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## NATIONAL EDITORIAL COMMITTEE HERE

### Huge Mass Meeting Tonight; You're Wanted

#### CONSPIRACY AGAINST UNITED STATES HAS FAILED; GERMANY'S PLOT FULLY KNOWN

(By United Press)  
Washington, March 1.—Germany's attempts to align Mexico and Japan in a hostile conspiracy against the United States has been frustrated, it was announced today. The state department said so far as known the letter written by Foreign Secretary Zimmerman of Germany had never reached Carranza, hence never reached Japan.

## EXTRA

It is cited in the note that Zimmerman stipulated that German Minister Eckhardt to Mexico City broach the subject to Carranza only when it was certain there would be a break in war with the United States. It is also cited that this had not developed when Von Bernstorff left the United States.

(By United Press)  
Washington, March 1.—Pleading for continued friendship of the United States and a continuance of its relations with the entente, the Japanese embassy here today issued a formal statement that under no circumstances would the Japanese government entertain any such invitation as Germany attempted to send to Tokyo to embroil Japan and Mexico in a conspiracy against the United States.

Secretary Lansing thinks Mexico would ignore such a proposal on account of friendly relations. The state department refused to give out the source of the letter lest some lives be endangered, but added full evidence was had that the letter had reached von Bernstorff and also the German minister to Mexico.

Looks Suspicious.  
St. Paul, March 1.—It is recalled here that when German Consul Gronow at this point was ordered home he sought to go to Guatemala via Mexico, but that the United States insisted he go direct home.

#### GERMANY SHOWN IN HER TRUE LIGHT

Washington, March 1.—Germany, in planning unrestricted submarine warfare and counting its consequences, proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan to make war on the United States, if this country should not remain neutral.

#### \$2 Per Bushel For 225 Bushels Potatoes Here

George Miller, the potato king of Northern Minnesota, claims to have received the largest amount of money ever paid for a single load of potatoes in Minnesota, if not in the United States. Mr. Miller received \$450 for a load of 225 bushels of potatoes delivered Feb. 22.

Mr. Miller is an up-to-date farmer and raised over 6,000 bushels of fancy potatoes last year. Buyers from all parts of the country were sent to Bemidji to bid on this bunch of potatoes, and Otto Shook of Willard, Minn., who has been buying potatoes all fall and winter in this section was the successful bidder.

#### BAND OUT TONIGHT; "HOTTER ONE" CERTAIN

In addition to the ladies' drum corps, the Bemidji band will turn out tonight and assist in making it a "hotter" one for the committee here on the coming of the National Editorial Association. The band will also assist in escorting the committee from the Markham to the Commercial club rooms.

#### Bemidji High Victor, 71 to 15; Too Fast for Park Rapids

In a fast game at the Armory last evening the Bemidji high school team defeated the Park Rapids quintet by a score of 71 to 15. Although outplayed in all stages of the game the Park Rapids team put up a good fight and did well considering the fact that they were on a large floor and handicapped by not being used to out of bounds.

The playing of Plummer at right forward was the feature of the game. He made a total of 19 points for his team and also prevented his man from scoring. His floor work was brilliant and there is no question but what Captain Plummer will make a strong bid for all-state forward this year.

Bailey at guard showed up splendidly again. Although playing at the guard position instead of his usual position as right forward he made ten baskets for his home team. The Phibbs brothers showed up well as did Warfield at center. Gainey played his usual consistent game. During the latter part of the game

all of the substitutes were put in and succeeded in holding the visitors to a low score.

Sheppard starred for the visitors, making seven out of nine free throws and making 7 out of the 15 points for his team. The score:  
BEMIDJI PARK RAPIDS  
Plummer . . . . . R. F. . . . . Scheerer  
Phibbs . . . . . L. F. . . . . Pierce  
Warfield . . . . . C. . . . . Sheppard  
Gainey . . . . . L. G. . . . . Wintonberg  
Bailey . . . . . L. G. . . . . Nunn  
Substitutes: Bemidji—Witting and Grey for Warfield; Tennstrum for Bailey; Fred Phibbs for Frank Phibbs; Palmer for Gainey. Park Rapids—Krause for Pierce.

Field goals: Bemidji—Plummer 9, Bailey 10, Frank Phibbs and Warfield 4, Fred Phibbs 5, Gainey 3. Park Rapids—Pierce 3, Scheerer 1.  
Free throws: Bemidji—Plummer 1 out of 4, Bailey 0 out of 1. Park Rapids—Sheppard 7 out of 9.  
Officials—Dr. J. W. Diedrich, referee; McAlpine, scorer and time-keeper.

#### NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS VISIT BEMIDJI



President Northern Minnesota Editorial Association, member executive committee State Editorial Association, chairman Transportation committee, National Editorial Association.



Vice President Northern Minnesota Editorial Association, member National Editorial Association committee.



Secretary-Treasurer Northern Minnesota Editorial Association, member National Editorial Association committee.



Member executive committee State Editorial Association, member National Editorial Association committee and loyal friend of Bemidji.

#### WHAT THEY SAY

**WILL WILKE**  
"From what I saw of Bemidji when I was here four years ago with the outing party of the Northern Minnesota Editorial Association, and what I have seen, met, felt and 'glad-handed' here today, I have about concluded that the 'half has ne'er been told' concerning the good things of the 'City of Enterprise.'  
"You certainly have a 'live' bunch of business men, and the very air here seems filled with invigoration and enthusiasm. You can't get away from it. I'm glad I came again, and I hope to meet tonight many of those whom I met on my former visit."

**GEORGE ERICSON**  
"I have been with President Wilke for a week and believe me I have pounded it into him that northern Minnesota really is all that he and I have claimed for it. 'Bill' is loyal to this section of the state, but we have a big problem on our hands to

#### COLORED MAN TAKEN, ALSO 9 QUARTS BOOZE

Eugene Shucks, a young colored man, was placed under arrest in a raid yesterday by Federal agents, the charge being that the alleged offender introduced nine quarts of whiskey into Bemidji. He is slated to appear before Commissioner Simons.

handle this large crowd of the most representative newspaper men of the United States who will be in Bemidji next July. I'm for Bemidji.

**"DOC" RUTLEDGE**  
"I'm for Bemidji, all the time; and I hope that President Wilke and Br'er Ericson will tell us, before they leave tonight, that the National Editorial Association and their wives will be in Bemidji next July. Sorry that Frank J. Meyst, a prominent member of the committee, could not be here. He wished me to tell his Bemidji friends that he is strong for Bemidji, and hopes the 'boys' and 'girls' will come here next summer."

#### Women Urged To be Present

The mass meeting scheduled for the Commercial club rooms tonight at 8 o'clock to welcome the committee of the National Editorial Association and tell them Bemidji wants the nation's editors to pay us a visit next July while they are on their annual trip, is not alone for the men folks but women as well, and the ladies are especially urged to be present.

It is also urged that every wide-awake wife take her husband to-night and all live "hubbys" take the missus.

#### COMMITTEE COMES TO LOOK US OVER AS VISITING POINT FOR NEWSPAPERMEN

Bemidji is "standing in the sun" today. She is being looked over with close scrutiny by a jury consisting of Will Wilke, president of the Northern Minnesota Editorial Association and chairman of the transportation committee of the National Editorial Association; George E. Ericson, vice president of the Northern Minnesota Editorial Association and member of the National Editorial Association committee; A. G. (Doc) Rutledge, secretary-treasurer of the Northern Minnesota Editorial Association and member of the National Editorial Association committee, in an endeavor to ascertain whether the people of Bemidji desire a visit from the 600 members of the National Editorial Association next July and what the city has to offer in the way of entertainment during the stop of the nation's editors, which is to include points in Northern Minnesota and Canada clear to the coast in the Northwest.

ALL of Bemidji and YOU and EVERYBODY else is wanted.

The members of the committee now in Bemidji will be present and listen to what Bemidji has to offer. Whether it really has any claims to being what it says it is. You are wanted, and there will be no formalities.

#### Notable Organization.

The National Editorial Association is composed of the editors of the nation, newspaper men and those who have to do with the newspaper industry throughout the country. Their annual meeting this year, next July, is to be held in Minneapolis and there will be fully 1,200 present from all points throughout the United States. The dates of the meeting are July 9 to 12, at the conclusion of which they start out on their annual trip to view that part of the United States, wherein their annual meeting is held, traveling in special trains, and this year about 600 will make the trip, many accompanied by their wives and members of their families.

#### Going to Vancouver.

The party will leave Minneapolis on July 13, stopping at St. Cloud, Little Falls, Staples, Detroit, Grand Forks, Crookston and on to Winnipeg, spending a day in Winnipeg, thence for the larger cities in Canada and then on northwest to Vancouver, returning through Canada over the Canadian Rockies to the Minnesota border, stopping at Spooner, International Falls and then—

#### To Bemidji?

That then is the proposition, whether they shall come to Bemidji or go elsewhere, to points that are pulling hard for them to pay a visit.

Hibbing, Virginia and Duluth will be next on the itinerary and also many other cities and points of interest in the great and coming northwest.

#### Here Over Dav.

In most of the cities where the huge party will stop they will remain about 25 or 30 minutes but with the arrangements as mapped out for Bemidji the party will stop here a day and be shown over Bemidji and its surroundings, and the newspaper men from throughout the country will have ample opportunity to see Bemidji and sing its praises to the entire nation.

#### Everybody Boost.

There is little doubt but that the tourists and sightseers can be induced to come to Bemidji as the committee is "strong" for Bemidji, it is up to Bemidji to back up the committee and make good for them when they made their decision.

AND BEMIDJI CAN DO IT WITH YOUR HELP.

#### Meyst is Detained.

Frank J. Meyst of Minneapolis, member of the executive committee of the Minnesota Editorial Association, member of the National Editorial Association, who is manager of the Minneapolis office of the Western Newspaper Union, and a loyal friend of Bemidji, was unable to be present, owing to press of business at this time. He is an uncle of Mayor C. W. Vandersluis.

#### Reynolds Makes Good.

These officials of the National Editorial Association are here at the insistence of H. E. Reynolds, who was sent to Minneapolis by the Commercial club in an endeavor to induce the National Editorial Association to so alter its itinerary so as to include Bemidji, and after hard work and much persuasion on the part of Mr. Reynolds, augmented by staunch friends of Bemidji from outside points the committee consented to come to Bemidji and look us over, to ascertain what it was all about, what sort of a place Bemidji was and what manner of peoples it was that should tackle such a proposition after it had been practically settled.

And it is now up to Bemidji to "show 'em" and make good on what has been claimed for it—that it is the liveliest city in Northern Minnesota and second to none of similar size that lies out of doors in the United States.

#### AND WE CAN DO IT.

#### Mass Meeting Tonight.

Tonight at 8 o'clock at the rooms of the Commercial club there will be a mass meeting—a meeting for EVERYBODY in Bemidji and it is urged that everybody who possibly can be present. This is not a matter of any organization, society, sect or faction or who's who—it is for

#### Beautiful Elko Theatre Will Open its Doors March 10; One of the Best in State

The Elko, the name of the new motion picture theater to be owned and operated by Harding & Whaley, proprietors of the Grand, will throw open its doors to the theater loving public of Bemidji on Wednesday, March 7, the dedication offering being Mary Pickford in her own and latest success, "The Pride of the Clan."

prisingly ample dimensions. It is done in gray, old rose and old ivory, side walls paneled and all trimming and bas relief work in old ivory, the color combination being carried throughout the entire lower floor of the Elk building.

The picture will be shown the opening day and the day following. The finishing touches are being put on the theater and by the opening date will be ready for the public.

#### Floor of Concrete.

The floor is of concrete, sloping to the front and can be flushed in cleaning, the water being collected in a drain and carried off, making the floor strictly sanitary. The seating capacity will be approximately 500, all new opera chairs of the latest and most comfortable pattern.

#### Beautiful Interior.

The interior presents an interesting survey, the theater being one of the most handsome and best appointed of any city in Minnesota outside of Minneapolis and St. Paul. It is located in a specially constructed part of the new Elks temple and is of sur-

#### Ventilation Excellent.

For ventilation, there are large fans and suction drafts, making a direct system in purifying the air.

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