

CAPITAL CITY IN HANDS OF ELKS AND TRAVELINGMEN WHO WILL CELEBRATE DAY

Crowds in City to Take in Exposition Today and to Witness the Big Doings.

KANGAROO COURT WILL BE A BIG FEATURE

With the best and most spectacular program of the two weeks, the great North Dakota Agricultural Exposition will close today with all attendance records broken.

Today is Traveling Men's and Elk's Day. Besides the many special features which they have provided to make the occasion a memorable one, the two leading events of the automobile road meet will be run off.

TODAY TO BE RECORD-BREAKER.

The management fully expects that today's attendance will over-reach the thousand mark by several hundreds. Many of the business houses and public institutions will close this afternoon to allow all to take part of the extraordinary festivities which will mark the last day.

Hotels Overflowed.

Every dealer in the state and every traveling man has been personally notified that they are to be at Bismarck today. Incoming trains yesterday afternoon and evening were packed and the late-comers were compelled to accept cots and similar accommodations in the hotels, because although Bismarck's hotel facilities are much above the average city of its size, it was yet unable to accommodate the Exposition visitors.

If the citizens of Bismarck do their share today and unite their forces with the people from outside, the city and the management fully expects that they will, nothing can prevent a dramatic success which will be talked about for weeks to come all over the state and the Northwest.

Kangaroo Court All Day.

The day will open with registration at 7 a. m. by the traveling men. They will be given their uniforms and their places in the parade. The kangaroo court will sit from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., save for a recess during the afternoon parade. The proceeds in fines from this court will go to the fund for sanitary bubble fountains which are to be placed on the city streets by the Elks and the traveling men.

Big Afternoon Parade.

Many of the business men have arranged for floats in the afternoon parade. It will be headed by Bismarck's Elks band. All of the Elks and the traveling men will be in line. All of the vaudeville and the other special attractions at the Exposition will be out. The parade will form at the Elk Home at 1:30 p. m. and will disband at the Exposition building at 2:30. Here addresses will be given from the band stand by prominent men.

Great Free-for-All Auto Race.

The next event of unusual interest will be the great free-for-all automobile race over the loop southeast of Bismarck. A Buick six won the first race, in which entry was limited to cars of less than 250 cubic inches displacement, in the remarkable time of 26 3/4 minutes for the 18 1/2 miles.

Racers to Enter Contest.

Cars built especially for racing are among the entries and the drivers do not intend to let the Tuesday record made by the Buick stand. The road is in better condition today and with the greater power of the cars it is possible that the entire distance may be made at a mile-a-minute clip.

Fast Records Big Surprise.

When one considers that there are five railroad crossings and many sharp curves with numerous little hills and the low tailknee's thrown in to make fast driving difficult, the records that the cars are making is wonderful. They are a bigger surprise to the automobile men than any one else.

Last Tuesday the roadside was almost a continuous line of cars. All indications point to a better showing today and those who are not on hand at the opening will probably find it difficult to squeeze in among the other spectators' cars.

Precaution to Prevent Accident.

Every precaution is being taken to prevent accidents. The crowd Tuesday had plenty of thrills but there were no serious accidents. Men with flags will be placed where they can warn the drivers of abrupt curves ahead and other men will be stationed at the crossroads and instruct everyone to keep off the course during the race.

The race is open to all dealers as well as car owners.

Hill-Climb Tomorrow.

Immediately following the race will come the free-for-all hill-climb. Some thirty cars have been promised and it is certain that from the standpoint of the intending purchasers this is going to be one of the most important events ever held in the state.

Rough Spots Smoothed. "The road is in elegant shape," said Chris Bertsch, chairman of the committee in charge. "It was dragged yesterday by the county commissioners and all the rough spots have been smoothed. The course will be (Continued on Page Four.)"

TODAY'S SPECIAL PROGRAM

- 7:00 a. m.—Registration of travelmen, securing uniforms. Opening of Kangaroo Court.
1:30 p. m.—Grand Parade, headed by Bismarck's Elk Band.
2:50 p. m.—Speeches by prominent men from Exposition Grandstand.
3:00 p. m.—Concert by Bismarck's Elk Band.
3:30 p. m.—Hill-climbing contest at Faulkner's hill; open to all cars.
8:30 p. m.—Grand Carnival Parade led by the Dutch Band.
10:00 p. m.—Closing of Exposition. Traveling Men's and Elks' Ball.

TWIN CITY MEN ENJOY SIGHTS IN BISMARCK

Burleigh County Farms and Exposition Make Strong Impression on Visitors

GOVERNOR L. B. HANNA RECEIVES VISITORS

With North Dakota skies smiling their prettiest, the Twin City delegation which reached Bismarck on Northern Pacific No. 3 yesterday, enjoyed an afternoon of real pleasure, skimming over Burleigh county's smooth roads; visiting the public institutions of the capital city and viewing the attractive exhibits at the big exposition.

The party was met at the station by a large representation of Bismarck men, who, after the customary greetings, conducted the visitors to the McKenzie. The Bismarck Elks' band gave proof that the capital city is on the map, musically, by playing several spirited selections in a very creditable style, and following a half-hour's informal reception, Mine Host Patterson served a dinner which was a gastronomic delight.

Received by Governor Hanna. At 2 o'clock the visitors boarded high-powered motor cars, provided for their use by hospitable Bismarck citizens, and were conducted to the capitol, where they were graciously received by Governor Hanna, who expressed his pleasure and appreciation for the friendship shown by the delegates from the sister state.

Other departments of the capitol building were visited briefly, and Chairman R. S. Lewis of the state board of control joined the party as an official representative of North Dakota. After a tour of the city which gave opportunity for glimpsing Bismarck's two splendid hospitals, the Auditorium, high school, and the many beautiful homes, a call was paid to the Country club, where the entrancing panorama of hills, valleys, prairie and river was thoroughly enjoyed. The cars then struck their stride for the long circle around the loop, passing Fort Lincoln and section after section (Continued on Page Four.)

M. E. CONFERENCE EXONERATES REV. S. A. DANFORD

Charges Against Local District Superintendent Are Dismissed

BUSY SESSIONS ARE BEING HELD

Preacher's Wives Will Hold General Meeting At Fargo Today

Fargo, Oct. 15.—As a result of the demand made yesterday by Dr. S. A. Danford, superintendent of the Bismarck district, that a thorough sifting of the charges preferred against him by Dr. A. Lincoln Shute and others be made at the earliest possible time, the committee of fifteen, named yesterday at its conference to try the case, completed its work and reported today that it found the charges unsubstantiated.

The hearing was held yesterday afternoon in the Broadway M. E. church. At the trial the attorney for Dr. Danford moved that certain charges that were alleged to have happened before the last conference be thrown out. There were eleven specifications to the charge and all but three of these were thrown out, the committee passing on the three.

It is reported that the plaintiffs in the case have appealed to the general conference as the highest tribunal of the church.

Robertson to Report. It was announced today that as a special order of business for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning Dr. E. P. Robertson would, on a question of personal privilege, make some statements to the conference and would deliver his report as president of Wesley college.

Preachers' Wives to Meet. The Preachers' Wives association of the conference will meet on Saturday at noon at the Annex hotel for luncheon. All preachers' wives of the Methodist church are invited to be present at the Mars room at the First M. E. church and go in a body to the Annex hotel. A small private dining room will be set aside for this meeting and there will be a conference and program after the luncheon.

Laymen's Meeting. The laymen had a very interesting session this morning and this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock began the election of three delegates to the general conference of the church, which will be held in Saratoga Springs, N. Y., next year. At the organization of the laymen's conference this morning Charles Gunthorp of Edgeley was elected to the (Continued on page four.)

NO COMPETITION BY NATIONS IN SUPPLY MARKET

Allies Have Purchasing Committee Which Sits As Supreme Body

J. P. MORGAN FISCAL AGENT FOR EVERYONE

Great Britain As Banker Dominates Entire Situation—This Nation Favored

New York, Oct. 15.—Of the millions of dollars spent daily in this country by the Allies for war supplies, not a dollar, it was learned authoritatively today, can be spent without first obtaining the official sanction of the British government. This sanction is obtained from a committee sitting in London and holding frequent sessions. Although the committee has been in operation for many months, its existence has not hitherto been generally known outside of governmental circles. Only once, so far as can be learned—and then in the case of Russia—has the mandate of this body been disregarded. Since that time Russia has adhered strictly to the wishes of the committee.

Personnel Unknown. The personnel of this committee has never been published and probably never will be. It consists, however, of representatives of each of the allied nations, from Great Britain to Montenegro, and they control absolutely the purchase of all war supplies, in whatever section of the world they may be bought, act as a financial check and supervisor over all the war chests of the Allies, and seek to eliminate positively competitive bidding on the part of the Allies for war supplies in the open market of the world, first of all in the United States.

Kill Competition. Instead of racing into the American market, when supplies are needed, and waging a financial contest for supremacy in obtaining the supplies, the Allies have adopted a system of placing one big order at a time in this country.

When the contract for this order is signed, the next allied nation needs are taken up and another contract is placed. This system is maintained until all the allied nations purchasing supplies here are cared for.

The committee's scope extends to the purchasing, not only of ammunition and firearms, but to all supplies needed for the allied armies in the field and the allied navy which are incapable of being supplied in Europe. Great Britain as banker of the Allies dominates this committee. (Continued on Page Four.)

CONTINUED FIGHTING REPORTED FROM ALL MAIN BATTLE LINES

PRESENT ACTIVITY IN THE BALKANS



In the map given above, the black arrows indicate the advance toward Nish, begun by the Austro-German forces under Field Marshal von Mackensen. The region marked by the symbol "2" indicates the theater of the operations resulting in the occupation of Belgrade, almost due south of which lies the present capital of Serbia, to which the Morava Valley offers a swift road.

The line marked "A" was the scene, a year ago last month, of the crushing defeat dealt the Austrians at the battle of the Jedar. The symbol "B" indicates the scene of a similar defeat for the Austrians along the headwaters of the Gelska-Morava last December.

In this region the country is mountainous and has been throughout the war a Serbian stronghold. Unless these hills can be cleared of the enemy, and the danger of flank attack thereby removed, von Mackensen's advance from position "2" cannot, in the opinion of military observers, be carried on safely.

SERBIAN DRIVE COSTING TEUTONS SEVERE LOSSES

Allies Landing More Troops At Saloniki to Assist Serbs

PLUCKY BALKAN IS FIGHTING FIERCELY

Little Change in Political Situation As Greece Is Non-Committal

London, Oct. 15.—From all the main battle fronts comes news of continued fighting, but from none of them has been received any indication of victories or reverses, which would make a marked change in the general situation.

The Austrians, Germans and Bulgarians are proceeding methodically with their invasion of Serbia, which according to neutral reports, is costing them a very heavy price in the lives of their soldiers as the hardened veterans of Serbia are taking every advantage of the difficult country to inflict the greatest possible loss on the invaders.

Additional Troops Landed. The Germans, however, have been able to occupy Pozarevac, southeast of Semendra, and claim that their campaign is proceeding according to their plans. The Quadruple Entente Allies are perfecting their preparation to assist the Serbians and every day additional troops are landed at Saloniki, where the French General Sarrail has arrived, to take command of the Allied forces. What steps Russia and Italy have taken to assist have not yet developed.

Political Situation Unchanged. The political situation remains unchanged, Greece having formally announced that she would not intervene in behalf of Serbia "at present," and Roumania although she is being urged by Germany definitely to define her position, not having made any move.

Along the western fronts, there has been heavy fighting in the Artois, Champagne and Vosges regions. Attacks were made by both sides, but the gains and losses are described as being of little importance.

Turned to Offensive. In the East, the Russians have turned to the offensive in the region of Dvinsk and although the Germans claim that they have repulsed most of the Moscowite attacks, they admit that the Russians penetrated their line at one point.

Outside the Balkan campaign, England is watching with the most interest the operations of her submarines in the Baltic. Here, after having driven the German merchantmen from the sea, they have sunk one and probably two German torpedo craft, one reported to be a torpedo boat destroyer, and the other a torpedo boat which with other warships had (Continued on page two.)

SEVERAL REPORTS READ TO SYNOD

Demonstration of Sunday School Work Under Supervision of Mrs. Squire

INTERESTING TALKS AT EVENING SESSION

The morning session of the Synod yesterday opened with the devotional service, conducted by Dr. Roe, the subject being "Consecration." They followed various reports. Rev. W. H. Matthews of Grand Forks gave a very interesting report of the college board and also gave the report of the university committee. Rev. Calvin H. French of Chicago read a most interesting paper on various phases of educational work. Other reports were read and during the session took up the rest of the morning session, interspersed with considerable discussion from different members of the Synod. The afternoon session opened with the devotional service on "Co-working," conducted by Dr. Roe. A Sabbath School conference took up the rest of the afternoon. This is the first time that the Synod has ever devoted a whole afternoon to the discussion of Sunday school work, and the innovation was one which met with much approval and was a distinct contribution of value to all present. Rev. Du-gald McIntyre of LaMoure was the leader. He gave a very informing and inspiring report on "Publication and Sabbath School Work." The report of the district superintendent of Sabbath school work, Mr. R. F. Sulzer of Minneapolis, was then read. Mr. Sulzer not being able to be present. An address was given by Dr. Roe and also by Dr. Gage, president of Huron college.

Sunday School Demonstration.

The remainder of the afternoon was taken up with a demonstration of Sunday school work under the leadership of Mrs. Squire. The demonstration was given by a number of children in the primary department, who live near the church, and who could conveniently be called in to participate in the demonstration. It is only for the last six months that the children of the Sunday school have been graded, and the work done by them yesterday reflects great credit on their instructors. The regular program of a Sunday morning session was carried out, just as it is done on Sunday, including the singing of the (Continued on page two.)

CONTINENTAL ARMY LATEST DEFENSE PLAN

President Wilson Approves Plans to Increase Military Forces of Nation

GARRISON PRESENTS ELABORATE SCHEME

Washington, Oct. 15.—The administration program for national defense to be recommended to the forthcoming session of congress, proposing a total expenditure on the army and navy next year of about \$400,000,000 was practically completed tonight.

Secretary Garrison plans approved by the President calls for an increase of \$75,000,000 in the war department's appropriation to be authorized for augmenting the regular army to 140,000 men, and the creation of a new continental army of 400,000 men which together with the militia of 125,000 men would give the United States a military force in time of need of 665,000.

Five Year Program.

Approval also was given today to the proposal of Secretary Daniels and the general board of the navy for a five year naval construction program, to cost \$500,000,000, giving the navy ten new dreadnaughts and six battle cruisers as well as more than 70 submarines, 50 destroyers, and 10 scout cruisers and a host of auxiliary ships.

Secretary Daniels and members of the general board were in conference until late tonight discussing the expenditure of the first year.

The following construction plan for the first five years was decided upon: Two dreadnaughts, two battle cruisers, 25 coast submarines, 5 sea going submarines, 2 destroyers, an increase of \$,000 in personnel and an augmentation of 250 of the Naval academy student body. Garrison's Plans. Secretary Garrison's plans for a regular army of 140,000 men, means an increase of more than 50,000 men in the present establishment. The continental army, 400,000 strong, would be enlisted for six years, for service within the continental United States. These would serve two months a year for the first three years with the colors, undergoing a (Continued on Page Two.)

BISMARCK BOOSTERS



FRANK E. SHEPARD

In the five years that Mr. Frank E. Shepard, cashier of the First National Bank, has directed his efforts toward enhancing the reputation of that institution, there is perhaps no better proof of the expression that "nothing succeeds like success." Mr. Shepard fills a chair in one of the strongest banks in the northwest. The First National is the second oldest banking institution in the state if not the second largest. Its capital stock and surplus are over \$200,000 and its business covers one of the fastest growing fields in the United States.

Mr. Shepard was born in Boston although he denies ever having a corner on the bean market. His early education and business training was received in the east and for twenty years he wrestled with and mastered the banking problems at Concord, N. H. He came to Bismarck from that city and in a short space of time has established a reputation among the top-notchers in the banking circles of this state. Ability and squareness in all of his business dealings, to say nothing of a splendid personality and genuine friendship have combined to make him a leader.