

"TAX EXPERTS" LEAVE WHEN NEEDED MOST

Chairman Packard and Commissioner Wallace Off for Frisco.

EQUALIZATION BOARD WILL MEET TODAY

Men With the Dope on Taxation Seem to Be Suffering From "Cold Feet."

The first meeting of the state equalization board will be held at the capitol today, when hearing on telephone property will be heard. From all appearances it looks as if the board will be without the valuable assistance of State Tax Commissioners Wallace and Packard. Chairman Packard and Commissioner Wallace have decided that the Panama-Pacific exposition has more charms for them than business of the state, and accordingly will absent themselves. Business may be more important than pleasure, when you are working for yourself, but in the code of embryo reformers, and champions of the poor, downright tax burdened common people, business is never allowed to interfere with pleasure.

State to Pay Bills. Incidentally, the proposed trip of the state tax commissioners at this time will be paid for from the state exchequer. There are no funds in the state treasurer's hands which can in any way be used to pay for the labors of a poor washerwoman, who did a few odd jobs for the state. She had to draw funds from the county to help support her three children, and keep the wolf away from the door, just because money owed here by the state is held up.

Regardless of that fact, on the flimsy excuse of a condition of a meeting of the National Tax conference, Messrs. Packard and Wallace travel de luxe, at state expense, put up at the best hotels, snap their fingers and say in concert: "I should worry about equalization; this is the life."

"Yes, gentle reader, it's absolutely necessary that the state tax conference hear the 'high-brow' views of North Dakota's two self-styled authorities on taxation. It's so necessary that the state will foot the bill without a murmur, and let a poor washerwoman wait four months for ten dollars.

Case of Cold Feet. It's the old story of the survival of the fittest. Commissioner Steele will have to remain here and bear the brunt of the work to be done in the tax department during the meeting of the equalization board.

It's a hard proposition to go up against a few bright attorneys, when railroad property comes up for a hearing, and in this case a section is far the better part of valor. No using the fair when the state will pay the fees demanded by Prof. E. Dana Durand for representing the state tax commission.

The equalization board will be in session almost continually from now until the end of the month and a number of matters of vital interest to the tax payers of the state are to come up for discussion and readjustment.

FARGO BELL HOP RUNS BLIND PIG

Gets 90 Days and a \$200 Fine for Selling Beer in a Fargo Hotel.

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 3.—James Burgo, a bell boy at one of the leading local hotels, pleaded guilty before County Judge Hanson to a charge of selling beer to the guests at the hotel where he worked and was given 90 days in the county jail and a fine of \$200. Burgo in his confession stated that he secured the beer in Moorhead by the case and took it to the hotel where he secreted it and sold it to those who desired something stronger than coffee and tea to drink. He stated that he had carried on the traffic for some time without the knowledge of the managers of the hotel.

HORSE THIEVES BUSY. Twenty-five animals driven from Ranch Near Williston, N. D. The office of sheriff J. C. Ross has been watching the liquor traffic very closely since Moorhead went dry and now has two men in jail who are being held pending investigation on charges similar to that to which Burgo pleaded guilty. Other arrests are expected to be made in the near future.

UNCLE SAM'S PROBER IN EASTLAND CASE



A. L. Thurman, solicitor of the U. S. department of commerce, has charge of the government's side of the Eastland investigation now being held in Chicago. Mr. Thurman came to the department of commerce soon after Mr. Redfield was made secretary and comes originally from Ohio. He is a law graduate of the University of Virginia and never before held any public office. When the federal trade commission was being formed he was prominently mentioned for a place on it.

PLANS TO SECURE PEACE IN MEXICO RAPIDLY MATURE

Believed Latin Republics Will Join This Nation in Task.

JOINT APPEAL TO BE MADE TO FACTIONS

Washington, Aug. 3.—Prompt and determined action for the restoration of peace in Mexico is to be taken by the Washington administration, cooperating with Central and South American governments. It was learned on good authority here tonight, although details of President Wilson's plan for ending the strife in the southern republic had not been given out.

It was believed in official circles that the first step proposed by the United States to its confederates would be a final appeal to Mexican leaders to end hostilities and arrange for the restoration of constitutional government by peaceful means.

Time Limit to Be Set. A time limit for compliance, it is thought, will be imposed. Should this be ignored by any of the Mexican factions, the plan is said to include procedure to promote the establishment by other factions of a government, to be supported generally and financially by the United States and the other American governments. An embargo on munitions of war would be imposed, it is said, against revolting factions.

Demand for Relief. Regarding the food situation in Mexico City, it was believed, a demand would be made for the immediate relief of the capital and the maintenance of railroad and telegraph communication between Mexico City and Vera Cruz. If Mexican leaders cannot accomplish this, the United States, it was thought, aided possibly by the Latin-American governments, may find it necessary to take control of the capital and railroads by force and hold them until peace is restored.

Not an Act of War. Replying to questions today, Secretary of State Lansing said the sending of troops to Mexico City to take food to starving Americans and other foreigners could not be considered an act of war. He cited the actions of the United States and the other powers during the Boxer rebellion in China. Mr. Lansing would not say, however, whether such a plan was contemplated.

Reports from Vera Cruz tonight announce the formal entrance of Gen. Gonzalez into Mexico City.

BANDITS ESCAPE. Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 3.—Mexican raiders, who were responsible for the death of one American soldier and the wounding of two others, and who were reported to have been surrounded by United States cavalrymen and deputy sheriffs, have escaped, according to reports reaching here tonight. As a result of today's fighting between the raiders and posses sent out to capture them, Private McGuire of the Twelfth cavalry is dead and Privates Curtis and Clapsdale are wounded. The Mexican dead number 15, according to the higher estimates made tonight, but only two bodies had been found. Two of the raiders had been captured.

Martial law virtually is in force in the region of today's fighting and every ranch and farm house in the community has been prepared to resist further raids. Search for the bandits continued tonight.

RATE HEARING HELD BEFORE COMMISSION

State Railroad Commission Hears Arguments on Lignite Coal Rate.

RAILROADS PRESENT STRONG ARGUMENTS

Further Data to Be Submitted Before Decision Is Rendered on Question.

The state railroad commission in session yesterday heard arguments on the lignite coal rate in this state. The various railroads, interested in coal rates, as well as mine operators and representatives of the state, were in attendance.

Attorneys for the Soo line presented a mass of evidence at the hearing to show that the present rate in the state, which the coal operators claim is excessive, is only reasonable. They presented a complete statement of all their business for the year 1914.

Assistant General Counsel Donnelly for the Northern Pacific also held the present rate to be reasonable. He also gave a brief outline of the effect of the recent supreme court decision on the railroad business. The Great Northern road did not raise their rate with other roads in the state, but maintained the maximum statutory rate in effect in 1907. However, they contend that they are entitled to the same rate as other roads in the state engaged in the same business.

The year previous to the supreme court decision, allowing roads in this state to return to the old rates, the Soo line lost \$13,000 on transportation of coal, while the Northern Pacific made \$500,000 which is not considered a reasonable profit on the amount of coal transported.

The railroads will submit further data to the state railroad commission before a decision on the lignite rate is returned. A comparison will be made with rates in other states, which will be submitted by attorneys for the various roads.

Those present at the hearing were: A. H. Lossow, commerce counsel for the Soo Line; A. R. Marshall, assistant auditor of the Soo Line; J. F. Heberly, special accountant, Soo Line; and T. E. Sands, general freight agent of the Soo Line.

H. Blakely, general freight agent, and Chas. Donnelly, assistant general counsel, for the Northern Pacific.

John F. Finerty, assistant general counsel, and Attorneys H. H. Brown and T. A. Tonar for the Great Northern; J. J. Foley, traveling freight agent for the Milwaukee road, represented them at the hearing.

The operators were represented by J. L. Enright and W. P. McComber, of Willon, representing the Wilton Lignite Coal Co.; Attorney J. A. Hilland for the Max Coal Co., of Noonan; H. E. Soule for the National Brickquitting Co., of Kenmare; F. E. Dickinson, of the Dakota Lignite mines, at Dickinson; G. L. Zimmerman, with the High Grade Lignite Co., of Medora; C. C. Wyson, representing the Burlington operators, and George E. McClure, the McClure Coal Co., of Minot.

Express Rate Hearing. Representatives of the various express companies will be in Bismarck today to appear before the railroad commission and ask for an increase in express rates within the state. The present rates in the state, in a number of instances, are lower than interstate rates, and are also lower than rates in some of the other states. The express men will make an effort to have a uniform rate established.

Governor Names More Delegates

MEDORA CELEBRATES PASSING OF COWBOY

Medora, N. D., Aug. 3.—Thousands of visitors attended Frontier Day, or "Passing of the Cowboys" celebration in Medora, the town made famous as the home of Theodore Roosevelt in the '90s. The procession was led by William McCarty, proprietor of Custer Trail ranch, just south of Medora, which was for several years owned and occupied by the Donaldsons of Minneapolis, and by Walter J. Ray, a law graduate of 1914 from the University of North Dakota.

ENGLAND REFUSES TO MODIFY HER TRADE NOTE

Declares Submarine and German Activities Justify Action Against Neutrals.

CHANGED CONDITIONS OF WARFARE URGED

British to Continue to Apply Order With Least Possible Offense.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Great Britain's reply to the latest American representation against interferences with neutral commerce, rejects entirely the demands of the United States and justifies the British course as being wholly within international law. Unsustainable in point of international law or upon equity, is the British reply to the American protest against the blockade of neutral ports, with an invitation to submit to arbitration any cases in which the United States is dissatisfied with the British prize court.

Great Britain's reply is in two notes and they were made public here tonight. With the note was made public the correspondence over an American steamer seized by the British while enroute to Rotterdam with goods of German origin.

Changed conditions of warfare require a new application of international law, says the note. "The advent of the submarine, the airship and alleged atrocities by German troops in Belgium are cited as reasons for the order-in-council."

The blockade is justified on the grounds that a belligerent is entitled to cut off "by effective means the commerce of his enemies."

The note reiterates that Great Britain will continue to apply the order, but not with every effort to avoid embarrassment with neutrals.

STATE PHARMACISTS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Thirteenth Annual Convention of Pharmaceutical Association in Session.

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 3.—The thirtieth annual convention of the North Dakota Pharmaceutical association opened in the city this morning at 10 o'clock for a three days' session. Today the Commercial Travelers' auxiliary of the association held a meeting and the Ladies' auxiliary will hold meetings every day during the session.

There are two features of prominence on the program. One is an address on Wednesday afternoon by J. Leyden White, representative of the National Retail Druggists' association, will speak on the Stover's Bill. The association held a meeting and the Ladies' auxiliary will hold meetings every day during the session.

Brewer Has Arrived to Open Office

Charles Erewer of Fargo arrived in the city last night, to open the office of the state board of regents at the capitol. Mr. Erewer was recently appointed secretary of the board. He will make his residence in this city during his term of office.

BARBERS UNDER FIRE

State Will Close All Shops Found Not Sanitary.

BANK BURGLAR GETS ONLY \$2

Pessenden, N. D., Aug. 3.—Either a burglar who entered the State Bank of Eerman was a safe amateur or he was frightened away before he had a chance to get in his work, for he only secured \$2 in cash and a revolver. The crackman entered the building by cutting a pane of glass from one of the windows.

FOUR MASS MEETINGS

Beach, N. D., Aug. 3.—Four mass meetings have been called by farmers or boosters in the Trotters district, north of Beach, for the purpose of agitating extensions. Farmers in the past year to the south of Beach secured a railroad line, which will be in operation this fall, and the north country farmers expect to use the same methods.

GEORGIA'S NEW GOVERNOR PROMISES PARDON TO MODERN JEAN VALJEAN



Gov. Nat Harris (top right), T. Edgar Stripling and his daughters Ruth May (top) and Bessie Lucile.

Nat E. Harris, the new governor of Georgia, has promised a pardon to T. Edgar Stripling, doing a life term in the Georgia state prison for the murder many years ago of a man named Cornett who had attempted to commit an outrageous assault upon Stripling's sister. Stripling escaped from the Georgia prison in 1899, two years after his incarceration, and went to Danville, Va., where he became chief of police and lived a clean life under the name of Morris. He was taken back to the Georgia prison a little more than two years ago.

TWENTY-FIVE LIVES LOST IN CLOUD BURST; PROPERTY LOSS SEVERE

Erie, Pa., Aug. 3.—Twenty-five lives lost as estimated by the police and millions of dollars in property damaged, and the city in total darkness tonight is the result of a cloudburst shortly after 6 o'clock tonight, that culminated in a flood that inundated a large section of the city.

The heavy precipitation burst went off the Erie Dispatch, a morning paper, which adjoins the plant. At telephone and telegraph lines were put out of commission and it was several hours before telegraphic communication could be restored.

The first bulletin of the flood was sent to the outside world by the telegraph operator in the employ of the Associated Press, who waded five blocks in water up to his arms, to the Central Telegraph office, his own office having been disabled.

At Ninth street, along Mill creek, in the residence district, the flood was at its worst. It is impossible tonight to ascertain how many actually lost their lives there. Many are still imprisoned in houses and fire rescuers, led by Mayor Stern and members of the city council, have been unable to get them out.

Houses Washed Away. The entire eastern section of the city is cut off by the water and what conditions prevail in the center of this district cannot be learned. Among the missing are the assistant fire chief and four firemen. Reports were made to the police that a house floated down Mill creek with two women and four children clinging to it. Firemen tried to rescue them, but lost their lives in the attempt. At least 50 houses are reported to have been washed away.

TURNER IN RACE FOR STATE TITLE

Col. C. B. Little and Ben Tillotson Qualify for Second Tournament.

Philadelphia, Aug. 3.—Two soldiers and one civilian lost their lives at the United States arsenal at Frankfort, near this city, today in an explosion of time fuses used on shrapnel shells. Another civilian was injured. The cause is unknown.

WANTES 1,000 FARMHANDS

Mott, N. D., Sends Out Appeal for Vest Workers.

RUSSIAN DEFENSE IS PROVING HARD TO OVERCOME

Germans Beginning to Show Signs of the Long Protracted Struggle.

BELIEVED SUPPLY OF AMUNITION IS LOW

Von Mackensen, However, Continues to Make Gains South of Warsaw.

London, Aug. 3.—The stubborn resistance which the Russians are offering to the Austro-Germans and the slowness with which the invaders have been able to move during the last few days, has led to the belief in some quarters that the German supply of ammunition in some quarters is beginning to feel the effect of the protracted struggle, and that Russia may hold the Polish capital.

For the moment, therefore, the greatest interest attaches to the southeast. According to tonight's Berlin's official report, the Germans have extended their bridge-head position south of Warsaw. The Austrians have gained a decisive success to the south of Lvograd and von Mackensen after meeting with considerable resistance, has broken the Russian line east of Leczna and north of Chelm. There has been considerable fighting in the western zone.

As usual the claims of the German and French generals conflict, both asserting that the fighting favors their troops. Unofficial reports say a big battle has been in progress in Flinders since Saturday, but there is no confirmation of this.

Repulses Attack. General Ian Hamilton, commander of the Allied forces in the Dardanelles, repulsed an attack. The Overseas News agency made public an Athens' dispatch that a German submarine has sunk a British transport and that a majority of the crew were drowned.

Attacks Gunboat. An official communication issued this evening says: "An hydro-aeroplane attacked a German gunboat near Winau, and forced it to run ashore. The same machine attacked a Zeppelin and forced it to retreat."

A dispatch to the Tribune from Lachbach, says: "The Austrians are preparing to evacuate their first lines of defense in the Isonzo region from Travnigolo to Avlesia. In Tyrol the Italians are forcing the enemies across the railway. In a strong Italian advance in the Gail river valley, the best Tyrolean troops were overcome and several points on the Gail were occupied."

Claim Victories. A dispatch to the Tribune from Innesbrock, dealing with the fighting in Poland, says: "A large force of Germans from Komorova and Mozzawoelkie to Brook, in the region between the Naraw and the Bug, are making an advance on the Bug, which is 20 miles distant."

"Heavy fighting is ensuing as the Russians are making a firm stand. The Germans already have lost 20,000 men. Cossacks are making brilliant charges. The Germans, defeated at Orz, are retreating, surrounded by the Russians."

The Russian defense has proved much more effective than was expected by the Austro-Germans and has necessitated a complete change in their campaign, according to private information received from Munich. It was learned that the stream of troops from the western zone to the eastern zone, which began two weeks ago, has diminished.

Must Continue Until Peace

Three Killed by Arsenal Explosion

London, Aug. 3.—The prime minister of Great Britain, the Right Honorable Herbert H. Asquith, has given the Associated Press the following authorized statement: "I have been asked to send a message to the United States of America at the end of the first year of the war."

"Th reasons why we are fighting are known in America. The world has judged, and will judge, not our words, but our actions. The question today is not of our hopes or our calculations, but our duties."

"Our duty, which we shall fulfill, is to continue to the end in the course which we have chosen, and to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace."

PULLED FROM WELL MAN BADLY INJURED. Fargo, N. D., Aug. 3.—Thorsten Anderson, a well digger of Marion, N. D. is in a local hospital with a broken leg and the flesh on his back and other parts of his body torn as the result of being pulled up through a 24-inch well to save him from asphyxiation by well gas.

THE WEATHER

North Dakota: Fair and warm; or Wednesday; Thursday show-ers.