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GRAND COMMUNITY STREET CONCERT IN MINOT SUNDAY

The Union Musicians of Minot Will Furnish a Gigantic Orchestra and All People of City Invited to Join in Singing—Cap Aaker Will Direct.

The Union Musicians, not being satisfied with giving dances for the Red Cross, have offered their services for a community street concert to be given on Main street between the Leland Hotel and the Scandinavian-American Bank, Sunday afternoon, March 31st, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. Every one in the city is invited to come out and hear the extra large orchestra and join in the singing of patriotic and popular songs. The program will last from 3:30 until 6 o'clock and the orchestra will consist of all Union musicians in the city. Folders containing the words to the songs to be sung will be furnished the audience.

At least eight violins will comprise the violin section, a piano and organ will be used, together with heavy instrumentation in all the other orchestra instruments. Cap Aaker will direct the orchestra and this insures a good concert.

Of course, the giving of the concert depends upon the weather, but if the weather is warm and balmy it surely will be given, and people from outside towns are cordially invited to join with the people of Minot in this community effort.

Mrs. Blonde Arrives for Visit.

Mrs. A. P. Blonde arrived from the farm near Raub, N. D., and is spending two weeks with her husband who is connected with the job printing department of the Independent. Mrs. Blonde reports feed for stock very scarce on the reservation, farmers not being able to conduct their farming operation as vigorously as they would like. Mrs. Blonde is managing the affairs on the farm and is in charge of the Red Cross work in that section of the state, and is regarded as a very capable woman.

MABEL NORMAND AT ARCADE THEATRE

Broadway beauty choruses will have to look to their laurels now that Mabel Normand has surrounded herself with about a hundred thousand dollars worth of feminine loveliness. The surrounding occurs in "Dodging a Million," her new Goldwyn starring vehicle by Edwin Selwyn and A. M. Kennedy, in which she is to appear at the Arcade Theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

A series of scenes in the early part of the play occurs in a fashionable modiste shop where about twenty beautiful models are posing for customers in the latest creations of the courturier's art. The hand of models is led by six professionals from the studios of a fashionable Fifth Avenue modiste; and they put all the others through their paces.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ITEMS.

Spring is here and Eastertime, with its budding flowers and trees will be greeting us on every hand. A newness of life and activity is ushered into our presence to increase our joy and happiness. Let us remember that the beauties of nature are the work of a divine Creator. But He is more interested in the welfare of mankind than the beautiful flowers that endure for only a short season. The Church of Jesus Christ must take on new life if it is to grow and greatest auxiliary of the church, the starting place for multitudes of children in the Christian life and a place for study and meditation for countless adults.

You, reader, are you attending the regular sessions and helping? Don't miss institutes and conventions. Here are some dates—District convention Friday evening, April 5, at Makoti and at Kenmare Monday evening, April 8. Executive committee meeting, Minot, Saturday evening, April 6, and District Institute at Burlington, Sunday morning and evening, April 7. The program will be strong and helpful in every way. The County convention will convene at Sawyer some time in June. Plan to attend and bring a visitor with you.

CHAS. OURADNIK
President Ward County.

Russell Meservey in Mt. Clemens F. L. Meservey, chief Great Northern train dispatcher, received an interesting letter from his son, Russell, who is with the 828 Aero Repair Squadron, now in training at Selfridge Field, near Mt. Clemens, Mich. Russell is only 20 years of age, but he has made a splendid record and his Minot friends are proud of him.

He writes about a flood at Mt. Clemens, the barracks in which he was located being flooded and the soldier lads were compelled to march out thru water waist deep, in which cakes of ice were floating. They were quartered in the high school building until other arrangements were made.

Mrs. Louis Goldberg has gone to Minneapolis to spend the Passover with her parents.

29 BRITISH VESSELS SUNK IN ONE WEEK

Special to the Independent:

Thursday, 2 p. m.—Twenty-nine British vessels have been sunk in one week ending March 22. Of these 16 were over 1600 tons. This is the greatest number of British merchantmen sunk in one week since the week of September, 1917. The weather has been favorable for the attacks by submarines and it is believed that special efforts have been made by the Germans to sink vessels in conjunction with the drive on the west.

FRENCH HOLD FOE AT EVERY POINT

Paris, March 27.—"Enfeebled by considerable losses and forced to slacken his efforts, the enemy was checked everywhere yesterday and last night," the French war office reported today.

"The valor of our troops, who defended the ground foot by foot, is above all praise.

"We hold the line from Echell and St. Aurin to Bevraines, and north of Lassigny and southward to Noyon, and the left bank of the Oise.

"Strong enemy patrols, attempting to reach our position northwest of Noyon during the night, were repulsed.

"An intermittent bombardment is continuing along the whole front."

CLEMENCEAU CALLS OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Paris, March 27.—"Within 48 hours the Allies will be masters of the situation," Premier Clemenceau declared today, upon his return from the front. Clemenceau made the statement in a report to the ministerial council. At the same time he did not attempt to conceal the seriousness of the situation. The premier said Amiens is well defended and that it is improbable the Germans will break through. The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger publishes a dispatch from Lausanne, declaring the British saved their entire complement of heavy artillery.

KAISER HAS LOST HALF HIS FORCES

(Special)—The British Army headquarters in France, in an Associated Press dispatch says: The usual estimate of the present strength of a German division is 12,000 men, so that a loss of 50 per cent would mean casualties in excess of 400,000 for the Germans in less than a week of fighting.

HAIG HURLS ENEMY BACK

Special, 3 P. M.—London dispatch says: Repeated enemy attacks in the Somme Valley were repulsed. We captured prisoners and machine guns. Aero fighting under way on both banks of the Somme. There was heavy bombardment east of Arras this morning. An attack is developing.

GERMANS LAUNCH BLOW ON SOMME

London, March 27.—A heavy attack was made early in the night against the new British line south of the Somme. It was repulsed after severe fighting, the war office announces. In consequence of attacks yesterday afternoon and night, astride the Somme, the British troops on both banks were forced back a short distance in the neighborhood of Bray.

ALLIED ARMEN RAKE THE FOE.

Allied airmen rake the foe while the opponents come from the sky, was flashed in a morning dispatch.

(Special to the Independent)—Germany's supreme effort to break the Allied front in the west appears no nearer of accomplishment than on the day the drive started a week ago. Haig has merely succeeded in drawing out Hindenburg's line and in doing so has been enabled to inflict the greatest damage.

Germany is estimated to have lost 400,000 men in less than a week's fighting.

Masses of the enemy have been coming in waves, only to be mowed down and the survivors tired out. They would then be relieved by fresh troops and after a rest, the survivors of the first fighters would return. The Germans have been bringing in reserves from all along the front and prisoners say that they are behind their schedule they had planned.

GERMAN RETREAT STARTS

(Latest Bulletin before going to press)—Special to the Independent—It is believed that the German retreat has started. The Allies continue to make slow gains in places along the 30-mile salient and have added three more villages to their list. The Germans had made inroads on the 30 mile front, the farthest point of their advance being 24 miles.

ALLIES SUPREME IN THE AIR

(Special)—The Allies in today's fighting have shown themselves to be the superior fighters in the air. The Allied airmen have downed hundreds of the enemy planes during the week's fighting and have done great damage to the advancing Huns by dropping great explosive bombs, creating much consternation.

Washington, March 27.—The following is an estimate of the number of men engaged and the casualties in the "greatest battle of the greatest war" based on the best obtainable information but not officially confirmed, substantiate in a measure the previous report sent out that the German casualties were estimated in the neighborhood of 500,000:

ASKED TO SPEED UP AND INCREASE AMERICAN OVERSEAS FORCES

Special 3 p. m.—Strong pressure is brot to bear on the American government to hasten and increase the movement of troops overseas. This does not mean that the British and French are in any particular danger of letting the Germans thru the lines, but Haig no doubt has a great offensive planned and wants plenty of reserves to draw from. It has become known that many Americans are still held in England where they are in training, thus releasing large British forces, already trained.

BARRAGE AGAINST AMERICA'S TRENCHES

With the American Army in France, (Special)—What promised to be a German attack on American lines northwest of Toul yesterday morning, was broken up by American artillery fire. The enemy heavily bombarded a certain position in the American lines, then sent a sweeping barrage across No Man's Land. The American infantry emerged from underground huts at the proper moment, advanced to meet the assault. Meanwhile the counter-barrage against the German side of No Man's Land apparently was effective for the Americans waited, but no Germans appeared.

AMERICAN PATROL KILLS GERMANS THIS MORNING

With the American forces in France, 3 P. M. Special—A German raid was directed at the trenches to the right of the Americans early today. The barrage fell in the United States trenches. The men remained at their positions and there were no dead. Several German dead were observed from the American side.

An American patrol encountered an enemy patrol and killed three Germans.

LLOYD GEORGE SAYS CRISIS AT HAND

A morning special to the Independent states: "Lloyd George says great crisis of the war is at hand. American reinforcements are urged in the shortest space of time.

GERMANY PLANS ITALIAN DRIVE

Washington, special today.—While the Germans have been compelled to let up in the drive against the British on account of the loss of men and thru exhaustion, they are planning on an Italian drive at an early date.

GERMAN DRIVE SWINGS TO FRENCH

(Special)—London today's special says: German drive has swung to the French line of defense. An attempt to break the Allies' front at the juncture point fails.

BRITISH CAVALRY WINS VICTORY

British cavalry took part in yesterday's and today's fighting, winning a victory.

GERMANS CONTINUE TO BOMBARD PARIS

Berlin, March 27.—The Germans have not halted their long range bombardment of Paris, according to an official statement from general headquarters yesterday. The announcement says: "We continued the bombardment of the fortress of Paris."

GERMANS STRIKE FURIOUSLY AGAINST THE FRENCH

5 O'clock Thursday special to the Independent: The Germans are striking furiously against the French today and have taken one city in the devastated region but have paid heavily for their small gain. The Germans are being mowed down like grass.

Allies Forewarned--Able to Turn the Tide of Battle

(Special to the Independent)—Germans are held along entire front. They admit that their success such as they have had so far, is far from being decisive.

It became known today that the Allies had been forewarned and were thus given the opportunity of reserving great forces to turn the tide of the battle. In fact, some of the reserves were this afternoon brot into action, resulting counter attacks between the Somme and Ancre rivers, and have captured two or three points. This is the first report of Haig's counter attacks which he said would be made just as soon as a weak spot was found in the German lines and the opportune moment became apparent.

Patriotic Citizens Will Stop Pro-Germanism

Too Much Leniency Has Been Shown People Who Have Not Hesitated to Spread Pro-German Propaganda in this Part of State.

The patriotic citizens of this city are more than ever determined to blot out all pro-Germanism in this city and vicinity since the arrest of Schwartz of Towner, who attended the war council meeting at the Grand the-

atre on Tuesday afternoon, and was arrested after the meeting was dismissed. A number of people are under observation in this city and towns roundabout, and drastic action will be taken in the very near future. The Minot police department is leaving no stone unturned to ferret out all pro-Germans, and during the next twenty-four hours several important arrests are expected.

NONPARTISANS ENDORSE SINCLAIR FOR CONGRESS

Kenmare Man Gets Endorsement at League Convention—Gov. Frazier, Thos. Hall, and Others Endorsed.

James Sinclair of Kenmare was indorsed for congressman of the third district to succeed P. D. Norton, who is the present incumbent. Earlier in the day reports indicated Norton would be chosen. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 yesterday morning, after passing resolutions pledging loyalty to the government and declaring that the farmers of the state would plant a monster crop. They indorsed the work of the state legislature.

The program adopted is the same as the league platform of two years ago except provisions which already have been enacted.

Fargo, N. D., Mar. 27.—Governor Lynn J. Frazier, Attorney General William Langer, Karl Kositzky, auditor; S. A. Olesnes, insurance commissioner; John N. Hagan, commissioner of agriculture and labor and N. C. McDonald, superintendent of public instruction were re-indorsed by delegates to the Non-Partisan state convention here early this morning after a session lasting for more than five hours and which was still in session to determine other candidates.

The new candidates indorsed this morning in place of present state officials elected two years ago were: Albert H. Olson of Bowman, treasurer and Howard Wood, Deering, lieutenant governor, and present speaker of the house of representatives.

C. F. Dupuis of Temple and S. J. Aandahl of Litchville, were indorsed as railroad commissioners, the other railroad commissioner being left open for the indorsement of organized labor later on.

Dupuis was indorsed in place of M. P. Johnson of Tolley who has been opposed to the league. Aandahl was re-indorsed.

Thomas Hall, present secretary of state was re-indorsed by the delegates as were also Congressman John M. Baer, Fargo, and George M. Young, Valley City. Harry Bronson, present assistant attorney general of Grand Forks was indorsed as the league's candidate for justice of the supreme court. Each candidate was unanimously indorsed.

DR. RINGO LEASES HOSPITAL BLOCK

Doctors H. M. Erenfeld, F. A. Brugman and P. A. Nestos Take Over Lease for Three Years—Will Maintain Offices There.

Dr. G. Roy Ringo has leased his four-story hospital building on South Main street for a period of three years to Dr. H. M. Erenfeld, Dr. P. A. Nestos and Dr. F. A. Brugman, who will take possession of the institution April 1.

The above named doctors are among Minot's most prominent physicians and surgeons. They will maintain their offices in the building, looking after their separate practices, and using the hospital proper for their various patients.

The hospital is one of the best equipped institutions of its kind in the Northwest.

Dr. Ringo announces that he will retain his practice in this city and is making arrangements to open an office in some other block. Dr. Ringo has practiced here for the past twelve or more years and has been very successful.

MINOT WILL CELEBRATE LIBERATION DAY ON APRIL 6th

Committee of the Town Criers Club is Busily Engaged in Planning the Program and Grand Parade on April 6th.

All the preliminary arrangements for the proper celebration of the anniversary day of the declaration of war with Germany are completed by a committee from the Minot Town Criers Club. This celebration will be held on Saturday, April 6th, and the parade will move through the streets of the city from 10 until 12 o'clock in the morning. All the stores in the city will be closed during that time so that merchants and their employes may join in the celebration.

Two bands, a number of musical floats, marching organizations, patriotic floats, etc., will comprise the parade, which is expected to eclipse anything in the parade line ever attempted in this part of the state. Speeches by prominent citizens will be given, and it is expected that several of our soldiers who were wounded in France will have a place of honor in the parade.

All the towns in this section of the state are invited to attend the celebration, for they are sure to be inspired with patriotism to a larger extent after they have taken part in such a large undertaking.