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BRIEF NOTE TO BERLIN

Washington, May 9.—President Wilson has put Germany on trial.

In the text of the American reply to the most recent German note on subsea warfare the Imperial government is told the United States relies upon Germany to keep its promises to alter the methods of submarine warfare.

Scrupulous execution of its changed policy, the note says, will remove the danger of an interruption of the good relations existing between Germany and the United States.

At the same time the note rejects the proposal that the United States regard this abandonment as conditional upon Great Britain's action with respect to the blockade.

The note is courteous in tone, but firm and definite in substance.

It is intended to remove all doubt of the Imperial government as to the position the United States has taken.

Secretary of State Lansing issued the following statement explaining why the United States cannot discuss matters pertaining to the relations between this government and Great Britain with the Imperial government.

Lansing Explains Position.

"The greater part of the German answer is devoted to matters which this government cannot discuss with the German government.

"The only questions of right which can be discussed with that government are those arising out of its action or out of our own and in no event those questions which are the subject of diplomatic exchanges between the United States and any other country.

"The essence of the answer is that Germany yields to our representations with regard to the rights of merchant ships and noncombatants on the high seas and engages to observe the recognized rules of international law governing naval warfare in using her submarines against merchant ships.

"So long as she lives up to this altered policy we can have no reason to quarrel with her on that score, though the losses resulting from the violation of American rights by German submarine commanders operating under the former policy will have to be settled.

Treaty Covers British Case.

"While our differences with Great Britain cannot form a subject of discussion with Germany it should be stated that in our dealings with the British government we are acting as we are unquestionably bound to act in view of the explicit treaty engagements with that government.

"We have treaty obligations as to the manner in which matters in dispute between the two governments are to be handled.

"We offered to assume mutually similar obligations with Germany, but the offer was declined.

"When, however, the subject in dispute is a continuing menace to American lives it is doubtful whether such obligations apply unless the menace is removed during the pendency of the proceedings."

Secretary Lansing's statement refers for the first time in the submarine negotiations to the "Dryan peace treaties."

Following is the text of the note cabled by Secretary Lansing to Ambassador Gerard at Berlin with instructions to deliver it to the German minister of foreign affairs:

Complete Text of Note.

"The note of the Imperial German government under date of May 4, 1916, has received careful consideration by the government of the United States.

"It is especially noted as indicating the purpose of the Imperial government as to the future, that it is prepared to do its utmost to confine the operation of the war for the rest of its duration to the fighting forces of the belligerents; and that it is determined to impose upon all its commanders at sea the limitations of the recognized rules of international law upon which the government of the United States has insisted.

"Throughout the months which have elapsed since the Imperial government announced on Feb. 4, 1915, its submarine policy, now happily abandoned, the government of the United States has been constantly guided and restrained by motives of friendship in its patient efforts to bring to an amicable settlement the critical questions arising from that policy.

Places Reliance in Germany.

"Accepting the Imperial government's declaration of its abandonment of the policy which has so seriously menaced the good relations between the two countries the government of the United States will rely upon a scrupulous execution henceforth of the new altered policy of the Imperial

government such as will remove the principal danger to an interruption of the good relations existing between the United States and Germany.

"The government of the United States feels it necessary to state that it takes it for granted that the Imperial German government does not intend to imply that the maintenance of its newly announced policy is in any way contingent upon the course or result of diplomatic negotiations between the government of the United States and any other belligerent government, notwithstanding the fact that certain passages in the Imperial government's note of the fourth instant might appear to be susceptible of that construction.

"In order, however, to avoid any possible misunderstanding the government of the United States notifies the Imperial government that it cannot for a moment entertain, much less discuss, a suggestion that respect by German naval authorities for the rights of citizens of the United States upon the high seas should in any way or in the slightest degree be made contingent upon the conduct of any other government affecting the rights of neutrals and noncombatants.

"Responsibility in such matters is single, not joint; absolute, not relative."

RONAN 6, SOMERS 3.

The Ronan team went up to Somers last Sunday and played a fast game with the team in the saw mill town on the lake. That it was a fast game from start to finish is clear to all who observe the box score printed below, as there was no time during the entire game when it was not either side's game. A bobble by the Ronan boys would have cost them the game but luckily that catastrophe never happened.

Manager Carper worked hard last week after matching the game and secured an excursion rate for all who wished to go and had a boat chartered to convey the players and fans from here, and a goodly number—between 40 and 50—took advantage of the chance and went along.

The trip across the lake was rather rough as there was a strong wind blowing and the boat pitched more than some say was enjoyable. Not nearly so many were sick going as coming back, however.

Joe White pitched a remarkable game for so early in the season and has 17 strike-outs to his credit. Every man made a hit—either in the game or coming or going—including the manager and score keeper.

The box score shows, by innings:
Ronan—3 1 0 1 1 0 0 0—6
Somers—1 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—3

Umpire, Russel, of Big Arm; score keeper, Lloyd Wallace.

A return game has been arranged for May 21st at Ronan, and another good game may be expected.

The Ronan players were Darnell, 1st base, White pitcher, Kopal shortstop, Turnquist catcher, Bergevin center field, Jacobs 3rd base, McLaughlin right field, Wagner 2nd base, and Garrity left field.

The Somers players were Smith, P. Torburgson, Bassford, Henry, Moore, Larson, Hoppe, Schlegel and A. Torburgson.

SOME TIMBERED LANDS SUBJECT TO ENTRY

F. J. White received a letter this week from Senator Myers in which, in part, he said:

"My bill to allow homestead entries on timbered lands in the Flathead, where the lands are as valuable for agriculture as for timber, has been incorporated in the Indian appropriation bill and has passed the house and senate and will become a law."

This bill will allow many more entries to be made in this vicinity, as much of the so-called timber land is not so valuable for timber as for agriculture.

Senator Myers also writes:

"The house and senate conferees have agreed to \$750,000 for the Flathead project. The report has been presented to the house and senate and will be adopted by the senate and will be acted on soon, I think. I am sure it will be adopted by the senate and have strong hopes that it will be adopted by the house. If so, the project will get that amount."

MILWAUKEE EXPERT WILL MAKE TONNAGE ESTIMATE

The electric railroad committee, composed of representatives from Polson, Ronan, St. Ignatius and Missoula, have secured the services of Mr. R. F. Weeks, division freight and passenger agent of the Milwaukee railroad, to make an expert examination and report as to the tonnage to and from the Flathead. Mr. Weeks has made every preliminary inspection and report on every extension which the Milwaukee has constructed and is undoubtedly a high class man. The committee is very fortunate in securing so valuable a man to make this examination and his report will be awaited with much interest.

Mr. Weeks will not be able to leave Seattle, his headquarters, before the 20th inst., but expects to commence his inspection immediately thereafter.

There is another and greater significance attached to Mr. Weeks' employment, and that is the fact that he is connected with the Milwaukee railroad. It

would appear that the Milwaukee must be interested in the data to be secured else it would not have been possible to secure his services.

The Pioneer is informed that the only charge Mr. Weeks will make for this work is his transportation, meals, stenographic service and incidentals.

In this connection it may be said that although the N. P. surveyors have been in this section for several weeks, that fact will not be allowed to dismay nor discourage the promoters of the electric line from Polson to Missoula, via Ronan and St. Ignatius. There are so many who are squeamish about the good faith of the N. P. and they do not propose to allow a bluff to work this time. Besides, those who have investigated the field say there is every reason to believe that even if the N. P. does "come across" and build, that the electric line would still be a paying investment. Two roads would not injure the Flathead.

TO REPEAT STAMPEDE IN MISSOULA THIS YEAR

Announcement comes from Missoula that the Stampede is to be repeated this year. The show given last year was in every way first class and assurances have been given that it will be even better this season. The dates for the Stampede are July 1, 2, 3 and 4. The prize lists have been issued and show a substantial increase over the very liberal purses hung up for last year's events. Contestants are already sending in their entries and the field will be the largest which has ever appeared in a wild west competitive show in Montana. Among these entries are some of the brightest stars in their respective lines.

Special attention is to be given the relay and pony express races which attracted so much favorable comment last year. The purses for these events are to be materially increased and the best strings in the northwest will be seen on the track at the coming show. The general entertainment offered the visitors this year will be in every way pleasing and the record of 1915 will undoubtedly be broken. Special rates are to be granted by the railroads and these will be announced within a short time.

School Notes

The girls of the Foods class served a delicious four course dinner to the high school boys Monday afternoon at three o'clock.

The district athletes go to Polson Monday, May 15, for the annual Polson-District meet. We are in hopes that many of the Ronan rooters will be present to witness the events, as this will be one of the best meets ever held on the reservation.

Next week the eighth grade and high school will take their final examinations. Because the high schools of district 28 are accredited, the eighth grades will not take the state exams, but will take those given by the district.

Tom Bailey is the only one from the second grade who gets a certificate for perfect attendance.

Catherine Hay, Chester Hardman, George McCormick and Mary Hay will receive certificates for perfect attendance in the third grade.

Round Butte

Rev. Tester will preach at the Round Butte church on Sunday, May 21, at 2 o'clock.

The Round Butte Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Eaal Spencer on Wednesday, May 17. All are welcome.

RONAN TEACHERS ENJOY LONG MOUNTAIN CLIMB

The Ronan teachers, Dr. Becker, Miss Azelie Savage, Miss Barbara Kain, Miss Irene Teargarden, Miss Hilda Marsh and Peter Hanson, were guests of Mrs. Louise Covalt and son, George, at the latter's homestead northeast of Ronan last Sunday. The guests were treated to some of Mrs. Covalt's best in the way of dinner and to a long mountain climb which took them to the lake at the head of Mud creek, where there is said to be the finest falls to be found in the Mission range. The climb took them to the snow where it is several feet deep at this time. While the climb to reach the falls and lake is difficult in many places, they enjoyed the trip very much—at least that is what they report.

Upon the return of the party to the Covalt home they enjoyed another hearty meal and arrived home about 9 o'clock very much pleased over the day's journey and the scenery they had seen.

LEON FIELD MEET LAST SATURDAY

The annual field meet of District No. 28 was held at Leon last Saturday with a good attendance. Only four of the twelve schools entered for the events, with Ronan and Leon the principal contenders for athletic honors.

Owing to the high wind which prevailed at the time some of the events were to be run, an adjournment was taken until May 19, at which time three events will be finished. These are the mile run, low hurdles and high hurdles. It will require the totals of these three events to determine which school is entitled to the championship, as the score is subject to being materially altered when all are finished.

According to the rule adopted to determine the championship, Ronan is now ahead six and one-third points, but this may be changed to the extent of allowing Leon to win.

The events which were finished last Saturday and the winners in each were as follows:

50 yard dash—Allard, Leon, 1st; Fisher, Ronan, 2nd; Boals, Arlee, 3rd; time 5-3-5 sec.

100 yard dash—Allard, 1st; McDonald 2nd; time 10-4-5 sec.

220 yard dash—Allard, 1st; Fisher, 2nd; Boals, 3rd; time 29-2-3 sec.

440 yard dash—Allard, 1st; Boals, 2nd; time 1-12-2-5 sec.

880 yard dash—Lafontaine, Ronan, 1st; Allard, 2nd; Boals, 3rd; time 2-1-46 sec.

High jump—Lafontaine, 1st; McDonald, 2nd; Dix and Fisher tied for 3rd; distance 5 ft. 3 in.

Broad jump—McDonald, 1st; McFadden, St. Ignatius, 2nd; Lafontaine, 3rd; distance 19 ft. 6 in.

Pole vault—Dix 1st; Resner, 2nd; Irish 3rd; distance 9 ft.

Javelin throw—Allard 1st; Dix 2nd; Lafontaine, 3rd. Distance 127 ft. 6 in.

Discus throw—McDonald, 1st; Lafontaine, 2nd; Dix, 3rd. Distance 99 ft. 6 in.

Shot put—McDonald, 1st; Demers, Arlee, 2nd; Lafontaine, 3rd. Distance 40 ft. 11 1/2 in.

50 yard dash, boys—Harry Kerns, Leon, 1st; Bert Lish, Leon, 2nd; Fred Cooley, St. Ignatius, 3rd. Time 6-3-5 seconds.

50 yard dash, girls—Nina Engle, Ronan, 1st; Nancy McLeod, Ronan, 2nd; Beulah Kinkaid, Leon, 3rd. Time 7-3-5 seconds.

Declamation, senior—Goldie Irish, Ronan, 1st; with 2-2-3 points awarded Arlee, St. Ignatius and Leon, but names of contestants not given.

Declamation, junior—Alice Sheen, Ronan, 1st; Anna Beckwith, St. Ignatius, 2nd; Bruce B. Hall, North Moiese, 3rd.

In the athletic events first counted 5, second 3, and third 1; in the declamatory contest first counted 8 points, second 5, third 3. To find the total score of any school divide the total athletic score by 2 and add the total in other events. Taking this as a basis the different schools earned in total points as follows:

Arlee 7 1-6, St. Ignatius 9 2-3, Leon 31 2-3, Ronan 58, North Moiese 3.

The Domestic Science department of the school served an elegant lunch during the day, and the day ended with a big dance which was attended by people from all parts of the district.

SCOTT PRESENTS FRESH DEMANDS

Efforts to Effect an Understanding Regarding the Status of American Soldiers in Mexico Will Be Continued at the Next Conference.

El Paso, Tex., May 9.—New demands were made on Mexico as a result of the bandit raids in the Big Bend district.

The feeling is growing here that the situation as affecting the United States and Mexico has taken on new gravity.

The conference between Generals Scott and Funston and General Obregon, Mexican minister of war, and Juan Amador, secretary of foreign affairs, ended without an agreement having been reached.

It was indicated, however, that efforts to effect an understanding regarding the status of the American troops in Mexico have not been abandoned and that another conference will be held.

Most of the conference had to do with the raid and the steps to be taken to disperse bandit groups in Northern Coahuila.

Demands presented to the Mexican representatives, it is said, included the co-operation of the Mexican and American troops in districts not hitherto touched in the negotiations.

General Funston refused to indicate whether a second expeditionary force is to go into Mexico near Boquilla.

He said that circumstances made it impossible for him to speak.

He was asked if a report from Washington that troops may already have crossed was true.

He replied that he believed they had "not yet" gone over.

DECLARES ENGLAND HAS AMERICAN CODE

New York, May 9.—"The British government knew the contents of Germany's reply to the United States at least twelve hours before the American state department."

This charge is made here by an eminent German, who is close to the German embassy, who went even further, saying:

"For many months Downing street, which is in possession of the American secret diplomatic code, has had advance information as to the contents of every official and private message exchanged between Berlin and Washington."

"Ambassador Gerard in Berlin knows this. Every attache at the American embassy knows it, and the German government knows it. Moreover, it is moderately certain that the American state department knows it, for it received—not once, but repeatedly—communications from Ambassador Gerard urgently requesting the adoption of a new code."

District Court

Judge Theodore Lentz opened the May term of district court in Missoula Monday morning, called the calendar and ordered the clerk to draw a jury for the trial of cases. The jurors will report for duty May 31st, at which time the trial of cases will begin. The following jurymen have been summoned for jury service from the reservation country:

Carl Hasms, Polson; Pete C. Boethler, Hort; A. P. Morse, Robert Armstrong, St. Ignatius; E. E. Durst, Gregory Bissett, Henry Bud, Herbert Eifers, A. L. Atkinson, Barney Fitzgerald, Ronan; D. R. Bigham, Albert McCauley, Dixon; J. C. Edwards, D'Aste.

Elks' State Convention

The Pioneer has received an invitation to attend the Elks' State convention to be held at Butte on July 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The convention this year, as usual will be an attraction that will attract many visitors to Butte and a grand time is expected. Butte lodge No. 240, is sending out the invitation.

Electric Railroad Meeting

Another meeting of those interested in the building of an electric railroad from Polson to Missoula is called to meet in Ronan, on Friday, May 19, at 11 a. m., at Seearce's hall. Important matters will come before the meeting. C. F. RATHBONE, Chairman.