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MESSAGE TO STATE DEPARTMENT MADE PUBLIC

Task of Administration in Sussex
Situation is Simplified
is Belief.

Washington, April 13.—Admission by Germany that her submarines recently attacked three merchant ships carrying American citizens and that one of them torpedoed a vessel in the vicinity where the channel steamer Sussex was damaged by an explosion, has simplified the task of the state department in preparing for the next step of the United States in the issue over submarine warfare.

Following the receipt of cabled press dispatches of the latest German notes, it became known that the United States would continue to compile information indicating that German commanders are operating in violation of the rule of international law, and that very soon a communication designed to be the final word of the American government on the subject would go forward to Berlin.

The following is the text of the German note on the Sussex, dated April 10:

"The undersigned has the honor to inform your excellency, Ambassador Gerard, in response to the communication of the 29th and 30th ultimo, and the 3rd instant, regarding the steamers Sussex, Manchester, Engineer, Englishman, Berwindale and Eagle Point, that the mentioned cases in accordance with our note of the 30th and 31st ultimo, and the 4th and 5th inst., have been subjected to careful investigation by the admiral staff of the navy, which have led to the following results:

Berwindale Affair.
First—The English steamer Berwindale. A steamer which was possibly the Berwindale was encountered on the evening of March 16 on the Irish coast by a German submarine. The steamer, as soon as she noticed the submarine, which was running submerged, turned and steamed away. She was ordered to halt by a warning shot. She paid no attention but extinguished all lights and attempted to escape.

Second—The British steamer Englishman. This steamer, on March 24, was called upon to halt by a German submarine through two warning shots about 20 sea miles west of Islay (Hebrides).

"After the German commandant had convinced himself that the crew had taken to the boats and rowed from the ship, he sank the steamer.

Attack Doubtful.
Third—The British steamer Manchester. It is impossible to establish through the investigation up to the present, whether the attack on this steamer which, according to the given description, occurred on March 27 in the latitude of Waterford, is attributed to a German submarine.

"Fourth—The British steamer Eagle Point. This steamer in the forenoon of March 28 was called upon to halt by a German submarine through signal and shot, about 100 knots, 130 sea miles from the southwest coast of Ireland, but proceeded. After the commandant convinced himself that the boat, which had hoisted sails, had gotten clear of the steamer, he sank the steamer.

Sussex Affair.
Fifth—The French steamer Sussex. Ascertainment of the fact whether the channel steamer Sussex was damaged by a German submarine was rendered extremely difficult because no exact details of time, place and attendant circumstances of the sinking were known.

"In the general region between Folkestone and Dieppe, on March 24 last, a craft without a flag, having a gray funnel, small gray forward works and two high masts, was encountered about the middle of the English channel by a German submarine. The commander reached the definite conclusion that it was a war vessel, and indeed a mine layer of the recently built Arabis class.

"Consequently he attacked the vessel at 3:55 in the afternoon, middle European time. The torpedo struck and caused such a violent explosion in the forward part of the ship that the entire forward part was torn away from the bridge.

"The German commander made a sketch of the vessel attacked by him, two drawings of which are enclosed.

"A comparison of the Sussex and the picture of the steamer Sussex shows that the craft attacked is not identical with the Sussex; the difference in the position of the stack and

THREE MEN FILE ON 218 ACRES OF LAND

Walter R. Wendt, Charles Mosebaugh and Otto Nelson filed on two hundred and eighteen acres of Beltrami county land this morning. Walter Wendt filed on 18 acres in the town of Buzzle. Charles Mosebaugh filed on 80 acres in the town of Bryan, and Otto Nelson on 120 acres in the town of Roosevelt.

TWO HUNTERS GET THREE WOLF BOUNTIES

Three wolf bounties were issued this morning to two hunters in the office of the county auditor, Ole Haganson of the town of Liberty received bounties for two full-grown wolves and G. N. Clark of Turtle River received one bounty.

FORFEITS BAIL ON GAMBLING CHARGE

John Lampe, who was arrested in a raid Tuesday night on a charge of conducting a gambling game, forfeited \$25 bail this morning in the municipal court when he failed to answer to the charge.

STATE SCHOOL EXAM DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

Word was received from the office of the state superintendent of schools by W. B. Stewart, county superintendent of schools, announcing the dates for the regular yearly state board examinations.

The dates set are Friday, May 26; Monday, May 29; Wednesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 1.

RED RIVER FLOODING; SITUATION SERIOUS

Grand Forks, N. D., April 13.—The Red River of the North continues to rise as the result of the rain yesterday and the situation near here is serious. The river has risen to 35 feet above low water mark and has broken over its banks in a number of places. At Crookston the river rose three feet yesterday and Central park is partially under water.

WHITE EARTH VILLAGE ASKS FOR SCHOOL SITE

Washington, April 13.—A bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to issue a patent to district school board No. 112, White Earth village, Becker county, Minnesota, for a small tract of Indian lands near there on payment by the board to the government of the appraised value of the land, the amount to be held in trust for Chippewa Indians.

The land is sought as a site for a public school for both white and Indian children.

FUNERAL OF MRS. JAMES FRENCH HELD

The funeral of Mrs. James French who died Monday from a paralytic stroke, was held this afternoon from the Methodist church. The G. A. R. circle had charge of the services at the church. Interment was made at Greenwood cemetery where the Eastern Star lodge had charge of the service.

French Have Names.

Paris, April 13.—(Official)—The French government has the names of the officers and the crew of the German submarine that attacked the liner Sussex. The government also has thirteen fragments of the torpedo that wrecked the Sussex.

London, April 13.—The British officials see in the German reply that the unidentified liner that the Germans admit was torpedoed was the Sussex.

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER

BOSS—WILL YOU GO WITH ME TO YOUR DENTISTS? THE TOOTH HAS MY GAT—IM AFRAID TO GO ALONE—NEED A FRIEND TO PULL FOR ME.

HELLO PETE—THIS YOUNG FELLOW WANTS HIS TOOTH TENDED TO—I TOLD HIM YOU'D DO A NEAT GENTLE PAINLESS JOB—AM I RIGHT?

I SHOULD SAY I DO REMEMBER ONE—YOU!

SAY BOSS—REMEMBER THE TIME I DRILLED RIGHT THRU YOUR TOOTH AN' HIT THE NERVE—AND—

TENNIS CLUB TO REORGANIZE AND SECURE NEW COURTS

Meeting is Held at Commercial Club
Rooms and Plans Are
Discussed.

MEMBERSHIP WILL BE LIMITED; MAY INCORPORATE

Committee to Investigate New Project; Meeting to Be Held
Next Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Bemidji Tennis club yesterday plans were discussed for the reorganization of the club, the securing of new courts, the building of a club house and the repairing of the local courts.

W. L. Brooks, president of the club, appointed Attorney M. J. Brown, A. L. Barker and R. L. Given as a committee to investigate the proposed projects. The committee will report at a meeting of the club next Wednesday afternoon.

To Buy Lots.

Members present at the meeting yesterday were in favor of securing a new site for the tennis courts, buy the lots or secure them on a long term lease, construct permanent tennis courts, build a club house and form a permanent organization. If a permanent organization is formed and a new site secured for the grounds, the membership to the club will be limited to about 50 and the entrance fee will be about ten dollars and the dues five dollars a year.

To Construct Sewer.

The securing of a new site for the courts will be necessary as the city proposes to construct a storm sewer directly across the present courts. The construction of the sewer will probably not begin until late in the summer.

If the committee at the next meeting reports that no new site is available, the present courts will be temporarily repaired for use this summer. At least six lots of 140-foot depth must be had for a new site for the courts.

GRAND THEATRE GETS NEW MOVIE MACHINE

G. S. Harding of the Grand theater has secured a new moving picture machine for his theater. The machine is the latest model and is on exhibition in the lobby of the theater. There are many new improvements on the new machine. Manager Harding will begin using the machine next Saturday.

TO BANQUET YOUNG LADIES OF CHURCH

A business meeting of the teachers and officers of the Presbyterian Sunday school was held Tuesday night in the church auditorium. A regular meeting of the Sunday school officials was planned for every six weeks. It was decided that plans would be formulated at the next regular meeting for a banquet, which will be given to the young ladies of the church, similar to the one given a short time ago for the young men.

If the recommendations of the teachers and officers are accepted by the Sunday school, a delegate will be sent to the state Sunday school convention to be held at Austin, April 26.

NYMORE SCHOOL BOARD DISCUSSES BOND ISSUE

At a meeting of the Nymore school board held in the school building Monday night, the matter of disposing of bonds which were overdue was taken up, preparatory to the consolidation of the Nymore and the Bemidji districts.

No action was taken in connection with the consolidation of the districts.

UNLUCKY 13th FOR THE BEMIDJI DOGS

Today is the 13th and it is an unlucky day for dogs in Bemidji. Chief of Police Rippe today is posting notices that all dogs in the city must be licensed by May first. Licenses can be obtained at the office of the city clerk.

\$8,408 ON DEPOSIT IN POSTAL SAVINGS AT LOCAL POSTOFFICE

Report is Made for Period From
April 1, 1915, to March
31, 1916.

MORE MONEY ORDERS PAID THAN ISSUED

Business Increasing; \$89,219.04 in
Money Orders Are Paid
\$86,055.79 Issued.

There are \$8,408 on deposit in the postal savings bank in Bemidji, according to a report made at the post-office today. The report covers the period from April 1, 1915, to March 31, 1916.

An interesting feature of the report is that there was more money orders paid at the local postoffice than issued during that time. There were \$86,055.79 domestic money orders issued and \$89,219.04 paid, showing an increase paid here of \$3,163.25 during that period.

The fees for the domestic money orders issued amounted to \$802.71. There were \$3,700.94 international money orders issued with fees amounting to \$46.60. The international money orders paid amounted to \$365.61.

The receipts from the sales of stamped paper were \$21,764.61, from newspaper postage \$232.80 and from box rents \$908.20.

SMITH AND PICKITT NOT TO HAVE PRIVILEGES

St. Paul, Minn., April 13.—Walter J. Smith, former state treasurer, and R. C. Pickitt, former clerk of the state investment board, who pleaded guilty to embezzlement charges, must enter the state prison at Stillwater as second grade prisoners, the board of control ruled today. Their hair will be cut and they will not be given any extra privileges. After six months they will be eligible to promotion and subject to parole.

CAP AND GOWN DAY AT UNIVERSITY TODAY

(By United Press)
Minneapolis, Minn., April 13.—"Cap and gown day" was observed at the University of Minnesota today and hundreds of young men and women who have been striving for four years and who have burned the midnight oil to get a "sheep skin" attended a meeting at the Armory. Dean A. F. Woods of the state agricultural school, acting president of the university, delivered an address.

18,000,000 POUNDS OF PRISON TWINE SOLD

St. Paul, Minn., April 13.—The sisal scarcity is passed, although 18,000,000 pounds of binding twine made at the Stillwater prison have been sold, officials today stated.

BARNESVILLE YEGGS GET \$800 STAMPS

Barnesville, Minn., April 13.—(Official)—Yeggs yesterday got \$800 worth of stamps and \$400 cash. The safe was blown.

W. N. Bowser returned last night from a ten days' visit at St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago and Grand Rapids, Mich.

A glance at the want column may help you sell it.

MAY AMEND CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR A CITY PARK BOARD

Bemidji Citizens Favor Establishing
a Park System; Must Amend
Charter.

PLANNED TO BOULEVARD PRINCIPAL STREETS

Bemidji Avenue Residents Circulate
Petition to Have Avenue
Paved.

Several Bemidji citizens have begun a movement for the amending of the present city charter so as to provide for a park board and the boulevarding of the principal streets of Bemidji.

The present charter provides that the city may have a park board but such a board has never been appointed.

Assessed to Property.

Under the amendment proposed the individual property owner could have the street boulevarded or the city would boulevard the street and assess it against the adjoining property.

If a park board is named it is planned to install an extensive park system in Bemidji.

Residents on Bemidji avenue are circulating a petition to have several blocks of that avenue paved from Fourth street north. The residents are expressing themselves as willing to pay cash for the improvement. The city has two other paving projects in view, one on Minnesota avenue and Beltrami avenue.

Committee Meets.

The city council at its last session appointed a committee to investigate the different projects and report at the next meeting of the council which will be held Monday. The committee will report on how much the city can spend on improvements this year.

Besides the paving of the streets, it was planned to construct a sanitary sewer on America avenue, to extend the water main to Greenwood cemetery, to erect a new bridge over the inlet of the Mississippi and to construct a street along the lake shore from the bridge to Second street so as to do away with the present railroad crossings.

SENIOR CLASS TO GIVE SHAKESPEAREAN PLAY

The Senior class of the Bemidji high school has decided to present "The Comedy of Errors," a Shakespearean play, as its class play. The Shakespeare play was decided on as this is the tercentenary of the death of Shakespeare. The play will be presented in several weeks and the cast of characters will be announced this week. Miss Laura E. Michener, instructor in the English department, will have charge of the play.

SUMMER HOTEL MAY OPEN LAST OF MAY

Plans are being made today to open the Birchmont Beach summer hotel the latter part of May.

Two new concrete tennis courts will be constructed near the hotel.

The Bemidji Town and Country club is constructing golf links at the head of the lake. It is believed that a large number of summer resorters will visit Bemidji this season.

BURNQUIST WILL FILE FOR RE-ELECTION SOON

St. Paul, Minn., April 13.—Governor J. A. Burnquist has practically announced himself as a candidate for re-election. An informal committee, voluntarily formed, has opened headquarters to boost his candidacy.

INCREASE SHEEP RAISING HERE

Efforts are being made to increase sheep raising in this district and Northern Minnesota. Information and data is being collected by interested parties relative to the sheep raising in this district. It is believed that more sheep can be raised here to advantage than at present and in order to induce others to raise sheep a publicity campaign will be begun in the near future.

SUPPLY OF LABOR AND MATERIAL NOT ENOUGH

The main characteristics which have been noted in the business situation in recent months are unchanged, except to show signs of greater intensity as spring comes on and the period of more active outdoor operations is at hand, according to the monthly letter issued by the Security State bank of Bemidji. The letter states that there is not enough of materials or labor for all the work that the country would like to have done, and the result, of course, is that the requirements which are most pressing and can afford to outbid the others will be served first, and the others will await their turn. There is a large distribution of merchandise and retailers instead of buying for immediate wants only are endeavoring to cover their wants for some time to come.

BASEBALL

National League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
Boston	1	0	1.000
Cincinnati	0	1	.000
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000
New York	0	1	.000
Brooklyn	0	1	.000

Games Yesterday.

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago at	7	9	2
Cincinnati	1	7	2
McConnell, Schultz and Archer;			
Toney and Wingo.			

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh at	1	6	1
St. Louis	2	8	2
Kantlehner and Wilson; Doak and Snyder.			

	R.	H.	E.
New York at	4	5	2
Philadelphia	5	7	3
Anderson, Stroud and Rariden;			
Alexander and Burns.			

	R.	H.	E.
Boston at	5	9	0
Brooklyn	1	6	1
Rudolph and Gowdy; Cheney and Miller.			

American League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	1	0	1.000
Washington	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	0	1.000
Detroit	1	0	1.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000
New York	0	1	.000
Cleveland	0	1	.000
Chicago	0	1	.000

Games Yesterday.

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia at	1	4	4
Boston	2	5	1
Nabors, Bush and Schang; Ruth and Thomas.			

	R.	H.	E.
Washington at	0	10	0
New York	2	5	3
Johnson and Williams; Caldwell and Nunamaker.			

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis at	6	7	1
Cleveland	1	3	4
Groom and Hartley; Mitchell and O'Neil.			

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit at	4	8	1
Chicago	0	3	1
Russell and Schalk; Coveleski, Wolfgang and Stange.			

BOY RIVER COUPLE MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

Frank Nikkila and Anna Brooke, both of Boy River, were united in marriage this morning at the probate court chambers by Judge M. A. Clark.

UNITED STATES REQUESTED TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

Note is Sent to State Department by
Carranza Government; Not
An Ultimatum.

ADMINISTRATION NOT WILLING TO WITHDRAW

Parral Citizens Shoot at American
Troops; Lines of Communication
Endangered.

BULLETIN

San Antonio, April 13.—Late dispatches indicate plainly that Carranza soldiers participated in attacking the American troops marching through Parral.

Washington, April 13.—The United States officials were brought face to face with a serious situation today by a communication from Carranza's secretary of state to Secretary Lansing, requesting that the United States withdraw its forces from Mexican territory.

The Mexican ambassador declined to discuss the note but stated that the official text was being translated and would be delivered to the state department when translated.

Won't Agree.

Washington, April 13.—A high administrative official today told the United Press that the United States would not be willing to agree to Carranza's demands and take the United States troops from Mexico.

Situation Critical.

El Paso, April 13.—Army officers consider the situation in Mexico as the most critical since the Villa hunt began. There is much danger that the lines of communication will be cut. The communication lines are 400 miles long and the guard is inadequate. Troops are suffering from the lack of proper clothing and with the rainy season coming on the Americans must have free use of the Mexican railways or be forced to withdraw from Mexico.

No Official Word.

San Antonio, April 13.—General Funston considers the punitive expedition is not a military success unless Villa is captured or killed. Official word about the Carranza request for evacuation has not been received here.

Not an Ultimatum.

Washington, April 13.—The Mexican embassy claims that the Carranza note is in no sense an ultimatum or demand on the United States to withdraw the troops. It is characterized as merely a request for negotiations looking toward a withdrawal.

Americans Shot At.

San Antonio, April 13.—American consular dispatches state that Mexican citizens at Parral fired a number of shots at the American troops when they entered that city. There were no casualties.

To Continue Chase.

San Antonio, April 13.—Prepared for any eventuality, the American troops will continue the chase until Villa is killed or captured, or the war department issues orders to stop. General Funston stated today that the advancing American troops are not endangered through the lack of communication.

Americans Killed.

San Diego, Cal., April 13.—Several Americans were killed or wounded in a bandit raid in the vicinity of Guaymas, Sonora, according to a naval radio message received here today. The message was forwarded to the navy department at Washington and resulted in an order to the cruiser Denver, now at San Blas, Teicuit, to steam for the Sonora seaport and investigate.

Property Destroyed.

El Paso, Tex., April 13.—A band of Villistas numbering several hundred and possibly several thousand have sacked Sierra Mojada, five miles across the Coahuila line, destroying many thousands of dollars worth of American property, looting the town of everything of value. It is believed that Villa is directing the operations of the bandits. Sierra Mojada is 140 miles east of the nearest point at which American troops are known to be.

RIFLE AND REVOLVER CLUB TO BE FORMED

Plans are being made to form a rifle and revolver club in Bemidji. The organization will be connected with the National Rifle association and will be formed under war department rules. The name of the organization will probably be the Beltrami Rifle and Revolver club. A meeting will be held in a few days.

A Nice Pleasant Memory

By "HOP"

