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BERLIN SATISFIED AT U. S. ACCEPTANCE

Germans in Prelude of Fourth Great Offensive Against Verdun.

Washington, May 8.—President Wilson will not make any move toward European peace at this time. This was the general opinion among the officials here today.

There is a veiled suggestion in the German note indicating that peace at this time would not be heeded. The United Press learned on highest authority that Germany is waiting for the Allies to make a grand offensive.

To Accept Reply.
President Wilson will accept the German reply to his demands on submarine warfare. The note will be tested in practice. Germany will be given a chance to make good.

England will have to come to time sooner or later. She knows it and the president knows it, but the president has the same disinclination that he had before to mixing the issues of appearing to buy immunity from German attack on American lives.

Must Show Faith.
Germany must show her entire good faith. The day for promises is past.

Berlin, May 8.—Direct word from Washington that President Wilson will probably accept the German reply has caused great satisfaction here. Newspapers are discussing the probability of President Wilson being acceptable to Germany as a peace mediator when the time comes to end the world war.

Offensive Begun.
Paris, May 8.—French military critics declare that the attack made by Germany yesterday at Verdun, preludes the fourth great offensive against Verdun. Fighting on the west bank of the Meuse has attained the greatest violence.

"CITY OF BEMIDJI" MAKES FIRST TRIP

Captain W. B. McLachlan made the first regular trip to the various points about the lake yesterday with his passenger and mail boat, "The City of Bemidji." He was forced to remain at the dock today owing to the high wind.

PIONEER TO CONDUCT PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

The Bemidji Pioneer will conduct a presidential straw vote in this district. The Pioneer has become connected with the American Press Association to conduct a presidential straw vote in the entire country. The result will be published about June first.

A coupon appears on page two of this issue. Fill it in and mail it to the Pioneer immediately. Among those mentioned for the presidency are Wilson, Roosevelt, Hughes, Root, Burton, Cummins, Borah, Fairbanks, La Follette, Brumbaugh, Estabrook, Weeks, DuPont and Ford.

CONDITION OF ARCH-DEACON REPORTED WORSE

The condition of Archdeacon Herman F. Marshall, who is seriously ill at his home in Cass Lake is reported worse today. Dr. Coulter of Wadena and Dr. Beatty of St. Cloud have been called to Cass Lake and are expected to arrive there tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Aldrich of Wilton were transacting business matters and visiting as the guests of friends and relatives in Bemidji Saturday.

GOVERNOR BURNQUIST PROCLAIMS MOTHERS' DAY

Governor J. A. A. Burnquist has proclaimed Sunday, May 14, Mothers' day. His proclamation is as follows: "Whereas, by joint resolution the legislature of this state has designated the second Sunday in May as Mothers' day; now, therefore, I, J. A. A. Burnquist, governor of the state of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 14, 1916, as Mothers' day, and urge that said day be observed by appropriate public exercises, and that we individually, in one special way, pay a tribute to our mothers in recognition of their unselfish devotion to us and of their refining and self-sacrificing influence and the great and noble service performed by them in the preservation of the home and in the development of good citizenship."

EUROPEAN WAR TO CAUSE PANIC SAYS KIRKPATRICK

Candidate for Vice President on Socialist Ticket Gives Address Here.

"THINK OR SURRENDER" SUBJECT OF ADDRESS

Treats European War in a Problematic Way and Avoids Politics.

George R. Kirkpatrick, candidate for vice president of the United States on the Socialist ticket and author of "War—What For?" delivered an address on "Think or Surrender" before a good-sized audience at the city hall Saturday evening. His address here was under the auspices of the American Socialist Lecture bureau and was the first of a series of three to be given here by Socialist speakers.

Will Cause Panics.
Stating that the European war would cause one of the greatest panics in the history of the United States in less than 18 months from the time it ends, Kirkpatrick discussed the war from the fundamental causes of the war to the effects on the nations involved and also to this country.

He placed the blame of the war on two causes, the industrial structure of Europe and the social structure of the countries involved. He vivified his statements by tracing the stages of developments from the early days and by excellent illustrations.

Opposes Preparedness.
He strongly opposed the development of preparedness by militarism. He treated the present situation in a problematical way and avoided political and personal phases. Scott Bennet of New Zealand and Ryan Walker will appear on the lecture course in Bemidji within the next two weeks.

IDENTITY OF BABY IS STILL UNKNOWN

The identity of the five months' old baby boy left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Marcum, Friday evening, while Mr. and Mrs. Marcum were on a motor trip, is still unsolved today. The baby is well and happy in his new home and Mr. and Mrs. Marcum may decide to keep him. They found the baby in their bed when they returned Friday evening. There was no means of identification on the clothes worn by the baby. Beside the baby was found a bottle of milk and a can of condensed milk.

BEMIDJI VISITED BY NEAR TORNADO; DAMAGE REPORTED

Telephone Lines Are Crippled; Trees and Signs Are Blown Down.

MALL FOREST FIRES BEGUN NEAR SCRIBNER

Bemidji Fire Department Responds to Calls; Twin Cities Are Struck.

For Sale—160 acres, more or less, of North Dakota farm land on the fly in Bemidji today. Those interested will have to stake out their claims immediately as the land is going fast.

Traveling on a high west wind, nearing a tornado, Bemidji was visited by a sand storm Sunday evening at six o'clock. The storm continued all night and today. Telephone lines and poles were blown down, so that this morning there were no toll lines in operation. Trees were blown down, signs were destroyed and parts of house roofs were blown off.

Worst of Kind.

The storm was one of the worst of its kind ever seen in Bemidji. Up to four o'clock Sunday afternoon, the day was warm and clear. Sand clouds then appeared and covered the city. The sand was so thick that the city at six-thirty o'clock was dark as night.

Fishermen in Danger.
Several fishermen who were on Lake Bemidji narrowly escaped disaster when row boats and launches they were in were struck by the waves blown up by the storm. This morning forest fires were reported near Scribner and Wilton. A crew from the Bemidji fire department responded to a call and late this afternoon reports are that the fires are under control.

A fire in the city dump which spread rapidly was extinguished by Bemidji firemen. The flag pole in the Central school yard was blown down and smashed shortly after the storm began last evening.

Log Booms Broken.
Log booms on Lake Bemidji were broken by the storm and many of the logs have floated down the river and around the lake.

The dancing pavilion on the east shore of Lake Bemidji was blown down and one end is covered by water.

A small forest fire was reported south of the city at two o'clock this afternoon and a crew of men were sent from Bemidji to aid in fighting the blaze.

Has Four Calls.
The Bemidji fire department responded to two calls Sunday and two calls today.

One of the calls Sunday was a false alarm and the other was a chimney fire at the home of Mrs. G. M. Carlson, Oak street and Mississippi avenue. There was no damage.

Today, shortly after noon, the fire department responded to two calls at the home of H. M. McKee, 900 Minnesota avenue. After the department returned from the first call it was called the second time. A chimney fire was the cause. The damage was slight.

The grand stand at the Beltrami county fair grounds was blown down. The damage will be several hundred dollars.

St. Paul is Hit.
A high wind approaching a tornado did much damage in St. Paul at seven o'clock last night. Roof were blown from buildings. Traffic was delayed and communication was demoralized. There were no casualties. The wind followed a hot day.

the temperature approaching 83 degrees.

Frightened to Death.
At Minneapolis, James Dalland, while enroute to church, became frightened by a bolt of lightning and died of a stroke of apoplexy. Crookston today reported that a tabernacle was damaged last night. Fargo reported a very high wind.

DEMENTED GIRL ESCAPES FROM LOCAL HOSPITAL

Miss Neumedia Ledfors Victim of Nervous Prostration; Account of Overstudy.

WANDERS TO DIAMOND POINT IN KIMONA

Home is at Blackduck; Found by Officer Essler After Long Hunt.

Miss Neumedia Ledfors of Blackduck, who has been confined at St. Anthony's hospital for the past three weeks on account of nervous prostration, became demented and escaped from St. Anthony's hospital at about twelve o'clock Sunday noon. She was found about an hour later in a tent on Diamond Point by Officer Essler.

Miss Ledfors is about 18 years of age and is one of the most popular of the Blackduck school girls. She suffered from an attack of nervous prostration about three weeks ago, the attack being brought on by overstudy. She was taken to the hospital in this city and up to Sunday appeared to be improving.

While the nurse was out of her room Sunday noon, the girl, who was reared in a kimona, crept from her room and to the street. She walked up Dewey avenue to Diamond Point, where she entered a campers' tent. He was found there by Officer Essler and taken back to the hospital. Miss Ledfors is reported to be none the worse on account of her adventure today.

FIVE HUNDRED WOMEN AT SUFFRAGE MEET

St. Paul, Minn., May 8.—Five hundred women are attending the Mississippi Valley Suffrage association convention which is being held in his city. The convention will continue for three days.

MINNEAPOLIS WOMEN MAKE HOMESTEAD ENTRY

The Misses Elsie and Hazel Calhoun, who live at 2318 Fremont avenue north, Minneapolis, have made homestead filings in Township 156, Range 30.

DR. ELLIOTT RED LAKE PHYSICIAN

Dr. G. L. Elliott is the new doctor at the Red Lake Indian reservation. He succeeds Dr. Culp who was advanced to have charge of all the reservations in the country. Dr. Elliott was a visitor in Bemidji Sunday. He left for the reservation this morning.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 8.—By an agreement between County Attorney John M. Rees and Judge C. E. Elliott the trial of Joseph W. Bragdon on the second of three indictments charging improper conduct with young girls will begin May 15. Bragdon recently was acquitted on the first indictment tried.

POLICE ARREST EIGHT IN CITY FOR SPEEDING

City Officials Making Stringent Effort to Have Speed Laws Enforced.

SEVERAL PAY FINES; OTHER CASES CONTINUED

Seven Automobile Drivers and One Motorcycle Driver in Custody.

Eight applications were received by the police Saturday and Sunday to join the municipal court automobile club.

Those arrested for speeding were Rude Thome, Frank Pogue, Attorney A. A. Andrews, James Black, Frank Koors, Harold White, George Kreatz and F. G. Halgren.

Laws Enforced.
Chief of Police Ripple today stated that violations of speed laws and other auto laws in Bemidji would no longer be tolerated.

The cases of Rude Thome and Frank Pogue, who were arrested for speeding on Beltrami avenue Saturday and the cases of James Black and Attorney A. A. Andrews, charged with the same offense on Sunday, were continued to Thursday.

Three Pay Fines.
Frank Koors and Harold White entered a plea of guilty before Judge A. M. Crowell in the municipal court this morning for speeding on Beltrami avenue and the Nymore pavement Saturday. They paid a fine of two dollars each.

F. G. Halgren paid a fine of two dollars on a charge of speeding a motorcycle on Beltrami avenue Sunday afternoon.

George Kreatz, who was arrested on a charge of speeding on Beltrami avenue, entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned this morning. His case was continued to next Thursday.

LIVELY BIDDING IS EXPECTED AT GOVERNMENTSALE

Lands Being Sold at Court House Under the Volstead Act; Many Buyers Here.

SEVERAL AFTER SAME TRACTS; KEEN COMPETITION

Sale Conducted by J. L. George, County Auditor; Delinquent Tax Lands Sold.

With a large number of purchasers in attendance, so many that there will not be enough land to go round, the tax judgment sale of government land was started at the court house this afternoon at two o'clock. The sale, which is under the direction of J. L. George, county auditor, will probably continue for several days.

This morning was taken up by the disposing of privately owned lands on which taxes are delinquent.

Represent Clients.
A large number of land buyers are in the city representing clients to purchase land for them at the government sale. Several of the purchasers are anxious to secure the same tracts and spirited bidding will result. Considerable excess of the assessments is believed certain.

Methods Differ.
For privately owned lands the method is to bid downwards on the

interest demanded, when there is competition with the idea that the purchaser will receive his money back in case the land is redeemed, with interest at the rate he bids. The legal rate in case of no competition is 12 per cent.

For government land, the method differs, from the fact that the purchaser buys taxes for the purpose of homesteading, and would therefore become the owner himself, and any interest paid by him would come back to him when he redeemed. Besides, under the provisions of the "Volstead Act" competition is provided for and bids to any amount above the delinquent tax or interest for which the land is sold, may be made, the tax certificate going to the highest bidder, and any excess being paid to the government before patent shall be issued.

Liens for Year.
The delinquent taxes for which government land is sold consists of the delinquent interest on drainage liens for one year. The interest is payable yearly and must be paid before June 1 to save penalty and interest. The interest for 1915 which is now due, must be paid by purchasers before patent will be issued.

PROGRAM FOR STATE EXAMS IS ANNOUNCED

School Examination Program is Given Out at the High School.

TO CONTINUE FROM MAY 25 TO JUNE 1

Final Plans Being Made for Graduation Exercises to Be Held June 2.

The program for the state board examinations and the local final examinations was completed this morning and announced at the high school.

The examinations will continue from Thursday, May 25, to Thursday, June 1.

Final plans are being made for graduation exercises which will be held June 2.

The program for the examinations is as follows:
Thursday, May 25, at 8:15 o'clock, English II, modern history, Cooking II; at 10:15 o'clock, ancient history and English IV, at 1:30 o'clock, chemistry, English I and physics.

Friday, May 26, at 8 o'clock, state board examinations in commercial geography and local civics; at 10:15 o'clock, state examination in Caesar and local examinations in Latin, German I and German II; at 2 o'clock English composition, state examination, and local examination in English III.

Monday, May 29, at 8 o'clock, elementary algebra, state board, and local in plane geometry and solid geometry; state board examinations in German I; German II and bookkeeping will be given at 10:15 o'clock and at two o'clock state board examinations in Latin, chemistry and physics will be given.

Wednesday, May 31, at 8:15 o'clock state board examinations in plane geometry, solid geometry and local examinations in elementary algebra; at 10:15 o'clock state board in civics and locals in Stenography I, Agriculture I, and Caesar; at 2 o'clock state board in ancient history and locals in botany and Agriculture II.

Thursday, June 1, at 8 o'clock, examinations in bookkeeping, commercial geography and stenography; at 10:15 o'clock botany, and at 2 o'clock, modern history.

Cooking I, Sewing I and mechanical drawing will be given during class periods on Wednesday, May 24.

Pioneer want ads bring results.

THREE PRIVATES AND TEN YEAR OLD BOY KILLED

Raid is Made on Glenn Springs, Boquillas and Deemers.

TWO HUNDRED BANDITS PARTICIPATE IN ATTACK

Scott-Oregon Conference is Abruptly Halted; Mexicans Are Killed.

Telegraph wires between Bemidji and St. Paul were blown down by the strong wind shortly after noon today. Telegraph news was received by the Pioneer only up to noon.

El Paso, May 8.—Seventy or more Mexican bandits attacked the border settlements of Glenn Springs, Boquillas and Deemers, all in Texas, late Friday and early Saturday.

Three privates of Troop A., 14th U. S. cavalry and a ten-year-old boy were killed. Six troopers were wounded and two civilians kidnapped.

Forced to Retreat.
Nine American soldiers at Glenn Springs withstood the bandit attack for two hours. Then the bandits fired their shelter and forced them to retreat.

General Cervantes, leader of the Columbus raid, led the raid. Conference Halted.

General Funston today rushed four more troops of cavalry to the scene of the raid. He stated that he understood that 200 bandits participated in the raid.

The Scott-Oregon border conference was abruptly halted by the new attack.

Two companies of the 19th infantry from Fort Sill, Okla., have been ordered to Texas.

Demand Vengeance.
Alpine, Tex., May 8.—American troops are rushing through a desolate stretch of the Big Bend country pursuing the Mexican bandit raiders of the Glenn Springs country, in white heat rage, demanding vengeance.

San Antonio, May 8.—The last battalion of American troops has been moved from Marathon, Tex., to pursue the Glenn Springs raiders.

Victorious Troopers Return.

Columbus, N. M., May 8.—Nearly exhausted by their sensational battle with Villistas at Ojo Azules and an all-day ride in pursuit of the fleeing survivors, Major Howze and his troops Sunday were retracing their course toward the base camp at San Antonio, Mexico. Fifty miles southwest of Sushuirachi the pursuit stopped when the fagged out horses could keep up the chase no longer. Many Villistas were believed accounted for in the wild ride through the mountains with each American centering his attention on some individual Mexican. Supplementary reports of the battle are likely to show a much larger toll than the 42 men slain by the Americans in the first assault on the camp, officials here believed.

Hunt for Villa.
While Howze's force was jogging back for rations and rest, a picked band of cavalry set out toward a point designated as Pancho Villa's hiding place. The location was not given out here, but it was stated General J. J. Pershing has authentic advices of the wounded bandit's whereabouts.

MATSON FORFEITS BAIL IN CITY COURT

Severt Matson, who was arrested a week on a charge of selling liquor without a license forfeited his bail in the municipal court this morning for failure to appear for trial. His bail was \$25.

The dog tax tags have arrived in the city. City Clerk Stein today gave notice that all dog taxes must be paid before May 15. After that date any dog found without a tag will be taken by a dog catcher.

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



There Are Bessies And Bessies



By "HOP"



SON-YOU OUGHTTA PRESENT BESSIE WITH A CERTAIN PIECE OF JEWELRY THAT IS VERY POPULAR THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR.

