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FINANCIAL CONDITION OF STATE WAS NEVER BETTER

MISLEADING ARTICLES IN STATE PAPERS

State Has Taken Care of All Obligations Regardless of Reports

FEW STATES IN UNION IN AS GOOD CONDITION

General Fund is Not Depleted and Will Soon Have Large Surplus

Articles appearing in the state press and in the press of other states relative to the financial condition of the State of North Dakota, are so misleading that it seems a true statement of the facts should be presented, not only to the people of North Dakota, but to the people of the Northwest generally, that the good name of North Dakota may not be brought in to ill repute.

Appropriated Money. The legislature of last winter, like all previous legislatures, appropriated money for the biennial period. The monies which they appropriated are raised by taxation largely, although some comes from the state general fund from fees from insurance companies, corporation fees and other avenues of a somewhat similar character. The assessment and the levy to meet the appropriations made by the legislature are made after the adjournment of the legislature. The last legislature as is usual made appropriations. In April and May the assessors of the state assessed the property of the state. This was equalized by the commissioners of the various cities and by the county commissioners of the counties and finally the property of the state was equalized by the state board of equalization in August and they at the same time placed an assessment against railroad property and other property of that character and kind which is not assessed by the local assessors. They then made the levy to meet the expenditures appropriated for and by the state legislature and for the regular standing appropriations. The money to be derived from that levy just made will not be coming in until this coming winter. Taxes are not due until December and the great bulk of the taxes are not paid until just before the first of March at which time a penalty goes on, so that really the money to meet and care for the appropriations made by the legislature are not available until about a year after the legislature has adjourned. But, under the constitution of the State of North Dakota, bills passed by the legislature become operative July first, following. In consequence, as soon as these laws become operative, all of the institutions and other parts of the state government which have had money appropriated for them by the legislature, immediately come in and demand their money and as has been done for years under the law, the state auditor issues warrants by and under the direction of the state auditing board and pays these claims, although as a matter of fact, they ought not to be paid until some time in the following winter when the taxes levied to pay the appropriations shall have been collected.

Large Sums Paid. This year, in July, large sums were paid to the state university, to the state agricultural college and to the other schools of the state and to the farmers for claims known as drainage claims amounting to many thousands of dollars, although the money to pay these claims, as has been stated, has only just been levied and will not be available and paid in by the people for months to come. Every claim against the state up to the 15th of September has been paid and as a fact the State of North Dakota today is in better shape financially than it has been for years. The bonded debt of the state is the lowest in its history and there are no unpaid claims against the state except those that have come in to the state auditor since the 15th of September. This past year the farmers and people generally of the state have not paid their taxes as well as they have done for a number of years and in consequence there is a larger amount of taxes remaining unpaid from the year 1914 than usual. Some twenty-five percent of those taxes are still outstanding. This money will undoubtedly be paid within the next sixty days. If it had been paid and the money were in the treasury today, there would be a large balance in the general fund. There is today in the state treasury or other funds a sum aggregating more than \$1,000,000.00 and it is the general fund of the state alone that is low. There has not

LIBERAL ART PRIZES AT N. D. EXPOSITION

Premiums for Four Types of Oil Paintings and Water Colors

GIRLS UNDER SIXTEEN HAVE SPECIAL CLASS

Interior Decorations Unusual—Big Hog in Corn Represents Fair Slogan

Considerable attention is being paid to art at the North Dakota Agricultural and Industrial Exposition. Liberal prizes are offered both in the open and junior classes. In the former three premiums are scheduled for four different types of both oils paintings and water colors; portrait, animal, landscape or marine and still life. Other prizes are for crayon drawings, pen and ink sketches, hand painted china and North Dakota landscapes painted from nature.

Students to Show Art Work. Girls under 16 years have three classes in which to compete, water colors, pen and ink sketches and hand-painted china.

Mrs. C. W. Harris will supervise the exhibition of the work of many of her students. The interior decorations of the building are unique and beautiful. One of the features will be a corn hog to represent the slogan of the exposition, "Hogs and Hominy." Other interesting pieces are a mammoth American Eagle and a wheel of fortune, all made of corn, wheat and other grains.

Theater Remodeled. Wilbert Field has a large force working with him on the installation of the Burleigh county exhibit. This promises to be one of the best county displays at the Exposition. It will show all of the products, both agricultural and industrial.

Perhaps the greatest improvement in the building has been in the theater. A new pit has been made, new curtains hung, a booth has been made for the moving picture machine that will project the "Bumper Harvest" movies, and a new lighting system has been installed.

Lecture Room Ready. Manager Mills has the musical program nearly completed. There will be band concerts in the open air, continuous orchestra concerts in the building, three piano recitals daily by the Kimball \$5000 mechanical wax doll piano player and the regular orchestra concert in connection with the vaudeville program.

The lecture room in the basement where will be held the daily farmers' conferences is wanting nothing but the audience and the speakers.

Light Car Race. Much enthusiasm is being created by the announcement of the special stock car automobile racing meet. A dozen owners have already entered their machines and enough more have been promised to make certain excitement in plenty. The light car race and the free-for-all sweepstakes promise to be the two most sensational events.

FRISCO MAYOR WINS IN PRIMARY

San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 29.—Mayor James Kolth, Jr., was re-elected mayor of San Francisco at yesterday's primary, according to complete returns received today, and six other city and county officials also were re-elected by receiving a majority of the total vote cast for their offices. Mayor Kolth received 63,814 votes out of a total of 119,357.

TORREON FALLS BEFORE OBREGON

Vera Cruz, Sept. 29.—The city of Torreon fell to General Obregon late this afternoon, according to a brief telegram from General Obregon to General Carranza received tonight. The telegram announced that General Obregon had taken his position in Torreon and that he intended to push on and completely rout the "reactionary."

General Carranza on receiving the message immediately gave orders for the ringing of all the church bells in the city.

SEND MESSAGE 2,500 MILES BY RADIO PHONE

Successful Experiment Made Yesterday by Naval Radio Experts

WIRELESS PHONE TO EUROPE IS NEXT MOVE

Conversation Is Automatically Transferred From Wires to Radio Telephone

Washington, Sept. 29.—Long distance wireless telephone communication across the continent was accomplished for the first time today when an experiment extending over several months culminated in successful transmission of the human voice by radio from the great naval plant at Arlington, Va., across the continent to the station at Mare Island, Calif., 2500 miles away. The experiments were conducted under the direction of Captain Bulard, chief of the navy's radio service in co-operation with the American Telephone and Telegraph company and the Western Electric Co. of Military Value.

Secretary Daniels announcing the result tonight predicted that further developments of wireless telephony would make great changes in long distance communication, both for military and naval service and in commercial uses. Successful operations of a device for automatically transferring to the radio telephone conversations originating on metallic circuits also was accomplished in today's test.

Transfer Message. President Theodore N. Vall, and other officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph company at New York talked easily with the Mare Island station, the conversation traveling over an ordinary metallic line from New York to Arlington and thence by radio across the continent.

To Europe Next. New York, Sept. 29.—American Telephone and Telegraph company officials say the transmission of audible speech to Europe by wireless can be taken as an assured fact. They declare that talking from New York across the Atlantic and from here to Japan is now but a matter of installing the necessary apparatus.

\$10,000 FIRE AT LUCCA. Valley City, N. D., Sept. 29.—Fire at Lucca totally destroyed the general store of E. A. Roach and the meat market building adjoining. The pool hall on the east side of the store building, was also damaged to some extent, the loss being probably \$300 or \$400. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective chimney on the store building. The loss on Roach's store will aggregate \$8,000; on the meat market building, owned by C. E. Shrawder, \$1,500; on the pool hall, owned by S. S. Shaw, \$400. The loss is fairly well protected by insurance.

ANGLO-FRENCH LOAN WILL BE FLOATED

Rapid Progress Made At Recent Meeting Plan to Be Announced At Once

New York, Sept. 29.—Representatives of many banking and investment houses met today at the offices of the J. P. Morgan company to formulate a definite program for placing on the American markets the \$500,000,000 joint Anglo-French five year bonds, soon to be issued to secure the credit loan to Great Britain and France. Such rapid progress was made during their protracted meeting that the entire program probably will be in shape to make public tomorrow. Bankers who have worked with the Anglo-French commission said there was no doubt that the entire issue would be placed without great difficulty. At the Morgan office it was thought that the big issue might be over-subscribed.

Hill to Subscribe. St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 29.—Besides participating in the credit loan to England and France, local banking interests controlled by James J. Hill will subscribe to the third German loan being offered in this country, it was officially announced tonight. The amount to be subscribed in either case was not announced.

ONE WOUNDED IN CHICAGO STRIKE

Leaders of Strike Maintain 25,000 Are Out But Number Is Exaggerated

Chicago, Sept. 29.—The first shot in the strike of garment workers was fired tonight. The shooting marked the first act of real violence since the walkout was formally begun, 72 hours ago. The victim, Sammie Lender, a striking tailor, was not seriously wounded. The police have arrested Joseph Sakalowski, proprietor of a West Side Tailor Shop as the assailant.

More than a thousand persons gathered in front of the tailor shop when the shooting occurred. Twenty policemen were rushed to the scene from a nearby police station and they succeeded in restoring order by welding their ribs.

Sakalowski the police say told them a crowd of strikers assembled in front of his shop and shouted to the employees to join the strike. He said some of the men tried to force an entrance to the shop. "I feared for my life," he told the police, "I drew my revolver and fired five shots through the window. I saw one man fall and then the others ran in all directions."

Leaders of the striking workmen still maintained tonight that more than 25,000 were already on strike, although employers insisted that less than half this number had actually walked out.

BIG OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT IS PROGRESSING

Fierce Fighting Reported Along Whole Western Front

FRENCH GAIN SOME IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Reported German Emperor Has Arrived at Front to Direct Affairs

London, Sept. 29.—The Allies great offensive in Artois and the Champagne is still being persevered and according to French accounts, which, however, are contradicted by the German official report, further progress has been made in both areas.

In Artois the French claim to have reached Hill 140, which lies directly east of Vimy, and is the culminating point of the crest, named after that town. The importance of the Hill lies in the fact that it commands the plains to the east, the network of roads and the railway which runs from Lens southward.

Try to Stem Rush. So far as Champagne is concerned, the French appear at present to be making their chief efforts toward the railway junction north of Massigh, which accounts for the desperate efforts of the Germans to stem the tide and for the Crown Prince's counter stroke in the Argonne, as this railway connects the German army in the Argonne with its base at Vouziers.

Perhaps the heaviest fighting since the offensive began is now going on for the British are attacking the Gele La Bassa canal, and the Germans have brought up reinforcements against both the British and the French and are making every effort to retrieve the lost ground.

The Greatest Battle. Belgian dispatches from Holland say it has been denuded of troops, while German detachments are even being removed from the eastern front to meet what is now known to be the greatest effort made in the west since the armies took up their present positions from Belgium to Switzerland.

It is reported that the German Emperor has arrived at the western front, and that he has already dismissed some of his generals for allowing their lines to be pushed back to almost the breaking point.

Still Hitting Russians. Despite the transfer of some troops to the west, the Germans continue to strike hard at the Russians, practically all along their front. But it is expected that the weather will soon put an end to the operations there, as with the continued rains the rivers cannot be forded and the Russians, wherever possible, are getting behind them.

The British have inflicted another serious defeat on the Turks in Mesopotamia. The Tigris army after suffering a defeat on the 26th, (Continued on page two.)

MANY LIVES MAY BE LOST AT NEW ORLEANS AS RESULT OF STORM

Hurricane of Tropical Fury Sweeps Down Mississippi Gulf Coast Doing Great Damage.

FIVE DEATHS REPORTED EARLY IN EVENING

Mobile, Sept. 29.—New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast tonight were swept by a tropical hurricane that demoralized communication and led to fears of heavy loss of life, and property. The Mississippi river levees below New Orleans have broken, houses have been washed away and several lost in the section, according to a wireless message tonight from the Morgan Liner Creole, upward bound from New Orleans. Late tonight, indications were that the storm was subsiding.

CITY IN DARKNESS

Reports coming from New Orleans before all means of communications were lost said the city was in darkness, because of the flooding of electric plants. A long trestle on the Louisville & Nashville railroad at the Rigolets, between Bay St. Louis and New Orleans was reported to have been swept away. Few details of the damage, however, either in that section or at Biloxi, Miss., where water was reported to have flooded part of the town, were obtainable.

Mobile escaped the worst of the storm, but the wind here was sufficient to drive the water over the wharfs at the river front and unroofed several houses.

NO FUNDS TO PRINT STATE BLUE BOOK

Attorney General Linde Gives Secretary of State Opinion on Question

From the opinion handed down yesterday by Attorney General Henry J. Linde, there will be no Blue Book printed in the state this year. The opinion was handed to the Secretary of State by the Attorney General. Mr. Hall was anxious to get the correct status of the Blue Book affair. The opinion on the matter is as follows:

Opinion. With regard to the matter of the expense of printing the North Dakota Blue Book for the year 1915, I have made a thorough examination of our statutes with respect to this matter. I find that section 186 of the Constitution provides that no moneys can be expended except upon an appropriation made by law.

Chapter 224 of the 1915 Session Laws requires that the contract for the printing and binding of the North Dakota Blue Book shall be let upon competitive bidding to the lowest bidder. An examination of Chapter 224, however, discloses that no appropriation is made or attempted to be made by such act for the payment of the costs of such publication.

I am unable to find in our statute any specific appropriation now available for the printing and binding of this publication.

Repeals Section. Chapter 186 of the 1907 Session Laws provides an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars out of which the cost of printing and binding the Blue Book has heretofore been paid. Section 653 of the Compiled Laws of 1913 repeals this 1907 enactment and provides an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for the period beginning on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1913, and ending on the first day of July, A. D. 1915.

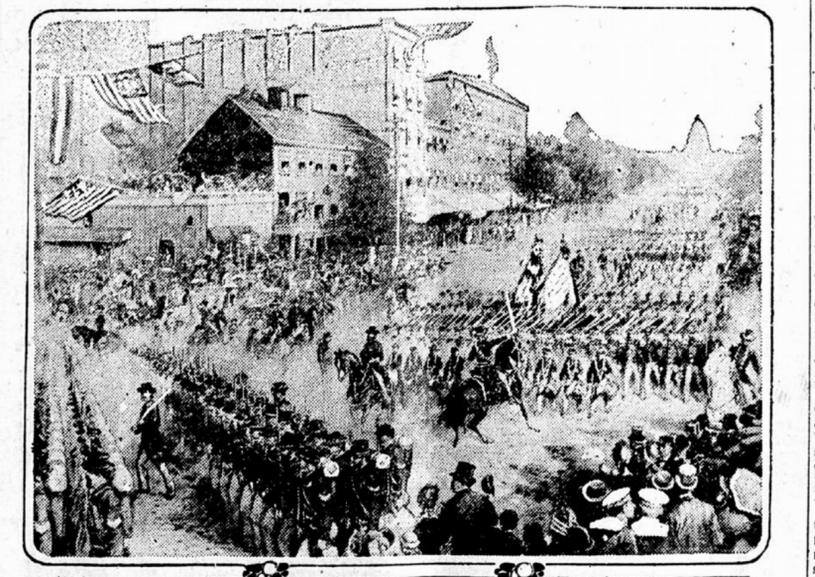
Assuming the article 5 of Chapter 6 of the 1913 Compiled Laws, of which section 653 is a part, is constitutional, it is clear that the appropriation provided by Chapter 186 of the Session Laws of 1907 has been replaced and is no longer available.

The question then arises whether or not the Legislature in 1915 made an appropriation for the printing and binding of the Blue Book or whether such appropriation is contained in Chapter 43 of the Session Laws of 1915, the same being the so-called Budget or general appropriation bill. Said Chapter 43 provides appropriations for printing in specific amounts for each of the various State departments of the government including a specific appropriation for printing for the next Legislative Assembly.

None Available. In addition thereto, Chapter 47 of the 1915 Session Laws was passed but the appropriations provided thereby are all specific appropriations and none of them available for the printing and binding of the Blue Book.

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LAST MARCH OF CIVIL WAR VETS RECALLS PEACE REVIEW OF 1865



The grand review of 1865. From the painting by James E. Taylor. Washington will witness on Wednesday one of the most impressive spectacles ever seen in the nation's capital, when 20,000 Grand Army veterans, many of them bent with age and faltering in footsteps, will pass in review before President Wilson. As the principal spectacular feature of the forty-ninth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic this parade is intended to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the great peace review held in May, 1865, at the close of the civil war, when, for two days, the Union troops, 170,000 strong, comprising the Army of the Potomac and the Army of the West, passed before President Andrew Johnson and the cabinet before being mustered out.

TO INVESTIGATE ARDMORE AFFAIR

Ardmore, Okla., Sept. 29.—Today was largely taken up with the funerals of victims, the starting of rebuilding operations and the opening of investigations to establish the responsibility for Monday's explosion and fire. Latest corrected reports fix the death list at 42, 23 whites and 19 negroes; the list of injured at more than 100 and the property loss at a million dollars.

NOTED PACIFICIST SUED BY WOMAN

New York, Sept. 29.—The Rev. Westley Hill, widely known as a lecturer on pacifism and peace, was today named as a defendant in a suit for \$100,000 for alleged breach of promise of marriage brought by Lucille Covington of this city. Also a lecturer upon economics and other topics.

THE WEATHER. North Dakota: Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday; warmer Thursday. (Continued on page four)