

BEMIDJI MAN ASKS CONGRESSMAN TO EXPLAIN ACTION

J. J. Opsahl, President of 1855 Treaty Enforcement League, Writes Congressman Lindbergh.

DEMANDS THAT INDIAN TREATIES BE ENFORCED

Asks That Representative Take No Action That Would Lead to Annulment of Treaty.

As a result of a letter written a short time ago by Congressman C. A. Lindbergh to a Brainerd man, saying that he was in favor of abrogating the Indian treaty, much action has been taken by local men in favor of the treaty to oppose the annulment of the treaty.

Sunday a Law Enforcement organization was formed in Bemidji. Today, J. J. Opsahl, president of the 1855 Treaty Enforcement League, wrote a letter to Congressman Lindbergh asking him to explain his action.

Mr. Opsahl's letter is as follows: Bemidji, Minn., Feb. 21, 1916. Hon. C. A. Lindbergh, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Have noted the newspaper reports on your 1855 Indian treaty comment in which you are quoted as follows: 1st. That you will introduce a bill to revoke the treaty if the majority of the people of your district demand it.

2nd. That this treaty is obsolete and has outlived its usefulness. 3rd. That the dignity of the state is affected.

As you are generally frank in your declarations, I would like to have a little more information on these three points raised by you.

1st. In which way are you to determine the majority's wishes? Two years ago several thousand from this district sent your requests to go to the interior department and ask for enforcement of the 1855 law, as "home protection."

2nd. On the point of obsolescence: How about the fact that we have at the present time more Indians in this part of Minnesota than in 1855, if Indians are the only consideration, but have not you, as well as a few others overlooked the fundamental principle and purpose of the treaty, "its home protection?"

When the commissioners representing congress met with the Indian chiefs to negotiate the treaty, it was done for the purpose of securing this vast tract of agricultural forest and mining land area, for homes for citizens of the United States, irrespective of color of skin, and no doubt the chiefs looked forward to the day that at least part of red brothers would live there as good, full-pledged citizens of the United States as any immigrant from a king's or kaiser's realm across the Atlantic, and the conditions of these chiefs, which was accepted and ratified by congress, was that the "Big Father" could have these lands as the homes for the citizens of the United States, red or white, but one of the conditions was that "boozie" should be kept out of the district. The Indian wards were selling the lands and moving out as one of the conditions. Whites were expected to move in, and the purpose was to keep "boozie" away from the red and white alike, and the commissioners as well as the chiefs agreed that: Boozie never had, and never would tend to make better Indians, better homes, better citizens, miners, bankers, lumbermen, railroad men or farmers.

Now, has the treaty become obsolete because of the fact that citizens of the United States moved in, as expected by the chiefs and congress, or has it been proven that the old chiefs and our former congress were mistaken in their contention that boozie was detrimental to moral, industrial and happy home development?

Will your arguments on the obsolescence of the 1855 treaty be based on that the chiefs erred, and that boozie is now needed to build more happy homes, to raise better boys and girls, produce better railroad, farm, mill and mining laborers, or better bankers and legislators? If you can prove this we will not oppose the abrogation of the 1855 treaty.

3rd. As to your point that the dignity of the state is affected, I was a little surprised. The first paragraph of the official oath of office of the governor of Minnesota, the chief sponsor for the state's dignity and honor, swears, first, to uphold and enforce the laws of the Federal union, then of the state, and if he wishes to be true to his oath of office there would be no need of martial law in this part of the state to fight the invading boozie enemy, because the government has ample power through the state, county and municipal departments, if he has the

will and backbone, as well as the honor of the state at heart, and the same holds true with other officials over which the governor holds executive power. It should be clearly settled and understood that the special Federal officers in this district are not here of their own or the department's own accord to force department or Federal orders upon the district. But they are here upon the demand and request of the citizens of the United States and the state of Minnesota, who demanded of the Federal government to enforce the law where the state has failed or side-stepped its sworn duty, and it may be well to advise you and your friends that up to date the Federal department and the Federal officers have not closed a single town in the treaty zone except upon strong demands from citizens of the state of Minnesota to do so. Those citizens acted within their full legal rights, and I firmly believe you and others of your friends could do the most good for the honor and dignity of the state of Minnesota by going to the governor and brace him up or back him up to do his full duty as a citizen of the Federal union, as well as of the state, and for the state of Minnesota and its citizens to obey the Federal as well as the state laws.

I have been frank to you as our representative in this matter, and will appreciate a prompt and frank reply. Yours truly, J. J. OPSAHL, President 1855 Treaty Enforcement League.

BEMIDJI MAN IS FOUND GUILTY ON LIQUOR CHARGE

William Knutson, Bartender for Lars Lind, to Be Sentenced This Week.

LARS LIND IS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY JURY

Case Against Fred Anderson of Nymore is Taken Up in District Court.

William Knutson, a bartender at the Lars Lind soft drink parlor, was found guilty in the district court yesterday of selling liquor without a license. He will be sentenced by Judge Stanton this week.

Federal Officers Interested.

The evidence against Knutson was secured through Special Federal Officers Clement Gibbert and J. W. Nelson. The attorneys for Knutson were Henry Funkley and J. F. Gibbons and County Attorney Graham M. Torrance presented the case for the state.

Found Not Guilty.

Lars Lind, who was tried on a charge of selling liquor without a license was found not guilty by a jury on that charge. It was found that he was in the country the day that the Federal agents, who made the charge, claimed that they purchased whisky from him. Attorneys Funkley and Gibbons represented Mr. Lind.

Anderson Case Up.

The case against Fred Anderson of Nymore who was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of selling liquor without a license was taken up in the district court today. Attorney Charles W. Scrutchin is representing Mr. Anderson.

BODY IS SHIPPED TO KENTON, OHIO

The body of Clement D. Hall, who died Jan. 9 of pneumonia, was removed from the local cemetery and shipped this morning to Kenton, Ohio. Miss Luella Hall, a daughter of the deceased, accompanied the body to Kenton.

Williams Beggley of Kelliher is visiting as the guest of friends in Bemidji today.

I. P. Batchelder left this afternoon for Solway to attend to business matters.

POSTOFFICE AT HEAD OF LAKE NAMED LAVINIA

Government Changes Name From Northern After Many Months' Consideration.

CLAIMED NAME WOULD CAUSE MUCH CONFUSION

Postoffices by Same Name in Iowa and Tennessee; People Now Satisfied.

After many months of consideration the postoffice department has decided to change the name of the postoffice at Lavinia from Northern to Lavinia. Word to this effect was received from the postoffice department this morning by Attorney E. E. McDonald.

Named Northern.

Last fall residents of Lavinia petitioned for a postoffice. The Federal authorities refused to grant them a postoffice under the name of Lavinia on account of other places being called Lavinia. It was pointed out that there was a Lavinia in Iowa and another one in Tennessee and that the allowing of the name of Lavinia here might cause much confusion. The postoffice was opened and named Northern by the government.

Residents Protest.

The name Northern caused much confusion on account of a settlement here by the name of Northern. All letters to residents of Lavinia were addressed to Northern and unless they had a corner card were sent to the dead letter office. If the envelopes had corner cards they were returned to the sender with the mention of "no such postoffice."

To Be Changed.

Attorney E. E. McDonald took up the matter for the residents of Lavinia and wrote to the Federal authorities. He pointed out the disadvantages of calling the postoffice Northern and asked that a change be made. After many letters had been exchanged the government in a letter received this morning, yielded and stated that the postoffice will be named Lavinia. The change will be made immediately.

NAVAL MILITIA TO DRILL WEDNESDAY

Owing to the small attendance at the regular weekly drill of the naval militia company last night every member of the company has been ordered to report for drill Wednesday evening. No excuses will be accepted and absence from the drill will mean an unexcused absence. Five such absences result in a dishonorable discharge.

KELLIHER MAN TO SERVE 30 DAYS

John Simer of Kelliher was brought to this city this morning in custody of Constable Dougherty and was lodged in the county jail to serve a 30-day sentence on a disorderly charge. He was sentenced by a justice of peace of Kelliher.

BEMIDJI OBSERVES WASHINGTON'S BIRTH

While no public demonstration was held today, Washington's birthday was generally observed in Bemidji.

It being a legal holiday the public schools, banks and several public offices were closed all day. The general delivery department of the postoffice was also closed.

The Swedish Lutheran church will give a program on Washington tonight at the church.

TELEGRAPH NEWS

Berlin—Ambassador Gerard's colic was broken accidentally this morning while skiing. He has been taken to a Berlin hospital.

Berlin—(Official)—German troops have captured 800 yards of French trenches and 326 prisoners in a battle near Souchez.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Australia is ready to send 300,000 more troops fully equipped and trained to aid the British before the end of the year, according to a statement made today by Prime Minister Hughes of Australia.

New York—Henry Morganthau, United States ambassador to Turkey, returned today from Constantinople for a 60 days' vacation to acquaint himself with American affairs. He denied rumors connecting him with the war secretaryship.

Milwaukee—Police today received notice that Jean Cronos, the poison chef, is hiding in this city. They are investigating.

Washington—The British embassy will send home office notice and warnings to Americans not to sail on the French liner Espagnes which is due to sail from New York Friday.

St. Paul, Minn.—Petitions signed by 72 Minnesota editors were signed and mailed today to Frank B. Kellogg, urging him to become a candidate for United States senator.

New York—Five burned to death in a fire in a theatrical boarding house here this morning.

Athens—Ephesus, ancient city of Asia Minor, is the latest Biblical city to feel the effects of the war. Constantinople reported this afternoon that three allied warships were bombarding the city. None of the famous buildings have been damaged.

London—Falling back on a 200-mile front, the Turks are threatened by British reinforcements coming to the relief of the British garrison at Kut-el-amar. Russians are forcing the Turks back. The Turks are evacuating everything between Erzerum and Mush.

London—The British steamer Hingley, displacing 580 tons, has been sunk. Several lives were lost.

Washington—The end of informal negotiations between Lansing and Bernstorff and a dispatch to Berlin calling for an unequivocal assurance regarding submarine warfare, was practically officially decided today. The only thing that can prevent this program is the arrival from Berlin of official assurances that the new submarine program will not be put into effect March first.

Berlin—Nowhere there exists the slightest desire to withhold the German submarine campaign on account of the new Americans objections. There is a general feeling that the Americans must suffer the consequences if they embark upon belligerent merchantmen carrying arms after March first. Newspapers have reserved comment.

London—The house of commons last night passed new votes of credit to the amount of \$2,100,000,000. This is expected to carry the war to the end of May, bringing the total sum appropriated by means of votes of credit since the outbreak of the war to \$19,410,000,000.

Washington—National preparedness took a long step forward in congress yesterday when the house military committee reached an agreement on the outline of the Garrison army bill. It will unanimously be presented for passage.

New York—Ten people were killed and sixteen were injured this afternoon in a triple smash on the New Haven road near Milford, Conn. The passenger train stopped near Milford on account of a defective air hose, a special passenger crashed into the rear and an extra freight train a few minutes later crashed into the wreckage.

SECTIONAL DEBATE TO BE HELD HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

Bemidji is Designated as Place for Discussion Contest for State Meet.

SEVEN SCHOOLS TO BE REPRESENTED

Winners to Macalester College to Battle for State Title.

Bemidji will be the scene of the sectional discussion contest to be held here tomorrow night in which seven schools will take part. The sessions will be held at the high school auditorium and the winner will go to the Macalester college meet in St. Paul to contest for the state title.

Gainey for Bemidji.

The schools to be represented here tomorrow will be Bemidji, East Grand Forks, Fosston, Bagley, Park Rapids, Akeley and Walker.

Daniel Gainey will represent the Bemidji high school. He was the selection at a recent class contest held here.

In Four Districts.

The state has been divided into four districts to contest for the prizes offered by Macalester college of St. Paul. Bemidji is the center of one district. Other districts are around Mankato, Willmar and St. Cloud. Prizes will be awarded and if the contest at St. Paul proves a success the meet will be held each year.

Tomorrow night each speaker will be given eight minutes to present his argument and three minutes for a rebuttal.

The judges will be Judge C. W. Stanton of the district court, W. E. Peik, superintendent of schools at Blackduck, and R. F. Ross, superintendent of schools at Walker.

FUNERAL OF JACOB FISHEL IS HELD

A delegation of the Bemidji chapter of the Odd Fellows lodge left this morning to attend the funeral of Jacob Fishel, who died the latter part of last week at his home near Bemidji of cancer. The funeral was held at two o'clock this afternoon from the Norwegian Lutheran church of Wilton.

BEMIDJI QUINTET TO LITTLE FALLS

The Bemidji high school basketball team went to Little Falls this morning to meet the high school team of that place tonight. The local boys were confident of victory this morning when they left for Little Falls.

"We will come back victorious," said Captain Tanner.

The lineup will be the same as in the St. Cloud game Saturday night. Bemidji has secured 177 points against 73 points for its opponents in the four games played for the Sixth district title. The results of the four games are as follows:

Bemidji 53, Akeley 14. Bemidji 27, Brainerd 30. Bemidji 46, St. Cloud 14. Bemidji 51, Little Falls 15.

BEMIDJI DEALERS TO HARDWARE CONVENTION

R. L. Given of the Given Hardware company and Mayor-elect Vandersluis of the Bemidji Hardware company left last night for Minneapolis where they will attend the annual Hardware Dealers' convention.

J. O. Harris, hotel proprietor of Kelliher, is in Bemidji today on business. He is attending the district court.

THE WAY THE WIND BLOWS

President Hadley of Yale says: "I am strongly in favor of Switzerland's system of short compulsory military service for every able-bodied man. It is a good way of bringing home to every one the lesson of political duties to his nation. The experience of Switzerland shows that a democracy such as ours can have that service without militarism."

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MEN OF GRIP TO BANQUET NEW MAYOR

U. C. T. Bemidji Council No. 513 to Honor C. W. Vandersluis.

TO BE HELD AT MARKHAM HOTEL SATURDAY EVENING

All Travelers Invited; New Mayor Formerly a Knight of the Road.

The U. C. T. Bemidji Council No. 513 will give a banquet at the Markham hotel next Saturday evening in honor of Mayor-elect C. W. Vandersluis.

Member of Order.

Mayor-elect Vandersluis is a member of that order and was for many years on the road as a representative of a Minneapolis hardware house. He retired from the road slightly over a year ago when he opened a hardware store in this city.

Program Not Completed.

The program for the banquet has not been completed. The toastmaster has not been selected. It is expected that the program will be completed tomorrow. Mayor-elect Vandersluis will probably give his first address since his election to that office, at the banquet.

The number of guests will be limited, plans being made to entertain about fifty. Visiting U. C. T. members have been invited to attend.

MASONS TO HOLD ANNUAL HOP TONIGHT

The Masonic Lodge No. 233 of Bemidji will give its annual informal dance tonight at the city hall.

The hall has been beautifully decorated and Burchard's seven-piece orchestra has prepared a special program of music for the occasion.

All visiting Masons in the city are invited to attend.

MANY PEOPLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WEEK

Many people are taking advantage of Pay-Up Week during this week in Bemidji, are paying their accounts and are securing bargains at the Pay-Up Week sales. Several merchants reported that their collections were very good and that before the week is ended a large amount of debts will have been settled.

Bismarck, N. D.—The state board of regents has elected President J. H. Worst of the State Agricultural college at Fargo, president emeritus of that institution, effective July 1, which marks the close of his 20 years' service as president.

CITY COUNCIL CANVASSES CITY ELECTION RETURNS

No Changes Made When City Fathers Meet in Special Session.

JUDGES APPOINTED FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

Same Voting Places Are Named; Alderman Miller Presides as Chairman.

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID

Canvassed city election returns.

Named judges for presidential primaries.

Named voting places for presidential primaries.

The Bemidji city council met in special session at the city hall last evening, canvassed election returns and named the judges and polling places for the presidential primaries to be held March 14.

Miller Presides.

At the meeting last evening Alderman Miller was elected to preside in the absence of President Lyan.

A committee of three, composed of Aldermen Bailey, Foucault and Phillip, was appointed to canvass the votes of the city election. Upon the recommendation of the committee the records were registered without alteration.

No Changes Made.

Those who were elected are mayor, C. W. Vandersluis, city clerk, George Stein, city treasurer, George W. Rhea, city assessor, T. J. Lloyd, alderman of the First ward, J. P. Lehr, alderman of the Second ward, Tom Smart, alderman of the Third ward, Paul Foucault, alderman of the Fourth ward, R. E. Miller.

Same Judges Named.

The same judges and voting places were named by the council for the presidential primaries to be held March 14.

The polling places and judges are: First ward—Miller's store, George Kirk, Bert Getchell, R. C. Hayner; Second ward—Fire hall, A. A. Carter, E. J. Gould, J. G. Williams; Third ward, log building in rear of Dicaire's store, P. M. Dicaire, J. Ripple, H. A. Whitney; Fourth ward—Dalton building, H. E. Anderson, Perle Davis, J. E. Cron.

SCHOOL HEAD TO SPEAK AT INSTITUTE

W. P. Dyer, superintendent of the Bemidji schools, will deliver an address Friday afternoon at the Koochiching county teachers' institute to be held at International Falls. The institute will also be held on Saturday.

BARKER GIVES TALK AT JEWELERS' MEET

E. A. Barker, president of the Bemidji Merchants' association, left last night for Minneapolis where he will deliver an address today at the Jewelers' annual convention. The subject of Mr. Barker's address is "Commercial Clubs and Their Interest to the Community."

In his address Mr. Barker outlined the growth of the Merchants' association here and told of the questions that confront the association. He told of the merchants meeting with the farmers' clubs of this city and advocated the "buying at home" policy.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 14

The presidential primary election will be held in the state of Minnesota, March 14.

Notification has been received at the court house of the candidacy of four men for the office of delegate to the national convention of presidential electors. The candidates are Charles Hayden of Blackduck, E. H. Jerrard and Paul Dehnel on the Republican ticket, and H. C. Baer on the Democratic ticket.

A. A. D. Rahn is a candidate for elector-at-large on the Republican ticket.

Kenneth the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dugas is ill at his home with pneumonia.

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