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| Offerings to bidders.                                            | The lands shall be listed for sale in tracts embracing the north and south half of sections unless parts of such subdivisions are not subject to sale, in which event all contiguous lands subject to disposition in such half sections shall be listed for sale as separate tracts. Offerings may be made in smaller parcels if deemed advisable in the judgment of the Superintendent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Conditions of bids.                                              | Bids may be made in person or by agent, but will not be received through the mail, and purchasers will not be required to show qualifications as to age, citizenship or otherwise, or to furnish proof as to the character or condition of the lands.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Payments.                                                        | One-fifth of the purchase price of the land must be paid to the Receiver of the Billings, Montana, land office before 4:30 o'clock p. m., on the next business day following the date of sale. Any purchaser who fails to make such payment will forfeit all rights to the land purchased, which will be reoffered for sale, and the defaulting purchaser will not thereafter be permitted to bid for or purchase any other lands at the sale.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Resale on nonpayments.                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Payment of balance.                                              | The balance of the purchase money may be paid in four equal, annual installments in one, two, three and four years after the date of sale. If any purchaser fails to make such payment when it becomes due, all rights under his purchase and all moneys theretofore paid thereunder will be forfeited.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Rules, etc.                                                      | The Superintendent is hereby authorized to prescribe such rules therefor, not in conflict herewith, as the exigencies may require, and he may at any time suspend or indefinitely postpone the sale or adjourn it to such time or place as he may deem advisable, and he may reject any or all bids which in his opinion are less than the actual cash value at which any of the lands offered should be sold.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Warning against conspiracies.                                    | All persons are warned against entering into any agreement, combination or conspiracy which will prevent any of said lands from selling advantageously, and all persons so offending will be prosecuted criminally under section 59 of the Criminal Code, which reads:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Punishment for hindering, etc., land sales.<br>Vol. 35, p. 1099. | "Whoever, before or at the time of the public sale of any of the lands of the United States, shall bargain, contract, or agree, or attempt to bargain, contract, or agree with any other person, that the last-named person shall not bid upon or purchase the land so offered for sale, or any parcel thereof; or whoever by intimidation, combination, or unfair management shall hinder or prevent, or attempt to hinder or prevent, any person from bidding upon or purchasing any tract of land so offered for sale, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than two years, or both." |
|                                                                  | IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                  | Done at the city of Washington, this sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen and of the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                  | [SEAL.] Independence of the United States, the One Hundred and Forty-first.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                  | WOODROW WILSON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                  | By the President:<br>ROBERT LANSING<br>Secretary of State.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| April 6, 1917.                                                   | BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                  | A PROCLAMATION.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| German insurance companies.<br>Preamble.<br>Post, p. 1684.       | WHEREAS, certain insurance companies, incorporated under the laws of the German Empire, have been admitted to transact the business of insurance in various States of the United States, by means of                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

separate United States Branches established pursuant to the laws of such States, and are now engaged in business under the supervision of the Insurance Departments thereof, with assets in the United States deposited with Insurance Departments or in the hands of resident trustees, citizens of the United States, for the protection of all policy-holders in the United States;

AND WHEREAS, the interests of the citizens of the United States in the protection afforded by such insurance are of great magnitude, so that it is deemed to be important that the agencies of such companies in the United States be permitted to continue in business;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the powers vested in me as such, hereby declare and proclaim that such branch establishments of German Insurance Companies now engaged in the transaction of business in the United States pursuant to the laws of the several States are hereby authorized and permitted to continue the transaction of their business in accordance with the laws of such States in the same manner and to the same extent as though a state of war did not now exist; provided, however, that all funds of such establishments now in the possession of their managers or agents, or which shall hereafter come into their possession, shall be subject to such rules and regulations concerning the payment and disposition thereof as shall be prescribed by the insurance supervising officials of the State in which the principal office of such establishment in the United States is located, but in no event shall any funds belonging to or held for the benefit of such companies be transmitted outside of the United States nor be used as the basis for the establishment directly or indirectly of any credit within or outside of the United States to or for the benefit or use of the enemy or any of his allies without the permission of this Government.

Branch establishments in United States permitted to continue business.

Restrictions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen,  
[SEAL.] and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first.

WOODROW WILSON

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING  
*Secretary of State.*

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

April 7, 1917.

### A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1917 (Pub. No. 386), provides:

Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, N. Dak. Preamble. Vol. 39, p. 1131.

That section three of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the disposal of certain lands in the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota," approved August third, nineteen hundred and fourteen, be, and is hereby, so amended as to authorize the classification and appraisal of unallotted lands in sections sixteen and thirty-six, containing coal and for such reason reserved by the terms of section one, Act of June first, nineteen hundred and ten (Thirty-sixth Statutes at Large, page four hundred and fifty-five), pending provision for their disposal by Congress; said lands when so classified and appraised to be subject to disposal under the laws applicable to other reserved coal lands within said former reservation.

Vol. 36, p. 455; Vol. 38, p. 681.