

LIMITED SURVEY SHOWS CLEANLY PLACES, BUT CAMPAIGN MOVES ON

Members of Junior Commercial Club Report Several Unsanitary Spots.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CREWS BEGIN WORK

Vacant Lots, Lake Shore Park, Alleys and Other Abodes of Dirt Cleaned.

Not so dirty, after all, is Bemidji on the surface.

This was the conclusion today of members of the Bemidji Junior Commercial club which is in charge of the clean-up campaign which is being inaugurated in Bemidji today—the day set aside by Governor J. A. A. Burnquist as clean-up day in the state.

Students in Charge.

This afternoon crews in charge of high school students are waging war on all unsightly spots which were centrally located by the club members this morning.

The campaign for sanitation, for city cleanliness, was marked by a great enthusiasm and extensive co-operation on the part of the public.

Many Paint Homes.

Already many householders have cleaned yards, alleys, sheds and other abodes of dirt. Many have decorated interiors and begun the painting of exteriors.

Dure is Chairman.

The following is the committee from the Junior Commercial club which is leading the clean-up movement: H. Dure, chairman, Harold White, F. B. Lamson, L. Tanner and Rev. L. P. Warford.

The board of health will make a tour of the city Monday to inspect unsanitary places. The board is composed of Dr. E. A. Shannon, city physician, and Aldermen Lehr, Foucault and Miller.

EPWORTH LEAGUE TO CELEBRATE MAY 14

Plans are being made by the Epworth League of the Methodist church for a program to be given Sunday, May 14, in commemoration of Mothers' Day and the anniversary of the establishment of the Epworth League.

MRS. MARY MORROW IS ADJUDGED INSANE

Mrs. Mary Morrow, who has been a patient at the city poor farm for the past two years was adjudged insane yesterday by Judge M. A. Clark of the probate court.

COMMERCE COMMISSION BARS LUMBER RATE

Washington, May 5.—Proposed increases of from 1 cent to 3 1/2 cents per 100 pounds in rates on lumber in carloads from Memphis, Helena and other points in Tennessee and Arkansas to points in Iowa, Minnesota and other Western and Northwestern states were suspended today by the Interstate Commerce commission.

BLACKDUCK TO HAVE "TAG" DAY TOMORROW

Blackduck, Minn., May 5.—Blackduck will hold a tag day for the benefit of the village library tomorrow. The tag day is the beginning of a campaign for funds to put up a library building.

\$500,000 ELEVATOR PLANNED IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, May 5.—The government here has decided to spend \$500,000 to build a new terminal elevator here.

Thief River Falls, Minn.—The last session of the annual meeting of the Ninth District Federation of Women's Clubs was held here today.

NELSON ACT OF 1899 IS UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT

Decision of Lower Court Affirmed in Cathcart-Manitoba Red Lake Railway Case.

LANDS NOT SUBJECT TO HOMESTEAD ENTRY

Lands Were Appropriated for Expressed Trust, Says Court Decision.

The Nelson Act of 1899, ceding lands within the Red Lake Indian reservation to the United States, was upheld by the Minnesota supreme court today.

Not Subject to Entry.

"Although the Indian title was extinguished by the act, the lands were not ceded absolutely," said the court. "They were appropriated for the purpose of an expressed trust and were to be disposed of in the manner designated to carry out the purposes of that trust. They were accordingly not subject to entry under the homestead laws of the United States."

Cathcart Brings Case.

The case was brought into the supreme court on the appeal of Thomas Cathcart of Beltrami county who had settled on some of the land in 1903. Previous to that time congress had granted the Minnesota & Manitoba railroad lands within the reservation for its right of way.

He brought action against the Canadian Northern railroad which succeed the Minnesota & Manitoba railroad to prevent it from going through his land.

The district court here held that Cathcart had no right to the land under the Nelson act.

Cathcart appealed but the supreme court affirmed the judgment.

CONDITION OF ARCH-DEACON UNIMPROVED

The condition of Archdeacon Helman F. Parshall, who is seriously ill at his home at Cass Lake, is unimproved and possibly worse, according to a report from Cass Lake this afternoon. Dr. Rowntree of the College of Medicine of the University of Minnesota, arrived in Cass Lake last evening. Archdeacon Parshall is suffering from typhoid fever and meningitis.

FORESTERS TO AID IN CHECKING TIMBER

St. Paul, Minn., May 5.—State Auditor Preus announced today that he had made an agreement with W. T. Cox, state forester, whereby the two departments will co-operate in an effort to secure a proper scale of timber sold from state land. The state forester has in his employ thirteen district rangers and thirty-five patrolmen and these men will supervise cutting of state timber in each of their districts.

The employees of the forest department will concern themselves with the proper cutting of the timber and the securing of estimates of the stumps for proof as to whether a proper scale of the timber cut has been made. The employment of the men in this capacity will not involve any additional expense to the state.

"FEAR" TO BE SHOWN AT REX THEATER TONIGHT

An unusual theme has been adapted for film purposes in the Thanhouser-Mutual three part psychological drama "Fear," which comes to the Rex theater tonight with Howard M. Mitchell, Peggy Burke and Robert Walker in the leading roles. The story is based upon the theory that wrong doing leaves a tell tale mark upon the instigator of evil and that fear of the result of his crime brings its own punishment.

GERMANY IN REPLY ARRAIGNS UNITED STATES FOR FAILURE TO BRING ENGLAND TO TASK

Berlin, May 5.—That Germany has yielded to every demand of President Wilson for the immediate abandonment of the present methods of submarine warfare, is the view here. It is believed that every possibility of a break has been averted.

Reply Given to Press.

Germany's reply was given to the press in Berlin late last night. The official text will reach the United States late tonight or tomorrow morning.

Germany's backdown is conditional upon efforts to force England to observe the international laws. The note bitterly assails England for law violations. It considers that although the United States is protesting to Germany she is really protesting for the Allies.

Germany fully concedes not to sink freight or passenger liners within or without the English war zone unwarned, unless the liners resist or attempt to escape. President Wilson has conceded the right to sink vessels under these conditions.

Issues New Orders.

Germany has issued new submarine orders. It refuses to accept responsibility for the sinking of the Sussex but if it is proved that Germany is guilty it will make the fullest of amends.

Germany sharply arraigns the United States for failing to bring England to task for the outrageous violations as charged by Germany. The note intimates that if the United States is unable to get pledges from England, Germany may return to her former submarine methods.

Irony Causes Irritation.

Washington, May 5.—It is doubtful how successful Germany's concessions will be. Germany's irony in its reply caused irritation officially. The official text of the note will not be received before tomorrow.

The cabinet met and considered the unofficial press version this afternoon. Final action will not be taken until the official text is received and decoded. Secretary Lansing refused to comment.

Wheat Breaks Sharp.

Chicago, May 5.—The wheat and stock markets broke sharp

on account of the German reply today.

Bernstorff Satisfied.

Washington, May 5.—Ambassador Bernstorff is accepting the German reply as satisfactory. He announced today that he will call on the state department early next week to take up the matter of British violation of international law.

Three points will be brought up, the British attempt to starve the people of Germany and the arming of merchantmen and mail seizures.

Hope U. S. is Satisfied.

Berlin, May 5.—"We hope that the sense of justice of the American people is satisfied with the German reply made with full power, justice and successes of our cause," says the Lokal Anzeiger.

Reply in Good Faith.

Washington, May 5.—Senator Hughes of New Jersey after reading Germany's reply stated that he was highly pleased with it. He said that he would accept it. That the reply is in good faith and should be accepted, is the opinion of a large number of congressmen.

The situation was viewed optimistically by the cabinet this afternoon.

CARRANZA ACCEPTS PROPOSALS OF THE SCOTT CONFERENCE

Stay of American Troops in Mexican Territory is Satisfactory to Mexican Leader.

PRESIDENT WILSON ACCEPTS AGREEMENT

Issues Statement Saying That Results of Conference is Basis of Co-operation.

Mexico City, May 5.—Carranza has accepted the United States proposals in principal as outlined at the Scott-Oregon conference. The stay of the United States troops in Mexico is satisfactory.

Wait for Carranza.

Washington, May 5.—President Wilson yesterday issued a statement on the Scott-Oregon conference result. The statement is as follows:

"I have examined with the secretary of war the report made by General Hugh L. Scott, of the conference between him and General Obregon, secretary of war of the republic of Mexico.

"The report includes a tentative agreement covering the future operations of both the American and Mexican military forces and evidences cordial co-operation between the two governments in their common purpose.

"As this agreement is being submitted to the de facto government in Mexico, it would not be proper for me to permit its publication until that government has an opportunity to examine and consider its provisions. The full text of the proposed agreement will be given out immediately upon its acceptance by both governments. In general I may say that it provides a basis for co-operation, which promises to prevent misunderstanding and strengthen the cordial relation of the two republics."

Rebels Are Shot.

Dublin, May 5.—Four more Irish rebels have been convicted and shot.

London, May 5.—(Official)—A British cruiser destroyed a German Zeppelin off Schleswig yesterday.

ALEXANDRIA, MINN. TO STUDY MUSIC

Alexandria, Minn., May 5.—Alexandria is going to sing. And play, too.

The Commercial club is raising money to hire a music expert and the Municipal Music Improvement Association is being formed.

The town will take a two-year course in harmony.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MEET TONIGHT

The Bemidji High School Alumni association which was scheduled to meet last night at the library, postponed its meeting to tonight. The meeting will be called tonight at 7:15 o'clock at the library.

LITTLE FALLS AUTOISTS WANT JEFFERSON ROUTE

Little Falls, Minn., May 5.—A party of Jefferson highway workers started in automobiles yesterday to make a tour of the cities south of Little Falls to line them up solidly for this route for the highway.

The party was joined by other cars at Roylston and Rice.

The Morrison county commissioners passed a resolution yesterday pledging their support and co-operation if the highway is finally routed this way.

BLACKDUCK FIREMEN ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Blackduck, Minn., May 5.—W. A. Cross was re-elected chief and H. M. Latterell, assistant chief of the Blackduck Volunteer Fire Department at the annual meeting. Other officials are Dr. J. M. Freeburg, secretary, and E. P. Rice, treasurer.

L. F. Parker was chosen president of the Firemen's Relief association.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Shriners here raised \$71,000 to bring the Shriners' Imperial council to Minneapolis in 1917.

WILSON PURCHASE OF DANISH WEST INDIES

Price Tentatively Agreed Upon is \$5,000,000; Negotiations Are Concluded.

TREATY FOR TRANSFER OF ISLANDS IS DRAWN

Islands Aggregate 138 Square Miles and Have a Population of 27,086.

Washington, May 5.—President Wilson practically has concluded negotiations for the purchase of the Danish West Indies. The price tentatively agreed upon is \$5,000,000.

A treaty between Denmark and the United States providing for the transfer of the three little islands in the Antilles has been drafted by Secretary of State Lansing and Constantin Brun, the Danish minister here.

Germany Objects.

Extraordinary measures have been adopted to guarantee consummation of the deal which twice before has been frustrated by the opposition of the German government to acquisition of the islands by the United States.

The plan is to put through the scheme at once while Germany is too busy fighting the Allies to interfere.

If the cession of the islands be affected President Wilson will have broken all records in the last fifty years for the peaceful extension of American dominion and influence.

He already has established a protectorate over Haiti and acquired a powerful influence over Nicaragua by purchase of the Inter-Oceanic canal right of way.

Three Islands.

The Danish West Indies consist of the three islands of St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas, aggregating 138 square miles and possessing a population of 27,086 persons, mainly free negroes engaged in the cultivation of sugar cane. The islands, however, are of strategic importance, particularly in relation to the Panama canal.

RUGGLES TO PLACE BAILEY LOTS ON SALE

Before leaving for Montana and California last evening, Charles Ruggles, the timber baron, gave notice that he would place on sale 35 lots and 15 acres of unplatted land in Bailey's first and second addition to Bemidji. The lots are west of Irvine avenue between Fifth and Twelfth streets.

Mr. Ruggles also announced that he would give a definite answer on his return from the west on the opening of his lake shore property north of the Birchmont Beach hotel, for summer resorters, and his property north of the Crookston Lumber Company Mill No. 2 for industrial sites.

EX-GOV. STUBBS BUYS BLOODED GOPHER BULL

Moorhead, Minn., May 5.—Former Governor W. R. Stubbs of Kansas thought so much of the grade of Holsteins raised in Minnesota that he came here Tuesday accompanied by Prof. Reed of Manhattan, Kan., visited the big Schroeder stock farm and paid \$1,500 for a 3-year-old Holstein bull.

GREAT NORTHERN WILL BUILD FARGO TERMINAL

Fargo, N. D., May 5.—It is reported that the Great Northern railroad is ready to begin work on its large freight terminal here just as soon as the city fully decided whether it will put in a subway on Tenth street or not.

Marinette, Wis.—F. C. Knapp, formerly lumberman here, heads a company to build a big shipyard at Portland, Ore.

COOK PLEADS GUILTY AND IS SENTENCED TO COUNTY JAIL HERE

Owner of the Steamer "Mud Hen" Concludes That He Did Sell Liquor.

GIVEN FIVE MONTHS AND IS FINED \$500

Bemidji Men Return From Fergus Falls Where Federal Court is Being Held.

Judge Page Morris of the United States court at Fergus Falls yesterday sentenced William Cook of Redby to five months in the Beltrami county jail in this city and to pay a fine of \$500 on a liquor charge.

Sells Without License.

The case went to trial at Fergus Falls Wednesday morning, the charge being selling liquor without a Federal license. Cook entered a plea of not guilty and after hearing what the government had to offer he changed his mind and entered a plea of guilty.

Cook was the owner of the steamer "Mud Hen" which is on Red Lake. It is claimed that he carried a quantity of liquor on the steamer and sold it to Indians and the white men. The steamer was confiscated by the government.

Heavy Sentence Next.

Judge Morris, in sentencing Cook, told the Federal officers to go back to Red Lake and to tell the people there that the next one found guilty on a similar charge would not be let off so easily.

The next offender, according to Judge Morris, will be sentenced to not less than a year in the penitentiary and may be sentenced to five years.

Chief of Police Ripple, Walter F. Dickens, superintendent of the Red Lake agency, returned today from Fergus Falls where they have been attending the court sessions.

VIRGINIA MAN STAGES JOHN DIETZ AFFAIR

Virginia, Minn., May 5.—Axel Ohrin's right to act as a second John Dietz is being tested in the courts here today.

Armed with a businesslike shotgun, Axel Ohrin of Angola is patrolling the banks of the Rice river, running through his farm. He has held up a log drive, which settlers were sending to the Angola Lumber company, until paid toll which he claims for use of the water running through his farm.

Last year Ohrin held up the spring drive and was paid \$150 for the release of the logs. This year the contracts called for delivery of the logs at the mills and settlers have refused to pay the toll demanded.

In the meantime, the settler and his gun are in control of the situation.

PROCEEDS OF CONCERT TO AID SUNDAY SCHOOLS

In order to raise funds for the extension of Sunday school work in Beltrami county the various Protestant churches in Bemidji will give a musical concert tonight in the Methodist church auditorium. Tickets have been placed in the hands of the Sunday school members of the different churches and an active ticket selling campaign has been carried on in Bemidji for the past week.

The program which has been arranged and the training of which has been conducted by Miss Ida Virginia Brown, includes numbers by some of the best musical talent in the city.

ASKS DEVELOPMENT OF MERCHANT MARINE

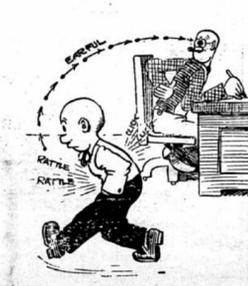
Washington, May 5.—Secretary McAdoo returned from the Buenos Aires meeting of the international high committee and said in a statement today that leading South American statesmen agreed with him that quick development of a merchant marine under an American flag and completion of a Pan-American railway are the most important factors to be considered in plans for closer unity among the American nations.

The secretary and other members of the United States section of the commission reached Hampton Roads on the cruiser Tennessee early yesterday.

PRIVATE OFFICE FOR BEMIDJI POLICE CHIEF

A private office is being constructed at the city hall for the use of the chief of police.

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



SCOOP IS FEELING RIGHT "POH-LY"



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