

SLAVS OFFENSIVE
POWER SHATTERED

Fall of Lublin, Giving Russian Control of Railway Borders.
Flank, Fails to Trap Rus.

INCREASE HOLDINGS IN RUSSIA

Grand Duke Nicholas May Again Usher Forth Strategy in Retreat—Cuts Warsaw From Brest Litovsk

By J. W. T. MASON.

New York, Aug. 2.—Salvation of a part, if not all of the Russian army, retreating from Warsaw, has been affected through the strategy of Grand Duke Nicholas. The tactics seem to follow the Slav policies throughout the war. The fall of Lublin, which gave the Teutons final command of the railway bordering the Russian southern flank, came too late to catch the Slavs in a trap. Unquestionably Russia's offensive power is shattered, but how long it will remain impotent depends upon the strength of the new defensive line the Germans must form in Poland.

The capture of Lublin by the Austro-German forces had been delayed too long to give Marshal von Mackensen an important strategic advantage. The larger part of the Russian field force has already fallen back to the new Slav battle front, north and south of Brest Litovsk, 110 miles west of Warsaw. If Lublin had capitulated before the Russian army got away, Von Mackensen might have cut off the retreat to Brest Litovsk, but this is now an impossibility.

In Position to Fight.

The Russians had undoubtedly given away at Lublin, in keeping with their general plan of retreat. They are falling back upon Brest Litovsk, and are in excellent positions to fight excellent rear guard actions. It is improbable that Von Mackensen will be able to envelop the Lublin army by crossing the valley at Lublin. However, Von Mackensen compelled the beginning of the final stages of the evacuation of Warsaw and all the Vistula positions must be surrendered immediately, or their garrisons will be surrounded.

The enveloping of Ivanogrod would give the Austro-Germans possession of the railway which parallels the Vistula to Warsaw and thus cut off Warsaw from Brest Litovsk. The Grand Duke Nicholas, however, has become so experienced in directing retreats and Russian strategy is based upon the defensive rather than the offensive tactics, that the Warsaw rear guard probably will succeed in slipping through before the way is barred. The Russians are now clearing out an area of 25,000 square miles. This doubles the previous territorial holdings of the Austro-Germans in Russia.

CLOSE AT NOON SATURDAYS

Bemidji Bankers to Have Shorter Hours During Summer Months.

In most cities of the state the banks close at 12 noon on Saturdays during the summer months and beginning next Saturday Bemidji financial institutions will follow suit. This action follows the circulation of a petition by Oscar Nelson, teller at the Northern National bank, which was signed by every bank official and employee. The petition is signed by A. P. White, president of the Northern National bank; A. G. Wedge, vice-president of the First National; R. H. Schumaker, cashier of the First National; H. C. Baer, cashier of the Security State; W. L. Brooks, cashier of the Northern National; George Strickland, assistant cashier of the First National; George W. Rhea, assistant cashier of the Northern National; R. E. Feir, assistant cashier of the Security State; Oscar Nelson, teller, Paul Howe, bookkeeper, Harold W. White, clerk, and Gertrude Malone, stenographer and insurance manager, of the Northern National; Glen Hunt, teller, and W. F. Eberline, clerk, of the Security State; R. O. Brandon, teller, C. S. Randall, teller, and C. M. Jacobson, stenographer, of the First National.

NEBRASKA DRYS GET READY

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 2.—The dry forces of Nebraska are girding up for a terrific battle during the year 1916. The campaign is to be formally launched at a convention to be held in Lincoln during the latter part of next month. The call for this convention has been issued, signed by 176 citizens of the state.

Both the wet and dry forces plan to wage a hard-fought battle, and speakers of national reputation will take part.

Warships of all nations may pass through the Panama canal, but cannot linger more than 24 hours at either end, in time of war.

MISS HAZEL KEPPORD
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Famous Reader Who Will Give Rendition of the Story, "Polly of the Circus," at Chautauqua.

VOTE ON OPTION TODAY

Koochiching Liquor Question to Be Decided at Polls Today After Hot Campaign—"Drys" Confident.

"WETS" ALSO CLAIM MAJORITY

The hottest county option campaign held in the state since the new law went into effect, was brought to a close today at the Koochiching county polls. Both sides are claiming victory by substantial majorities. It is expected that the rural districts will cast a heavy "dry" majority, while the "wets" will probably capture International Falls.

The villages of Big Falls and Rainier are also considered "wet" territory, but the agents of the Indian bureau have served notice on the Big Falls saloons to close next Saturday, and all the county south of that point is already "dry." The operation of the roadhouse law is also helping to dry up the county, and already has prevented the renewal of licenses to two saloons at Ray, one at Grand Falls and one at Loman. The other county licenses will lapse before the end of the year.

The campaign closed in likely fashion. Congressman C. A. Lindbergh entered the county Friday for the "drys," speaking at Big Falls, Saturday at Little Fork and Sunday at International Falls.

John F. Cunneen of Chicago addressed meetings at Northome, Mizpah, Gemmill, Margie, Big Falls, Little Fork and International Falls. He closed Sunday at Rainier, Erickburg and Ray. The "wets" have been checkmating the "dry" campaign wherever possible by hiring halls away from them and holding opposition meetings.

ATTORNEY BROWN WINS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

By defeating E. H. Denu in straight sets, 6-2 and 6-4, Saturday night, Attorney Montreville J. Brown won the Tennis club tournament and the city championship. In previous rounds Brown defeated W. L. Brooks, George Lindebergh and John Hedges. The doubles tournament will begin during the week.

Deputy Denley Returns.

George Denley, deputy sheriff, returned to Bemidji Saturday from Fergus Falls where he had been on official business. While in Fergus Falls the deputy saw the large barn at the state asylum burn, eleven horses being destroyed. Denley says that the crops in that locality are in splendid condition and the farmers expect the most prosperous harvest in years. He says the rye, barley, wheat, oats and hay look exceptionally excellent.

PROGRESS OF WAR
PLEASING TO ALLIES

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Says That Great Britain Starts Second Year of War Strengthened in Every Way

END CERTAIN TO BRING VICTORY

England's People Now United in Fighting to an Absolute Finish—German Advantage Thing of Past

By SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE, Creator of "Sherlock Holmes," author of "The Lost World," "The Poison Belt," etc.

(Copyright, 1915, by United Press.) (Copyright in Great Britain.) Much may happen between this date and the anniversary of the war, but taking things as they are the allies have every reason for congratulations.

No one can deny that when war broke out Germany had a great numerical superiority of men actually available, and a huge preponderance of howitzers, high explosive shells, machine guns and other necessities of modern warfare. A power which knows that war will break out at a certain date has that certain advantage over powers which only fear that it may come sooner or later. Yet by some miracle the Germans were stopped after a month of great success, and from that balance has gradually come more level.

Has Frightened No One.

This would have occurred sooner had it not been that Great Britain did not get her slow ponderous strength to bear at once. But under the stimulus of foolish Zeppelin attacks and bombardments of watering places, and the murder of fishermen and merchant sailors, there has come a temper in this country which has never been seen before and which enables us now to bend our whole energy to the task without recourse to those methods of compulsion which are hateful to our conceptions of freedom. The war would never have been taken so seriously by our easy-going people had it not been for the mistakes of our enemy in indulging in these senseless brutalities which have frightened no one but which have exasperated every one, so that any government which suggested a compromise would not live for a day. The scandalous treatment of our prisoners (now greatly ameliorated) has helped to the same end.

Is Greatly Strengthened.

The result is that Great Britain will enter the second year of the war greatly strengthened in every way, with her navy unimpaired, her army ten times larger, and her people united in fighting to an absolute finish, cost what it may. That the cost will be heavy in lives and money no one doubts, but the end is as sure as tomorrow's sunrise.

ERECTION OF SILOS SHOWS PROGRESS OF DAIRYING

That the prediction made by many with reference to this section becoming the greatest dairying country in the world is slowly, but surely developing into realization, is evidenced by the numerous silos constructed this summer. Some of the silos now under course of construction are those of C. F. Schroeder, C. W. Seville, Daniels & Mellicke and other are waiting to secure the forms and mixer loaned by the banks of Bemidji.

Richards Visits Bemidji.

J. M. Richards, formerly in the lumber business here, but now located at Spokane, Wash., spent yesterday and today in Bemidji, being enroute to his home from Chicago where he had spent several days on business. Mr. Richards visited the Birchmont Beach summer home while here and complimented George Cochran for his enterprise in erecting such a splendid institution. "The people of Bemidji should give it all the support possible," he said, "for it is of great value to Bemidji."

J. C. Warrington of Kansas City, Mo., spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baumgardner.

CLOSES 24 CONTRACTS

C. W. Jewett Makes Record Ford Sale in Single Day.

In just one day, Sunday, Chad W. Jewett, representative of the Ford motor car company in Bemidji, closed contracts for 24 machines. He cannot remember how many Fords he has sold during the last year, the cars being purchased as fast as they have arrived in Bemidji in car-load lots. In this issue will be found an advertisement for new Ford prices. The touring car for 1916 will sell at \$440, delivered here at \$466.50, and the roadster at \$390, delivered here at \$416.40. Mr. Jewett states that he has several cars on hand now which are ready for immediate delivery. Sunday's contracts were secured in several towns of Mr. Jewett's territory.

TEN SHOOT FOR TROPHY

Members of Rod & Gun Club Take Much Interest in Contest—High Scores at Traps Yesterday.

BAILEY AND BURGESS SECURE 23

With ten shooters anxious to win the bronze trophy which is to be given to the member of the Bemidji Rod & Gun club having the best average in ten shoots, much interest is being taken and several contestants are nearing the finish.

W. A. Gray has the best percentage recorded thus far, according to the averages as kept by Charles Vanderschuer, secretary of the club. The averages follow: W. A. Gray, .840; F. S. Lycan, .830; T. C. Bailey, .810; T. R. Symons, .803; George Krenz, .801; K. Guenther, .800; Ed Ashley, .760; Lars Lind, .760; Dr. E. H. Marcum, .720 and Harry M. Mayer, .705. Mayer has but one more shoot to take part in before he will have participated in the 10 required; T. C. Bailey has shot seven times and T. R. Symons and George Krenz six times each. The general percentage is .783.

The following scores were made at the Sunday shoot:

| | Shot at | Broke |
|---------------|---------|-------|
| T. C. Bailey | 25 | 23 |
| Del Burgess | 25 | 23 |
| George Krenz | 25 | 22 |
| K. Guenther | 25 | 22 |
| T. R. Symons | 25 | 22 |
| H. H. Mayer | 25 | 22 |
| Len Crothers | 25 | 20 |
| H. A. Scharf | 25 | 20 |
| Southworth | 25 | 20 |
| Bert Kallher | 25 | 18 |
| Ed Ashley | 25 | 16 |
| W. K. Denison | 25 | 13 |

Shoots are held at the Douglas mill traps every Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon.

RUSSIAN TROOPS
STILL HOLD WARSAW

(United Press)

Petrograd, Aug. 2.—The Russians are still holding Warsaw, with the Slav armies falling back, fighting the most magnificent rear guard battle in the history of the world.

SAYS AMERICA STANDS LIKE WAITING HEIR

(United Press)

Berlin, Aug. 2.—"Europe, by prolonging the world war, would be committing suicide and making the United States the greatest power in the world," said George Sennel, in an article in Tageblatt. He says America stands like a waiting heir at the death bed of a rich relative. Sending ammunition, said Sennel, was an indication of this attitude.

ROBBERY AT BRAINERD

(United Press)

Brainerd, Minn., Aug. 2.—Using nitro-glycerine to open the safe, robbers entered the office of the Brainerd Brewing company last night and stole \$200 from the safe. The money taken included \$75 in silver and the balance in paper. The robbery took place shortly after midnight, one of the windows being forced to gain an entrance.

SPLENDID PROGRAM
FOR CHAUTAUQUA

Five-Day Vawter Course Will Start Tomorrow Morning—Many Tickets Have Been Disposed of.

LAWSON TRIO OPENING NUMBER

Present Splendid Musical and Literary Entertainment—Miss Keppord and Prof. Kelly Also On Program

Bemidji's first chautauqua will begin tomorrow and there is every indication that it will be most successful. Much interest has been aroused and it is probable that every program will be well attended.

C. E. Kramer, superintendent of the chautauqua, arrived in Bemidji yesterday and he states that the course has met with splendid success in every town in which it has been presented. He announced this morning that the program formerly announced is correct with the exception that Prof. Kelly, a lecturer of great ability, will appear on the opening program.

The Lawson Trio Here.

Other entertainers of the opening program will be the Lawson Trio and Miss Hazel Keppord. At 9 o'clock in the morning a game of ball will be played at the Chautauqua grounds, conducted under the direction of Miss Grace Vollmar, play supervisor.

Secure Tickets Now.

Secure your chautauqua tickets today, while they can still be had for \$1.50, for tomorrow they will be sold for \$2.00 each. The men who signed the contract and made possible this feature week held a meeting Friday and began an active campaign of selling the tickets. E. A. Barker, chairman of the chautauqua committee, reports this morning that the sale is rapidly increasing and that there is little, if any doubt, but what the \$600 advance sale will be covered.

The property man of the Vawter Chautauqua system has been in the city several days and is looking after the erection of the tent and seats on the lots back of the Odd Fellows' building, corner Fourth street and Bemidji avenue.

The Lawson Trio presents to lovers of musical and literary entertainment a splendid opportunity, as great care has been exercised in securing the highest grade of efficiency as well as the most pleasing combination.

The company is composed of Adele Lawson, Gretchen Cox and Ruth Dahly. These three young ladies have such a combination of talent that they are equipped beyond everybody's expectations for giving a program of variety calculated to meet the entertainment requirements of the whole population.

An Accomplished Violinist.

Miss Lawson is first of all an artistic performer on the flute. She is also an accomplished pianist and a singer of rare ability. Miss Cox is a violinist who has made herself

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LINDBERGH TO ADDRESS FARMERS OF ZIPPLE

Congressman Charles Lindbergh, of Little Falls, who represents this district at Washington, will be the principal speaker at the anniversary of the Zippel Farmers' club to be held on Saturday. The Williams band will be in attendance, and the event promises to be a blowout that will be a big one in every respect. Already arrangements are being made by Baudette people to be present, and it is likely that a big crowd will attend. There is a big bunch of boosters in the Zippel district and they are determined to make this the biggest day in the history of their progressive community.

New Pastor Installed.

Rev. W. Riemann, formerly of Faribault, was installed as pastor of the German Evangelical Lutheran church yesterday. Rev. Riemann succeeds Rev. Kurtz of Brainerd, who has held services here during the past year. The German Evangelical Lutherans recently completed a new church in Bemidji.

HERE ENROUTE TO WALKER

State Board of Control Members to Attend Superintendents' Conference.

Charles E. Vasaly and several other members of the board of control, were in Bemidji this morning, being enroute to the state sanatorium at Walker where they will attend the quarterly conference of superintendents of state hospitals which is to be held tomorrow. There will be a symposium on "Sanitation and Medical Work in the State Institutions." Dr. R. N. Phelps, superintendent of the St. Peter state hospital for the insane, will speak on "The Best Form of Building for the Isolation of Contagious Diseases." Among other papers will be found contributions to the study of typhoid by Dr. C. C. Burlingame, assistant superintendent of the Fergus Falls state hospital for the insane, and Dr. E. H. Trowbridge, assistant physician at the Faribault school for the feeble-minded.

COMPLETE PICNIC PLANS

Methodist Church Sunday School Outing to Be Featured by Games—Prizes to Be Awarded.

EXPECT 400 WILL ATTEND

Plans have been practically completed for the annual outing of the Methodist church Sunday school which is to be held at Birchmont Beach Wednesday and it is expected that the affair will be the most largely attended of any ever held.

The first boat will leave the city dock at nine and the second at 9:45, and automobiles will be provided for those who prefer this method of transportation. The picnic is entirely free and the entire congregation, Sunday school and children who are not pupils in other Sunday schools are urged to attend. There will be lots to eat, provisions being made to care for 400.

There will be many games, one being a baseball contest of three innings between the young women and women teachers. There will also be a baseball game between girls of 12 to 16 years of age; of boys from 12 to 16 years old; men's free-for-all 100-yard dash; mothers' race, fifty yards; sisters' and brothers' race, 100 yards; family race, 50 yards; boys' and girls' race, 60 yards; sack race, 50 feet; tug-of-war, women teachers vs. men teachers (the latter being greatly outnumbered); tug-of-war, boys; tug-of-war, girls, and a peanut hunt for the primary department.

Games will also be provided for small children, suitable supervision to be supplied. Prizes will be awarded the winners of all events.

Arrangements will be made so that persons attending the picnic may return in time to be present at the afternoon chautauqua program. The committee in charge of the sports, E. H. Denu, A. T. Carlson and Mesdames E. H. Smith and Fay Head, plan to have something doing every minute of the day.

BECKER FUNERAL HELD IN NEW YORK TODAY

(United Press)

New York, Aug. 2.—The funeral of Charles Becker, was held this morning and was uneventful. Huge crowds gathered at the services. A large floral piece, mounted on an automobile, with letters four inches high, bore the words "Sacrificed to policy."

With her health broken on account of her work trying to free her husband, Mrs. Charles Becker will probably lose her position as school teacher, which is her only means of livelihood.

EASTLAND'S RECOVERED DEAD NOW TOTAL 840

(United Press)

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Chicago labor unions have appealed to President Wilson to supplant the Redfield investigation of the Eastland disaster with one that is not conducted by the head of the commerce department. Three bodies were recovered this morning, making the total known dead 840, with 142 yet missing.

BEMIDJI TO SECURE \$17,000 ARMORY FOR NAVAL MILITIA

Council Will Be Asked to Provide Site and State Will Give \$15,000 Appropriation—Balance From Citizens

PLANS FOR STRUCTURE HERE

Provides Brick Building With Large Drill Hall, Officers' Quarters and Rifle Range—Lake Site Proposed

Within the next year, probably by the first of next June, Bemidji will be provided with an attractive armory. It is to be erected for the Bemidji division of the state naval militia at a cost of approximately \$17,000, \$15,000 of which amount will be appropriated by the state and the balance by the business men of Bemidji.

At the meeting of the city council to be held this evening, E. A. Barker, lieutenant of the Bemidji division, will show blue-prints for the structure, which will be practically the same as the splendid Pine City armory, with the request that the site at the foot of Fourth street on the lake shore be provided for the purpose. This property belongs to the city and is used for park purposes.

Is An Ideal Site.

This site is ideal for the purpose for which it is desired. The main entrance of the building would face Bemidji avenue and the rear would be constructed in an attractive manner, as most of the naval militia's work will be carried on from the lake shore entrance.

A Credit to City.

The armory, should arrangements be completed for its erection, will be a credit to Bemidji. It will be constructed of brick and concrete, will be 120 feet long and 67 feet wide and two stories in height. The finishing will be of birch. Should the council take favorable action this evening Guy A. Eaton, commander of the state naval militia, will recommend the state investment board to allow the appropriation. Captain Eaton has taken much interest in the Bemidji militia and he is anxious that the armory be erected as soon as possible.

A large drill hall, 90-62 feet, petty officers' quarters, quartermaster's rooms, lockers and ladies' retiring room will occupy the main floor of the building. In the basement a rifle range, shower baths and store room will be provided. On the second floor will be found the officers' quarters, club room, kitchen and a spacious balcony, from which the drill hall can be viewed.

Much Interest Shown.

Members of the division already are planning for the armory and much interesting is being shown. The membership of the militia continues to grow.

LA BAW VICE-PRESIDENT

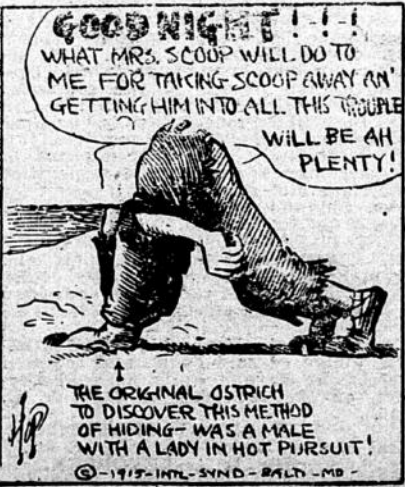
Bemidji District Court Reporter Honored at Duluth Meeting.

Lee A. LaBaw, one of the official court reporters of this judicial district, was honored at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Shorthand Reporters association held in Duluth Saturday, being elected vice-president. When nominated Mr. LaBaw was referred to as being one of the state's most efficient and capable reporters. Willis L. Wyman, also a reporter of this district, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. In his opening address President George B. Hillman of St. Paul, said: "It is our mission to foster the growth and diffusion of knowledge pertaining to shorthand, to promote friendly intercourse among our fellow craftsmen, to elevate the standard of education and shorthand efficiency, to enlighten the public to the nature and difficulty of our work and to represent to the world the practical accomplishments of modern shorthand reporting." Mr. Hillman told how official reporting had developed from an ordinary occupation to one of the most specialized of professions and one of which the general public had but a meager conception.

RUMOR OF MURDER

Information reached Bemidji this afternoon from Walker that Mack Kennedy, sheriff of Cass county, had left that city yesterday by boat for Federal Dam, having been called there by the report that a murder had taken place there. The message also states that a man named Johnson, a former bartender, had been shot and that Indian agents were involved in the shooting. A telegram from the chief of police at Federal Dam says that nothing is known of a murder there.

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



By "HOP"