rich or peat 'muck' soils.)

Early Varieties—Early Ohio, Triumph, Cobler. The suggestion is also made that fair officers in making out their premium lists for this year include only the varieties named in the group.

Mrs. D. M. Brown of Minneapolis, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Oscar L. Dent, during the past few days will return to her home this evening.

LAW TO BE ENFORCED

Police Chief Says Autoists Must Observe Speed Regulations.

"There has been one arrest for exceeding the auto speed limits," said George Lane, chief of police, this morning, "and we are going to arrest anyone speeding, traveling on the wrong side of the street or for not turning square corners." Another point which the chief brought out was that concerning license numbers. Each car owner must be provided with a 1915 license, and those who have not secured one will be arrested and will not be permitted to run their cars until one has been received. All cars must be provided with lights as required by law.

ASK COUNCIL TO ASSIST

Clean-up Committee at Meeting Held Yesterday Plans Ordinance to Cover Removal of Garbage.

FOLLOW PLANS OF OTHER CITIES

Much progress is being made by the committees of the Woman's Study club, Merchants' association and Commercial club which are in charge of the details for Bemidji's spring clean-up and as a result of a joint meeting held at the Public Library yesterday it seems that the campaign, which will probably be held the last week in April or the first week in May, will be most successful.

Representatives of the council attended the meeting yesterday, these being present, Frank S. Lyeon, president; Thomas W. Swinson, city engineer; J. M. Phillippi, third ward alderman, and Dr. E. A. Shannon, city health officer. It was decided to ask P. J. Russell, city attorney, to draft an ordinance covering the disposal of garbage and the matter will be placed before the council at the meeting of Monday night.

An ordinance committee was appointed, the following being members: Mrs. E. E. McDonald, president of the Woman's Study club, chairman; C. E. Battles, representative of the Merchants' association; Mrs. G. M. Palmer, representative of the Study club and Dr. E. A. Shannon and Thomas Swinson to represent the city.

E. B. Bertram, who was appointed a week ago to communicate with other cities concerning the methods used by them for the disposal of garbage, has received answers from several, including Duluth, St. Cloud, Grand Forks, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Fargo and Superior. It is expected that the plans will be of much benefit in framing the Bemidji ordinance.

In Duluth the garbage is deposited in covered metal cans of about 20-gallon size and the cost for collection averages about 15 cents to the can.

RUSSIANS LOST HEAVILY IN SIEGE OF PRZEMYSL

Berlin, March 26.—German war officials declare that the Russian losses during the two sieges of Przemyśl totaled 70,000. In citing these losses, the Germans declare, proved that despite the Austrian defense, the ability of the Russians to entrench properly won them victory. They slowly closed in on the defenses, never failing to properly entrench themselves before advancing. Also that the Slavs left row after row of strong defenses upon which to fall back should they be repulsed and thus formed perfect rings around Przemyśl.

Irrespective of this, Przemyśl could have held out for months longer except for the lack of food. The inner forts were undamaged and General Kusmanak surrendered only because, it was reported by wireless, that immediate relief was impossible.

Onion Growers to Meet

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bemidji Onion Growers' association will be held at 10 a. m., next Tuesday at the warehouse. Reports showing the association's financial condition will be read.

GOVERNOR MAY VETO GORDON BILLS PASSED BY HOUSE

Six of "Seven Sisters" Approved by Representatives Will Probably Not Pass Senate.

SEVERAL OFFICES COMBINED

Measure Creating "Inspectors" for Work of Various Departments Fails—To Be Reconsidered.

While it is the general belief in St. Paul that the senate will kill the six bills of Representative Gordon's "Seven Sisters" which passed the house, should the measure be approved it seems more than probable that they will be vetoed by Governor Hammond when they reach his office. The governor favors the economy plan, and it is reported will veto all of the bills with the exception of the budget measure.

The Bills Passed.

Budget plan, modeled on New York law, 118 to 1. Abolishing game and fish commission and putting department under a single commissioner appointed by the governor, 88 to 31.

Abolishing hotel inspector and placing work under dairy and food department, 87 to 9. Abolishing state fire marshal and placing that work under insurance commissioner, 64 to 47.

Placing control of old and new capitol buildings in hands of state board of control, 86 to 15. Abolishing state oil inspector's department and placing work under dairy and food commissioner, 74 to 26.

Debate Was Sharp

The last bill on the list of Gordon measures, the one creating "state inspectors" to do all the field work for various departments, was first amended to cut out the forest rangers, and then failed of passage, 58 to 53, a vote of 66 being required. It was reconsidered, however, and placed on the calendar subject to amendment.

Debate on this bill was sharp. Thomas R. Kneeland, attacked Sam Y. Gordon and C. H. Warner, calling them "petty politicians" and accusing them of putting up deals all the session to block the efficiency and economy bill. Both men replied that they have been absolutely fair with the commission's bill and had not pressed the other measures for passage until it was plain that it could not pass. Knute Wefald ridiculed the state inspector bill and gave a word picture of a state inspector's busy day, inspecting food, oil, boilers, hotels and fire risks, chasing game law violators and "roaming through the woods" as a forest ranger. He thought the authors of the bill ought to copyright the idea for motion picture purposes.

Eighty-Two General Inspectors

The bill provides for eighty-two general inspectors, to be appointed by the governor at \$1,500 each, to handle the work now done by oil, inspectors, game wardens, factory inspectors, food inspectors, dairy inspectors, hotel inspectors, deputy fire marshals and inspectors of the department of weights and measures. Originally this Pool Bah of inspectors was to be a forest ranger, too, but in a lucid interval the house adopted an amendment striking out this feature.

The debate upon it was about the only real excitement the field day for the "Seven Sutherland Sisters" furnished.

Eliminate Wardens

When it came up, Representative Paul W. Guilford of Minneapolis proposed to eliminate from it the game wardens and forest rangers. Representative C. H. Warner of Aitkin, Representative Gordon's lieutenant in the fight, opposed the amendment. He said there would be plenty of inspectors to do all the work necessary. In the first districts of St. Louis, Lake and Cook counties—there is to be an inspector for each senatorial district and a few extra where the area is large—there would be eight inspectors, in Beltrami and Koochiching counties there would be three, and there would be two in the Carlton-Aitkin district. These men could perform all these duties, Mr. Warner declared, especially as game wardens and forest rangers only work part of the year.

REPORTERS GET CHANCE TO TAKE A CHANCE

St. Paul, Minn., March 26.—"Keep everybody away from the falling walls except newspaper reporters," is the instructions Chief McNally today gave his men, for handling a crowd during a fire. He explained that the reporters would have fire line badges and so they can get "the dope."

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



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