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GOVERNOR SMALL LOSES DECISION

Illinois Executive Ordered to Face Jury for Alleged Conspiracy in \$2,000,000 Fraud.

SETS CASE FOR JAN. 9

Waukegan Judge's Decision Quashes Four of the Thirteen Counts of the Grand Jury Indictment.

Waukegan, Ill. — Judge Claire C. Edwards of the circuit court of Lake county upheld an indictment charging Governor Len Small with embezzlement of \$500,000 of state funds and nine of the 13 counts of an indictment at Governor E. Sterling and Vernon Curtis, a banker of Grant Park, Ill., with conspiracy and operating a confidence game involving \$2,000,000 in state money.

Trial Ordered for Jan. 9. The court ordered the governor to trial Jan. 9 at 9:30 o'clock on the \$500,000 embezzlement charge.

Judge Edwards sustained the attorneys for the governor and Mr. Curtis in part by quashing an indictment charging them, together with Mr. Sterling, with embezzlement, of \$700,000 and quashed three counts charging conspiracy and the one charging confidence game in the other joint indictment.

As a result, Mr. Curtis will face trial only on the nine remaining counts of the conspiracy charge.

The court's decision—a 5,000 word document, which goes at length into the arguments of C. C. Le Forge and other attorneys for the defendants in support of their motions to quash—was read in court in the presence of Governor Small and Mr. Curtis.

Immediate Trial Held Necessary. After disposing of the defense motions and detailing his decision on each indictment, Judge Edwards said, in conclusion:

"This is an important case from three standpoints.

"First—from the legal principles involved.

"Second—important to the defendants to have an immediate trial, and

"Third—All important to the people of the state of Illinois, that their governor be either convicted if guilty of this offense, or if not that he be acquitted and permitted to give his attention to the duties of the high office which he now holds.

"Anything now pending on the docket of this court sinks into insignificance as compared to the importance of this last point.

"Accordingly, believing that speedy justice is as much to be desired as exact justice, and without consulting the wishes of counsel on either side, the court of its own motion, hereby sets the first of the cases for trial on Monday, Jan. 9, 1922, at 9:30 a. m.

CANNIBALISM IN RUSSIA

Starving Peasants in Famine Zone Eat Bodies of Dead.

Riga—The first official report of cannibalism in the famine district of Russia has been made to the all-Russian Soviet congress by Delegate Ovsienko of Samara, according to a dispatch to the official Rosta News

agency, dated Moscow. "At Ramkoveky the parish people are eating the bodies of their dead," Ovsienko told the congress. "It is dangerous to bury the famine victims in the presence of the people and guards must be kept over them until they are in a state that makes eating impossible."

BRITISH TERMS TO ERIN FINAL

Will Not Reopen Irish Discussion, Lloyd George Says.

London—A statement from Premier Lloyd George was issued here to the effect that the government had gone to the utmost limit in the Irish treaty and that it was impossible to reopen the discussion.

The delay in ratification in Ireland, the statement said, was holding up the working of the cabinet committee appointed to arrange the evacuation of the British forces in Ireland, settle the terms of amnesty and transfer executive responsibility to the Irish provisional government.

\$1,000,000 THEFT EXPOSED

New York—Alleged organized theft of more than \$1,000,000 worth of supplies from the army base at Brooklynn was disclosed by army intelligence officers after the arrest of three civilian employees.

For some time, the officers said, articles, including 3,000,000 safety razor blades, had been smuggled out in trucks.

Bandits Seize Distillery. Louisville, Ky.—A dozen or more bandits swooped down upon the Blue Ribbon distillery at Eminence, Ky., locked five guards in the office of the plant, and stole 325 cases of bottled in bond whisky.

Prince Hailed in Calcutta. Calcutta—Ten thousand natives broke the passive strike against the Prince of Wales, giving him a monster reception here. It rivaled the demonstration made for his father in 1911.

FREIGHT RATE CUT SAVES ROAD FUNDS

Commissioner Babcock Estimates 1922 Savings Under New Road Material Tariffs Means More Work.

Savings of approximately \$250,000 on the 1922 construction program of the Minnesota Highway Department is virtually assured by a 20 per cent reduction in freight rates on road building materials ordered this week by the state railroad and warehouse commission and made public by commissioner Ivan Bowen.

Charles M. Babcock, state highway commissioner upon whose petition the lower rates are ordered, made the estimate and said it is conservative. It will mean a saving of about \$1,000 a mile on paving, \$400 a mile on gravel surfacing for which materials are shipped by mail, and other corresponding savings, he said. Anticipating a freight decrease, Mr. Babcock directed that all highway contracts be so drawn that any savings would revert to the state.

"Commissioner Bower's announcement of the reduced tariffs means that there will be available this year an additional quarter of a million dollars to enable the highway department to further spread and speed the benefits under Good Roads Amendment No. 1," said Mr. Babcock. Proceedings before the railroad and warehouse followed rejection by Com-

missioner Babcock of a proposal from some railroad officials of a plan to grant special rates in individual cases. The commissioner insisted upon a uniform cut applying to all rail lines in Minnesota and was successful.

UNCLE SAM PLACES MINNESOTA SECOND

Gives State Honor Rank for Long Mileage of Federal Aid Roads Bulletin Affords Comparisons

Minnesota's mileage of good roads built or contracted for improvement under federal aid regulations is rated second only to that of Texas in a bulletin issued this week by the government bureau of public roads. The report covers the last five years but a big part of Minnesota's favorable showing was accomplished under the Babcock plan inaugurated last May.

The total for this state was 1,713.4 miles at an average cost of \$10,219.33 a mile. Roads listed, however, include all the paved highways and others on which costly betterments were made, so the average will not apply to Minnesota road costs in general.

Texas tops the list with 2,485.7 miles of federal aid roads built in the 5-year period covered by the report. Iowa is listed with 1,509.2 miles; North Dakota 999.5; Wisconsin 986.1; Montana 680.3; and South Dakota 67 6.7 miles.

The government gave \$6,947,373.63 toward the total cost of \$17,509,911 of the Minnesota roads enumerated. Engineers added that under the Babcock plan by which automobile owners of the three large cities contribute more than 40 per cent of the tax funds, Minnesota farmers are paying less than half the cost of improvement and maintaining the primary road system in the state.

The bulletin adds that since July 1, 1916, a total of 28,315 miles of road have built at a cost of \$496,151,683.43. Cost averages are \$8,115 a mile for gravel, \$30,350 for concrete and \$49,570 for brick. Minnesota costs are lower on the average, even during the war period.

OFFERS TREES FOR HIGHWAY PLANTING

Forester Cox Procures 20,000 Black Walnut Yearlings for Distribution—Make Suggestions.

The state forest service is ready to supply young black walnut trees for planting in state parks and along state trunk highways as long as a supply of 20,000 lasts, Forester W. T. Cox announced this week. About 5,000 will be reserved for the parks, he said, and the remainder will be distributed for planting on the roadsides wherever conditions are favorable to their growth.

Charles M. Babcock, state highway commissioner, approved the proposed, having previously ordered members of his organization to cooperate in saving growing trees and otherwise preserving and enhancing the attractiveness of the state trunk routes.

The walnut trees will thrive in the right soil in the southern half of Minnesota and particularly in sections south of the Minnesota river of which they are natives, Mr. Cox said. The young trees, now about 18 inches tall, will be sent to voluntary or other organizations agreeing to plant and care for them, he said. They will mature in about 15 years, he added.

Northern Minnesota districts should plant elms, pines, spruces, basswoods and other trees adapted to local conditions, the forester advised. The forest service is without free supplies of these but will cooperate toward obtaining them.

A Northfield club has ordered a number of black walnut trees for planting along the new pavement on trunk highway No. 1 between that city and Faribault, Mr. Cox reported, and several women's clubs are interested in the offer of the forest service.

SMOOTHING THE WAYS

Funds for a \$250,000 street paving program in Willmar this year have been virtually assured, according to the Republican-Gazette.

Breckenridge awarded a contract for about nine blocks of bitulithic paving this year at \$34,991.60 to the E. W. Hoops Co. Hibbing, the Gazette Telegram announces.

Babcock greets in many sections of the state already are demonstrating that winter highway work is

practical and economical, but Zealand of the Crookston Times finished the first photograph of how the winter gangs can "hit the ball."

A new record price was obtained by Rice county last week on \$295,000 of highway and refunding bonds, the Faribault News reports. An issue of \$90,000 of 4.75 per cent highway bonds brought \$1,850 premium and \$205,000 of 5. refunding bonds were bid at \$7,100 premium. Highway Commissioner Babcock insisted that the highway bond rate be reduced to 4.75 percent in justice to other localities.

Thirty-five teams finished winter graveling on the Cordova road, the LeSueur Center Leader Democrat recalled that not many years ago ten sacks of cement weighing only 1,000 pounds made a big load for a team on the same road.

Minnesota's banner road-building year just ended the state highway department already is advancing plans to make bigger records in the New Year. Commissioner Babcock explains that the chief concern is about funds. A good working organization has been perfected in the department, he added and with labor plentiful and prices at low levels, 1922 promises to be a year for speeding highway improvements on the biggest scale possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sonjo of Finland spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson.

Mammoth Star Cluster. A single star cluster, Messier 13, in the constellation of Hercules, is believed to contain at least 50,000 stars brighter than the sun, besides hundreds of thousands of lesser luminaries.

Unappreciative. "The Girl (at the cinema)—'Look here, Bert, ain't you got no more sentiment than to crunch peppermints while there's a love scene goin' on?'"—London Royal Magazine.

Love. Love is just one fool thing after another.—Little Rock Gazette. Maybe. Usually love is just two fool things after each other.—Arkansas Thomas Cat.

Comparatively Little Water in Lakes. All the lakes in the world are estimated to contain only 2,000 cubic miles of water, compared with 324,000,000 cubic miles of water in the oceans.

Beginning Downfall. The darkest hour in the life of a young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without honestly earning it.—Horace Greeley.

Land of Monks. According to Archibald Little, monks constitute one-third of the total male population of Tibet.

U. S. AIRMAN BREAKS RECORD

Larsen Plane Stays in Air at Mineola 26 Hours, 19 Minutes.

Mineola, N. Y.—The Larsen monoplane, piloted by Edward Stinson, which broke the world's continuous flying record of 24 hours, 19 minutes and 7 seconds, descended after having been in the air 26 hours, 19 minutes and 35 seconds. John M. Larsen, manufacturer of the plane, said the machine might have stayed up 5 hours longer as there was enough gasoline aboard.

Trotsky Urges Preparedness. Moscow—The Soviet army and navy, now totaling 1,595,000 men, must not be reduced, but on the contrary must increase training and be prepared for war next summer in the event that outside foes carry out their plans to attack Soviet Russia, declared Soviet Minister of War Trotsky in a fiery speech before the ninth All-Russian congress.

21 Endangered in Explosion. Rochester, N. Y.—The lives of 21 persons were endangered in a telephonic house fire which followed a mysterious explosion, believed by the police to have been caused by a bomb.

6 Million to Repair Leviathan. New York—It will cost \$6,697,303.20 to recondition and put alongside the dock ready for passengers, America's 54,000-ton passenger steamship, the Leviathan, according to the low bids submitted by shipbuilders.

Fulton Would Fight Dempsey. New York—Looking bigger than ever, Fred Fulton, the Minneapolis giant, stepped into Tex Rickard's office and told the boxing promoter he stood ready to fight any man in the world, Jack Dempsey preferred.

2 Killed, 5 Hurt in Auto Crash. Corbin, Ky.—Two women were instantly killed and four children and one man were seriously injured here when a Louisville & Nashville train hit the automobile in which they were

GRANTLEY FOR FARM AID

Ways to Remove 'Severe Agricultural Depression' to Be Sought at Harding's Request.

WALLACE WIRES BIDS

Representatives of Agricultural and Allied Industries to Be Summoned; President Proposes Two Topics for Study.

Washington—President Harding in a letter to Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture, asked that the secretary call a national conference at Washington "to suggest practical ways of improvement" for "the severe agricultural depression which exists throughout the land."

Prompt action was taken at the Department of Agriculture in response to the request, telegraphic invitations being dispatched immediately to a number of organizations and individuals whose attendance is desired at the gathering.

Early Date Held Likely. Secretary Wallace said that the date of the conference had not been fixed nor a complete invitation list made up. It is expected, however, that the conference will be held within a month, and that in addition to farmers and their organizations, industries associated directly and indirectly with agriculture will be called in to assist in the efforts to improve conditions.

"No one will pretend that the present conditions could have been avoided," President Harding said in his letter to the secretary, "but none of us is willing to agree that there ought not to be some correct and constructive steps taken to remedy the severe hardships under which so important a portion of our productive citizenship is struggling. I am convinced that a conference may be made a very helpful agency in suggesting practical ways of improvement, particularly if brought into co-ordination with the helpful investigation which has been begun by a congressional commission committed to a related work."

Proposes Two Topics for Study. The President further suggested that the conference might divide its work into two sections, one "for consideration of our present day difficulties, which, though temporarily, are serious and need effective attention," while the second could deal with a "survey of the future in an effort to determine on general policies."

URGES U. S. RECOGNITION

Mexican Question to Be Submitted to Congress for Early Disposal.

Washington—Immediate recognition of the Obregon government in Mexico by the United States will be asked in the Senate and House when Congress reconvenes.

Since General Obregon restored Mexico to a condition of peace, started its economic rehabilitation and pledged protection to foreign interests, several members of Congress have declared in the Senate and House that recognition by this government should not longer be delayed.

James Creech and son Jamie left on this date Saturday for Minneapolis.

FARM BUREAU

Toffe and Hiller will have been awarded the 1922 State Fair, including membership in the Boys' Camp for their fine record as potato club members during the past year. Club members who win a trip to the Fair have their travel expenses to and from the Fair paid and free board and lodging in the Boys' Camp during the Fair week. The Camp is in charge of men who understand boys and who can be trusted to look after their welfare.

The boy who spends a week at the State Fair as a member of the Camp is a privileged individual in many ways. His home for the week is right in the Fair grounds, thereby enabling him to be on the spot bright and early and sparing him the annoyance of riding on hot and overcrowded street cars. Gatekeepers and ticket collectors do not affect his financial resources, for his camp button is a pass. As he acts as one of the grand stand staff for a part of each day, he views without cost all the wonderful "stunts" put on by the Fair management during the week. Of course, he sees all the agricultural and industrial exhibits and may even be trusted with the task of leading some champion in the grand livestock parade. He will have a week of crowded experiences and, unless possessed of an insatiable appetite for "pop," "cones" and candy, will return home little poorer in pocket. He will certainly be richer in knowledge and have a truer estimate of the importance of the occupation that made him a member of the Boys' Camp.

Two boys go each year. Who wants to go next year?

THE PRINCESS

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
May McAvoy in "Everything for Sale."
Next Week, Thursday.
Anita Stewart in "Mind the Paint Girl."
Friday and Saturday—Constance Binney in "Board and Room."

CHURCH NOTICES

NOR. LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Frederick W. Stowe, Minister.
Sunday, January 8th.
10:00 a. m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a. m.—Public worship.
Subject: "The Temple Beautiful."
7:00 p. m.—Initial meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p. m.—Preaching services.
The pastor will begin a series of talks on "Elijah, the Prophet and His Times," with modern application. No. 1. "The Dramatic Appearance of the Prophet." Everybody invited to these services.

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