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SENATOR NAILS LIES

Richard Hamer Shows Where Bolshevist Editor Perverted Truth in Senate Report.

Statements, Said to Have Been Taken From Senate Journal, Distorted by Times Man.

Editor of Union:

In a recent communication to you I stated that nonpartisan league journalism, including the Milaca Times, aims to create prejudice and strife more than to give the unvarnished truth. I did not think at that time, however, that the paper named would so soon furnish additional material in such large quantity to sustain the charge as it has in its issue of May 22.

On the first page, column 1 is headed, "How Legislative Members Voted." J. W. Witham, special representative of the Times in the legislature, discusses "Votes of Our Delegation." This old "cornstalk philosopher" was not one of the recognized reporters, but he haunted the legislative chambers to catch anything that could be distorted sufficiently to suit his purpose. He writes: "Senator Hamer, elected in opposition to the nonpartisan league, apparently felt it his duty to vote with the crowd that supported him. Lacking legislative knowledge and experience, he was an easy prey to designing politicians and lobbyists."

On this matter it would be interesting if some of the lobbyists would relate their experience and success with this "easy prey." The editor of the Times might ask A. H., K. T., or C. S.

"He first voted to unseat Wilcox," says the "philosopher." "He followed this up by voting to destroy the direct primary law." We will look at the Wilcox hobbyhorse later. Concerning the primary law we will say that the senate never voted on such a measure in the last session. The bill which passed the senate, and which Hamer voted for, was "A bill for an act permitting political conventions to endorse candidates before primary elections." Strangely, every nonpartisan voted against it, thereby refusing to give legal sanction as far as they were concerned, to their own practice. "On the bill to repeal the safety commission . . . he did not vote at all." This is true. It is also true that Magnus Johnson did not vote on this. The reason why I did not vote on this was because I was sick and in bed at the time, though I would have voted against repeal.

Under the act of 1917, which provided for the creation of the public safety commission, its existence was due to terminate very soon. This bill sought to stigmatize that body with the disgrace of being kicked out. The majority report of the committee recommended indefinite postponement. The minority of two recommended it to pass. The record of the vote on this gives Stepan voting "no" and Naplin, on request, was "excused." In the next and final vote on this bill Naplin, Schmechel and Stepan voted to indefinitely postpone. These men are nonpartisan league members but could not go the league program.

So the league's "philosopher" would make out a case against Hamer on this issue, for Milaca readers, when one of their own men also did not vote, and the others voted 3 for and 3 against! Some job—some "philosopher"—a fit specimen of the kind often grown in cornfields among the stalks. So much for the "philosopher's" misrepresentations.

Now for the editor of the Times. In the same issue of the paper he says, speaking on his favorite topic, viz., the Sullivan-Wilcox affair: "After the minority report failed it was supposed that the next move of the Sullivan supporters would be to move the adoption of the majority report, and to head this off Senator Guilford offered the resolution to declare the office vacant and call a special election. This move was made only after failure to seat Senator Wilcox by passing the minority report. These statements are taken direct from the senate journal which we have before us."

It may be true that he had the senate journal, but it is not true that his statements were taken direct from it. The journal does not contain a word as to anything "supposed," or as to the purpose of the Guilford resolution. It is certain, however, that the idea of the resolution did not originate just at that time. In accordance with senate rules the resolution was presented in triplicate written form, and

was already prepared and ready at the time.

I believe, however, that a number of the senators supposed that it amounted to a choice between one or the other of the two men in the contest, and voted accordingly in the first vote, but, when the real question was to be voted on was freed from all extraneous considerations by the Guilford resolution, their vote on it clearly indicated their real judgment, which was that Wilcox was not entitled to his seat in the senate.

The editor of the Times says in the same issue of the 22nd that "in the final vote all the organized farmer members joined in supporting Wilcox," but he knows that in the vote on the Guilford resolution, which was the final vote, no member of the senate supported Wilcox.

And so this is the character of paper the publishers of the Times are asking the people to support! I wonder do they think that they can, with impunity to themselves, publish such libelous attacks upon another. I wonder do they think that they can get some advantage by conducting their fight on such a low level that no decent man can come down to it. A decent man will keep within the bounds of truth at least. I wonder again is this the character of paper that it is thought by nonpartisan league publishers will serve their purposes, and do they expect their readers to swallow all such prevarications and falsehoods with out any questions? I thought that people generally liked to know the truth about things.

If the Times should try to deny the things here stated it will not be worth while for me to pay any attention to it. Those interested are advised to consult the senate journal, which can be done at my home.

Thanking you for the space, I am,
Yours very truly,
Richard Hamer.
Milaca, May 26, 1919.

A Massed Attack.

A ferocious attack upon a little red squirrel by robins, sparrows and other birds in massed formation caused some commotion on the court house grounds on Monday. The attacking party, consisting of 50 or more birds, chased the squirrel up and down trees, struck at it from all directions and pulled beakfuls of fur from its body and tail. But after dodging about for half an hour or more the squirrel eluded its pursuers by resorting to the art of camouflage—it found a tree the bark of which resembled its own color and flattened itself thereon, remaining motionless. The birds, unable to discover it, flew away in various directions, screaming as they scattered.

It is more than likely that the squirrel was discovered near the nest of one of the birds, which sent out the S. O. S. signal and brought aid from all points of the compass. That squirrel certainly had a narrow escape from being torn to shreds and, even though it eluded its pursuers, it was a sorry looking little creature with patches of fur ripped from its coat and almost scared to death.

But Not a Joy Forever.

Young Tom Toots was in the country and had been invited to the beautiful home of a sweet young thing named Agnes.

"What a charming place," he said, enthusiastically, to Agnes' proud paternal parent. "Does it go as far as those woods over there?"

"It does," remarked the somewhat unsympathetic father.

"Ah," said Tom, still cheerily, "and to that old stone wall over there, sir?"

"It does," came the gruff answer, "and it goes as far as the river on the south and to the main road on the north."

"Beautiful!" put in Tom.
"Yes," went on the old man, "but it doesn't go with Aggie!"—San Antonio Light.

An Impressive Ceremony.

The town of Farrell, Pa., sets a good example by driving out of town suspected I. W. W. agitators who fail to respond to the loyalty test. A declaration of willingness to abide by the constitution and stand by the American flag is the only requirement, and it is simple and reasonable enough to satisfy any law-abiding person. Those that refuse to meet this requirement are escorted to the first train leaving town by a select committee consisting of the burgess, members of the police and fire departments and a body of prominent citizens armed with rifles. The ceremony is impressive and not soon forgotten.

MAY GET HUN CANNON

Princeton Among Villages Named in Bill by Congressman Schall to Receive Ordnance.

Would Be a Fitting Trophy for the Mille Lacs County Boys Who Participated in War.

In all probability Princeton will, among other villages of the state, be awarded a piece of Hun ordnance captured in the late war, to be used for ornamental purposes and as a trophy of the activity of our boys in the conflict. To this end Congressman Thos. D. Schall introduced the following measure in the house of representatives on May 19:

"A bill to donate one captured gun each to various Minnesota villages.

"Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the secretary of war be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to deliver for ornamental purposes one captured cannon, machine gun or fieldpiece, with carriage and suitable complement of shells or projectiles, to the following Minnesota villages: Center City, Chisago City, North Branch, Rush City, Taylors Falls, Excelsior, Hopkins, Robbinsdale, Saint Louis Park, Wayzata, Brahm, Cambridge, Mora, Princeton, Hinckley, Pine City, Sandstone, Buffalo, Delano, Howard Lake."

The bill was referred to the committee on military affairs and ordered to be printed.

High School Graduation.

The Princeton high school graduation exercises will be held at the armory next Thursday evening, June 5, when the following will be awarded diplomas:

Regular Course—George L. Angstman, Ralph C. Angstman, Agnes Marie Appel, John L. Berg, Lemuel S. Briggs, Regina L. Dagenais, George Foltz, Archie L. Gennow, Raleigh J. Herdliska, H. Walter Magnus, William A. Oelschlager, Margaret J. Orton, Zella Verne Prescott, Lee H. Slater, Ruby A. Soule, Janice Umbecker, Marvel C. Walker, Ben R. Whitney, Myrtle I. Wicktor, N. Marie Winsor, Audrey R. Young.

Normal Department—Eva Gylling, Winifred Grayce Bishop, Ella H. Jaenicke, Pearl E. Lane, Edna F. Leander, Lou Etta Libby, *Fanny I. Looney, Marian E. Lundblad, Mary Louise Madson, Helena C. Noeske, Emma Jane Parks, Aimee Agnes Veal, Inez M. Winsor.

* Post Graduates.

The following program has been prepared for the graduation exercises: Invocation, Rev. Geer; selection, men's quartet; salutatory, Geo. Foltz; selection, men's quartet; commencement address, Supt. Hayes; vocal solo, H. A. Garrison; valedictory, Miss Agnes Appel; presentation of diplomas by a member of the school board; song by audience, "America;" benediction.

Senior Class Play.

(Contributed.)

Don't forget the senior class play on Tuesday, June 3. Come and see what our seniors can do when they play "Deacon Dubbs," a rural comedy-drama in three acts.

The play centers around the story of Deacon Dubbs, a character taken by Ben Whitney, who is a jolly widower from Sorghum Center, state of West Virginia. He decides to visit his nephew, Amos Coleman, played by George Foltz. The play concerns itself with the laughable adventures of the deacon in the village and in the city.

Amos is in love with Rose Raleigh, this part being taken by Zella Prescott. Later on Rowdon Crawley, the villain of the play, who is Lemuel Briggs, appears on the scene and proves himself to be the husband of Rose Raleigh. Other characters in the play are Miss Philippa Popover, Winnifred Bishop, who has both eyes on the deacon; Emily Dale, the richest girl in town, played by Marian Lundblad; Trixie Coleman, the little girl who is always playing tricks on someone, Mary Madson. Major McNutt, the auctioneer and the most important man in the county, is played by Ralph Angstman. But we must not forget Deuteronomy, a gawky, freckle-faced, awkward country boy and Yennie Yenson, who is trying to buy herself a husband. These parts are well played by Raleigh Herdliska and Agnes Appel. They are worth the price of the entire play, so be sure to be at the armory to see them on Tuesday evening, June 3.

A REAL BALL GAME

Foley Team Performs Excellent Work But Princeton Boys Win Out by a Single Point.

Game Throughout Was Clean and Both Sides Satisfied With Result of Contest.

Last Sunday's ball game between Foley and Princeton proved to be a thriller and kept the record breaking crowd on the anxious seat until Princeton got the winning run in the 11th inning. For the full eleven frames the two teams battled for supremacy, with the final result of 3 to 2 in favor of the locals. Foley took the lead in the second inning when Walters got to first and scored when Captain Bob picked up an infield grounder and threw the ball away into the grandstand. They held this one-run lead up to the 8th round when Smith got on through an infield error, successfully worked his passage to third and scored on a single by R. Angstman. With the score 1 to 1 the visitors came to bat in the ninth inning. De Mars was first man up and drew a pass. A sacrifice hit carried him to second and a clean hit of Moore's scored him. It looked like a clean win for the visitors, as runs were few and far between and one run on the score board worth a half a dozen prospective ones.

Princeton came to bat in their half of the ninth in a desperate frame of mind. F. Mushel was first man up and was thrown out at first on an infield grounder to the Foley shortstop. One out, nobody on, and the crowd getting ready to leave, with the score 2 to 1 in Foley's favor. Then a momentary halt on that part of the crowd before they broke for the gates to make their getaway, for, "There was Casey, mighty Casey, advancing to the bat." Captain Bob walked out with his trusty bludgeon and tried firmly in his grimy paws and the never-say-die spirit of the American navy sticking out of every movement that he made on his way to the plate. It was "gob" against "gob," as De Mars, the big hurler from Foley, is also an American sailor, and the two opposing athletes eyed each other up as two fighting bulldogs give each other the once over before they close in action. The local boy got the best of the argument for he caught one of his sailor friend's straight fast ones full on the nose and drove it away to the race track in center field. Bob tore around the bases like a wild man with the tying run. As he rounded third there was a slight mixup in the Foley relay that was getting the ball back, and the big fellow tore for home and beat the ball in by a safe margin. Bedlam broke loose and the crowd simply went wild, especially the Princeton contingent, and more especially the wild-eyed rooster section that infested the first base territory. It was one of those baseball plays that you read about often but seldom see and the crowd sure enjoyed it to the limit.

This tied the ball game up in a double bow knot and it took two more extra frames before Princeton put over the winning run. After blanking Foley in their half of the tenth and eleventh, Princeton got three men on in their half of the eleventh and nobody out. Again it was Berg to bat and the crowd yelled wildly for another home run. De Mars spoiled the fun when he hit Bob with a pitched ball, thus forcing Glass in from third with the winning run. Final score 3 to 2 in favor of Princeton.

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Manager Hofflander imported a hurler from Minneapolis to use against the Foley tribe and the big fellow sure earned his money. Glass is his name, but he had little of that material in his arm as his pitching record shows. He struck out thirteen of the opposing batsmen, only allowed one pass, and the best the Foley sluggers could do with his delivery was three hits, only one of these being of the smashing variety, and the other two being of the scratch species. He appeared to have a world of speed and a good collection of curves. He is a hardworking, conscientious player and certainly won a home with the Princeton fans. We would like to see the big fellow become a permanent fixture of the Princeton team this season.

The Princeton infield played a classy article of ball after they once hit their stride. Glass was using his knuckle ball a whole lot and this meant there were going to be many infield chances. They pulled off two fast plays that

smacked of big league ball. Caley was at first, Berg at second, Mushel at short and G. Angstman at third. Manager "Hoff" says they look like a million dollars to him right now.

Angstman and Leander fielded a thousand per cent and with the stick materially aided in the raid on the Foley camp.

The largest crowd in the history of local sport turned out to see the contest and surely got their money's worth. There were nearly 50 cars from Foley and vicinity alone. This gave the visitors about 150 loyal supporters and they sure whooped it up for their favorites.

A slight misunderstanding arose at the gate in several instances over the war tax. Baseball pays a 10 percent war tax and all baseball equipment also bears a 10 percent tax on top of the large advance in the cost of this stuff. The management decided to collect 30 cents per person at the gate, this amount to include all war taxes, it being impossible to make any practical arrangement for any odd amount as it would be impossible to handle the change end of it at the gate, as a baseball crowd has the happy faculty of getting there all about the same time, and in a big hurry to get in and in just as big a one to get out. It's the American way and you can't stop them, and the gate man can't monkey with pennies. Therefore, it has now been decided to charge an admission fee of 25 cents, this means that out of every quarter that goes into the till Uncle Sam gets two cents and the management twenty-three cents to pay expenses, or in other words, the board of directors is putting on good clean baseball at a lower price than before the war. Who said prices wouldn't come down?

Carl Winblad and a young engineer employed on the electrical line which they are building into Princeton umpired the game to the entire satisfaction of the crowd and players. Both men worked hard and conscientiously, with the result that the players cut out the rough stuff and got right down and played base ball, and played it hard and fast. Winblad worked on the bases and the other fellow behind the bat.

Sunday the Princeton team goes to Anoka to try conclusions with the fast Anoka team and, if the locals can hold the gait which they hit in the Foley contest, they should make the Anoka gang step right out lively. Glass will be on the mound for Princeton and it is safe to bet that with any kind of support this bird will make it extremely interesting for the Anoka batsmen. It's only 32 miles to Anoka, and good roads. Let's go!

Send Your Soldier's Picture Today.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the announcement that a war history of Mille Lacs county will be published. Anoka, Sherburne and Isanti counties, as well as the majority of the counties of the state, have already published a similar book or the books are being compiled. It is a hard, tedious task, inasmuch as pictures of all the boys in every branch of the service must be obtained. Cooperation on the part of everyone in the county who had a relative in the service will be of great assistance and the pictures should be sent in immediately. Pictures in uniform preferred, but if none is available, send the best one possible. Photos will be returned as soon as cuts are made.

The book will be a large one and will contain pictures of draft board officials, medical examining board, legal advisory board, chairmen of the county committees, names of people who served on committees, pictures of all towns and townships in the county, as well as interesting pictures sent home by the boys from the camps and abroad. A picture of every man in the service will be included.

Thirty dollars in prizes will be awarded July 1 for the most appropriate names suggested for the history. First prize \$15, second prize \$10, third prize \$5. Any one can send in suggestions and a committee will decide and awards will be made on above date. Send your suggestion for name, and also pictures of your soldiers, with service record, to H. R. Brandt, care of Princeton Union, Princeton, Minn. 1c

More Songsters This Year.

The great increase in the number of robins this year is due in large measure to the federal law protecting migratory birds. Before this law was enacted thousands of robins were killed every year in the south for food. Then there is another reason why migratory birds are more numerous—children are being trained not to molest them but instead to protect the little songsters.

HONOR THE SOLDIERS

Honor the Civil War Boys Who Have Died and the Veterans We Now Have With Us.

Honor the Boys Who Have Fallen in France and Those Who Are Still on Duty in Europe.

In the observance of Memorial day (tomorrow) we are called upon not only to honor our soldier and sailor dead of the civil and Spanish-American wars, but those who have died fighting for us across the seas. It is our duty to pay high tribute to all of them, as well as to those we still have with us who unflinchingly performed their duty. Then, again, there are the brave Red Cross nurses, the Salvation army workers and members of other organizations who offered their lives upon the altar of their country. Therefore Memorial day this year is of greater significance than at any time in the history of the country and should be more duly observed. There should be no ball games or other amusements to mar the solemnity of this day of mourning for and tribute to the heroes of many battles. It should be a day of public humiliation and prayer.

We know that a large majority of the people of Princeton are loyal and patriotic and that this day of days will be observed here with due propriety.

Old soldiers will meet at T. H. Caley's residence at 1 p. m. tomorrow. At 1:30, headed by the Jones' drum corps, they will march to the armory. Returned soldiers and sailors in uniform will meet at that place at 1 p. m. At the armory the following program will be presented:

Invocation.
Selection Male Chorus
Address E. E. Jewett
Selection Male Chorus
Selection Drum Corps
"America" Audience

At the conclusion of these observances a procession will be formed and the march to the cemetery begin. Automobiles will be provided for the convenience of all soldiers and their wives.

At the cemetery the ceremonies will be conducted in accordance with the ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the graves of departed heroes will be decorated with the fairest flowers of springtime.

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All returned soldiers and sailors are urgently requested to report in uniform at the armory at 1 p. m. tomorrow to take part in the parade.

Meal tickets will be provided by the citizens' committee to all old soldiers and their wives.

It is requested that no automobiles be parked alongside the armory.

Memorial Sunday.

Last Sunday morning at the armory, memorial services were held in honor of the veterans of the civil war, the Spanish-American war and the boys who gave up their lives in the conflict with the Huns. There was a fair-sized gathering at the armory, with flags and flowers for the occasion, but the civil war veterans, of course, were not numerous for the reason that there are not many of the old boys now with us—they have answered the call of the Great Commander. In the audience there was a scattering of men who were engaged in the recent war but not a large representation. An excellent program had been arranged for the occasion.

The services commenced with the singing of the Doxology, Rev. Geer offered the invocation, and this was followed by a hymn, "Gloria." Rev. Geer then read the scripture lesson and this was succeeded by a selection rendered by a male choir. Following a prayer and another selection by the choir, Rev. W. B. Milne delivered the memorial sermon, which was a masterpiece from a patriotic standpoint and fully appreciated. "America," rendered by the audience, and the benediction, pronounced by Dr. McClary, concluded the program.

Masonic Banquet.

The local Masonic lodge on Monday evening conferred the third degree on four candidates at their hall and gave a banquet at the armory in honor of soldier members of the order, of whom there were over a dozen in attendance. In addition Masons were present from Zimmerman and other neighboring towns, as well, of course, as from the Princeton lodge. Supper was served by the ladies of the Dorcas society and it was a feast of plenty—all the delicacies of the season were furnished the banqueters.