

PRESSURE FOR PEACE MORE PRONOUNCED NOW THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE WAR BEGAN

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NO DEFINITE SUGGESTION MADE

Countries Engaged in Great Struggle Would Be Forced to Make Concessions—Berlin in Better Position.

By J. W. T. MASON.

New York, Aug. 14.—Pressure for peace is at the maximum point it has reached at any time since the war began. There are indications, too, that the rebuffs which quieted earlier peace suggestions are not as effective now as they were formerly. Despite openly expressed refusals on the part of the belligerents to hearken to proposals for a truce, the plea for peace shows a persistence which must be considered encouraging.

The first stage of vague compromise suggestions, however, has not yet been passed. Contradictory claims as to what would constitute a just peace are being made, and nothing definite has been put forward. There is enormous potential power in neutral opinion waiting to exert itself in favor of peace, but until definite proposals are made concerning a basis for ending the war, neutral influences must be without effect.

In Better Position.

It is probable that an electrifying effect would follow a declaration by the government of any of the belligerents concerning the terms on which it is prepared to make peace. In the very nature of the case, the Teutonic powers are in a much better position than is the quadruple entente to take the first step in this direction. Not only are the Austro-German armies in a stronger military position than the allies, but also there is far more likelihood of Austria and Germany agreeing on a preliminary basis for peace discussion than are England, France, Russia and Italy. It is very improbable, in fact, that the latter powers would come to any agreement in secret at this time concerning reasonable terms for ending the war. Concessions would have to be made with no power willing to sacrifice any of its interests.

Consider Certain Terms.

The Germanic allies are not in so equivocal a position. They, too, would have to abandon certain ambitions in the higher interest of European harmony, but the nature of the concessions and the return sacrifices to be demanded of the enemy could be better formulated in Berlin and Vienna than in London, Paris, Rome or Petrograd. Of course, an extravagant demand for loot would destroy the case for peace and compel the war to be fought to an end mutually exhausted. But there are certain terms which would undoubtedly be considered by neutrals as just and if these were to be publicly announced by any of the belligerents probably the concluding phase of the war would be in sight.

Prince von Beulow is reported to have declared at Hamburg that Germany must have a "proud peace." The surest way to keep Europe fighting to the bitter end of mutual destruction is to talk at this time of a "proud peace." Since his failure at Rome, however, Prince von Beulow has not been in favor with his government. His Hamburg speech, therefore, may fall to interpret the peace spirit of German statesmanship.

* SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES *

Catholic.

Low mass at 7 a. m. High mass at 9 a. m. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Vespers at 8 p. m. Father J. J. T. Philippe.

Methodist.

Morning worship at 10:45. Sunday school at 12 o'clock. A. T. Carlson, superintendent. Jr. league at 3:30. Mrs. Gilman, superintendent. Epworth league at 7:30. Hector Brown, president. Evening services at 8. There will be special music morning and evening. Board meeting of stewards at Dr. Shannon's office, Monday at 2 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 8. All are cordially invited to the services. C. W. Gilman, pastor.

Presbyterian.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.; morning worship at 11 a. m.; young people's meeting at 7:00 p. m.; evening service at 8 o'clock. There will be special music in the morning. Charles Gerlinger, a student of Macalester college and a former Bemidji boy, will preach morning and evening. S. E. P. White, D. D., pastor.

Swedish Lutheran.

Sunday school at 12 o'clock. There will be no other services as the pas-

9,000 WITNESS BIG CIRCUS

Two Performances of Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows Attended by Large Crowds—Showmen Like Bemidji.

AMUSEMENT WAS MUCH ENJOYED

Nine thousand people crowded their way into the large tents of the Hagenbeck-Wallace shows which exhibited in Bemidji yesterday. Nearly 9,000 people witnessed the afternoon performance and at the evening performance about 3,000 attended. The capacity of the tent is between 8,000 and 9,000.

The circus attracted people from many miles around and all were delighted with the show presented, sensational acts being given continuously in several parts of the big tent during the entire performance. The long parade was a real feature.

Comparing with but few exceptions every beast mentioned in history, the menagerie and zoological department of the circus was splendid and represents a monument of the late Carl Hagenbeck, recognized at the time of his death as "animal king." The trained wild animals were exceptional, lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars and a large collection of Polar bears performing wonderful stunts in a steel-girded arena.

In three rings and two elevated stages several hundred performers worked. Almost every civilized country has furnished a star for this circus. Sensational bareback riders, fearless aerialists and gymnasts repeatedly thrilled the large crowds, and fifty clowns added plenty of comedy.

During the morning and after the afternoon performances many of the show people went fishing and boat riding. "Our people surely enjoyed the day," said one of the managers, "and we only regret that we are not to Sunday in Bemidji. We have had the largest crowds here of any city we have been in in two weeks."

The first section of the paraphernalia left Bemidji for Cloquet at 10:25 and the other two left soon after midnight.

STEENERSON MAKES PROTESTS

Congressman Objects to Arrest of Laborers on Canadians Complaint

In the Beltrami county jail four Austrians are being held on the charge that they recently escaped from a Canadian internment camp, and in Kittson county there have been wholesale arrests of laborers as a result of a protest from Canada in which it is claimed that they are Austrian-Canadians and should be deported. As a result of these actions Congressman Steenerson has wired a vigorous protest to the department of Labor at Washington.

The farmers claim some of the men have worked for them in the fall for twelve seasons. The Hallock jail is full and the farmers indignant because of the scarcity of help to save their crops. Concluding his telegram, Congressman Steenerson says: "A protest sent to the state department remains unanswered. Most of these arrests appear absolutely without justification and I hope your department will not assist in the persecution of honest laborers who have right to be here."

tor will be absent from the city. J. H. Randahl, pastor.

Episcopal.

Sunday school at 10. Sermon at 11 a. m. Rev. I. P. Johnson, D. D., of Faribault will preach. Archdeacon Parshall, rector.

Scandinavian Lutheran.

Services in the morning at 10:30. Sunday school at 9:45. No services in the evening. Osmund Johnson, pastor.

Salvation Army.

Sunday school, 2 p. m. subject—"The Devil Possessed Man;" text to learn, Mark 9:23-24; praise meetings, (Continued on last page).

HARVEST PROCEEDS ON MINNESOTA BUMPER CROP

Faribault, Minn., Aug. 14.—Harvesting in Rice county is progressing nicely. In some places a mower is being used to secure the grain, owing to the wet condition of the ground, and the grain is also lodged to some extent. The wheat will be a record breaking crop and never was any better. Some rye has been threshed. One farmer reports that his rye went 35 bushels to the acre. Corn is coming and there will also be a big crop of this farm produce. Potatoes will produce an exceptional large yield.

NOTED AVIATOR TO COME

Joseph Pendhain, Riding \$5,000 Machine, Will be One of Chief Attractions at Beltrami County Fair

MANY THRILLING EXPERIENCES

At last Bemidji is to have a real aviation meet. Joseph Pendhain, one of the most thrilling aviators in the United States, having been named to come here as an attraction for the Beltrami county fair. Accompanied by a staff of mechanics he will arrive with his airplane a day before the fair opens.

He will make long flights and will attain an altitude of not less than 100 feet. He will fly as close to the ground as is possible and the exhibition should prove the most popular arranged program that any aviator could possibly carry out.

The main point in aviation meets is to see how the machine gets off the ground, and in fact inspect the machine itself, as well as to see how close to the ground they can fly, and do just as good work as though they were high in the air. Many people imagine that by standing outside the grounds, they can see the flight, just as well as if they were within the grounds. This is not the case, because it gives a very poor idea of the workings of the machine.

Pendhain has become famous as a fearless aviator and many of his stunts have resulted in narrow escape from death. That he is "some" aviator is shown by his record established by flying from Petuluma, Cal., to Santa Rosa, a distance of between 14 and 15 miles in twelve minutes and 22 seconds.

Charles Schroeder, secretary of the fair association, says that a successful aviation exhibition is guaranteed.

TWO MORE HELD ON BAUDETTE HIGHWAY ROBBERY CHARGE

Two more men implicated in the highway robbery of Mike Domklov at Baudette were brought to Bemidji last evening by George Denley, deputy. Edward Miley and James Ryan are the names of the men accused and they will be held in the county jail here until the grand jury takes action on their case next month. John Libuda and Nellie Mitchell were brought to Bemidji on the same charge by Sheriff Johnson earlier in the week. It is claimed that the four men and the woman were riding in an automobile, when the latter was successful in her attempt to remove Domklov's revolver from his pocket. Then using the gun of his victim Miley compelled Domklov to surrender his money, amounting to approximately \$60. The robbers had expected to find about \$600, Domklov having a large roll in his possession. This turned out to be made up of one and two-dollar bills. Deputy Denley has made four professional trips to Baudette during the last week.

DIFFERENCE OF \$14,999.87 FOR HALF HOUR'S WORK

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 14.—On Sept. 11, 1909, Michael Gibbons, a strong and sturdy tinsmith at the Great Northern shops, received 12 1/2 cents for half an hour's work and he was contented. On September 11, 1915, he will receive \$15,000 for half an hour's work when he will go against Packey McFarland near New York. The highest paid other piece of work he ever did was when he got \$6,000 for meeting Eddie McGoorty at New York on December 4, 1912.

Pioneer want ads are read.

IVERSON TO ENTER RACE

Bemidji Man, on Return From Twin Cities, Says Former State Auditor Will Be Candidate for Governor.

BURNQUIST ALSO CONSIDERED

"It is the general opinion in the Twin Cities that S. G. Iverson will be a candidate for governor," said a Bemidji man on his return to the city from Minneapolis this morning, "and it is expected that his formal announcement will be made soon." Friends of the former state auditor admit that he is willing and predict that he will not allow himself again to be jockeyed out of the race by an elimination convention, or any other device. They say that Iverson entered the elimination convention of last year in good faith and proved it by the manner in which he supported W. E. Lee, the nominee of the convention.

Iverson's supporters contended after the convention, as they had contended before, that Iverson was much the strongest candidate and should have been nominated.

Lieutenant Governor Burnquist also admits that he may enter the race, "at the solicitation of friends." But it is predicted that James A. Peterson of Minneapolis will have the support of Ed Smith and his organization, and that Peterson and his friends will support Eberhart for senator. This combination would be hard to beat. The alliance of the Peterson, Smith and Eberhart forces means practically a re-united Republican party, and its support at the primaries, according to those who favor this ticket.

CARRANZA PLANNED TO RETAKE LAND SECURED BY THIS COUNTRY IN 1847

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 14.—A Mexican prisoner has given United States officers a number of papers purported to be from Carranza in which it was found that he had been modestly planning to reconquer from the United States all the territory Mexico had lost in 1847 when the two countries were at war. It is said that border raids had been planned in order to get all the necessary for wrecking trains and then starting the trouble.

DEFENSE PLAN AT MILL CITY

Father of Bemidji Man is Vice-President of Minneapolis Branch.

Minneapolis has enlisted in a country-wide movement for national preparation against war. Thirty representative citizens at a meeting have organized the Minneapolis branch of the National Security league, and from the Mill City as a center, organization will be carried on in every Minnesota town. A campaign will be started for a membership of 10,000. The National Security league, organized in New York, has some of the most prominent men in the United States enrolled. Joseph H. Choate is honorary president; Alton B. Parker, honorary vice-president, and S. Stanwood Menkin, president. Its purpose is to bring about, through an organization of patriotic citizens, such action of congress as will put the nation on a footing, not for war, but against war. Dr. Cyrus Northrop, president of the Minnesota branch of the national peace organization, was elected honorary president of the Minneapolis branch of the National Security league. E. W. Decker was made president, Judge Ell Torrance, father of County Attorney Torrance of Bemidji, vice-president, Henry Doerr, treasurer, and Col. Ira D. Luce, secretary.

125 KIDDIES SEE CIRCUS

One hundred and twenty-five boys and girls were made happy by the plan of Mayor McCuaig in providing tickets to the big circus. Assisted by a large number of business men, Mr. McCuaig raised a fund from which the tickets were purchased. They were given to boys and girls who could not have otherwise gone to the circus.

CANADIAN DAMS HARM MANY ACRES

Congressman Lindbergh Calls It Invasion of United States With Minnesota as Point of Attack.

WOULD HAVE FEDERAL INQUIRY

Call Attention to Fact That Valuable Meadows and Farms Submerged by Water Backed From Kenora.

Canada has invaded the United States, with Minnesota and Beltrami county as the center of attack, in the opinion of Charles Lindbergh, congressman of this district.

The attack, according to the congressman, consists in the building of two great dams at Kenora, Ontario, which back water in the Lake of the Woods, causing the waters of the lake to overflow thousands of acres of valuable meadow and farming land in Beltrami county and to partially submerge buildings.

Settlers Want Action.

The grass on the meadow lands is destroyed and other crops seriously damaged. The settlers wrote to the congressman, asking if something could not be done to prevent it.

In a letter to the Pioneer the congressman says:

"The invasion of the Dominion of Canada of the agricultural industries of Northern Minnesota should at once be made the subject of inquiry by the Federal government at Washington and by the international boundaries commission, to the end that the farmers in that locality may maintain their rights."

Investigation Shows Damage.

Mr. Lindbergh says that in his investigation he first visited the dams at Kenora, where he found an unnecessary high stage of water maintained. Then he visited the south shore of Lake of the Woods and the country inland. On the Minnesota side he found thousands of farms valued at millions of dollars seriously damaged.

Lands Worth More Than Power.

"The productive value of these lands," he says, "far exceeds the value of the water power—either in Canada or any part of our own country. The Canadian authorities have recognized the wrong done to the American farmers, and some of the timbers have been removed from the banks of the dams." The flood is receding, but he contends that that does not settle the damages already done or guarantee the citizens of our country protection for the future.

Canada Responsible.

"It is claimed that American capitalists are responsible for considerable of this Canadian dam work," he continued, "but that does not materially alter the case, for when Americans operate in this territory that government is responsible."

Serve Private Interests.

In conclusion, the congressman criticizes the dams erected in Northern Minnesota for the storing of water and the prevention of floods. In this connection he says:

"The government, at great expense, built dams at the outlet of Lake Winnipegosis, Leech lake, Gull lake, Pokegama, Sandy lake and Cross lake, and did other work along the streams in Northern Minnesota. Thus far they have served only certain private interests through whose influence their erection was originally secured."

INCORPORATE ASSOCIATION

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 14.—With the stated purpose of bettering farm women's conditions, the Minnesota Farm Women's congress was under incorporation here today. The offices of the congress are in the old capitol building and any farm woman may become a member on the payment of 25 cents.

Mrs. B. M. Gile of Beltrami avenue has as her house guest Miss Charlotte Blecken of Minneapolis, who arrived in the city Thursday evening and will spend a week at the Gile home.

Subscribe for the Pioneer.

SOCIALISTS TO EULOGIZE DEAD COMRADE TOMORROW

In honor of John Ziegler, the Bemidji merchant who lost his life last Sunday while making a heroic effort to save his little daughter, a public memorial will be held in the City hall Sunday afternoon at 2:30 under the auspices of the Bemidji socialists.

There will be talks by W. N. Webber and Morris Kaplan and the band, of which Mr. Ziegler was a member, will attend and there will be other music. The body of Mr. Ziegler was buried at Eau Claire, Wis., the funeral being large, friends and relatives from Minneapolis, Tomahawk, Escanaba and Milwaukee attending.

WILSON UNCOVERS PLOT TO STAMPEDE U. S. IN WAR

Washington, Aug. 14.—In the recent Mexican flurry a plot was discovered to stampede the United States in war. President Wilson uncovered it. Three hours after the arrival of the investigators of the plot had arrived in Washington the Mexican excitement had fizzled.

The names of the plotters are known but have not been announced. It is believed that when Secretary Lansing met with the Latin-American representatives for the purpose of discussing the Mexican situation, it was thought by the plotters that time for action had come. Part of the scheme was to make trouble along the international border.

The administration knows that certain interests long ago had offered sums of money to organize Mexican-Americans along the border, cross the line, then organize and start back again, attempting to make Americans believe that the Mexican army was entering the United States.

The president also learned that foreigners had never been seriously threatened at Vera Cruz. However, less cool heads of the United States navy had been led to believe that it would be necessary to send more warships into Mexican waters.

The Pan-American appeal to all elements in Mexico to cease fighting and join in a sincere movement to restore constitutional government began to go forward from the state department last night. First the document was dispatched in English to Mexico City, directed to the various Latin-American legations whose attaches will translate it into Spanish and deliver it to the military leaders in that vicinity. Today the appeal in original Spanish will be forwarded directly to Generals Villa and Carranza, the governors of all the Mexican states, and many other chiefs in different parts of the country. The text of the appeal will be made public here tomorrow.

With the appeal dispatched, the United States government will institute a friendly and persistent effort to induce the Mexican leaders who thus far have shown a disposition to oppose the movement, to sacrifice their personal views in the common Mexican interest. That General Carranza will maintain the defiance he has indicated in several recent communications to his agencies here on the subject, is expected by the administration, but it is regarded as probable that many of his generals and other adherents can be induced to join in a peace convention.

It is believed here that if a few of the Carranza generals participate in a convention of the factions, it will not be long before organized opposition to a new government should be effectively checked.

With exception of two, all Grand Rapids saloons are still operating, these being the bars of the Pockama hotel and McKewen & McDonald. These places shipped all their stock of liquor, etc., back to the wholesale houses. Agent Nygard of the Great Northern has received notice not to accept any more shipments of liquor for delivery in Grand Rapids.

It is expected that Attorneys McDonald and Barron will appear for the saloon men here Tuesday and that the government will be represented by the United States district attorney.

DULUTH OARSMEN WIN MANY HONORS IN EAST

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 14.—The blue jersey oarsmen from Duluth were the zenith rowers in the first day of the national regatta on the Connecticut river yesterday, making a perfect record of six firsts in six starts. From the time Harberger and Hall captured the intermediate double sculls, which opened the day's sport, until Hoover outdashed six competitors in the quarter-mile sprint which closed the afternoon, the Lake Superior oarsmen were first to receive the cheers, except in the intermediate single sculls, in which they were not represented. It is many years since a single boat club has won so many honors in a single day in the nationals.

TREATY HEARING HERE ON TUESDAY

Grand Rapids Saloon Men Anxiously Await Decision of Judge Stanton—Others Are Interested.

MAY CHANGE 'ZONE' CONDITIONS

Many Believe Towns Now Closed Will Be Permitted to Reopen—"Drys" Count on Favorable Action.

On next Tuesday Bemidji will again be the center of attraction in Northern Minnesota for on that day a hearing will be held here for the purpose of ascertaining why a temporary injunction should not be issued restraining officers of the government Indian department from in any way interfering with the operation of twelve saloons at Grand Rapids, recently closed by Chief Henry A. Larson, under the provisions of the treaty of 1855.

The order was given under the same treaty which is responsible for Bemidji, Walker, Brainerd, Cass Lake, Detroit and numerous other cities and towns receiving the "lid." A restraining order prevented the agents from closing the saloons on July 30, the date named by Chief Larson.

Saloon Men Are Interested.

The hearing here will be held before Judge C. W. Stanton and it seems likely that the case will be decided no matter which way he might decide. Then there is also the possibility that the district court has no jurisdiction in a case of this kind. Taking this view it appears likely that the case will again be fought through the lower federal courts to the highest tribunal of the government, the United States supreme court.

It is claimed by the saloon men, represented by W. W. Barren of Grand Rapids, Elmer E. McDonald of Bemidji and Victor L. Power of Hibbing, that the enforcement of the treaty is not justified at this time in all of the territory included and that it was not intended to control a situation which has now existed.

May Open All of District.

Another reason why the decision of Judge Stanton is being watched with particular interest is because it may have bearing on the reopening of all saloons closed by the government. But such a condition is not expected by the "drys" for they feel assured that no arguments which can now be offered will in any wise alter the decision of the supreme court in holding the treaty valid after a legal battle which lasted for more than four years. In addition the prohibitionists have the much feared county option law to fall back upon.

Saloons Still Open.

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EASTERN CAMPAIGN TO END IN SHORT TIME

Berlin, Aug. 14.—With the Russian center retreating to Kovno and Brest Litovsk line, the second phase of the eastern campaign is rapidly drawing to a close. Marshals von Hindenburg and von Mackensen, the greatest of the German leaders, are attacking the opposing lines. It is believed certain that Kovno must soon fall before the irresistible Teutonic advance.

Critics believe that the eastern campaign will be ended with a few weeks without any attempt made at capturing Petrograd. It is thought here that the Russians have already been sufficiently crippled and will be unable to recover before the allies have been forced into peace negotiations.

GERLINGER TO PREACH

Bemidji Boy Will Fill Presbyterian Church Pulpit Tomorrow.

Charles Gerlinger, who graduated from the Bemidji high school several years ago with the highest honors of his class, and for three years a student at Macalester college, St. Paul, where he is studying for the ministry, will preach at the Presbyterian church tomorrow, at both the morning and evening services. He has won several scholarships at Macalester.

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



The Beans Are Almost Spilled

By "HOP"