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INCREASED NAVY IS GREAT NEED

McADOO DECLARES UNITED STATES MUST BE WELL PREPARED

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 30.—Speaking before an audience that taxed the capacity of the Fargo auditorium at the Masonic temple, Secretary of the Treasury Wm. G. McAdoo handled the subject of national preparedness without gloves and stated that the United States had developed a navy that was "lop-sided and utterly inadequate.

The meeting had been called for 7:30 o'clock and long before that hour people were being turned away—unable to find even standing room. The stage had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, and besides Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo and party, was occupied by the reception committee and prominent democrats from all over the state.

Mayor Emery Presides

Mayor Emery presided and first introduced Byron R. Newton, assistant secretary of the treasury, who gave a short talk. He expressed gratification at the spirit with which the party had been received all through the trip from the coast—and especially in North Dakota.

Secretary McAdoo was then introduced by Mayor Emery and stated that he was glad that he was to address a non-partisan meeting. He believed political parties were essential to our form of government, but he did not believe in letting partizanship dominate or influence important measures.

National Preparedness

Continuing, Mr. McAdoo said that he wanted to say a few words on our national preparedness and the establishment of a merchant marine. "The terrible events of the past year in Europe, and the acute situations which have arisen in our foreign relations," he said, "have brought forcibly to the front the necessary for greater naval and military preparedness than our people have heretofore believed necessary for the national safety.

"Our splendid isolation, upon which we have relied so much in the past as our chief protection, has been neutralized in great measure by the developments of modern science. Wireless telegraphy and wireless telephony, aeroplanes, fast steamships, powerful battleships, long-range guns, high explosives and submarines which can cross the Atlantic and Pacific, have awakened us to a realization of the fact that the great ocean barriers have largely disappeared, and that we may in time become the object of attack by hostile powers. We have been forced to consider the new measures which are essential to put the country upon a basis of greater security. We must not approach this subject in hysterical fashion; we must not take counsel of fear but counsel of prudence, reason and intelligence. We are so fortunately placed that we do not have to adopt a militaristic policy, as that term is commonly understood. Our geographical position makes it unnecessary for us to maintain such formidable military establishments as the great powers of Europe. The most indispensable factor in any sensible plan of national defense is a powerful navy, capable of striking with effect—both offensively and defensively—supplied with essential naval auxiliaries in the form of an American merchant marine and manned by American seamen.

"As a part of our naval program of preparedness we should provide every element of a well-equipped, highly efficient, and perfectly balanced naval fleet and organization. The ships, both of the fighting line and of the auxiliary line, should be the best that American skill and science can produce, and the men who are to fight the battleships and operate the auxiliaries must be trained American seamen, imbued with our national spirit and knowing no allegiance except to the United States. So vital is this that, whereas a few years ago we permitted foreigners to enlist in our navy, the law now compels the enlistment of American citizens only."

Mr. McAdoo estimated that the United States required about 400 merchant vessels and 320 mine sweeping boats to constitute an efficient merchant marine and auxiliary fleet.

HOUSE BURNED LAST MONDAY

GARDNER NORTH OF CITY LOSES EVERYTHING WHEN HOME BURNED MONDAY

John Shoonheim lost his house north of the city Monday afternoon by fire. He was working in the garden when he noticed smoke coming out of the chimney and as he did not have any fire he knew the house was on fire. He rushed in but was unable to save anything but a couple of trunks as the fire had gained considerable headway before he noticed the smoke.

He lost all his clothes, furniture, etc., together with fifteen or sixteen dollars in money. The house was worth a thousand or twelve hundred dollars we are informed and was insured for about $800. Mr. Arsenault, who lives close to Shoonheim was afraid his house would catch on fire as the wind was driving the sparks that way but fortunately the wind soon changed and they escaped any damage.

CHILDREN DIE IN SCHOOL FIRE

FIRE SWEEPS THROUGH BUILDING IN FIVE MINUTES--JUMP FROM WINDOWS

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 28.—Twenty children lost their lives in a fire which swept through St. John's parochial school in five minutes today. Scores of others were injured, some fatally, and the death list will exceed 25.

Of the 20 recovered bodies, all but two are charred almost beyond identification. The origin of the fire still is in doubt late this afternoon.

The children were driven from their rooms and many attempted exit through the choked passageways, then jumped from windows to death or serious injury. Neighbors held blankets into which many screaming children leaped.

The front entrance was jammed with little children and many of them were suffocated by smoke. The firemen were unable to get through the crowd and fought the flames from ladders.

Six hundred children were at their desks when an explosion, apparently in the boiler room, sent flames shooting through the wooden interior of the brick structure.

The children, ranging in ages from 7 to 16, were in charge of 13 sisters. Twelve charred bodies were recovered an hour after the fire was under control.

Cry of Child Starts Panic

When the fire broke out, the sisters marshalled their charges as for fire drill, starting them from the building. The processions were orderly until those from the third floor, joined others pouring from the class rooms on the second floors.

Suddenly there was a cry of fear from one of the throng. It was taken up by hundreds of others, and a panic ensued.

The sisters frantically tried to stop the pushing and struggling mass, but in vain. Smaller children fell under the feet of those behind them, and soon the vestibule was so jammed with living and dead the firemen gave up trying to force an entrance. All the 16 sisters escaped.

A large percentage of the pupils are children of foreign parentage. In the number were many of Irish and Italian decent.

Deeds of Heroism

There were no fire escapes outside the building.

Deeds of heroism were not wanting. Among the incidents was that of Maurice Harris, aged 10, who carried his one-legged chum, Thomas O'Shea, aged 8, on his back down the smoked-filled stairways to safety.

SPURIOUS RAPE SEED FOR SALE

QUANTITIES OF TURNIP RAPE SEED IS OFFERED FOR SALE AS WINTER RAPE

Under normal conditions the United States has received a great part of its supply of winter rape seed from the Netherlands, but owing to the restrictions placed on the export of this seed during the past year other sources of supply have been sought. This has resulted in seed of several types of plants being imported under the name of rape from countries not usually contributing to our supply.

Approximately 95,000 pounds of seed of turnip rape, or enough to sow 19,000 acres, have been imported since April 1, 1915. This so-called turnip rape is not rape at all, but a turnip without the thickened root of the garden turnip and is cultivated for its oil-bearing seed.

The plants are winter annuals, with a growing period similar to that of winter rape, not blossoming or seeding the season in which the seed is planted. The leaves the first year are radical (growing from the root), forming a rosette on the ground as distinguished from winter rape, which produces a stem often 2 feet high the first season. The leaves of turnip rape are bright green in color, thin, rough, and hairy, while the leaves of winter rape are smooth, fleshy, and covered with a grayish-green bloom.

The seeds of turnip rape are usually smaller than those of winter rape, with more deeply marked network and often are of a grayish-black color. The seedlings of the two plants can be distinguished definitely by the fact that all the leaves of turnip rape grow from practically the same point, forming a rosette, while there is a space or interval between each successive two leaves of winter rape, a definite stem being thus formed. These differences can be observed when the seedlings are about two weeks old, or as soon as the second and third true leaves appear. While turnip rape is said to be hardy and to grow on poorer land than winter rape, it gives less forage and that of a poorer quality than winter rape.

As the seed of turnip rape is being offered for sale throughout the country at the present time, under the name of winter rape or dwarf Essex rape, farmers desiring to seed rape should be on their guard against purchasing seed of turnip rape in place of that of the true winter rape.

ANNUAL DUCK SUPPER

The Masons will have their annual duck supper in the Odd Fellows hall tonight. They will entertain their wives, the members of the Eastern Star and their husbands.

ELKS WILL GIVE SEVERAL DANCES

COMMITTEE PLANNING SERIES OF DANCES FOR SEASON—FIRST ONE NOVEMBER 12

The Entertainment committee of the Elks are busy planning a series of dances for the coming season and if these dances are not among the best ever held in the city it will not be for lack of work and study on the part of the committee.

With the view of making the dances successful the committee decided that the first thing necessary was an improved floor. The hall floor through a mistake was varnished and this spoiled it for dancing. The committee has made arrangements to have the varnish removed and the floor waxed and this is to be done before the first dance a week from tomorrow. Several of the series will be special feature dances and the committee plan on making the first one a hard time dance, and if everyone don't have a good time it will be their fault. For New Years eve they plan a Snow Ball dance. Announcement of the dates and dances will be given later but Elks are asked to remember that the first is planned for Friday night, November the 12th.

RAISED GREAT TURNIPS

S. W. Rizer was in the city Monday with some of the largest and finest turnips we have ever seen. He had not selected them but took them as they came out of the field and they were whoppers. We were given one which when placed on the scales weighed eleven pounds. It is a good thing they did not grow on vines seeing how fast they must have developed or they would have been like the early story of the pumpkins in this state. They said we could raise fine pumpkins out here but for the fact that the vines grew so fast they wore the pumpkins out dragging them over the ground.

WHIST PLAYERS

A few Odd Fellows desire a series of games with any order in the city. Two, three or four tables.

See J. A. Corbett, M. A. Hegge or J. C. Field.

ANNUAL SALE

The M. E. Ladies Aid will hold their annual sale of fancy articles in the church parlors on Saturday, November 27th.

LOSES LIFE IN FIRE IN BARN

FARMER NORTH OF CITY TRIES TO SAVE HORSE AND LOSES HIS OWN LIFE

Joseph Halfseth, a young man of about twenty four years of age lost his life Monday while trying to get a valuable stallion out of a burning barn on the Alfred Swendserd's farm 24 miles northwest of the city. The owners were away at the time and there was no one around but an elderly lady and a couple of children. When the fire was first noticed it was in stacks near the barn and the lady at the house noticed Halfseth go into the barn. When the neighbors came it was impossible to get into the building and it soon caved in. After the fire Halfseth's body was found between the body of the stallion and the wall. He had evidently endeavored to get the animal out and probably was crushed by the frightened animal and unable to get out. He was terribly burned, his arms and legs being burned off.

Funeral services were held in this city yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the remains buried in the Williston cemetery. The deceased was a single man and came to this country from Norway about three years ago. All his relatives are in the old country. An administrator, Ed Granig has been appointed, to settle up his affairs.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

Mrs. Ernest R. Wright of Fargo, assisted by Miss Romans of this city gave a delightful entertainment in the Methodist church Monday evening. Mrs. Wright has a voice of a very pleasing quality and every one present thoroughly enjoyed her singing. Miss Romans accompanied Mrs. Wright on the piano and also the Polonaise by Chopin which was heartily applauded.

MARRIED AT METHODIST PARSONAGE

On Saturday morning, October 30, Mr. Ralph Howard Allen of Williston, and Miss Rose McCullar of Los Angeles, California, were united in the bonds of Holy matrimony by Rev. H. Styles Harriss.

The happy couple will make their home in Williston and we wish them a journey of peace and prosperity.

PUTTING IT UP TO YOU

We would not weary our readers by being too insistent upon any one subject, but the welfare of our community should be uppermost in the minds of every loyal citizen, and that welfare calls for a few very pertinent remarks at this time of the year.

Between now and the 25th day of December many thousands of dollars will be spent by the people in the purchase of holiday articles. The manufacturing cost of those articles must of necessity go to the factories scattered broadcast over the country. That can not be helped.

But there is another cost which should be seriously considered by every person who has any regard whatever for the future welfare of this town and this community. That cost is the retailer's profits on the sales.

To make this community prosperous and keep it so it is necessary that those profits be kept at home, and that can only be done by patronizing merchants who live here and conduct their business here and spend their own money here.

No citizen has the right to feel that it is all right for him to send his money away from this community because "he is only one person and his money will not be missed." It is just such people who are building up the great centers of population by strangling the rural business interests all over this country. They are the people who produce hard times in the country towns and farm sections of every state, because they are millions in number.

Let us bring it right home to you. Suppose every person in this town and the farming section around here should buy all of their goods from business houses located in other sections of the country or state. How long would our stores keep their doors open, and how long would you be able to buy even a pin or a nail in this town?

And if everybody kept on sending their money all out of the town and community, how long would it be before we had no more money to send, and when we found the community pauperized where would we turn for relief?

The profits of local industries---both farm and town---represent the money that is kept in circulation at home. If those profits are sent away we can not expect long to have any money in circulation in our midst, for other people in other places will have it; and we will be getting poorer and poorer all of the time, and our community will be getting deader and deader, until in time no one would care even to live here.

Certainly no sane person would want such a condition of affairs to exist here.

But what is the remedy, you say? It is both sane and simple.

Quit doing your shopping out of town and buy goods from home dealers. That is, buy everything you can here.

We are pushing the "buy it at home" slogan in this community and we want you to join us. We are not doing this in order to enrich the local merchants, but we are doing it to protect the future of this town and our farming community and the people among whom we live.

We want to "keep prosperity at home," and we want you to help us in our work by doing your share, and you can do that by buying at home and keeping all of the profits at home.

It is a serious problem that confronts us in the near future, and we should grapple with it as becomes men of brains and determination.

Shall we trade at home and keep prosperity in this town? Or shall we continue to make city millionaires who wouldn't give us a five cent piece if we were hungry for bread?

Remember, brother and sister, this applies not only to your neighbors, but to YOU as well, if you happen to be one who has been doing your shopping in other places.

Will you join us, "for the future of our town?"

COMMITTEES TO MEET NEXT MONTH

MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON—NEW LEADERS LIKELY

Washington, Nov. 1.—Calls have been issued for the democrats and republican national committees to meet here December 7 and 14. The sessions will call the national conventions, and fix the dates and name the lucky cities.

The democrat convention, according to precedent, will be held first, as the party in power. A date, not later than the second Tuesday in June, is favored. This would put the republican convention back to the fourth week in June as the holding of the two within a week of one another, as was done in 1912, is not favored again.

Chairmanship Problem Up

The important matter before the republican committee in addition to issuing the call will be to settle the basis of representation. This, however, will not be much of an issue, the states having already signified their approval of the revised basis, which takes away about 50 southern delegates and gives them to northern states.

The democrats may find themselves mepraturely facing the problem of the next chairman. The majority of the committee, as it now stands, will not favor the retention of McCombs for chairman to run the next campaign, Although he was the personal selection of the candidate last time it is understood President Wilson will not ask for him again.

Lynch Named as Favorite

If the president agrees to the elimination of McCombs he will go out and very likely Frederick B. Lynch of Minnesota will come in. He is the present favorite. He is a friend of the president and also of McCombs and stands as the logical candidate of both factions.

The assumption by democrats that the president will be renominated and that his re-election is fairly certain causes the democratic big wigs to turn their attention to congress.

House Outlook Worrisome

The senate is safe for two years. But plainly they are worried about the house. They realize that nothing but a landslide for the president or another division of the republican vote, neither of which is in the cards, can make them sure of the popular branch of congress, and without it the plans of the next administration will be handicapped from the beginning.

EXPLODING CAN KILLS WOMAN

GRAND FORKS COUNTY FARM HOME SCENE OF TRAGEDY WEDNESDAY

Grand Forks, Oct. 29.—Mrs. Barney Flaven, residing near Niagara, Grand Forks county, was burned to death and Flaven home was partially destroyed by fire, when a can of paint, which Mrs. Flaven was heating on a kitchen range, exploded.

The accident happened early Wednesday morning, Mrs. Flaven dying at 8 o'clock last evening at the Henry Link home, to which she was taken after the mishap. She suffered terrible agony before death finally relieved her.

Closed Can of Paint

A tin of paint, unopened, had been placed on the stove for the purpose of heating it. There was an explosion, while Mrs. Flaven was close to the stove, and she received practically the full force of the explosion.

The paint took fire, and Mrs. Flaven was burned horribly.

The Flaven residence also was partly destroyed by the flames.

Removed to Neighbor's Home

Shortly after the accident, Mrs. Flaven was removed to the Link home, where she survived during the day, dying at 8 o'clock last evening.

The funeral will be held in Larimore from the Catholic church, Rev. F. J. Simpson officiating.

The Flaven family has resided in the Niagara district for a number of years, and is well known there, Mr. Flaven being a prosperous farmer.

THE SHIFTLESS FARMER AND THE NON-ADVERTISER

The farmer who plants his seed in the ground and then lets it grow as it will without further cultivation is like the business man who buys a stock of goods, opens his doors and is satisfied with what trade naturally drifts in. But the advertising firm is like the progressive farmer who works in his field day after day and is rewarded with a big crop. True, the shiftless farmer gets as much per bushel for his grain as the farmer who spends all summer in the field—but he does not have as many bushels to sell. And so it is with the business house. The progressive house advertises all the time and as a result makes so many sales at a small profit that its total gains are far more than the non-advertiser who is satisfied with a few big profits on a few scattering sales. The wise man or woman knows it pays to trade with firms that advertise.

Doubtless every woman of legal age should be allowed to vote, but if some women's opinions of others are correct the question is open to doubt.

NORTH DAKOTA ESSAY CONTEST

TWENTY DOLLARS IS TO BE AWARDED BEST ESSAY ON STATE BY SCHOLAR

It is suggested that the rules be carefully read by all teachers and be explained to all pupils. Inquiries should be addressed to the Bureau of Public Information, University, North Dakota.

The Rules of the Contest

1. Essays are to be on the general subject, "North Dakota, Her Opportunities and Resources."

2. They may deal with any phase of the state life, its material resources, its educational advantages, its business opportunities, its future possibilities, etc.

3. They must not be more than three hundred words in length.

4. They must be written in ink or typewritten, with the name of the writer and post office in the upper left-hand corner of the first sheet and the classification of the writer's school (high, graded or rural) in the upper right-hand corner.

5. All essays must first be submitted for competition in the grade, high school or rural school in which the contestant is a student, the teacher or principal selecting the best essay or essays (not to exceed one in the grade of the rural school nor five in the high school) for reading on the North Dakota Appreciation program held in the same grade high school or rural school. The essays so selected by the teacher or principal are to be submitted to the County Superintendent not later than November 21st. The County Superintendent will act with the State Executive Committee in the appointment of judges to select the best five high school essays, the best five graded school essays, the best five rural school essays in each county.

6. The essays selected in this manner must be in the hands of the Executive Committee of "North Dakota Appreciation Week" at Grand Forks not later than December 1st.

7. The winner of the first place in the contest between high school students shall receive twenty dollars in gold; the five students receiving honorable mention in such contest shall receive one dollar each.

8. The winner of the first place in the contest between graded school students shall receive twenty dollars in gold; the five students receiving honorable mention in such contest shall receive one dollar each.

9. The winner of the first place in the contest between rural school students shall receive twenty dollars in gold; the five students receiving honorable mention in such contest shall receive one dollar each.

Suggestions for Programs in the Schools During Appreciation Week

Essays on "North Dakota, Her Opportunities and Resources" should be read.

A talk given by a teacher or a citizen on the general subject of North Dakota or on a particular phase of North Dakota life would be appropriate.

Recitations from such poets of the west as Foley, Whitman, etc., would be good additions to a program.

Such songs as "Columbia, The Gem of the Ocean," "America," etc., should find a place on a North Dakota program wherever possible.

WORK BRINGS RESULTS

Miss Bertha R. Palmer and Nurse Frederickson have been busy for the past week and more visiting schools throughout the county. They visited River View school in district seventy nine last week and met with an agreeable surprise. There were fourteen pupils in the school and during the course of examination the pupils were asked how many had tooth brushes. Every hand was raised but the surprise came when the question was asked how many use them each day and every hand went up again. With the consistant work and instruction that is being given among these lines we expect that it will not be long before every school in the county will give as good account of itself as this one.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR WHITE WAY

COMMISSION APPROVED PLANS LAST NIGHT--THREE AVENUES TO FOURTH STREET

The City Commissioners at their meeting last night approved the plans submitted for a white way and bids are being advertised for. The plans take in Main street and First Avenue east and west as far as fourth street together with the cross streets. Bids will be called for various kinds of posts and for the one light kind and possibly the cluster as well. The one light post has met with approval in various cities and it is claimed a better light at less cost is given with this than with the cluster of lights.

BASKET SOCIAL

A basket social is to be held tonight in the Palmer schoolhouse north of the city and a number of Williston people are planning on attending. They always report a good time at any entertainment given by the Muddy Valley people.