

CHARTER AMENDMENT NOT NECESSARY TO BUY RUGGLES TIMBER

Attorney McDonald in Letter to Charter Commission Points Out State Law.

CITY CAN BOND FOR PARKS UNDER STATE ACT

Bonds Can Be Issued Not to Exceed Two Per cent of Assessed Valuation.

The charter of the City of Bemidji need not be amended to secure the Ruggles' timber north of the Bemidji mill for park purposes.

Attorney McDonald points out in his letter that under a state law, the city council can pass an ordinance for the securing of property within a two-mile limit of the city for park purposes.

Up to Council.

Attorney McDonald's letter is as follows: "My attention has been called to an item in the Bemidji Pioneer in which it is said that it is proposed to amend the city charter so as to permit the city of Bemidji to acquire the Ruggles timber on the east side of the lake for park purposes.

Your attention is called to Chapter 486, General Laws 1909 (Sec. 1746-1753, General Statute of Minn. 1903.) This act provides that cities like the city of Bemidji, may, by two-thirds of the votes of its council at a regular meeting, pass an ordinance expressing its intention and desire to take advantage of that act.

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would provide it \$40,000. They could issue bonds to the extent of five per cent of the assessed valuation upon a vote of the people, which would give a revenue of \$100,000.

"The advantage of proceeding under the general law that I have referred to you is that the park district can acquire lands within two miles of the limits of the city and is not restricted in borrowing money by any indebtedness of the city.

PROGRAM COMPLETED FOR MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES IN BEMIDJI

Dr. M. D. Fuller, an old soldier who has been doing some evangelistic work, will be the principal speaker at the exercises to be given in Bemidji at the city hall Memorial day.

Bemidji will appropriately observe the day. At ten o'clock in the morning members of the G. A. R., naval militia, fraternal organizations and school children will meet at the city hall and march to the cemetery where appropriate services will be held.

Remarks—W. B. Stewart, county superintendent of schools. Exercises by children. Reading—Mrs. H. W. Bailey. Song—High school double quartette.

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GERMANS BELIEVE THAT U. S. COULD BRING ON PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Dispatch From Berlin is Frank in Discussion of Peace Rumors Circulated.

BELIEVED THAT MOVE IS NOT VERY DIFFICULT

Austrians Continuing Drive South of Tyrol; Italian Positions Are Taken.

Note—The following dispatch is the frankest discussion of peace rumors circulated in Germany yet passed by the German censors.—Editor.

Berlin, May 19.—Feeling here is strong that a neutral such as the United States might succeed if it undertook to negotiate for peace. Diplomatic circles consider that the recent statements of Sir Edward Grey were the opening guns for peace.

Drive Continues. Berlin, May 19.—(Official)—A dispatch from Vienna states that the Austrians are continuing their drive south of Tyrol and have conquered further important Italian positions.

Allies for War. Petrograd, May 19.—The Allies stand solid for a fight to the finish. They intend breaking Germany's heavy sword. They owe this to unborn generations.

Three Americans Saved. Washington, May 19.—The Paris embassy today reported officially that there were three Americans in the crew of the British steamer Engrosser which was sunk, probably mined.

FRENCH ATTACK FAILS

Berlin, May 19.—(Official)—The French attack on Hill 304 has failed. Not Torpedoed. Berlin, May 19.—A dispatch from Amsterdam says that a crew of the White Star liner Cymric reached there and reported that the liner sunk from an explosion in its boilers.

JITNEY ORDINANCE UPHELD BY STATE SUPREME COURT

St. Paul, Minn., May 19.—The supreme court today upheld jitney ordinances. Mitchell Magnella drove an unlicensed jitney. He was arrested and lost appeal.

The supreme court held that the Northern Pacific must route goods over the shortest routing. Attorney General Smith today stated that this saves shippers a quarter of a million dollars annually.

W. B. STEWART BUYS HINDAHL ESTATE LANDS

W. B. Stewart, county superintendent of schools, this morning purchased 160 acres, NE 1/4-17-149-32, from the Joseph Hindahl estate. The German consul at St. Paul was the administrator of the Hindahl estate and was represented here by Louis Winer of St. Paul.

APPROPRIATION BILL REPORTED TO HOUSE

Washington, May 19.—The sundry civil bill carrying appropriations of \$127,227,221 was reported to the house today. It includes great increases for the Panama canal fortifications. Four million four hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars is for the canal fortifications.

MANY SEATS ARE SOLD FOR 'THE BIRTH OF A NATION'

Believed That Theater Will Be Crowded at Every Performance; Many Mail Orders.

SPECIAL CARS TO BRING COMPANY HERE SUNDAY

Griffith Proves That No Good Can Come Out of War; Play Will Inspire Patriotism.

Many seats are being sold for "The Birth of a Nation" which will be shown in Bemidji Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Grand theater. It is believed that the theater will be crowded at each performance.

Company of 35. "The Birth of a Nation" company, including about 35 people, will arrive in Bemidji Sunday morning from Brainerd in a private Pullman sleeper.

It was pointed out today by a representative of the company that the play will inspire patriotism, teach history, prolong peace and command respect for drama and music better than any offering before the public today.

War is Hell. D. W. Griffith, perhaps a thousand-fold more effectively than he realized while he was making it, has proven that war is actually hell, made and fed by man—in his spectacle of spectacles, "The Birth of a Nation," and that hatreds and spites that are bred from it between peoples who participate therein are eternal damnation here on earth.

After witnessing Mr. Griffith's most glorious and exhaustive treatise on the subject, one more than ever prays for an everlasting peace and a settlement by arbitration rather than further armed conflict.

Widows, orphans, wrecked homes and hearts everywhere—the aged parents and weeping little son and daughter, brother and sister all over the throbbing world, are the ones who will heartily say "Amen" to this everlasting lesson of war. When one of fair mind witnesses this marvelous reproduction he cannot believe that Griffith, as has been said of him, has been all these years nursing his wrath against the North and struck with this mighty weapon when he knew he could do the most far-reaching damage to the cause of his country's enemies.

BEMIDJI POSTOFFICE GETS SMALLEST SUM IN APPROPRIATIONS

Washington, May 19.—Under the head of appropriations for postoffice sites, commencement and continuations of postoffices and equipment in the civil sundry bill submitted to the house today, Bemidji, Minn., received an appropriation of \$500. The Bemidji appropriation is the smallest of the list. Twenty-six thousand dollars was appropriated for Little Falls, Minn.

SLOCUM FILES FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE

M. G. Slocum filed today for the office of judge of probate court. Judge M. A. Clark, the present judge, is a candidate for re-election. Judge Hiram A. Simons and J. E. Harris have also filed for that office.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE SESSIONS

The board of county commissioners continued their sessions at the court house today. Routine matters were considered.

NATIONAL GUARD TO BE REORGANIZED

St. Paul, Minn., May 19.—Adjutant General Wood today stated that a reorganization of the Minnesota National guard which has been ordered will better it. He said that he did not contemplate that further companies would be disbanded.

BEGIN WORK ON STORM SEWER ON BEMIDJI AVE.

Work was begun yesterday by Goodman & Loitved on the construction of a storm sewer on Bemidji avenue north of Fourth street, preparatory to paving that avenue.

T. R. BRINGS DIRE WARNING TO FORD'S HOME TOWN TODAY

Detroit, Mich., May 19.—Theodore Roosevelt brought a dire warning to Henry Ford's home town today.

He lambasted Ford's pacificism; raked Wilson's "make believe preparedness"; accused influential Germans of reflecting the German government approving pacifists' plans in the United States with an idea of keeping America unprepared, and dubbed the present governmental representatives 96 per cent feeble.

He claimed that he bore for Henry Ford real friendship and in many cases genuine admiration. Then he classified Ford with the Tories of the Revolutionary war and the Copperheads of the sixties.

Two thousand people greeted Roosevelt here with much enthusiasm. Roosevelt's plans of visiting Ford's plants have been cancelled. Ford visited at Roosevelt's hotel at three o'clock this afternoon.

Roosevelt in his address said in part: "My plea is that all our citizens today shall act in the spirit of the men of many different race strains—the Washingtons, Adamsons and Lees, the Schuylers and Sullivans; the Carrolls and Muhlenbergs, the Marions and Herkimers—who disregarded all questions of national origin and became Americans and nothing else when they founded this country.

"We all stand together for our common flag and our common country. We must so prepare that this country will be a good place in which the children's children of all of us shall live; and to do this we must so prepare that we can repel all foreign foes and preserve the inestimable right of settling for ourselves the fate of this mighty democratic republic.

NYMORE NEWS

Carl Fish of Fisher, Minn., arrived in Nymore and is expecting to make his future home here.

Misses Leola and Leila Lish returned to Rosby Tuesday evening after spending the past few days visiting with friends and relatives.

Herman Roydeen of Clearbrook was a business caller in Nymore Wednesday. He left for Minneapolis on Wednesday evening where he will spend some time on business.

John and Fred Swenson of Swenson Lake were business callers in Nymore Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Ohberg from the town of Frohn made a business call here Thursday afternoon.

Henry Love, who has been running the photo gallery in Nymore, has retired from business.

INVADERS SOCIETY FOR JURY FOR ORPET CASE

Waukegan, Ill., May 19.—The sheriff today stated that he would invade the exclusive society colony of Lake Forest to secure a venire to try Will H. Orpet, college student, for the alleged murder of Marian Lambert. This is the fifth day and only three men have been tentatively accepted. The judge abolished the literacy test for veniremen to expediate getting a jury.

U. S. SOLDIER IS KILLED BY MEXICAN GUARD

Invades Mexican Soil Searching for a Stray Horse, Say Reports.

SIXTEEN VILLISTAS KILLED BY COWBOYS

Mexicans Furnish Poisoned Food for Soldiers; Three Are Arrested.

El Paso, May 19.—Sergeant Harry Furman, a member of the machine gun company of the 23rd infantry, was shot and killed on Mexican soil a mile and a half east of Juarez late yesterday by Mexican custom guards.

General Gavra, Juarez commander, and other Mexican officials say Furman crossed the international boundary in an intoxicated condition and fired on the custom guard before he was made the target of their fire.

Furman's company commander says that he saw the sergeant but a short time before the shooting and that he appeared perfectly sober. The shoot-first was reported by General Gavra to General Bell at Fort Bliss. General Bell detailed Major General George D. Moore and Captain William B. Graham of the 20th infantry to make a joint investigation in company with the Mexican military judge and two officers named by General Gavra.

AFTER STRAY HORSE.

This investigation disclosed that Furman, while searching for a stray horse, rode a horse upon a strip of Mexican soil left north of the Rio Grande by the shifting of the river bed. He was armed with a pistol. American army men admit that he was not within his rights in penetrating Mexican soil.

His pistol had been recently fired, two chambers being emptied. Major Bell said he had no evidence to show whether Furman or the Mexican fired first. General Bell will report the matter to General Funston.

The entire 23rd infantry regiment today mourned the death of Sergeant Furman. He was one of the most popular men in the regiment, being its crack machine gun operator and all around athlete and a splendid horseman.

SCOUT DRUNKENNESS.

The idea that the sergeant could have been intoxicated is scouted by officers and enlisted men alike. It was said that shortly after Furman left to round up the stray mules he had ridden the most fractious horse in the regiment over the hurdle, a feat he could not have accomplished, it was contended, if he had not been perfectly sober. Furman was serving his second enlistment.

General Gavra says American soldiers witnessed the shooting but made no effort to return the fire of the Mexicans. At Camp Cotton it was said that while shots were heard, nobody witnessed the tragedy.

SIXTEEN KILLED.

Pershing's Headquarters, May 19.—Sixteen Villistas were killed when a band of 25 cowboys from Hearst's ranch surprised the bandits 40 miles south of Madera.

STORY IS DOUBTED.

El Paso, May 19.—Returning truckmen accuse Mexicans of furnishing poisoned food to U. S. soldiers. Three Mexicans have been arrested. Others reported that several Mexicans were executed. This is doubted.

APPEAL MAY HAVE SAVED AMERICAN

New York, May 19.—Eight hours after the time reported set for the execution of Jeremiah Lynch, an American accused of participation in the Irish rebellion, messages regarding the execution have not been received. It is not known whether President Wilson's appeal saved him.

John Moberg returned from Minneapolis yesterday afternoon in his new Franklin automobile. He reports that the roads are in fair condition.