

# The State News of the Week in Brief

An Epitome of All the Big and Interesting Events of the Past Few Days in the State.

Trials of the 18 men and women arrested in the Industrial Workers of the World raids at Duluth have begun. Each prisoner entered a plea of not guilty.

A jury at Ivanhoe, Minn., has disagreed in the case of John Jacobi, whose trial on a charge of manslaughter was the outcome of a prank in July, 1916.

Chicago county is indignant over attacks by a socialist speaker, Allen S. Broms, on Washington, Lincoln and other American patriots in a speech at Almelund June 10.

The Red River Valley Development association and the Red River Valley Live Stock Breeders' association held their fourth annual summer meetings at Red Lake Falls, June 27 and 28.

Co-operative marketing and selling of dairy products were discussed by dairymen of state repute at the first annual summer convention of the Minnesota State Dairymen's association, held at Brainerd, June 28 and 29.

Growing of buckwheat to increase Minnesota's wartime crop production is being recommended by grain men of the state and country. Because buckwheat will mature in 13 weeks, it is being suggested as a second crop.

Despite injunctions from authorities forbidding parades in which the American flag is not prominently displayed, 3,000 Finnish picnickers, each wearing a red ribbon marched at Virginia without the national emblem. No arrest was made.

The appraisal committee of the Balkan Federal Farm Loan association has completed its labors in appraising the farms of applicants for farm loans. It is expected federal money will be in the hands of Chisholm farmers within the next week.

Because of an epidemic of scarlet fever at Goodridge, Minn., this village has been placed under quarantine. The children of the village will not be allowed to leave their yards, according to an announcement of city officials. There have been no deaths.

Increased production and shipment of coal to the Northwest automatically should cause a lowering of prices, is the message received here at Duluth from F. S. Peabody, chairman of the committee on coal production of the Council of National Defense.

Isabelle Palibitski, 10 years old, escaped death in a remarkable manner in a severe electrical storm at Winona when lightning struck the bed in which she was sleeping and demolished it. Not until the bed fell to the floor in a heap of splintered wood did the girl awaken.

Horses belonging to farmers in the vicinity of Jonesville have been poisoned mysteriously and others have been badly mutilated. An investigation is being made. Deputy Sheriff E. B. Baldwin of Waterloo and bloodhounds have been brought here and placed on the trail of the mer.

A large attendance of clergy and laity at pontifical high mass and a luncheon of 200 covers at a hotel, were the first events in the golden jubilee celebration of the ordination of the Right Rev. James McGorrick, bishop of Duluth, which was brought to a close with a public reception held in the cathedral auditorium.

The transfer of many freight cars from railway lines along the Mississippi river to inland divisions, thus compelling shippers along the river to transport their goods by boat, has been advocated at Winona by Roy Streckfus of the Streckfus Steamboat line as a method for partially relieving war time traffic congestion.

Ed Bosky, editor of the Referendum, a newspaper of Faribault, indicted by the Ramsey county grand jury for discouraging enlistments, has been released on \$1,000 bonds.

Stillwater's seventh annual Chautauqua will open here with a program including talks and entertainments by Judge Ben Lindsey, Gypsy Smith, Sarah Tyson Rorer and Representative Abercrombie of Alabama.

First steps to relieve congestion of slackers in St. Louis county were taken by sheriffs' forces of St. Louis and Itasca counties, when thirty men, held for dodging registration, were removed from Virginia to Grand Rapids.

A threatening letter received by Frank Anderson of Boy River, near Leech lake in Cass county, has been forwarded to Commissioner Carlos Avery of the state game and fish department and turned over to the Federal postoffice inspectors for investigation. Anderson is said to have been aiding in prosecution of game law violators.

Three boxcars were loaded with clamshells in Fairfax last week, the first of a large shipment which will be made this year from hauls made in the Minnesota river. Shells bring \$32 a ton. The bulk of the shells are shipped to button factories in Iowa.

Waters of the Root river had subsided sufficiently at Lanesboro and Preston for train service to be resumed on the southern Minnesota branch of the Milwaukee road. Serious danger now is believed past from the high water which threatened crops along the stream following a near cloudburst.

## Dates of Coming Events in State

July 8 and 12—National Editorial Association meeting at Minneapolis. (Patriotic event.)

September 3 to 8—Minnesota State Fair and "Food Training Camp" in Twin Cities.

September 26 — Minnesota annual conference of Methodist Episcopal church at Pipestone.

Oct. 31 to Nov. 3—Minnesota Educational Association convention in Minneapolis.

Minnesota home guard members will be permitted to wear uniforms and will be equipped with government rifles, Major Oscar Seebach, home guard organizer says.

Women at the Virginia & Rainy Lake Lumber company's plant, recently employed to take the places of enlisted men, are making good, according to S. J. Cusson, general superintendent.

The annual flower show and summer meeting of the Minnesota State Horticultural society and its auxiliaries was held Wednesday, June 27, in the gymnasium building at the university farm, St. Anthony Park.

Fourth of July celebrations in Minnesota this year will be sober and serious as well as safe and sane under plans which are being urged by the State Public Safety Commission through its county directors.

Julius Weidner, of St. Paul, a foreman for L. W. Baumeister and Company, St. Paul contractor, died of heart disease at Red Lake Falls while swimming in Clear Water river with fellow workmen. The body was recovered. He was 23 years old.

Fergus Falls on June 25, had over-subscribed its Red Cross fund allotment \$2,000, and contributions continued to pour in. The city's allotment was \$7,000. Campaign leaders expected the total to go well over the \$10,000 mark.

W. T. Coe and P. J. Youngdahl of Minneapolis, representing a milling concern that produces whole wheat flour, are here attempting to get the War department to change the army regulation on bread so whole wheat flour may be used.

Brewery officials of Duluth called into conference by Sheriff Meinling have pledged their support to the requirements of the Order No. 8, issued by the State Public Safety Commission regulating the sale and disposition of liquor in Minnesota during the war.

Ray P. Speer of St. Paul, publicity manager of the American Association of Fairs and Expositions, has received a telegram from Herbert C. Hoover, food controller, calling him to Washington for a conference on the part of food training camps, planned in connection with the fairs, will play in the food conservation campaign of the nation.

Construction work on Rochester's municipal owned water power dam, the first public owned hydro-electric plant in the state, is under way at top speed at the dam site. A crew of over 100 laborers and several carloads of excavating and construction machinery already have arrived at the site, which is about twelve miles northwest of Rochester on the Zumbro river.

Under authority given by the measure passed by the City council, prohibiting unpatriotic demonstrations by professional agitators, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, of New York city, who recently arrived in Duluth, was arrested. The police then raided Industrial Workers of the World headquarters here, arresting nine men and a woman, and closing the headquarters.

A meeting of committees from North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota to perfect the drainage district has been held in Breckenridge. The delegates considered further steps in the Red River reclamation proceedings. The engineering department of the North Dakota state commission has been put in charge of organizing districts, the latest of which was organized at Wheaton, Minn.

John S. Johnson, of Minneapolis, was elected president of the Minnesota Elks in the closing business session of the state body here. John Kelly of Crookston, was elected vice president; F. J. Thompson of Mankato, second vice president; Fred Schaffer, of Winona, trustee for three years; D. D. McEachin, of Hibbing, treasurer, and R. F. Eldridge of St. Paul, secretary. The new constitution as prepared by the grand lodge officials at St. Louis was adopted.

Plans whereby Minnesota will have a day all her own at Peoria, Ill., fair, September 18 to 29, have been announced by Fred D. Sherman, state immigration commissioner. The state's immigration exhibit will be shown at this fair, in competition with those of several other states, for a large silver trophy cup offered for the best state display of crop products.

Fifty-five automobiles, containing 300 farmers and business men interested in silos, have visited stock and dairy farms on which silos are a part of the equipment, in the vicinity of Staples, Motley, Aldrich and Verdale. Silo day at Staples was the beginning of a series of similar days through central Minnesota, opening a campaign for 4,000 more silos.

With prohibition in force in Clay county through the county option law, and everything pointing to a dry nation within a few years, citizens of Barnesville have decided to change the name of Whiskey creek.

## AUXILIARY DENIED USE OF U. S. UNIFORM

### HOME GUARD COMPANIES HIT BY NEW WAR DEPARTMENT RULING.

### SHORTAGE UP TO GOVERNMENT

#### Rhinow Sent to Washington Because of Unexplained Guard Muddle—to Make Effort to Save \$22,000 Allotment for Militia.

St. Paul. The Minnesota home guard is denied permission to wear the regulation army uniform, under a new ruling by the War department, Adjutant General H. T. McCain, Washington, has advised Major Oscar Seebach, home guard organizer of the State Public Safety Commission.

Major Seebach said the order probably will compel members of the citizens' auxiliary companies to discontinue wearing the uniforms they have purchased at individual expense.

The military commissioner of the state war board is in Washington and he may be requested to attempt to prevail on the War department to modify its order, the major said.

### Rhinow Goes to Capitol.

In an effort to save for the Minnesota National guard the \$22,000 allotted by the federal government which is being held up because of unexplained shortages here, Capt. W. F. Rhinow, acting adjutant general, has been sent to Washington.

Captain Rhinow will place before Brig. Gen. W. M. Mann, chief of the militia bureau, the exact situation here, presenting his reports showing shortages in equipment amounting to more than \$38,000 and unpaid bills amounting to \$48,000.

Nothing further will be done in requiring an accounting from Adj. Gen. Fred B. Wood until Captain Rhinow returns, according to Governor Burnquist. The War department officials will be asked to advise the state authorities as to the steps to be taken.

### Crowded Asylums to Have More Room.

Planning to relieve overcrowded conditions in state insane hospitals and asylums, the State Board of Control has opened bids to finish third floor dormitory space in four cottages at the Hastings asylum. The room is expected to accommodate 80 patients. The proposal received from P. O. Nasvik was the lowest and the contract probably will be awarded. Because of condition in the hospitals, numbers of patients are forced to sleep in corridors.

### Field Artillery in U. S. Service.

Immediate mustering into federal service of the First Minnesota Field artillery has been confirmed in advice received from Washington by military officers at the state capital. Because of the large number of men in the batteries hard training will be instituted at once. Approximately 250 gummers have just had their first experience in drill work and camp life.

### County School Head Is Suspended.

Suspension of Victor S. Knutson, Todd county superintendent of schools, has been ordered by Governor Burnquist, pending investigation of charges of feoffance and malfeasance on which members of the board of county commissioners are demanding the superintendent's permanent removal from office.

### Action to Test Power of Commission.

An action which will indirectly test the power of the Minnesota Public Safety commission and will directly determine property rights valued at several hundred thousand dollars involved by acts of the commission has been filed in Minneapolis.

### Men Needed by Third Regiment.

The Third Minnesota regiment is 700 men short of full war strength. Full war strength is 2,002. Colonel Eva of Duluth says recruits are coming fast and he is confident the regiment will be up to its full war strength when the call comes.

### Regiment in Good Condition.

The Second Minnesota infantry is in better condition than it has been for years, according to Colonel W. T. Mollison of Faribault. There are now more than 1,200 accepted and ready for service, with 317 recruits not examined.

### Farm Census Returns Favorable.

Farm census returns to the Minnesota Public Safety commission are encouraging, Secretary John Pardee says. Increased acreages as well as prospective big yields are shown. The crop estimates are to be made public soon.

### Guards Nip Dynamiters' Plot.

Ninety sticks of dynamite packed in a beer case have been found half buried 300 yards east of the camp of the First Minnesota infantry at Fort Snelling by two guards. The discovery was made after Sergeant Clyde M. Waterman of the First infantry and Private Joe Derlington, headquarters company of the Thirty-sixth infantry, saw a suspicious looking man crawling on hands and knees in the grass near where the explosive afterward was found.

## FARMS THE SOURCE OF WEALTH

### Careful Tillage, Good Management and a Beneficent Soil.

Reading the reports of the managers of the chartered banks in Canada, one is struck by the wonderful showing that they have made during the past two or three years. They are careful in their statements, and while they attribute the success that they have met with, together with that which has followed other lines of business, they are careful to emphasize the fact that the condition of big business may not continue. On the other hand, they point out that the material and fundamental source of wealth is the farm. While other lines of business may have their setbacks, and while care and scrupulous care, will have to be exercised to keep an even balance, there is but little risk to the farmer who on economic and studied lines will carry on his branch of industry and endeavor to produce what the world wants not only today, but for a long distance into the future, with a greater demand than ever in the past.

Speaking recently before a Canadian bank board at its annual meeting, the vice president, once a farmer himself, said:

"The farm is the chief source of wealth. We have now three transcontinental railways with branches running through thousands of miles of the very best undeveloped agricultural land in the world. In the natural course of things, these must attract immigration. The products of the farm are now commanding the highest prices ever known, and in my opinion even after the end of the war, high prices for foodstuffs must continue to prevail. With the mechanical appliances now available for farm work, the farmer needs no considerable supply of extra capital, but should be helped to the extent needed upon good security. The food supply of the world is short, the demand is likely to increase rather than decrease. Development of mines, extension of factories and the reconstruction of devastated Europe must all call for supplies for the workers. On the whole, the farmer has been helped rather than hurt by the war, and will continue to be, at least for a long time to come."

Many men of authority and intelligence support what the vice president has said, and their statements are borne out by the facts that readily present themselves. The different grain-producing countries of Europe have been robbed of the man power that developed their agriculture, the farms have been devastated and laid waste. Full and complete reliance will have to be placed on the United States and Canada, and from what we see today, it will take the combined forces of these two countries to come anywhere near meeting the cry that will go out for food. The warnings and appeals sent out by the heads of these two countries are none too soon nor too urgent. Therefore, it becomes necessary for those who can produce to exert themselves. Secure land, rent it, buy it. Get it somewhere, some way, and have it operated. The Canadian Government, sending out its appeal, is not selfish in this matter. Thousands of acres in the United States await the tiller's efforts, and none of it should be idle. Canada, too, offers wonderful advantages, with its free lands and its low-priced lands, to those desirous of helping the nation, and improving their own condition at the same time. Many are taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity.—Advertisement.

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