

BEACH'S VOTE IS UNDER SCRUTINY

County Seat Location is at Stake in Suit Launched by Sentinel Butte.

Beach, N. D., Dec. 30.—The long expected contest by Sentinel Butte against Beach for the county seat has been formally filed. At the last election Sentinel Butte sought the county seat, but on the face of the returns Beach won by 131 votes.

Among the charges brought against Beach is a violation of the corrupt practices act. The chief allegation upon which the contest is based is that the 354 votes of Beach were illegal. The city is divided into wards but no provision was ever made for election precincts in the wards, as provided by law. Sentinel Butte holds, in addition, that 150 of the votes cast here were illegal for other reasons. An effort will be made to have the entire Beach vote thrown out.

If the court would throw out the Beach vote or even declare 150 illegal, that would overcome the 131 majority and result in the removal of the county seat to Sentinel Butte.

ABOLISHING RED TAPE AT THE CANAL

Takes Less Time to Put Ship Through the Great Waterway.

Panama, Dec. 30.—So much red tape has been eliminated by the canal officials that a ship's captain may now take his vessel through without having to sign a single paper, and without any waste of time. Heretofore the formalities were so numerous that it sometimes required 24 hours or a ship to complete her passage. Shipping companies have been notified that hereafter it will not be necessary for them to appoint a shipping agent on the isthmus, for the reason that the Panama canal is prepared to undertake all work in connection with the payment of tolls, purchase of coal, water and other supplies. They have been informed that all that is needed is to cable to Panama a probable arrival of a ship, deposit in the office of the nearest assistant purser of the United States of the estimated amount of tolls, the probable supplies the vessel will need and her data, and the officials of the canal will see that the ship safely passes through with the least possible delay without the payment of agent's fees by the owner.

A few days ago a ship arrived at Cristobal, her owners having applied to canal officials of her coming. The permit had been made and she was ready to pass through the canal when the master appeared at the port captain's office for his papers. He was given his clearance papers, receipt for the health certificate, and other necessary papers, and was told to proceed into the canal. He was astonished at not having to obtain from canal officials all these documents and other at the fact that not a single paper was required of him. His vessel in the port of Cristobal was ex-actly one hour while at Balboa there is no stop required beyond slowing to drop the pilot in the outer harbor.

It is pointed out by canal officials that many papers at first in use proved to be complicated matters and occasioned delay. The bulky copies of the manifest have been abolished, and the leading officer of the terminal port obtains only a short abstract. For a time it was necessary for a ship's master to have the signatures of not less than five canal officials before his vessel was permitted to enter the canal. This number has now been reduced to two, the captain of the port of entry and the health officer. These, however, the captain does himself have to obtain but are secured in the course of the regular routine of work.

AMERICAN HELD GERMAN PRISONER

Providence, R. I., Dec. 30.—Prof. P. M. Coleau of Brown university, who went to the front as a French army officer at the outbreak of the European war and was reported killed in action on Sept. 2, is now believed to be a prisoner in Germany. His name was announced today in the receipt of a letter to this effect from the International Red Cross headquarters, and a member of Coleau's family in France.

LARGE LUMP OF LIGNITE TO SHOW

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 30.—Among the exhibits at the Pan-American scientific exposition at San Francisco will be a large lump of coal from the Washburn lignite coal mines company, whose big plant is situated in this city. The piece of lignite was three and one-half feet long and weighed nearly two tons. It was gotten through the door of a specially built box car. Washburn lignite coal mines are the largest in the state and their daily capacity is 1,500 tons. The mines are equipped with up-to-date and modern machinery and coal is shipped to all parts of the state, as many points in South Dakota, Minnesota.

ON THE BOARDS.



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MAY PLAY BIG ROLE WHEN EUROPE IS READY FOR PEACE



Henry Van Dyke, American minister to the Netherlands and Luxembourg, prominent author, preacher and lecturer, may be an important figure in the negotiations for European peace when the time comes. Many proposals have been suggested for the intervention of President Wilson and Queen Wilhelmina to bring about peace. If these plans are ever brought into effect, Van Dyke will probably represent the United States in the conferences. This is his latest portrait, taken a short while ago when he visited this country to recover his health.

RECOGNITION OF POLITICAL RIGHT

United States Will Avoid Anything Tending to Recognize Germans.

Washington, Dec. 30.—There is no disposition on the part of Germany to hurry its request for the cancellation of exequaturs held by neutral consuls in Belgian territory under German military rule, according to state department officials. The German note was sent by mail to the Washington government which will consider the subject at length before making a decision.

It is generally understood that the United States will avoid any action which might be considered a political recognition of the German possession of Belgium. While officials did not comment on the contents of the German communication they intimated that it contained no evidence of any desire to place the American government or neutral nations in an embarrassing situation.

It was pointed out today that a situation somewhat similar to that in Belgium might be raised by Great Britain with respect to neutral consuls in Egypt, lately made a British protectorate. Neutral consuls heretofore have been accredited to the Turkish government as well as to the Egyptian authorities but unless Great Britain raises the question there will be no change in the status of American consuls.

"News of importance is likely to come from the Vosges district at any time, since the French have assembled strong forces all along the line of the fort-Épinal-Toul-Nancy. They still hold all the Vosges passes and appear to be developing new activity along an extended line against Alsace and Sundgau."

ISLAND WOMEN MAY GET BALLOT

Washington, Dec. 30.—A bill to authorize the legislature of Hawaii to extend the right of suffrage to women, was introduced in the house by Delegate Kalaniano'le. The measure would permit the legislature to submit the question to a popular referendum.

THE CRAFT OF TOMORROW

(Norman Draper in Collier's) The United States government has plans in its possession for the construction of submarines which will be capable by reason of their size, speed and armament to do many of the things now considered impossible. These new submarines, bids for which were to be opened this December, will be the largest and most powerful ever constructed. They will be able to accompany a fleet wherever it may go—across the ocean. Such a fleet would not be attempted with any of the submarines now in commission. Also, the new vessels will be capable of maintaining the same speed as torpedo boats or cruisers. They will be able to attain a speed of 30 knots on the surface of the water. When so operating they will be as efficient as the present torpedo boat destroyers. They will be able to dive at a minute's notice and so consequently will be able to fight as well as they will be able to hide.

Since the beginning of the war in Europe, United States navy officers have come to realize that not enough attention has been paid to the development of the submarine. When the new vessels are completed, though, the United States will have at its command a weapon of offense and defense that will surpass anything ever devised. The new submarines will be many times as effective as the submarines of Germany carried about from place to place in "mother ships". But the Germans realizing the hitherto undreamed-of efficiency of the submarines are making plans to build vessels which will be practically on a par with the boats of the United States in about to construct. The plant of the Krupp at Essen, Germany, is known to have the plans for building rifles for these new submarines. The heated arguments should be quickly dropped.

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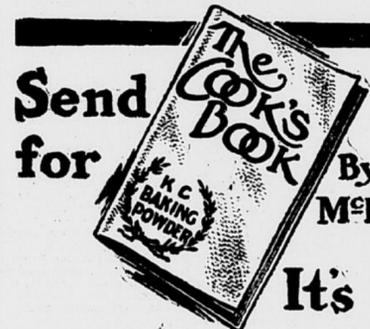
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