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BUNGLING INTO WAR.

It is extremely unfortunate that President Wilson has found it necessary to issue an ultimatum to Germany before the Mexican tangle has been adjusted. The note sent to Berlin yesterday virtually cuts off further negotiations and brings the quarrel of the past twelve months to a final issue.

If a declaration of hostilities should be issued by the United States against Germany, Americans will be loyal to the stars and stripes in spite of the condemnation that has been heaped upon those whose cradles were rocked upon a foreign shore.

But until it becomes common knowledge that the United States must sever its friendly relations with one or more of the European nations, the right of Americans to discuss the attitude of the administrative heads of this government is not forfeited.

It is difficult to understand the change in the attitude of President Wilson. There were not many who approved his declaration that "Americans were too proud to fight" when the Lusitania was sent to the bottom by a torpedo.

But while he was preaching peace, he was also advocating a sane policy of preparedness. What he said then, he now repudiates every day; yet he has not explained why he believed it was more desirable to have peace in 1915 than it is today.

Mr. Wilson has bungled the situation in Mexico. He sent the American troops into Mexico to compel Huerta to salute the flag. Lives were sacrificed, but Mr. Wilson, after making comedy of the expedition in the beginning, blundered the second time by recalling the troops.

MINISTERS AGAINST QUACKERY.

The Lutheran Ministers of St. Louis yesterday placed their stamp of disapproval upon Billy Sunday and other evangelists who burlesque religion for the money that it brings to them.

A portion of the resolution passed by the Lutheran clergymen, says: "We believe that the Church of Christ has a mission which should be held in honor and respect by all men, and that it would be inconsistent to co-operate with a man who makes the church a target for ridicule and abuse."

"The methods of the modern evangelist, such as Mr. Sunday, are in striking contrast to the methods of the Apostles, and smack of commercialism. The Lutheran Church does not believe that the excitement and high tension of Mr. Sunday's methods will effect permanent results.

"We believe that a campaign by 'Billy' Sunday would prove an unhealthy diversion, and discredit ordinary and steady methods of Christian preaching, while the benefits would prove superficial. The professional evangelist goes up like smoke in fanatical service, his religion finding no judgment in the understanding of his hearers, hence there can be no permanent good.

What these ministers say is no more than most everyone knows. It is a poor commentary upon religion to admit that it requires the beating of tom-toms, vulgar dancing and the use of vile expressions in the pulpits to attract the people. No permanent good can come from religious meetings carried out with all of the spectacular features of a wild west show or a snake carnival.

WHO AWAKENED THE COMMERCIAL CLUB?

The revelations made at the meeting of the Commercial Club yesterday were not new to the men who participated in the conference. The need of a new fire department has been imperative in this city for more than a year.

The Evening Republican, which the Commercial Club serves as a wet nurse, opposed the bond issue, not because it was an unworthy measure, but because F. A. Kage, the mayor, was in favor of the bond issue.

The deplorable condition of the city fire department has been known to the business men of this city for many months. The Tribune has called attention to this fact at intervals for the past year, but the men who now are making the greatest noise have been as silent as a tomb.

It is time that the voters of this city were realizing the danger that confronts the city. Mayor Kage publicly announced a few days before the date of the last bond issue election that Cape Girardeau might just as well turn its fire horses out to pasture, because the city was without hose and had no money to buy hose with.

The Commercial Club members yesterday only confessed that they have been neglecting the interest of themselves and the city. As it is an organization created for the purpose of advancing the interests of the city, why has it been silent heretofore?

KEEP THE FAIRGROUNDS OPEN.

Mayor Kage acted properly in ordering the Fairground gates to be kept open to the people every day. The Fairgrounds park is the property of the people, and to close it, especially on Sunday, would have made it worthless to those who will visit it most.

REGENHARDT AND FLENTGE SEEK RETURN OF POWER

Would Ride on Bandwagon of Henry Wilson of Ava—Flunkies Confer.

G. H. MEYER, SPERLING AND PULS ARE SILENT

J. Henry Caruthers Files First For Republican Primary Election.

Edward F. Regenhardt and E. W. Flentge, with a pair of their flunkies, are trying to get back in power in the Republican party in Cape County by riding Henry Wilson of Ava, a candidate for the Congressional nomination with spurs a foot long.

This latest coup of the heroes of Sikeston, March 6, became known following a conference one night last week in the Idan-ha hotel lobby.

Mr. Wilson was the central figure in the conference. On his right hand sat Regenhardt and on his left hand sat Flentge. They were supported on the wings by Harry Naeter and Louis Witmer.

Regenhardt, in breaking with David W. Hill and attempting to clamor in to Mr. Wilson's bandwagon, likewise has severed his political friendship with other men of influence in outside counties.

E. E. Whitworth, chairman of the Butler County Republican Central Committee, was one of Regenhardt's deputies when the latter held the position of U. S. Marshall. Whitworth now is actively supporting Hill as his former chief tries another man as a vehicle.

The meeting was arranged by Mr. Flentge, who has just retired from a public office he had held for twelve consecutive years. Some of the Republican leaders in the Cape who were invited to join the circle declined to attend without expressing their reasons to Flentge.

"The conference is as plain as the nose on your face," remarked a prominent Republican leader yesterday afternoon. "They have claim-jumped Mr. Wilson and plan on riding a meal ticket at the end of their journey. They have picked Mr. Wilson as a winner, and want to ride him into power."

"Mr. Wilson is a western man and I do not consider it exactly fair on the part of the real Republican leaders in this county to allow him to be jammed by this crew. We want each man in the Congressional race to go before the party in this county on his merits and without any handicap whatever."

Men in the ranks in Cape County are waiting for George H. Meyer, Blucher Sperling and Henry Puls to line up for one of the three candidates before they take a stand. These three men are considered the parties' most astute strategists and they are holding in reserve their individual opinions.

"As a member of the Republican County Central Committee," Mr. Meyer declared, "I think that I owe it to the party organization to remain neutral. I think all committeemen should remain neutral. When the primary is decided I intend to hit the ball hard for the party's nominee."

The leaders in Jackson are following a similar course. They are anxious to see that all three candidates have every favorable opportunity to canvass the County in the interests of their individual candidacies, but no coalition has been formed in support of any one candidate outside of the premature effort launched by Flentge and Regenhardt to bring themselves back.

Candidates' filings opened in Cape County when J. Henry Caruthers paid his fees of \$5 to Mr. Meyer, treasurer of the Republican Central Committee, and filed his declaration in the office of County Clerk Sperling.

All the rest of the candidates for nomination on either the Republican or Democratic tickets in the August primary must file before June 1. Since Caruthers has filed for re-election as Prosecuting Attorney, it is anticipated that filings will be made fast from now on until the closing hour.

Mr. Caruthers will have no opposition in the primary election for the nomination as Prosecuting Attorney. He will have little opposition in the election in November and it is expected that his majority will be greater than ever before. Mr. Caruthers has filled the office for four years and is considered one of the best liked party men in the County.

The Democrats probably will run L. L. Bowman again, and a certain defeat for the Democrat is expected.

Henry Brinkopf will file within a short time for Sheriff. No opponent to Mr. Brinkopf has been announced.

MILITIA WANTS ARMORY IN PARK

Officers of Tentative Company Will Negotiate With Kage For Space.

As soon as their organization has been completed, officers of the militia company which is being formed in the Cape under the leadership of Captain H. W. Bridges, will endeavor to make arrangements with Mayor Kage for the occupation of a part of the club house or dance pavilion in Fairgrounds park for an armory.

Likewise the company's officers will endeavor to make arrangements for the use of the plot of ground in the center of the race track as a drill field. As an indoor drill floor, if arrangements are perfected with Mayor Kage, the company wishes to be allowed the use of the dance floor.

Until arrangements for the use of the building at Fairgrounds park are formed with the Mayor, the company of the Missouri National Guard will have headquarters at West End hall.

If the club house will be granted as an armory, the company expects to use but a small portion of it for their lockers in which to store equipment.

The first meeting of the company was held Sunday, both morning and afternoon, at which time many of the enlistment contracts were signed by the members who had signed the petitions to have the organization formed in this city.

Not all the men who signed the initial petitions were able to attend the meeting Sunday, and as a result Captain Bridges last night announced that he is prepared to take the enlistment contract of any of the remainder at any time this week.

He expects an inspecting officer from Jefferson City within a short time, who will give the embryo organization an official "once over," and on his report will depend the future of the company. If his report is favorable, the equipment for the company—material valued in the aggregate at about \$8,000 or \$9,000—will be shipped to the Cape at once and the actual drilling will commence at once.

Two nights will be set aside for the duties of the company. The men will be paid for the drilling work they perform according to the positions they hold in the organization.

In the number that signed their enlistment contracts Sunday afternoon are four men who have had several years regular army training, while several others have had militia experience or military training in schools.

Some of the signers will have to obtain the consent of their parents on account of being under the legal age of 21 years.

DENNIS STEUBENRUCH TO BE BURIED IN THE CAPE TODAY

Funeral of Pioneer to Take Place from Home of Mrs. John Metz, His Sister, on South Pacific.

The funeral of Dennis Steubenruch, for many years a resident of Cape Girardeau, will be buried from the home of his sister, Mrs. John Metz, on South Pacific street, at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Interment will be in the New Catholic cemetery.

A Catholic priest will officiate at the funeral ceremony, but the name of the clergyman had not been announced last night. The body of the pioneer arrived in the Cape last evening from St. Louis, where he died April 29. His death was the result of a fall which he sustained at his home in that city.

Relatives of Mr. Steubenruch announced last night that the report that he had been married twice was a mistake. "He was married but once," said Mrs. Metz, his sister.

He was a familiar character in this city for many years, and had a host of friends.

BRINKOPF FILES FOR SHERIFF.

The second Republican candidate to file in Cape County for nomination in the August 1st primary election was Henry J. Brinkopf of Bellevue street, who filed his declaration as a candidate for nomination for Sheriff yesterday.

Mr. Brinkopf was the nominee of the Republican party at the last general election, and his friends declare that he will be given the opportunity to be in the race at the general election this fall.

CHARLESTON AND PARMA BOYS WIN IN DECLAMATION

Oration Entitled "The American Crime" Carries First Prizes.

SIKESTON GIRL GLEE CLUB SCORES SUCCESS

Athletic Contests Will Be Held Today—Other Meet News.

Moran Gaty, of Charleston, and Harold Blackman, of Parma, last night won the two first places in the boys' declamation contests of the Southeast Missouri High School Meet.

The contest was held before a large crowd that filled the auditorium at the Normal School, and each of the contestants was applauded vigorously at the conclusion of their respective addresses.

The boys' declamation contest was divided into two sections. In the preliminary trial the boys were divided with regard to their subjects. Those having oratorical subjects were placed in one class and those having a descriptive narrative in another.

Four boys were selected for the final contests in each general classification and those having the orations were heard first in the finals last night.

The winner in that division, Moran Gaty, had for his subject: "The American Crime." The second place in the oratorical division was won by Everett King, of Canfield, whose subject was "Tribute to Marcus Hanna." Third honors were awarded to Erwin Malin, of Doniphan, who had the "Speech of Spartacus to the Gladiators" as his topic.

In the second division the winner, Harold Blackman, had for his subject "Larosa." Second place was won by Earl Smith, of Dexter, with "The Honor of the Woods," and third place was taken by Fred Kleppatol, of Desloge, who had "The Innkeeper's Dream" for his subject.

The oratorical and declamation addresses were prefaced by several musical selections by a quartet composed of Miss Mabel Flint, Miss Adelaide Russell, W. G. Lewis and Alvin Harness.

Between the first and second divisions on the program, music was furnished by the Sikeston High School Girls' Glee Club, which was anchored several times.

High school students and their faculty chaperones yesterday began arriving in large numbers. Each train carried several contestants, together with their parents, relatives and friends. The hotels and other places of lodging were well filled last night.

Professor Logan of the Normal School established a headquarters at the Commercial Club rooms for assigning the late arrivals to private residences where they could obtain lodging and meals.

Every available room was used last night, for all the late trains brought new arrivals, while others came by auto. Many more visitors are expected today.

The athletic preliminaries will commence this morning at Fairgrounds park. The final athletic contests will be held in the afternoon at the same place.

The girls will hold their preliminary declamation contests in the Normal School auditorium this morning at 10 o'clock, and the boys likewise will hold a debating contest. Other contests that will be staged are those in typewriting and shorthand.

The finals in the girls' declamation contest will be held tonight, at which time medals and various awards in all departments of the meet will be presented to the winners.

CANNON TO BE SHIPPED SOON.

Mayor Kage yesterday afternoon received a letter from Congressman Joseph J. Russell informing the Mayor that the two large cannon which the city has accepted from the War Department as ornaments for the east side of the Courthouse park, will be shipped within a short time from the U. S. Arsenal at Watervliet, New York.

The guns will be donated to the Cape permanently by the War Department and they will be accompanied by a set of 40 12-pounder cannon balls, which will be used in making a pair of pyramids of 20 balls each. These will be erected at the side of each cannon.

The guns will be mounted at the head of the steps leading to the front door of the Courthouse, one on each side of the flight of steps. They will be about seven feet in length and will be of the type of guns used in the Civil War.

HOBBS' FIRE LOSS ESTIMATED \$5000

Water Causes Principal Damage In Furniture Store—Second Fire in 15 Months.

The total loss from the fire which occurred Sunday night in the Hobbs furniture and clothing store at Thembis and Water streets, yesterday was estimated by A. C. Vasterling and E. P. Ellis, fire insurance men who had policies on the stock and fixtures, at \$5000.

The fire, which was of unknown origin, did but a small portion the damage itself, water having been the cause of the larger part of the damage to the stock and building. The building which Mr. Hobbs occupies is owned by the O'Brien heirs, and the fire did not damage it to any great extent.

The blaze was discovered at about 9:30 o'clock by Martin G. Bender, who passed and saw the reflection of the flames on the windows of the Albert store building just opposite. He sounded an alarm to men nearby and a general fire alarm was sent in.

By the time the fire department arrived, smoke filled the second floor, where the blaze was discovered, and it was impossible for the firemen to approach the flames closely in order to extinguish them.

Two lines of hose were laid to the fire, however, one being taken to the head of the stairs inside the building and the other through a window on Water street.

After the fire, Mr. Ernest Hobbs, proprietor of the place, declared he believed someone who had entered his place as a robber was responsible for the blaze. Mr. Hobbs has suffered several fires within the last few years. When he formerly was situated on Main street he had part of his establishment burned, and the fire of Sunday night was the second within the last year and a quarter. It was his third fire at the Water street location. Mr. Hobbs carried \$11,000 insurance on the stocks, which Mr. Vasterling and Mr. Ellis valued at \$15,000. He also had \$800 insurance on his fixtures, which Mr. Ellis declares were not damaged by the fire.

T. J. MILLER RECOVERS RIG.

No Trace of Missing Cape Girardeau Man is Found, However.

T. J. Miller, livery man on South Speigg street, yesterday recovered his horse and buggy at Gordonville, after it had been driven away and never returned last week by E. A. Luttrell, who has been given up as having abandoned his wife and their little daughter.

When Miller went to Gordonville to get the horse and buggy he was unable to get any information as to the whereabouts of Luttrell, and the last that had been seen of him was when he walked out of that town toward Allenville.

The man hired the rig last Monday and promised to return to the Cape last Wednesday. About the time he was expected to return, word was received in the Cape by his wife that he would not be back again. After this a search was instituted by Miller for his rig.

Yesterday Miller received information that the horse and buggy had been left with Jacob Schwab, a liveryman at Gordonville. The man who left the rig with Schwab told him that he was searching for his wife who had run off, Schwab told Miller.

KAGE BUYS PARK TOOLS.

Big Crowd of Boys and Girls Play on Park Lawns Sunday Afternoon.

Mayor Kage, to whom the City Council recently delegated full control of the Fairgrounds park, yesterday purchased a horse, light work wagon, horse-drawn mowing machine and a whitewash-spraying equipment, to be used in the maintenance of the park.

A considerable portion of the time of the park keeper will be devoted in the summer months to cutting the grass in the park in the places most used as a picnic ground. The mowing machine will be employed at this work and Mayor Kage has issued instructions for the grass cutting to begin at once.

Sunday afternoon, following the Mayor's action in throwing the park gates open, scores of men, women and children thronged to the city's pleasure ground to enjoy the picnic opportunities in the park.

"Any man who had his doubts about the benefits the city gets from that park would have had his mind changed mighty quick," remarked the Mayor yesterday, "after once seeing those children at their play on the shaded lawns. I believe each Sunday will see it become a stronger feature of the city life than before."

IS INDICTED FOR "TILTING" MORPHINE LAW

Dr. B. L. Ellis of Poplar Bluff, Gave Bond Before Kage Sunday.

BOUGHT 8000 GRAINS; ACCOUNTED FOR BUT 60

Investigator Finds Records Vacant and Goes Before April Grand Jury.

Dr. E. E. Ellis of Poplar Bluff, well-known Southeast Missouri physician, Sunday was brought to the Cape by Deputy U. S. Marshal George O. Orchard, to give bond before U. S. Commissioner Kage after having been arrested on an indictment charging him with violations of the Federal anti-narcotic drug law.

Doctor Ellis was indicted by the April Federal Grand Jury along with another Southeast Missouri physician for violating the drug law, known as the Harrison anti-narcotic drug act.

In the indictment returned him he is charged with having dispensed morphine without keeping a proper record required by the Federal law as to his distribution.

Doctor Ellis and Deputy Marshal Orchard were accompanied to this city by E. E. Whitworth, chairman of the Butler County Republican Central Committee, who signed the doctor's bond of \$1000, which was approved before U. S. Commissioner Kage.

The three men arrived in the Cape Sunday, and Mr. Whitworth and Dr. Ellis returned to Poplar Bluff Sunday evening. Orchard departed early yesterday for the lower counties on a business trip.

According to the information furnished in the Federal indictment, Doctor Ellis purchased 8,000 grains of morphine sulphate from a Memphis drug firm.

Under the law, which was passed about a year ago, physicians and druggists handling the narcotic drugs are required to keep an exact account of all their supplies, showing to whom they issue portions of it and in what quantities it is given. They are allowed to prescribe doses only in certain regulated forms and the size of the dose must be kept within a limit fixed by the law.

When Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Frank T. Digges, of St. Louis, called upon Doctor Ellis last winter he found but 60 grains of the morphine supply which the doctor had purchased from Memphis in his possession.

The revenue agent already possessed the information that the doctor had purchased 8,000 grains through a system of checks that the Government keeps upon the sales made by the wholesale drug houses.

The records that Doctor Ellis filed failed to show the amounts in which he had sold his supply of morphine; it failed to reveal to whom he had sold the drug, and likewise did not show properly what his total distribution had been.

At the last session of the Federal Grand Jury, Digges went before the jury and placed the facts he had discovered before them. They returned an indictment against the doctor immediately.

Under the Harrison law the penalty for any violation is a maximum fine of \$2,000 or a sentence of not more than five years in the Federal prison, or both.

When the Harrison law went into effect a year ago March 1 last, Federal revenue agents in all parts of the country began their activity endeavoring to stamp out the narcotic drug evil that prevailed in many localities. In the larger cities many arrests were made and indictment followed indictment.

Under the terms of the present law it is a violation for any person not specifically authorized by the law itself to have any of the drug in his possession.

SHOE FACTORY WORKERS ARE AWARDED A HALF HOLIDAY

Scheme Will Be Tried Saturdays in May and Maybe Adopted for the entire Summer Months.

Employees at the shoe factory yesterday afternoon enjoyed their first half holiday on Saturday afternoons of the spring and summer season.

Because of the fact that the factory is not pressed urgently for its maximum capacity of shoes, the employees will be dismissed each Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock during May.

The half holiday feature will be tried as an experiment in May, it was announced, and if the results prove satisfactory, the system probably will be continued throughout the summer.