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MUST SALUTE THE STARS AND STRIPES

PRES. INFORMS HUERTA MUST SALUTE FLAG OR WILL SEIZE TAMPICO AND VERA CRUZ

Washington, April 15.—President Huerta will salute the American flag or the Atlantic fleet will seize Vera Cruz and Tampico. What happens afterward depends on Huerta. That is President Wilson's determination. Leaders of congress, both democratic and republicans, are backing up the president, and declared they are in accord with Wilson on each step he takes, and that there are ample precedents for action.

Washington, April 15.—The following official statement was issued as representing the views of President Wilson and administration:

"In discussion with official circles in Washington of the present Mexican situation, the following points have been very much dwelt upon. It has been pointed out that, in considering the present somewhat delicate situation in Mexico, that the unpleasant incident at Tampico must not be thought of alone. For some time past the defacto government of Mexico has seemed to think a mere apology sufficient when the rights of American citizens, or the dignity of the government of the United States, were involved, and apparently has made no attempt at either reparation or the effective correction of the serious derelictions of its civil and military officers.

"Immediately after the incidents at Tampico, an orderly from one of the ships of the United States in the harbor Vera Cruz, who had been ashore to the postoffice for the ships' mails, and who was in uniform and who had the official mail bag on his back, was arrested and put in jail by the local authorities. He was subsequently released and a nominal punishment inflicted upon the officer who arrested him, but it was significant that an orderly from the fleet of the United States was picked out from many persons constantly going ashore on various errands, from the various ships in the harbor, representing several nations.

"The most serious of all, the official in charge of the telegraph office at Mexico City presumed to withhold an official dispatch of the government of the United States to its embassy at Mexico City until it should have been sent to the censor, and his permission received to deliver it, and gave this despatch into the hands of the charged affairs of the United States, only upon his personal demand.

"Not alone on his personal demand, but on his emphatic demand, he having in the meantime learned through other channels that a dispatch had been sent him which had not been received.

"It cannot but strike anyone who has watched the course of events in Mexico as significant that untoward incidents, such as these, have not occurred in any case where representatives in other governments were concerned, but only in dealings with representatives of the United States, and that there has been no occasion for other governments to call attention to such matters or to ask for apologies. These repeated offenses against the rights and dignity of the United States, offenses not duplicated with regard to representatives of other governments, have necessarily made the impression that the government of the United States was singled out for manifestations of ill will and contempt."

The statement concludes by saying that the state department is confident Mexico will see the seriousness of the cumulative effect of these incidents and will also see the necessity and propriety of repudiating them in a satisfactory manner.

Hope Huerta Will Yield
In his conferences with leaders of both houses of congress, the president impressed upon the senators and representatives that while he sincerely hoped no occasion would arrive for the use of force, but the contingency might follow as a result of the American demand for a salute at Tampico, he wished the members of congress to be prepared.

All men who saw the president said no steps would be taken of a serious nature, such as the landing of marines or the shelling of the town, without authorization of congress.

"Marines have been landed before," said Chairman Flood, "without authorization, and towns have been shelled, but inasmuch as congress is in session it would be more regular to get authorization from congress."

TROUBLES OF OUR OWN

We have had troubles of our own this week and while we should have turned out at least a ten page paper we were compelled to hold it down to eight in order to get out today. Sunday night our large motor switch in some mysterious way got thrown down and the motor was burned out. This delayed us two days and a half until we could get another one from St. Paul by express. Then our linotype motor had a short circuit and held us up for another half day. Consequently if the paper is somewhat short this week you know the reason.

WORST FOR SENATE
President Worst of the N. D. A. C. announced his candidacy Tuesday through the columns of the Fargo Forum for the office of United States senator. This will make three candidates seeking the Republican nomination. Gronna, Miller and Worst.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

DIRECTORS HELD MEETING MONDAY—GOOD ROADS COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The directors of the Commercial club held a very interesting meeting last Monday evening and several things of importance to the city were discussed. The Good Roads question was taken up and a committee consisting of W. C. Rawson, W. B. Overton, V. R. Asbury and Paul Leonhardy was appointed by the presiding officer. It was recommended that they give special attention to improvement of the river road and the new township road north which goes straight north past the Experimental farm.

The auto license question was brought up and it was stated that the commissioners had asked the club to co-operate with them in seeing that all cars were licensed.

In 1908 a road tax was levied which was later declared illegal. As the commissioners cannot use this money an attempt is being made to have this money spent on the roads.

J. F. Hettler, representing the Ware Grain Binder Attachment Company of St. Paul met with the club. This company make binder twine from flax straw and have a patented knotter which they sell to use with the twine. They claim the twine can be sold for six cents a pound and they furnish or sell the knotters for \$23 with a fifteen year guarantee. One of the managers of the company will be in the city Monday and will discuss the proposition of a twine plant in Williston at the commercial club meeting Monday night.

NATURAL GAS A POSSIBILITY

WELL DRILLER OF VIRGINIA THINKS GAS COULD BE FOUND AND WOULD DRILL WELLS

There has never been any attempt here to drill for natural gas but there are people who believe the possibilities are good as is evidenced by the following letter from a resident of West Virginia:

March 31, '14.
The Commercial Club,
Williston, N. D.
Gentlemen:

Do you realize there is a possibility of finding natural gas in commercial quantities in the vicinity of your town? Your geological formation is very similar to that of Bow Island, Alta., and of the Big Horn Basin, Wyo., where large gas wells have been drilled.

Could a company be formed in your town for the purpose of drilling one, or more wells for gas or oil? If a good sized block of land could be leased, I will take one-eighth, perhaps more of the stock, also contract to drill one, or more wells 1500 to 2500 feet deep, and furnish part, or all of necessary tools, machinery and etc.

Yours truly,
J. C. Leonard,
Friendly, West Va.

ENJOYED GLEE CLUB PROGRAM

LARGE AUDIENCE OUT SATURDAY EVENING TO ENJOY MUSICAL PROGRAM

The University Glee Club had a crowded house for their entertainment Saturday evening in the basement of the new Congregational church. Over three hundred were present and heartily enjoyed the program. The club showed careful training and were as one in their attack and enunciation. A number of solos were sung by the boys and Director Norton pleased the audience with several selections on the violin.

GREAT PHOTO DRAMA

Buffalo, New York Times Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1914:—"Antony and Cleopatra" is the greatest of its kind ever seen here.

"Antony and Cleopatra," one of the best photo-dramas of the present day, is showing at the Majestic Theatre this week and the unusual love story is presented by very capable characters. All of the thrilling events of the time of Antony and Cleopatra are shown with a wonderful vividness and the extraordinary clarity of the pictures was received with much favorable comment by the audience.

It is a stupendous production and the love story of Antony and Cleopatra is easily followed by the pictures. The events in the lives of these two famous persons are as wonderful as the pictures and capacity audiences should be the rule for the remainder of the week.

Antony and Cleopatra will be exhibited at the Orpheum Theatre on Friday and Saturday April 24 and 25.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between N. Ingram and F. R. Wilson, doing business under the name of Ingram & Wilson, has by mutual consent been dissolved. Mr. F. R. Wilson continues in the business and Mr. Ingram is not responsible in any way for any obligations contracted on or after this date, April 14, 1914. 43-3tp.
Frank R. Wilson
Newton Ingram.

SINNING AGAINST YOUR HOME TOWN

YOUR PROPERTY—WHAT IS ITS TRUE VALUE?

Your town lot or country home—What is its true value?—in dollars and cents! If a man came to you and said, "This is just the lot I want," Or, "This farm of yours just suits me. What do you want for it?" And if you said "\$1000 for the lot," or \$10000 for the farm," on what would you base the figures? How would you arrive at the particular sums? Of course, the value of the land next to yours would have a great deal to do with it—but—

Wouldn't you figure as your biggest asset the prosperity of your home town—the fact that it is growing and is going to keep on growing and that in five years, the value of your property will be double that of today—

IF YOUR HOME TOWN CONTINUES TO GROW AND PROSPER. You bet you would—you would play up that point to beat the band—you would paint a beautiful picture of how Williston has grown up from a small village and how it is going to continue to grow into a metropolis—

In other words—YOU CAPITALIZE THE GROWTH OF YOUR HOME TOWN.

If that man bought your city lot or country home—He would be paying more than the actual value—the intrinsic value of the land itself.

He would be investing in the future of Williston and if Williston does not continue to grow and prosper, that man is going to lose some money.

So you can see that the true value of your property DEPENDS on the progressiveness of your home town and that if you want your property to increase in value—

It is up to you to help Williston grow—

And the only way to help your home town to grow is to encourage more business and social activity by participating in it yourself.

We must keep our money in Williston. We can't afford to let any of it get out because when we do, it has gone forever.

Lets stop "Sinning against our home town" and go back to first principles—

Lets do the way our forefathers did. If they could not get the things they wanted at home—they either did without them or made them.

Our merchants are just as progressive as merchants found in any other town. The goods they have for our selection are just as up to date and full of value as the goods found in other towns. And we will find that their prices are just about the same as the prices in other towns. Our merchants are here to stay and grow up with the city and they will expand and enlarge just as soon as their business warrants.

By patronizing them we are helping ourselves—we are helping our property to increase in value. Don't forget that the farms of today are the city lots of tomorrow—if the town next door KEEPS GROWING.

Every city has had to have a beginning. The settlers of Yesterday are the City Fathers of today. Take your home town—it is not hard to run over in your mind the names of those who have made their money in real estate. Their fathers were the settlers of yesterday. They came when Williston was yet unborn. Their heirs of today are reaping the results of their fathers' investments. With the growth of Williston their holdings naturally increased. And as the values increased, their taxes increased and so it goes.

This is the way you should recognize the value of your property—on the PROGRESSIVENESS OF THE PEOPLE OF YOUR HOME TOWN.

A city expands only as its business expands. New business enterprises are attracted only if the business is here. By your trading at home—you cause more business—because the trade that goes out of town is lost forever.

The next installment of "Sinning Against Your Home Town" will appear in our next issue. In it "A Town of a Thousand Managers" will appear. Don't fail to read it.

1100 SALOONS OUT OF BUSINESS

WOMEN OF ILLINOIS IN RECENT ELECTION WIPED OUT 1100 SALOONS

Chicago, April 9.—Women voting for the first time in Illinois township elections, demonstrated their power Tuesday by closing the doors of practically 1,100 saloons outside of Chicago, adding sixteen counties to the thirty already dry by barring the sale of intoxicants in approximately 200 of the 300 townships in which local option was an issue.

Their victory included eleven of the larger cities of the state which, until the votes were counted, were wet territory. They were Bloomington, Galesburg, Elgin, Decatur, Canton, Freeport, Belvidere, Menomouth, Keokuk, Lockport and East Galena. Rockford, Mattoon and Galva were kept in the dry column by women's votes.

No city nor township which was dry before the election was lost by the anti-saloon forces, but the cities of Springfield, Quincy, Rock Island, Aurora, Alton, Moline, Dixon and West Galena remained wet.

Complete returns from county townships and from more remote sections of the state were not available, but detailed figures of the vote in fifty-seven townships placed the women's vote at 40,621 dry, and 18,181 wet, showing that in those townships approximately 70 per cent of the women voters favored the anti-saloon ticket.

Where the accurate figures were available the men's vote was shown to be about one-eighth greater than the women's and to have been divided into approximately 60 per cent wet and 40 per cent dry.

In addition to their victories over the saloons, the women elected thirty women officials, twenty-six township collectors, three town clerks and one woman member of a city board of education. Mrs. Mary L. Morrison of Springfield.

ATTENTION VOTERS

When the assessor asks you for your party affiliation, say you are a Progressive, if you are a Progressive, and see that you are put down as a Progressive Party voter, otherwise you will lose your vote at the primary. Prof. H. H. Aaker is the Progressive Party candidate for governor. 43-3t.

VERDICT IS FIRST DEGREE MURDER

JURY IN PLUM COULEE MURDER CASE GIVE VERDICT AGAINST KRAFCHENKO

Winnipeg, Man., April 9.—John Krafchenko is guilty of murder in the first degree, and must pay with his life for killing H. M. Arnold of the Plum Coulee bank. The jury returned its verdict at 2:10 o'clock, after deliberating for a little over two hours. After the verdict had been given the prisoner's strong face did not flinch. He stared straight ahead bravely. His blue eyes looked fearless, and the dark, closely shaven face did not grow appreciable paler. His lordship adjourned the court until 4 o'clock, when the death sentence will be passed.

J. B. Suffield, counsel for the prisoner, went over to the dock and conferred with him. It is likely that Krafchenko will make a statement before the death sentence is passed.

Chief Elliott looked sad and pale, as did all those connected with the case. The jurymen were apparently all deeply moved. The silence in the court room was tense during the whole grim period. Many women shed tears. There was not a braver face in the room than that of John Krafchenko.

A. C. DEBATORS WIN

Fargo, N. D., April 11.—Debating the literacy test features of the immigration bill, North Dakota agricultural college teams participated in a three-cornered contest last night, winning two of three. The most significant victory was at Los Angeles, where Walter Baumgartel and Reuel Wile defeated representatives of the University of Southern California.

Baumgartel, formerly of Crookston, was a member of the Minnesota championship debating team for high schools two years ago. Charles Amidon, Barbara Heidner and William Bollerud lost their debate here with the South Dakota aggies. A team representing the local institution at Brookings, S. D., was composed of George Dixon, George Knudson and William Arnold.

Editor J. H. McCarry of Alexander was in the city the first of the week on his way home from Minot where he attended a meeting of the executive committee of the N. D. Press Association.

STICE GARAGE BURNED TODAY

FIRE DESTROYS THE STICE GARAGE—SPREAD RAPIDLY OVER THE ENTIRE BUILDING

The Stice garage caught on fire this afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock and in about an hour the building was almost totally destroyed. The front half which was frame is a complete loss but the new part which was partly of brick is not as badly damaged as the walls did not fall. The fire started up stairs in the front or north end of the building and everything about the room was more or less greasy and the flames soon spread. The men working below did not know anything of the fire until burning pieces of wood began to fall down. They then got busy and with the assistance of the fire boys and citizens who arrived within a few minutes to help they saved all the cars on the ground floor and a great deal of the supplies and material. Five cars and a buggy upstairs were burned. There was one Maxwell 25, one Fuller, one Laveno, one Winton and one old Maxwell burned.

The building cost something over six thousand dollars and as there was only \$2000 insurance on it the loss will be heavy. The machine shop department escaped with slight loss, it being in the basement of the brick addition.

Mr. Stice has informed the Graphic that the garage will be rebuilt at once, and that the structure will be a modern brick, thoroughly equipped to take care of the large business this firm has built up.

JUDGE GRANTS THAW PETITION

JUDGE ALDRICH GRANTS WRIT FAVORABLE TO THAW—CASE TO U. S. SUPREME COURT

Concord, N. H., April 14.—Harry K. Thaw's petition for a writ of habeas corpus was granted by Judge Edgar Aldrich of the United States district court. The court said, however, that no order would be issued for the prisoner's discharge from custody until arrangements had been completed to take the case to the United States supreme court on an appeal.

Thaw's petition for admission to bail, the court left undetermined, taking the grounds that it would be more appropriate for this to be passed on by the supreme court of the United States.

The result of the decision is that Thaw's guardianship condition is unchanged for the present; but that his petition for a writ of habeas corpus will go to the highest court in the land with the decision of the lower court in his favor.

The decision filed with the clerk here is more than 10,000 words long, and discusses exhaustively the various phases of the case presented in the federal court.

PINNED HIS FAITH TO COWS

INTERESTING PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF MAN WHO GRASPED AT CREAM CAN AS LAST STRAW

The following article is taken from the Farmers Dispatch of St. Paul and the writer tells how when down and out and overwhelmed with debt two cows and a five gallon milk can paid off his mortgage and started him on the road to independence.

By Edward Herfurdt, Benson, Minn.
I spent the first twenty-one years of my life on my father's farm in Minnesota. During my childhood, we were unable to make anything more than a fair living. We always planted oats, wheat and other small grain. The best we could do was to make both ends meet.

One day I noticed an advertisement in a pamphlet issued by a railroad. It read as follows:

"Why don't you get a piece of land in North Dakota where crops are never known to fail, where the climate is pure and healthful and the soil the best in the world? Why put your money in banks at 3 and 4 per cent interest when investments are open to you, upon which you can realize from 50 to 250 per cent?"

Decides to Move

I read that advertisement over several times and it did not take me a great while to make up my mind to move. I bought a mule, and started for the promised land, taking with me two horses. I also bought what machinery I thought was essential. The land upon which I located was good. The day after I landed, I put up a small shack for myself and a barn that was large enough for four horses. Just about the time I was ready to begin breaking my first misfortune overtook me. My mule died and I was unable to break any land with only two horses. However, good fortune followed, for the next day a neighbor asked me if I would take care of his horses, as he wanted to go back to Minnesota to get married. I told him that I would look after his

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COUNTY AFTER DAIRY HONORS

WILLIAMS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA SEEKS A PLACE ON THE BUTTER MAP

The following article appeared in the Minneapolis Journal of April 10 and being a good boost for Williston and Williams county we take pleasure in printing it in full:

By W. P. Kirkwood

Williams county, North Dakota; you've heard of it, possibly. If you have not, you are rather sure to before long. Williams county is away out on the western border of North Dakota, just where you jump off into Montana, but it is going to loom larger and larger on the horizon because it is organizing to do things in an agricultural way—in a large agricultural way. So it will pay to watch Williams county.

The Journal's correspondent was cornered by three of its energetic business men a short time ago in the rooms of the Commercial club at Grand Forks. The trio had come all the way across the state to attend the Grand Forks "agricultural achievement" banquet. They had been achieving out in Williams county, and thought it was up to them to do a bit of celebrating with the rest of the state. All of this is but another way of saying that Williams county has already been doing things, and wishes the world to know about it. The three men told The Journal man about it, and now what they told, is being passed on in order to help other counties to see that it pays to get together and to pull together for the common good.

The First Step, Organization

What Williams county, North Dakota, is doing in an agricultural way has been brought to an effective pass through the organization of the Williams County Better Farming association. This was created July 1, 1913, less than a year ago by a good margin. H. A. Nelson of Ray is the president. The directorate is made up of three members from each of the five county commissioner districts, and on the board are the five county commissioners. A splendid idea, this, of getting the county commissioners right into the game. Every farmer in the county, who cooperates with the field agent, by so doing becomes a member of the association. Every business man of the county and every non-resident who owns land therein may become a member by paying a fee of \$1. And most of the business men of the county are members of the association. The field agent is E. W. Hall.

Twenty-five County Clubs

The first step taken was to organize as many neighborhood or community clubs as possible. Co-operation among farmers, and between farmers and business men was desired. The business men of the various towns already had their organizations. Corresponding organizations must be had among the farmers in order to secure such effective co-operation as was needed. The plan worked. The county now has 25 community clubs, and many of their members have also joined the commercial clubs of the neighboring towns. The community clubs give much attention to the woman's side of farm life. Altogether, then, the people of Williams county are working unitedly.

To have accomplished so much would have been a credit, even had nothing more been done in the nine months since the movement was started. But more has been done.

High Aims in Dairying

In the first place a definite aim as to the type of farming best suited to Williams county has been set—to make the county "the leading dairy and diversified farming community in the northwest." A high aim to be sure, but it will not do to say that it is impossible of achievement.

To make a start, to give the plan a real send-off, the Better Farming association planned and carried out a "Dairy Inspection Trip" of 2,000 miles through Minnesota and Wisconsin, in order that 50 farmers, members of the 25 community clubs, might see dairying at its best, and the effects upon agriculture of livestock on the farm. The farmers, in other words, were "shown." They knew they could grow corn and alfalfa. That had been proved. Well then, with corn and alfalfa they could do the things Minnesota and Wisconsin were doing in dairying. Moreover, they could develop the pork industry as an adjunct. Twelve carloads of hogs were shipped from Tioga, Williams county, alone last year. The farmers went back enthusiastic. Of those who made the trip 28 on returning became members of the Commercial club of Williston, the thriving county seat.

Buying Blooded Stock

But there were special effects of another sort as well. The Cottonwood Lake club bought 8 pure-bred short-horn sires and two cows of the dual purpose type. And the bankers of the county announced that they stood ready to assist in the business of building up the dairy herds of the county, by aiding like importations. Another effect of the organization's work has been seen in a multiplication of silos on the farms. Tioga and vicinity already have ten of these profitable feed storage plants, and not less than twenty-five are to be built in the vicinity of Williston alone. The silo is a sign of prosperity. Where you see a silo you may be sure there is a progressive farmer about. A farmer who is awake to the fact that agri-

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