

## ENGLAND BELIEVES GERMANY'S DECISION TO MODIFY SEA WARFARE MAY END WAR

Newspapers in London Express Opinion That President Wilson Has Struck Great Blow for Peace.

FULL REPARATION TO BE OFFERED

Should U. S. Claim of Torpedoing of Arabic Be Found as Alleged—Offer Before Lansing.

(United Press)

Washington, Aug. 28.—London information today tells that the papers of that city express opinion that President Wilson has struck a great blow in behalf of peace in inducing Germany to modify its submarine warfare. They believe that Germany is sincere in its promises.

The administration gives Germany credit for absolute good faith in her latest attitude regarding submarine case, in the Arabic case particularly. This statement comes as a denial to reports which have been circulated to the effect that the kaiser is merely seeking to start a controversy with the United States. It now seems that all danger of a German-American controversy is now passed.

Germany's intention to offer full satisfaction to the United States for the sinking of the liner Arabic with the loss of two American lives was communicated formally to the state department yesterday by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, and on instructions from the Berlin foreign office, the ambassador read to Secretary Lansing a memorandum outlining the position of his government.

It promised that if it was found that if the Arabic was attacked without warning, the imperial government not only would promptly disavow the act but would give the United States "full satisfaction." This, it is well known, would have to include reparation for the Americans lost and assurances that such tragedies would not be repeated.

Await Report.

No further developments in the situation are expected now until the submarine commander who sank the Arabic has reported to Berlin. In the meantime, President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, though visibly encouraged and relieved by Count von Bernstorff's assurances, and reports from Ambassador Gerard of his conferences with Foreign Minister von Jagow, are in a waiting attitude.

Before the American government can speak, there must be forthcoming the German disavowal and explanation of what all evidence yet received has seemed to prove was an "unfriendly act."

"It" Causes Anxiety.

About the only shadow over the optimism in official circles today was cast by the "it" in the promise conveyed by Ambassador von Bernstorff. Some officials thought a disavowal by Germany to question the evidence that the Arabic, a peaceful passenger vessel, unarmed and inoffensive, was attacked without warning, might lead to interminable and unsatisfactory negotiations.

Expect German Demand.

German officials have made it plain that their government as soon as it has relieved the strain upon its relations with the United States by limiting submarine activities, will ask that Great Britain and her allies cease interfering with legitimate neutral commerce and thus permit the importation of foodstuffs for the German civil population.

CITY GRANTED NEW TRIAL

Judge Wright Grants Request of Attorney Russell in Damage Case.

Judge B. F. Wright of Park Rapids has granted a new trial in the case of Mike Michelson against the City of Bemidji, in which the plaintiff was awarded a verdict for \$500 during the last term of district court. The case was brought to recover \$1,000 damages alleged to have been caused to property of the plaintiff when the Nymore-Bemidji pavement was placed. Michelson's property is located just on the other side of the Minnesota & International railway tracks, and borders a swamp. He claimed that poor drainage had been provided and that his land lost much in value as a consequence. P. J. Russell, city attorney, who tried the case, entered an appeal. Charles W. Scrutchen represented the plaintiff. The case will be tried again at the term which starts September 14.

Agnes Peterson Visits Bemidji. Miss Agnes Peterson of St. Paul, in charge of the women's department of the state labor commissioner's office, spent today in Bemidji on official business. Miss Peterson is establishing a brilliant record as a state official and the work of her important department is being cared for in a most efficient and capable manner.

## GAME LEAGUE ORGANIZED

Organization Formed Which Will Have for Chief Object Preservation and Propagation of Wild Life.

BEMIDJI AFTER NEXT MEETING

To assist in enforcing the game laws of Minnesota and to aid in the preservation and propagation of wild life in the state, is the aim of the Minnesota Game Protective League, organized at Minneapolis yesterday. Nearly 300 sportsmen from various parts of the state attended the meeting as delegates, Attorney Thayer C. Bailey, who was appointed at Tuesday's session of the Merchants' association, representing Bemidji.

"The meeting was one of much enthusiasm," said Mr. Bailey on his return to Bemidji today, "and I am confident that its activities will result in much good being accomplished in behalf of the preservation of game and good sportsmanship. It is certain that an active interest will be taken in the enactment of state laws for game protection and their enforcement."

Frank S. Lycan, president of the Bemidji council, was elected vice-president of the organization. Attorney Bailey was a member of the committee which drew the by-laws and constitution. The constitution provides that there shall be a president, a secretary and a treasurer.

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TO REBUILD SKOOGLAND HOME

Neighbors of Unfortunate Farmers to Give Help—Bemidji Men Assist.

Alfred Skoogland's home in the town of Northern, which was recently destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt by the farmers residing in that community, work to commence in a few weeks. Mr. Skoogland has considerable timber on his place to supply the logs for a 16 by 24-foot building, the doors and windows to be provided by some of the business men of Bemidji. The day after the fire a meeting was held in the town hall for the purpose of discussing ways and means to assist the Skoogland family, and it was at this meeting that the neighbors decided to offer their services and time in the erection of a new home. The young people of that township will give a play on September 3, the proceeds to go for the benefit of the Skoogland family. The play will be held in the N. G. Reynolds barn, where a similar event took place in the early summer.

TURKEY AND GREECE TO BREAK

(United Press)

Athens, Aug. 28.—In political circles here the breaking of diplomatic relations or possibly even war, which is now almost inevitable, is rumored, between Turkey and Greece. The censor passed a statement that the Venizelos cabinet has sent a sharp protest to Turkey, practically in the nature of an ultimatum, following the persecution of Greek residents in Asia Minor, where the Turks have forced 3,000 Greeks to leave their homes and go into the interior.

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SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES

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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. T. Philippe.

Methodist. Morning worship at 10:45. Sunday school at 12. Jr. league at 3:30. Epworth league at 7. Evening service at 8. There will be special music both morning and evening. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8. All are cordially invited. C. W. Gilman, pastor.

Presbyterian. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.; Morning worship at 11 a. m.; young people at 8 p. m.

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TO SHOW METRO FEATURE

"Right of Way" to Be Produced at Grand Theater Tomorrow.

One of the Metro film company's feature films, "The Right of Way," will be shown at the Grand theater tomorrow. This story, written by Sir Gilbert Parker, has scored a decided hit in the world of the movies. The settings of the picture are beautiful, and the tinting adds greatly to the effectiveness of the whole. The fire scenes, the robbery, the fight in the saloon and the night views are wonderful. There is plenty of action in the story and it has suspense, thrill and romance in abundance. The characters are good. Metro films, shown at the Grand every Sunday, are becoming popular with Bemidji theater goers who appreciate what is good in motion pictures.

RURAL CLUB TO GIVE PLAY

"The Daughter of the Desert" to Be Presented by Town of Northern. Folks—Fund for Skooglands.

ANNOUNCE CAST OF CHARACTERS

"The Daughter of the Desert" is a four-act comedy drama which will be given in N. G. Reynolds' new barn about seven miles north of Bemidji. Friday evening, September 3, at 8 o'clock, by the Young People's club of the Town of Northern. The play was to have been given for the purpose of creating a fund in organizing a permanent club, but will now be used for the benefit of the Skoogland family who lost their home by fire recently.

The cast of characters will be composed entirely of home talent, there being twelve real actors in the cast, not including cowboys and other assistants. The play is taken from the Apache raid in Arizona in 1882, and is full of excitement from start to finish. Mrs. Mary Ogden, Lucy Hopkins, Merlin Reynolds and Clarence Ogden furnish the comedy side of the drama and are well able to carry their respective parts.

The last play given by this club was largely attended by business men and their families from Bemidji and the town of Northern extends a special invitation through the columns of the Pioneer to Bemidji citizens to attend "The Daughter of the Desert." The cast of characters is as follows:

The Daughter of the Desert, Miss Ruth Arlington, Myrtle White; Harold Morton, William Grover; Mrs. Mary Ogden, Serena Blue; Mr. Samuel Hopkins, Merlin Reynolds; Mr. Clarence Ogden, Raymond Hayden; Miss Lucy Hopkins, Jessie Blue; White Bird, an Indian girl, Olive White; Bill Jones, sheriff, Lee Worth; Jim Parker, a Gambler, Glenn Grover; cowboys, etc.

## GERMANS WOULD SPLIT SLAVS INTO 3 SECTIONS

(United Press)

London, Aug. 28.—The Germans are attempting the greatest stroke of the war. By centering large German forces against the weakest Russian spot, they will attempt to split the Slav forces into three sections before winter sets in.

Great masses of men and metal are being hurled against the retreating Slavs and Marshal von Hindenburg hopes to sever the Brestlitovsk armies. Mackensen has reinforced the Austrians who are attempting to rush northward through Kovel. Von Hindenburg's blows have been the heaviest.

The London Times, in an interview with the Russian foreign minister, Sazonoff, said that German attempts to scatter germs of discontent throughout the Russian empire have failed.

A United Press message from St. Paul this afternoon tells of the death of Alonzo Edgerton, assistant attorney general, who died in that city this morning. Mr. Edgerton was well known in Bemidji and has made several official visits here during the last few years.

MAIL ZONES TO CHANGE

Parcels Routed for Distances of More Than Three Hundred Miles to Take Third Rate.

NEW RULE EFFECTIVE SEPT. 1

Bemidji users of the parcel post will be interested in a recent ruling of the postmaster general, effective September 1, which upsets the system which has been used since the law went into effect. As a consequence a corps of mail experts is now working out an intricate mathematical problem. They are calculating the mail distance between some 1,200 postoffices and other points which have been classed within the first and second zones of these postoffices under the parcel post law.

First Zone, 150-Mile Radius.

Under the present plan all points within 150 miles of a given postoffice "as the crow flies" take the first zone rate regardless of how far the mail must be carried to reach such a point. The new ruling provides that where the mail may be carried more than 300 miles it must take the third rate zone.

The local division of the railway mail service, which includes the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas and Northern Michigan, have 1,200 postoffices affected by the new order.

Some Rates Will Go Up.

The experts who have been working out the problem came upon two postoffices in western North Dakota which are within a few miles of each other, but the mail route between them is 310 miles. The new order requires that parcel post packages between these points take an increased rate. In eastern Wisconsin there are many postoffices which are less than 300 miles from other towns across the lake in Michigan, but mail between them has to travel several hundred miles. Rates will be increased between such places.

As there are but a few days in which to arrange the new rate scheme, the mail experts have been compelled to give up proposed vacations and endeavor to work out the tedious problem.

## BISHOP HEFFRON TO RECOVER FROM ATTACK

(United Press)

Winona, Minn., Aug. 28.—The Rt. Rev. Patrick R. Heffron, bishop of the Winona diocese of the Roman Catholic church, has a fair chance to recover from the two bullet wounds inflicted by a crazy priest who crept into the private chapel at St. Mary's college where Bishop Heffron was celebrating mass, and fired upon him at short range with a small calibre revolver.

This afternoon a bulletin issued from the bishop's bedside by attending physicians announced that the patient was resting comfortably and that he probably would recover, but that the outcome would be in doubt for several days because of the possibility of complications.

The would-be assassin, L. M. Lesches, is locked in jail with a heavy guard over him. The bishop was in his private chapel when Father Lesches, evidently laboring under the delusion that he had been treated unfairly because he had not been assigned to a parish, entered and made his way forward so quietly that the bishop was unaware of his presence until the shots were fired.

DANCE THIS EVENING

Regular Weekly Social Affair of Birchmont Beach Hotel to Be Held.

There will be a dance at the Birchmont Beach summer hotel this evening, the date of the regular weekly social affairs being changed from Wednesday to Saturday nights. A large number of Bemidji people plan to attend the dance and Captain MacLachlan announces that the "City of Bemidji" will make special trips to the beach. It is expected that the Saturday night dances will be more popular than those held on Wednesdays and if the affair this evening is a success next week's dance will be held on the same day.

## ENGLAND TAKES BIG STEP IN PEACE PLAN

Foreign Secretary Discusses German Demand for Freedom of Seas and Admits It is a Fit Subject.

ALL MUST BE BOUND BY PLEDGES

Premier Viviani of France and Sir Edward Grey Have Different Moods for Receiving Peace Suggestions.

By J. W. T. MASON.

New York, Aug. 28.—Premier Viviani of France and the British foreign minister, Sir Edward Grey, have answered in entirely different moods in tentative peace suggestions which are coming from Germany.

The French prime minister's reply is a vague reference to France's resolve to fight until Belgium is freed and Alsace and Lorraine are reconquered. Sir Edward Grey goes much further than his patriotic generalities. With the instinct for statesmanship which he possesses in large measure England's foreign secretary discusses the German demand for freedom of the seas and admits it is a fit subject for negotiations. This, indeed, is the longest step toward peace England has taken since the war began. Sir Edward links the demand for freedom of the seas with the counterproposal for limitation of armament and with a suggestion for universal peace. Germany must be bound by pledges as well as England, says Sir Edward.

Must Abandon Effort.

Germany also must abandon any effort to collect a war indemnity from the allies and must not attempt to impose her will on the world—which means, in all probability, that peace terms cannot be dictated by Germany, but must be made in a general agreement. While not reiterated by Sir Edward Grey, England will require the evacuation of Belgium as part of the price of peace; but the future status of Alsace and Lorraine must be a secondary matter for the British empire. If France cannot recover her provinces by herself, England would scarcely be justified in killing off her own male population to make a territorial gift to the French.

Arouses Interest.

Premier Viviani's declaration that the war shall continue until Alsace and Lorraine are won is not, in all probability, arousing much interest in Berlin. The speech was addressed to the chamber of deputies, which is growing restless under the strain of an indecisive conflict, rather than to the German foreign office. But Sir Edward Grey's statement is altogether different. It is a reply to the German chancellor's address to the reichstag.

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## CANADA HAS SENT 70,000 TO FIGHT WITH ALLIES

(United Press)

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 28.—Sir George E. Foster acting premier of Canada, and minister of trade and commerce, told the United Press today that Canada has sent 70,000 trained men to Europe and has 80,000 more in training.

HONOR VON HINDENBURG TODAY

Berlin, Aug. 28.—Berlin today unveiled a great statue of General von Hindenburg, the German military idol. The shaft and figure stand nearly forty feet high. The unveiling was set for today in commemoration of the first anniversary of the battle of Tannenberg, when the Russians were first thrown back in East Prussia.

BRYAN IN PEACE CELEBRATION

New York, Aug. 28.—With William Jennings Bryan on the program for a speech, the festival of the National Peace League opened at Sulzer's Harlem River park today, to last till September 4. Other prominent men were scheduled to speak. Monday, the woman's suffrage party will participate.

## MINNESOTA COULD PREVENT 11,000 DEATHS ANNUALLY

"The public is horrified at the loss of life in such disasters as befell the Titanic, Lusitania and Eastland, but little attention is given to the fact that every year there are 11,000 preventable deaths in Minnesota," declared Dr. H. W. Cook of Minneapolis in discussing a recent meeting at which he urged support for the Minnesota Public Health association.

Dr. Cook, who was elected president of the association, added that there is no public question in Minnesota today so vital as that of health. "When the public becomes educated to and interested in the question of health and shows a disposition to aid in the fight against disease, the death rate decrease will be nothing short of amazing," he said.

NOVEL POINT IN LAND CASE

Cheyenne Man Causes Writ of Mandamus to Be Issued in Attempt to Regain Beltrami Property.

TAX JUDGMENT CAUSES LAWSUIT

J. L. George, county auditor, has been served with a writ of mandamus, issued upon the order of Judge C. W. Stanton, requiring him to show cause why he should not issue to the fee owner of a 360-acre tract of land in this county a certificate of redemption from a tax judgment sale of the land.

The situation is novel and interesting. The land is owned by J. R. Carpenter, a resident of Cheyenne, Wyo. He had arranged with a local resident to pay the taxes in consideration for the use of a portion of the land, and for a number of years took it for granted that such agreement was being faithfully carried out. As a matter of fact, though, the taxes were not paid and tax judgments therefore were duly entered and sold. The purchaser of the tax certificates then had the county auditor issue the formal notice of the expiration of the period of redemption.

This notice was served by publication, the services becoming complete on July 23, 1914, which entitled the owner to sixty days thereafter in which to redeem. Shortly before this sixty days' period expired the owner learned of the situation and wired from Cheyenne to the county auditor for information. The county auditor, through one of his deputies, immediately advised him that it required \$302 to redeem and that September 23, 1914, was the last day for redemption.

The owner then remitted to the auditor \$310 to cover the required amount, interest and costs. This was received by the auditor on September 22. At this juncture the owner of the tax certificates objected to the redemption on the ground that the sixty days' redemption period had expired on the day previous, September 21, and that his tax certificate had then ripened into title.

The county auditor accordingly refused to issue the certificate of redemption to the owner, and hence the litigation. Judge Marshall A. Spooner, of this city, represents Carpenter in his effort to pay the tax and have his title restored. The matter is to be heard in district court here on September 15.

STATE SPENDS \$6,771,898

29 Institutions Cost This Amount to Operate During Year.

The state spent \$6,771,898 to maintain its twenty-nine institutions during the fiscal year ending July 31, according to warrants received by Walter J. Smith, state treasurer. The five normal schools cost the state \$460,074 and the five institutions for the insane \$1,335,329. The University of Minnesota spent \$2,192,552, and the agricultural college \$494,082. These figures are from the annual report of the treasurer, which will go to the printer in a few days.

Reports from Vienna say the Austrians will consign to the munitions melting pot the great bell of the dome of St. Etienne, cast in 1711 of bronze from 180 cannon taken from Turkey.

## WORKERS NEEDED IN HARVEST FIELDS

Fargo Agency Says Hundreds of Men Must Be Secured if Crops Are to Be Moved—Officials Cause Trouble.

SHOULD RESTRAIN ACTIVITIES

Bemidji Employment Offices Have Orders for Road Work—Plenty of Work for Everyone Now Idle.

Thrashing in North Dakota and Northern Minnesota is being delayed by the lack of laborers and the cry for more men, hundreds of them, is constantly heard. From Fargo comes a loud appeal for men and W. B. Sherman, of the Western Employment Agency, in a letter to the Pioneer, says:

"If you have any idle men in Bemidji who want to get rich quick, send them to Fargo. We need hundreds of men for thrashing the largest crop North Dakota has ever had. Good wages and no men. Thrashing will be on in full blast, if we get the men by the last of next week. Make a noise."

They Are Needed Here Also.

There is no excuse for men being idle now, for not only do the harvest fields need laborers, but the employment agencies in Bemidji have jobs for a large number on road construction. Charles Dailey, Ben Lundgren and I. B. Olson have cards out calling for nearly 100 men.

Appeals to Governor.

Harvest hands who have been deported from Kittson county to Canada were sent over the line by United States immigration authorities, according to a letter received Friday by Governor Hammond from R. V. Blethen, county attorney of Kittson county.

It was reported to the governor that the farmers complained Canadian officers were sending the men back across the line.

"The Federal officers have been deporting foreigners who did not carry passports," said Mr. Blethen. "I have not been informed that Canadian officers were acting in the matter."

Austrians Work for Farmers.

"Along the Canadian side of the boundary are many Austrians. Some are citizens, while others are merely domiciled here. During harvest time they have been in the habit of crossing the line to work for the American farmers in Kittson county."

"They have entered illegally before this year, but nothing was ever done toward sending them back across the line. Hard times in Canada this year added to the number of men coming across the line to work. When so many more men came across the boundary the Federal officers became active."

Deported Men Are Needed.

"The deportation of the harvest hands caused serious inconvenience to the farmers. Many of the Austrians worked for the same farmers each year and had grown to be depended upon. Labor has always been scarce here during the harvest season."

"The fact that many men came over the line from Canada did not deprive local labor from getting employment. I would suggest that the foreigners be let alone and be allowed to aid in the harvest work here."

## HOLD FAIR AT BAUDETTE

Two Days' Exhibit of Farm Produce to Be Held in Hustling Border City, September 14-15.

PREMIUM LIST READY SOON

Farmers of Northern Beltrami county, in addition to aiding the county fair, are to hold a big exhibit at Baudette, to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, September 14 and 15. A live committee has been appointed to arrange the details.

Rev. F. D. White is chairman and with him are C. S. Dahlquist and William Robertson. They will have a large number of sub-committees assisting them.

At one time it was proposed to give Williams the fair this year but arrangements were not completed. The premium list and other details will be ready within the next few days and there is every indication that the fair this year will equal if not surpass any previous exhibition at Baudette.

Among the features will be an exhibit by the post office department showing the various devices used by farmers in shipping produce by parcel post.

J. D. Hamlin and J. B. Buitman, prosperous and hustling farmers of the Nebish vicinity, were Bemidji visitors yesterday, making the trip here by team.

## SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



## The Boss Will Now Take It Easy For Awhile



## By "HOP"

