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A NEW CHARTER NEEDED

The fact cannot be disputed that our present city charter is grossly inadequate for the present needs of Scio. Conditions of the present day are entirely different to what they were when our town was first incorporated. What then seemed sufficient for the city's needs, do not fit the conditions of today. For this reason, the charter needs fixing in very many points.

One feature which should be changed, is the limit placed upon the amount of indebtedness the city may incur. When the charter was obtained, the assessed valuation of our town was not more than \$50,000. Our limit of indebtedness, \$5000 is 10 per cent of this valuation. A like percentage on our present valuation, would allow an indebtedness of \$15,000 or over.

When our water plant and electric lighting systems were rebuilt, a debt to the full limit was involved. No such debt as this was, probably contemplated, when our present charter was framed and, as these systems are more than self-sustaining and will in a few years, pay the bonds, the debt should not be construed as one depending upon direct taxation for payment.

But owing to our present debt limitation, our city council refuses to father a much desired street improvement, nevertheless the abutting property owners are abundantly willing to pay for the same. The council believes the charter with the \$5000 debt limitation, bars their undertaking the improvements. This conclusion is, probably, correct under a strict construction of the charter. Very well, then, let us either amend or enact a new charter which will harmonize with present conditions.

There are several other features of the charter which do not suit present day conditions, and which we intend to discuss in the near future. We want this block to improvement and progress corrected, so that our town can move along in the march and in keeping with that of our sister towns and so that we will cease to be a subject of jest and ridicule from visitors.

GERMANY'S REPLY

Germany's reply to President Wilson's note relative to submarine murders, is an attempt to justify an unlawful act, so regarded by all civilized people. Instead of meeting the proposition fairly, Germany attempts to argue the question by setting up a man of straw.

The Lusitana was not an armed vessel, a fact set forth by both American and English authorities. She carried no combustibles prohibited by American laws to be carried by passenger vessels. She did not carry American passengers as a shield against German attack. These are the so-called facts (?) upon which Germany attempts to justify

an unlawful act. A more dignified position would be, we sunk these vessels and what are you going to do about it?

It is a very long lane which has no turns. Germany is not all of the world, a fact which she will ascertain at no distant day. She must not assume that she is the world's dictator, because she is but a small part of it and, in the end, she will ascertain that fact.

Germany may have thought she had cause for war, though what it is has never been stated in terms which appeal to mankind. But she has not had cause to commit wholesale murder both on land and on sea.

Right thinking Germans, if they will be fair and unprejudiced, must condemn the barbarous acts of which the German army and submarines have been guilty.

A civilized nation is supposed to have a sense of right which will not be violated even in times of war. Germany seems to be lacking in this respect, if reports are true.

At the beginning of the war, Germany had fully as many friends in America as her allied foes. Her ruthless cruelty and disregard of the lives of non-combatants and neutrals; her disregard for the accepted rules of civilized warfare; her spirit of "might makes right," all have driven American sympathy from her and has convinced most people that in the subjugation of Germany, lies the safety of the world.

It is not expected that Germany will accede to any of the most respectfully expressed demands in President Wilson's note. It is foreign to the German character to expect her to concede anything, until she is compelled to do so.

Just what the president will do remains to be seen. But whatever he does do, he has the united support of the American people behind him.

THE COUNTRY BEHIND PRESIDENT WILSON

President Wilson's note to Germany relative to the submarine outrages has aroused the whole nation, as no other state paper has for many years. People may differ in politics, in religion, in methods of finance, etc., but when the country's honor is at stake, they unite as one man to uphold the flag. Even the naturalized German-American, as a rule, pronounce their Americanism as firmly as the native born and should it become necessary, these adopted fellow citizens seem as ready to actively uphold the rights of American citizens and the flag as the native born.

Germany has made a grave mistake in her indiscriminate submarine warfare. She has no right to say to the neutral in effect, keep out of the way if you would not get hurt. She could pursue no better course to amalgamate the opinion of neutral peoples against her interests, than she has.

Germany is a great nation. Her accomplishments in science, literature, remarkable preparedness for war and the universal belief of her people that she is absolutely right in the prosecution of the war, excites the admiration of the world. And had she conducted her military and naval activities along lines of what may be styled civilized warfare, she would have had friends in all neutral nations. But the indiscriminate slaughter of non-combatants and neutrals, cannot nor is not justified by many of her own people nor any of the neutral nations. Her conduct has solidified public opinion against her.

This is why President Wilson's note of protest against the destruction of American life is so universally upheld by the people regardless of nationality.

FOOD FIRST TO BE SENT TO MEXICANS

Famine Conditions Are Believed to Favor
Humanitarian Expedition to
Aid People

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object of restoring peace in Mexico.

The text of the president's forthcoming statement is an official secret, but from those who advised with him prior to its preparation it is understood Mr. Wilson will address not only the military leaders in Mexico, but the Mexican people and at the same time the people of the United States. He will review in detail the course of events in Mexico since the assassination of Madero and Suarez and the usurpation of the presidency of Huerta.

The pronouncement, it is said, will call attention to the fact that the United States government, by refusing to recognize Huerta, assisting in driving him out of power and expected from the victorious constitutionalists the re-establishment of government in Mexico. Nearly a year has passed since Huerta was compelled to resign, but the constitutionalists, the statement will say, have failed in the meantime to restore order, conditions growing worse daily, with no faction apparently possessing the capacity to establish a government.

Local Market Report

Wheat per bushel	\$ 1.00
Oats " "	.45
Bran per ton	32.00
Wheat chop per ton	38.00
Oat chop " "	32.00
Barley Chop " "	35.00
Flour per sack	1.55
Eggs per dozen	.16
Butter per roll	.35
Chickens, hens per lb	.09
" spring " "	.09
" roosters " "	.07
Turkeys " "	.12
Geese " "	.75
Ducks " "	8 to 11
Beef " "	5 1/2
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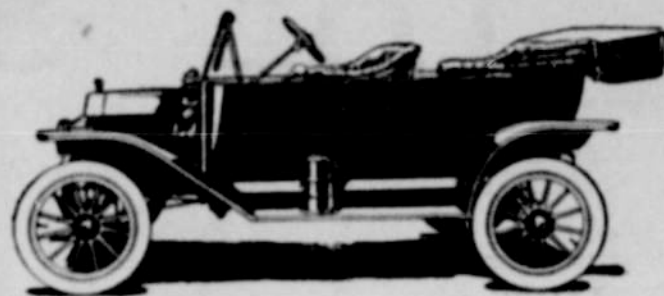
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