GERMANY TO BLAME IF U. S. WARS

Former President Says Wilson Knows All Americans Will Back His Decision.

Declares Teutons Began by Wronging Belgium, and Now Step on All Neutrals.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Former President Taft prefaced a prepared speech on the League to Enforce Peace here tonight with a reference to the new German crisis, declaring that if the United States were drawn into war Germany would force it by "her defiance of plain principles of justice and humanity which should obtain between civilized nations."

"The responsibility which now rests on the president and congress is very heavy," said Mr. Taft. "They should know and do know that the American people will back them to the end in their decision. May God give them good deliverance."

The former president was speaking before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, answering criticisms of Theodore Roosevelt, William J. Bryan, Senator Borah and others of the League to Enforce Peace idea.

Not Prepared for War.

"I had prepared this address," he said, "before Germany startled this country and all neutrals by her last note. The actual dangers with which it brings us face to face may seem to make what I have been discussing theoretical, tame and inappropriate.

"The truth is, however, that this great crisis only emphasizes the importance of the purpose and plan of the league in the future history of this country.

"Above all things we should avoid war. We are not prepared for it. Its awful consequences we know from Europe's suffering. Our prayer is for some escape from it in this critical hour, if consistent with our national honor. But we must face the facts.

Wrong to All Neutrals.

"In her campaign against her enemies, Germany proposes ruthlessly to wage war upon property and lives of neutrals in flagrant violation of their rights.

"She began with Belgium. She now includes them all. Our national conscience is void of offense against her.

"Her cruel and indefensible drowning without warning of more than a hundred innocent Americans on the Lusitania we condoned in view of her pledge against a repetition. That pledge is now withdrawn and she avows her purpose to resume her shocking course.

"If war is to come between us, she will be the unprovoked aggressor. We would avoid being drawn into the European vortex by every honorable concession. If she forces us into it she will do so by her defiance of plain principles of justice and humanity, which should obtain between civilized nations.

Explains Germany's Weakness.

"In spite of her great strength and marvelous efficiency Germany's manifest weakness has been in a failure to understand other peoples and to appreciate the moral forces working in them.

"She may not know the spirit of the good-natured, tolerant, war-hating giant she now challenges. She may over-estimate, as she has done before in the case of other nations, the influence of sordid motives, of the inertia of comfort and of dissentient elements among us, which she may expect to paralyze our action.

"She may stir an active patriotism in our people which she does not suspect. She may shock us into a real preparation for war and the sacrifice it involves as nothing else might.

"This may push us at once into a league to enforce a just peace. She may force us into an organization of our potential military strength on the one hand and into a moral leadership in the maintenance of international justice on the other.

"Thenceforth our isolation from the wars and welfare of the rest of the world would be at an end. When peace would come, the eyes of our people, in spite of warnings of statesmen who are looking backward, would be opened not only to the wisdom, but to the necessity of our leading the nations into a permanent world's league to enforce peace."

RECOVERING FROM THE GRIPPE.

From Saturday's Daily.

"Uncle" Ben Beckman drove up this morning from his home near Murray in company with Fred H. Ramge, to spend a few houre in the county seat visiting with friends and attending to some of the week-end shopping. This is the first time since the holidays that Mr. Beckman has been able to get in from the country as he has been laid up with the grippe, and the cold weather has made it necessary for him to keep close at home to prevent getting more cold. It was a great pleasure to his friends to see him looking so well after his illness.

ARRIVAL OF FINE LITTLE SON.

From Saturday's Daily.

The relatives of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hughes of Gretna have received word of a new addition to the Hughes family that arrived on Thursday last. It is a fine nine and a half pound boy, and is a source of delight and happiness to the parents and the little sister, who who has found a new playmate. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are well known in this city, where they have frequently visited at the home of Mrs. Hughes' sister, Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans and family.

Miss Lillian Murphy returned to Omaha this morning after an over Sunday visit in this city with her mother and sister.

Ed Schulhof departed this morning for Glenwood to spend a few hours in that city looking after some business matters for a few hours.

GRAVE OF WA PEL LO, CHIEF OF THE FOXES

On the right-of-way of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, about half a mile east of the station of Agency City, in Wapello county, Iowa, within an enclosure and sheltered by towering elms, lies a flat tombstone bearing the following inscription:

"In memory of Wa Pel Lo, principal chief of the Foxes, who was born at Prairie do Chien about the year 1787. Died near the forks of the Skunk river, March 15, 1842, and here buried at his own request. This stone was erected by the Sac and Fox nation. Distinguished from early years for his valor, he was no less remarkable for his kindness and benevolence toward his people; while honesty of character and strict friendship toward the white men won for him universal regard."

Many years ago when the railroad procured right-of-way over the old Indian agency ground, it was stipulated in the deed that the little oblong graveyard where Chief Wa Pel Lo was buried seventy-four years ago, shall be given perpetual care by the company.

Wapello county was, of course named in honor of the great chieftain. Among the older residents some still remain who, in boyhood days, heard his good qualities commended.

Upon the occasion of a recent visit, the writer noted with pleasure that the substantial picket fence forming the enclosure had just been given a coat or two of white paint, while with in, were not lacking evidences of equal care. Standing there, in the silence of an early summer day, while sunlight penetrated the but partly developed foliage of the sentinel elms and cast soft shadows over the old grave, imagination held full sway and pictured anew the scene enacted there long ago, when tribesmen gathered and laid away the leader who had treated them "with kindness and benevolence." Next came a vision of the later occasion, when again they met and following the custom of a newer civilization, erected this monument to commemorate his virtues. And then was indulged the hope that the good old chief is at peace with his forefathers in the happy hunting grounds.

FRANK B. THOMAS.

PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will sell at public auction at his home, two and one-half miles southwest of Murray, Neb., commencing at 10 o'clock on Monday, February 12th, the following described property:

One bay horse, 8 years old, weight 1,000.

One black mare, 6 years old, weight 1,400.

One black mare, 6 years old, weight 1,300.

One black mare, 12 years old, weight 1,600.

Four head of cattle.
Thirty head of hogs.
One 8-foot Acme binder.
One 5-foot Acme mower.
One 10-foot Acme hay rake.
One Western Belle lister.
One McCormick corn binder.
One one-hole corn sheller.
One hay rack and wagon.
One lumber wagon.
One buggy.
One set of buggy harness.
One churn.

Fifteen tons of prairie hay, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Lunch will be served at noon by W. A. Scott.

Terms of Sale: All sums of $10 and under, cash in hand; over $10, a credit of six to nine months will be given, purchaser giving bankable note bearing 8 per cent interest from date. No property to be removed until settled for.

ELMER BOEDEKER.
W. R. Young, Auctioneer.
W. G. Boedeker, Clerk.

SINGLE COMB, RHODE ISLAND RED EGGS

for hatching, $5 per 100; $1.25 per setting. Have entirely new strain of breeding birds, having raised stock from John Covalt's best matings of heavy layers. Telephone Plattsmouth 4021. W. B. Porter, Mynard, Neb.

TIME FOR HARNESS OIL.

We oil your harness for $1.00 per set, and now is the best time to have it done. Also first-class repairing of all kinds at reasonable prices. Ten per cent discount on horse blankets and robes. John F. Gorder, Plattsmouth, Neb.

First Security bank pays 5 per cent on time deposits.

IN PLATTSMOUTH FORTY YEARS AGO.

F. W. Hager, Burlington machinist, spent a couple of weeks in Lincoln.

Dick Claiborn left us some fine specimens of ores from Montana and Idaho.

Mr. Kennedy of the firm of Kennedy & Gilbert of Omaha, called yesterday.

Mrs. Julius Pepperberg has gone to St. Joe to visit her mother for a few weeks.

Herbert H. Hunt, a guest of J. C. Philippi, Council Bluffs, visited us yesterday.

Mr. J. C. Philippi of the Burlington will be down the last of the week to pay us a visit.

An old schoolmate of Mr. and Mrs. General Smith, Major Pollock, U. S. inspector of Indian agencies, left yesterday after a few hours' visit with his friends.

Moses Hiatt of Rock Bluff brings us a load of wood. Pretty warm to burn it, but we can use it allee samee.

Robert Donnelly has finished up his new shop, and his old customers will hereafter find him at his old ters.

Miss Ida Waterman left Plattsmouth the first of the week to attend school at Jacksonville, Ill. This is Miss Ida's first venture away from home, and we hope she may find it a pleasant and profitable one.

Hon. Sam M. Chapman and family returned Monday from a friendly visit in Saunders county, during which "Sam" shot over a hundred prairie "chicks" and consequently came back as happy as a clam at high tide.

Thed Livingston left on Monday last for Lincoln, where he will attend the university this year. He has been studying very hard for some time to prepare himself to enter, and we doubt not will do well and take front ranks in his studies.

The citizens on the south side of the block on Main street between Fifth and Sixth, have finished a fine deep well, with plenty of water in case of fires. They have about a hundred feet of hose, too, and should another fire occur in the upper end of Main street it will be found of great service. The parties owning property on the other side of the street in the same block should also build a well. It would make the block practically secure from ordinary fires.

Thieves and Tramps.

had better look a little out. Marshal Murphy and Mayor Johnson will be after you as they did yesterday. It was reported that two or three tramps had entered E. G. Dovey's house, and the above named started to investigate. They ran across the gentlemen on Vine street, near where the sprinkler gets its supply of water, when they were informed that they were prisoners. One of them remarked that he was not unless they could catch him, whereupon he started off on a gallop, Murphy after him. Pat called halt but he wouldn't halt; then he "pulled" on him, which failed to scare him sufficient to make him put on brakes and he finally dodged into the brush and got out of reach. His partner was gently "persuaded" to accompany the mayor to the "cage," and he now cooleth off. No inducement is offered the marshal for arresting vagrants, as he gets nothing for it, nor does he ever get pay for their board, when, if arrangements could be made, all our side and cross-walks could receive the much needed attention, and thus those who deserve as much could have the privilege of paying their own board. Pat picks them up, however, as he doesn't care to see such characters, some of whom are surely dangerous characters, skylarking around loose.

Deputy Sheriff Ashley picked up another, who was begging for his dinner, and cooled him off also. One at the Herald house, before breakfast, who would have kept the others company had the Marshal been in the vicinity. There's lots of them and they require strict attention.

ISSUES MARRIAGE LICENSE.

From Friday's Daily.

This morning a license to wed was issued by County Judge Beeson to Mr. Ralph W. Hart and Miss Nannie E. Wiles, both of Weeping Water. The bride is the daughter of T. L. Wiles, one of the prominent residents of that locality and the wedding will be performed at the home of the bride's parents Sunday.

PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on the Levi Churchill place nine miles south of Plattsmouth and four and a half miles east of Murray, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. sharp, on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1917, the following described property, to-wit:

One black horse, 4 years old, weight 1,350.

One bay horse, 7 years old, weight 1,200.

One gray mare, smooth mouth, with foal, weight 1,150.

One gray mare, 2 years old, weight 1,000.

One black horse, 2 years old, weight 1,000.

One cow, giving milk, will soon be fresh.

Farm Implements.

One 12-inch John Deere gang plow.
Two 14-inch walking plows.
One Bradley riding lister.
One John Deere walking lister.
Two Jenny Lind spring trip cultivators.
One Avery cultivator.
One tongueless cultivator.
One Deering binder.
One three-section harrow.
One Rock Island corn elevator, good as new.
One grapple hay fork and 150 feet of rope.
One hundred and seventy-five feet of rope.
One Janesville disc.
One McCormick mower, 5-ft. cut.
One McCormick hay rake, extra heavy.
One 3¼-inch wagon.
One 3-inch wagon, good as new.
One new bob sled.
One top buggy.
One new Case corn planter.
One hand corn sheller.
One 30-gallon kettle with stand.
One set of inch and three-quarter harness.
One set of inch and one-quarter harness.
One set of single harness.
Five tons of timothy hay, baled.
Two galvanized hog troughs.
One self-player Angelos piano, good as new.
One wood base burner.
One kitchen cabinet.
One 12-foot table.
Three iron bedsteads, with springs.
Other articles too numerous to mention.

Lunch will be served at noon by W. A. Scott.

Terms of Sale: All sums of $10 and under, cash; all over $10 a credit of six to nine months will be given, purchaser giving good bankable paper bearing 8 per cent interest from date. All property must be settled for before being removed from the premises.

E. R. QUEEN.
W. R. Young, Auctioneer.
W. G. Boedeker, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will offer for sale at public auction at his home on the Bennett Chriswisser farm, two and a half miles west and one and a quarter miles south of Murray, five and a quarter miles north of Nehawka on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1917.

The following described property to-with:

One black mare, nine years old, with foal, weight 1,000.

Six good milk cows, will be fresh in the spring.

One heifer, two years old, will soon be fresh.

Two fine young bulls, ten months old.

Eight calves, coming yearlings.
Four brood sows, bred.
22 head of shoats, wt. 50 lbs. each.

FARM MACHINERY.

One Western Belle lister, combined.
Two walking cultivators.
Two wagons with boxes.
One hay rack.
One hay buck.
One 1-horse drill.
One buggy.
One feed bunk, 14 feet long.
Two sets of heavy work harness.
One set of single harness.
900 feet of new pine lumber.
Nine galvanized chicken coops.
Many other articles too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at 10:00 o'clock a. m. sharp.

Lunch will be served at noon by W. A. Scott.

Terms of Sale—All sums of $10.00 and under cash; all over $10.00 a credit of six to nine months will be given, purchaser giving good bankable paper bearing eight per cent interest from date. All property must be settled for before being removed from the premises.

EARL LANCASTER.
W. A. Young, Auctioneer.
W. G. Boedeker, Clerk.

C. E. Haney was among the business visitors in Omaha today, going to that city on the early Burlington train this morning.

WHY

Bread Is Often Defective and How to Make It

"KNOW the ingredients of your bread and you will know the causes of its defects." So says Miss Marion P. Broughton, specialist in home economics in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

"These defects are mostly physical, and the most frequent cause is poor flour. If the flour is poor the gluten is poor, and the color of bread depends upon the gluten. Gluten forms the framework of the bread, and if it is poorly developed in the flour it will make the bread coarse

"Bread should not be oiled when put in the pans. Fat when baked brings out the defects in the bread. A hard crust is caused by the unequal distribution of the fat when oiled.

"Souring of bread is caused by too much carbon dioxide and too little oxygen. This can be remedied by thorough kneading. Large holes that are often found can be worked out by kneading. When rolling the bread to put into the pans be sure to leave no creases underneath the loaf, for these will show when baked.

"Bread is scored in contests upon the flavor, color, form and thoroughness of baking. Flavor of perfect bread should be good and sweet. If an acid flavor is noticed, there has been too long a fermentation.

"The musty flavor often noticed in bread is caused by old flour, and if the flavor is the least bit off the lard is too strong or too much salt has been used.

"A starter is commonly used among the farmers' wives. The jar in which it is kept should be washed frequently, and a cover should be over it all the time. There is nothing in the superstition that if the jar is washed the starter will be ruined."

Letter files at the Journal office.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice to non-resident defendants:

To Land Land Company, a corporation, Osee Land, Frank H. Warner, and H. C. [illegible], first and real name unknown, defendants:

You will take notice that on the 6th day of December 1916, [illegible] doing business under the firm name and style of [illegible], plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, against said defendants Land Land Company, a corporation, Osee Land, Frank H. Warner, and H. C. [illegible], first and real name unknown, the object and prayer of which are that the said [illegible], plaintiff, recover from the said defendants and each of them the sum of $1,221.00 due and payable to the plaintiff from said defendants as commission earned and services rendered said defendants under the terms of a written contract whereby said defendants and each of them became indebted to the said [illegible] for said amount above referred to; that on the 19th day of December 1916 pursuant to an order of attachment issued by proper authority out of said District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, the Sheriff of said Cass County, Nebraska made a levy upon certain real estate, the property of said defendants, within said county, to-wit:

Lots one (1), two (2), [illegible] the West side of lot six, now known as lot eleven (11), and the southwest quarter of section five (5) also, the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section six (6) and all of that portion of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter lying north and east of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad right of way of section six (6) all in Township twelve (12), Range ten (10) east of the sixth (6th) principal Meridian, Cass County, Nebraska.

Said defendants and each of them will take notice that they and each of them are required to appear and answer the petition of the plaintiff herein on or before the 9th day of April, 1917, otherwise judgment will be taken against them and each of them and the property herein attached will be sold to satisfy such judgment as may be rendered by said Court.

DANIEL [illegible].
By Arthur C. [illegible]
His Attorney

February 5-4 weeks.

ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX

The State of Nebraska,
ss.
Cass County.

In the County Court

In the matter of the estate of Margaret Eaton, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Dorothy M. Lynch praying that Administration of said Estate may be granted to her as Administratrix.

Ordered, That February 20th, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock A. M., is assigned for hearing of said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said County, and show cause why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a weekly newspaper printed in said County for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing.

Dated January 22nd, 1917.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
County Judge.

First publication 1-22-1917.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CASS, NEBRASKA.

In the matter of the Guardianship of George T. Coleman, Frank E. Coleman, Everett H. Coleman and Margaret S. Coleman, minor heirs of Harry E. Coleman, deceased.

Order.

Now on this 27th day of December, 1916, this cause came on for hearing upon the petition of Nannie E. Coleman, as guardian of George T. Coleman, Frank E. Coleman, Everett H. Coleman and Margaret S. Coleman, minors, of the age of sixteen, fourteen, twelve and eight years respectively, and minor heirs of Harry E. Coleman, deceased, praying for license to sell the South half of the Northeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-three (23) Township Thirty-two (32) Range Forty-four (44) in Sheridan County, Nebraska, for the purpose of securing funds for the maintenance and education of her said wards, and for the investment of the balance of the proceeds of the sale of said real estate for the benefit of said minor heirs, there not being sufficient personal property belonging to said minors for their maintenance and education.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the next of kin of said wards, and all persons interested in their estate appear before me at the District Court Room in the Court House at Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, on the [illegible] day of February, 1917, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. to show cause why a license should not be granted to said guardian to sell the above described real estate of said wards.

Notice to be given by publishing this order in the Plattsmouth Journal for three successive weeks before date of hearing.

Dated this 27th day of December, 1916.

JAMES T. BEGLEY,
Judge District Court.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska,
ss.
County of Cass.

To all persons interested in the estate of Dora Oldham Moore, deceased:

On reading the petition of George Jackson Oldham praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 15th day of January, 1917, and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, may be proved and allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of Dora Oldham Moore, deceased; [illegible] be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to George Jackson Oldham as executor. It is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 9th day of February, A. D., 1917 at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Witness my hand and seal of said court, this 15th day of January, A. D., 1917.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
(Seal.) County Judge.

1-15-17 1st publication.

LEGAL NOTICE.

State of Nebraska,
ss.
County of Cass.

In County Court.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph H. Kuhns, deceased.

Now on this 11th day of January, 1917, there was filed in this court the petition of [illegible] said deceased, alleging among other things that the said Joseph H. Kuhns has departed this life intestate [illegible] resident and inhabitant of said County [illegible] was seized of the following described real estate, to-wit: The north half of lots 1, 2 and 3 in block [illegible] Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, which was occupied by said deceased as a homestead and of less value than two thousand ($2,000) dollars and that under the law of the State of Nebraska said real estate is exempt from attachment, execution or other mesne process and not liable for the payment of any debts of said deceased; that said deceased left surviving him as his sole and only heirs at law and the only persons interested in said estate [illegible]

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a hearing be had upon said petition before this court in the County Court Room in the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the [illegible] day of [illegible], 1917, at ten o'clock A. M. and that all persons interested in said estate, including creditors, if any, be notified of said hearing by the publication of this order for three weeks prior to said date of hearing in the Plattsmouth Journal of said county.

By the Court.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
1-15-17 3 weeks. County Judge.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CASS, NEBRASKA.

A. L. Tidd, Plaintiff,
vs.
Simpson [illegible] et al, Defendants.

Notice of Suit to Quiet Title.

To the defendants Simpson [illegible], the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Simpson [illegible], deceased; John F. Cummings, also known as John F. Cummins; Mrs. John F. Cummings, also known as Mrs. John F. Cummins, first real name unknown; [illegible] S. N. Merriam, first real name unknown; Mrs. S. N. Merriam, first real name unknown; [illegible] Ellen Howard; John Lee Howard, first real name unknown, husband or widower of Ellen Howard; [illegible] Louisa Miles; Richard Lee Miles [illegible] Margaret A. Plumer; William Plumer; John L. Keeves; Mrs. John L. Keeves, first real name unknown; [illegible] the unknown owners and the unknown claimants of lot seven (7), in block eleven (11), Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska.

You are hereby notified that on the 29th day of December A. D. 1916, plaintiff filed his suit in the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska, to quiet plaintiff's title to the above described lot, to-wit: lot seven (7) in block eleven (11), City of Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, because of the adverse possession by himself and his grantors for more than ten years prior to the commencement of said suit and to enjoin each and all of you from having or claiming any right, title, lien or interest, either legal or equitable, in or to said lot or any part thereof; to require you to set forth your right, title, claim, lien or interest therein, if any, either legal or equitable, and to have the same adjudged inferior to the title of plaintiff and for general equitable relief. This notice is made pursuant to the order of the court. You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, February 19, A. D., 1917, or your default will be duly entered therein.

A. L. TIDD, Plaintiff.
A. L. Tidd, Pro Se.
W. A. ROBERTSON,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.