

EVADE RULING ON VALIDITY OF BOARD ACT

Constitutional Question Probably Will Not Be Ruled on by Supreme Court.

WALLACE SUBMITS EXTENDED BRIEF

Attorney General Linde Rests Case on Appropriations Argument.

The supreme court in handing down its decision on the tax commission case will probably not rule upon the constitutionality of the act creating it. A decision in this matter would affect the legality of the board of regents and the immigration commission, as well as the tax commission.

George E. Wallace, representing the tax commission, submitted an extended brief upon this phase of the question, but Mr. Linde chose to rest his case on the other points.

Mr. Wallace contended that the appropriation made in the act of 1911 should stand, because the appropriation made in 1915 was made when the legislature believed that the membership of the tax commission would be changed from three to one, and it was therefore made for a tax commissioner, an altogether different proposition from the tax commission. The supreme court has already sustained Mr. Wallace on this point, it having allowed the 1911 appropriation for commissioners to stand. Mr. Wallace urged that the same ruling should apply to clerk hire.

In answer to the contention that \$6,000 was all that the commission was entitled to for all employees, including the secretary, the attorney argued that the act of 1911 provided for \$2,400 for the salary of secretary, besides the \$6,000 for the salary of the other employees.

ONE-CENT POSTAGE LOOMS AS POSSIBILITY

Washington, July 19.—The National Association of Postmasters heard addresses today by a score of speakers, headed by Postmaster General Burleson, covering a wide field of postal problems and developing numerous digressions into partisan politics, which drew a reprimand from Postmaster I. S. Jones of St. Louis, president of the association.

Prospects of one-cent letter postage were outlined by Mr. Burleson, who did not touch on political subjects. He said that should second-class mail rates be increased, the cost of mail transportation lowered under the new space payment system, and "useless extravagance" in rural carriage be eliminated, individual steps could be made next year toward reduction of the letter rate. His reference to the letter rate was taken to indicate that the department was planning the adjustment of charges on magazines and similar publications.

CLEAN UP, SAYS DR. STRAUSS; MAKE BISMARCK THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Dr. F. B. Strauss, health commissioner, yesterday inaugurated an aggressive campaign to have all vacant property and all contaminated areas properly cleaned up in accordance with the city ordinances.

Many complaints have been received by the commissioner. "All weeds in yards, vacant lots and on the boulevards," says Dr. Strauss, "must be removed. Let's get together and make Bismarck the city beautiful."

MOBILIZATION ENDS ROMANCE OF GRINGO AND MISS CARRANZA

MEXICAN FIRST CHIEF'S NIECE EXPECTING VISIT FROM INDIANIAN WHEN HE IS CALLED TO NATIONAL GUARD COLORS AND LEAVES FOR BORDER.



Miss Oralia Salinas y Carranza and (below) her sister-in-law, Mrs. Alberto Salinas y Carranza. The large picture was drawn by Artist Higgins from a postcard photo in possession of Mrs. Alberto, who was sketched from a photograph.

By LEON STARMONT.

Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico, July 19.—Senorita Oralia Salinas y Carranza has gone to Monterey to forget a certain gringo. She is a niece of First Chief Carranza, and he is Sherwood Moe, son of a wealthy resident of Gary, Ind., and brother of the pretty senator's college chum at Notre Dame. A few days ago Senorita Oralia danced with glee and read to her brother, Alberto's wife this telegram: "Will be in Piedras Negras in July."

"SHERWOOD."

A few days later Senora Alberto Salinas y Carranza read this headline in La Democrata of Piedras Negras: "El Presidente Wilson Ya Ha Llamado Los Soldados de Los Estados!"

St. Paul, Minn., July 19.—The nomination of J. Frank Hanly of Indiana as the presidential candidate of the Prohibition party was confidently predicted tonight by the organization forces in the Prohibition National convention, following the unanimous re-election late today of Virgil G. Hinshaw, Chicago, to be chairmanship of the national committee.

Further impetus was given the Hanly candidacy by the selection of Robert H. Patton of Springfield, Ill., as chairman, leaders of both forces admitted. Howard Kerschner, Topeka, Kan., was named permanent secretary.

When the convention adjourned tonight a conference of convention officers was held for the purpose of arranging a program to be followed at the final adjournment.

Advocates of the Hanly candidacy succeeded at the afternoon session in obtaining the adoption of a recommendation of the rules committee providing for the nomination of a presidential candidate tomorrow, instead of on Friday, but later a motion prevailed for reconsideration of the convention's action. The question will come up for a decision on the floor of the convention tomorrow.

The Indiana delegation at its closing session agreed upon the proposal of Sumner W. Haynes to place in nomination the name of Mr. Hanly, but at the same time agreed that

he will be lucky if he reaches Piedras Negras—and he won't meet me!"

So this will explain to Mr. Moe why he is persona non grata just now with the senator—although he didn't expect to be called out and really he didn't mean it that way at all. "Just think!" said Senorita Oralia to her sister-in-law, "he might come here to shoot down Alberto—my brother—your husband; the wretch! 'Will be in Piedras Negras in July.' Well, I'll just bet he won't!"

Alberto, the brother, is chief of the Mexican army aviation corps and a graduate of St. John's Military academy, near Syracuse, N. Y.

This is not the only international romance threatened by the possibility of war. All through the border states are families that will be split if war comes—brothers serving in the Texas or New Mexico national guard, while another brother's sympathy is with Mexico. And many are the Mexican girls in the United States torn by love for their native land and for some tall "Yanqui" in the border states' militia who may be called upon at any time to shoot down their kinsmen.

Hanly's Nomination on Prohibition Ticket Is Predicted by Delegates

each member of the delegation would be at liberty to vote for any presidential candidate.

Hold Mass Meeting. A public mass meeting was held tonight. The convention will resume in business session tomorrow. The unanimous re-election of Mr. Hinshaw as chairman of the national committee was the feature upon which the Hanly adherents made their confident assertion of supremacy in the convention. They pointed to the fact that Mr. Patton's election as permanent chairman as corroborative of the complete unionism of the convention forces.

Mr. Patton is one of Mr. Hinshaw's closest friends and as a member of the executive committee of the national committee he helped the committee in the selection of Daniel Poley as temporary chairman when the executive committee several weeks ago split, 5 to 4, on the question.

Charge Steam Roller. With Mr. Patton in the chair, the Hanly program met new obstacles at the afternoon session. Some delegates charged Patton with steam roller methods, declaring that he failed to recognize several delegates who sought to speak against a certain motion. But he had the great majority of the delegates with him and there was no effort to change any of his rulings by an appeal of the convention. Mr. Poley, a Hanly supporter, nominated (Continued on Page Two)

JOINT BOARD MAY CONSIDER MEXICAN AFFAIR

Diplomatic Conferences at Washington Are Progressing Satisfactorily.

INVESTIGATE SEIZURE OF HEARST RANCH

Announcement of Policy To Be Followed Expected Soon.

Washington, July 19.—Preliminary negotiations between Acting Secretary Poland Elise Arredondo, ambassador designate, progressed so well today that a formal announcement "very soon" as to the course to be followed, was officially predicted.

The conferees met twice today. It is understood the discussion dealt principally with the powers to be conferred on the joint committee, should that plan be followed. It was stated officially that the American commissioners had not been selected. The officials said also that Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador designate to Mexico, would not head the American membership as had been reported, because he might impair his diplomatic usefulness.

May Go to His Post. It is understood Mr. Fletcher will go to his post in Mexico City soon after Secretary Lansing returns to his post, September 1, provided the favorable turn of events beyond the border continues.

At the same time Mr. Arredondo will be formally received by President Wilson as ambassador from the Republic of Mexico and formal diplomatic relations be restored. State department officials said today that they had no official information when the American troops would be withdrawn from Mexico, indicating this was a military question entirely in the hands of the war department. A dispatch from General Funston today, saying General Gonzales had conferred with him concerning the seizure of the Hearst ranch in Chihuahua, and that he had proceeded to investigate the case, was viewed here as evidence of the more conciliatory attitude of the Carranza officials.

REPORTED VILLA IS HEADING FORCE OF BANDITS

Columbus, July 19.—A report reached Columbus that Villa is heading a large force of bandits, heading for Venaja, 85 miles west of Chihuahua City, on the line of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway. The rumors stated that the bandit leader has discarded his crutches and is riding a horse.

SEC. BAKER PREPARING REPORT FOR CONGRESS

Washington, July 19.—Secretary Baker is preparing a report to Congress in response to a resolution adopted a few days ago.

To show the present conditions in border camps, Major General Bliss, assistant chief of staff, now is inspecting the entire border force. His first report came by telegraph today from Mission, Tex., and is as follows: "Finished inspection Monday of Illinois and Wisconsin troops at Ft. San Houston."

"Have found camps in excellent sanitary condition. Men are reasonably well sheltered and well fed. Have interviewed all regimental and company commanders and taken down their statements by the stenographers. Thus far they are unanimous in expressing satisfaction and contentment of officers and enlisted men."

DEPARTMENT ISSUES REPORTS ON NAT. GUARD

Washington, July 19.—The war department issued today a series of reports on the mobilization of the national guard for border duty, all these (Continued on Page Two)

OUR CARTOONET

LOOKS ALRIGHT 'T ME.



ACTION ON BLACK LIST IS DELAYED

State Department Holding Up Report on Important Issue.

AWAITING WORD FROM AMBASSADOR PAGE

Developments Being Carefully Observed by Officials in Charge.

Washington, July 19.—Action on Great Britain's blacklist of nearly 100 firms doing business in the United States under the terms of the trading with the enemy act is being delayed by the state department with the expectation that Ambassador Page at London will send a report. If a report does not arrive soon, the department will start an inquiry, which, in turn, will be referred to the British-American office.

Watching Developments. At the state department today it was carefully observed and there were some intimations that Great Britain's latest action might be construed as unfriendly. Hitherto, representations in behalf of American firms placed on a blacklist have resulted in the removal of their names.

ARREST MAN AND SISTER FOR ROBBERY

Kansas City, Mo., July 19.—Two persons are under arrest today, a man here and his sister at Topeka, Kan., in connection with the robbery of St. Mary's State bank of St. Mary's, Kan., the night of August 4 last. The woman is being held on the order of Harvey Pearson, chief of police at Topeka, who declared he had information that the man arrested here had confessed, implicating his sister and two other men.

J. Larry Ghent, chief of detectives here, denied late today that a confession had been made, and would not comment on the reports from Topeka that the woman drove the motor car that carried the robbers from Topeka to St. Mary's.

CANADIAN NICKEL MAY BE ON DEUTSCHLAND

Ottawa, Ont., July 19.—The question as to who supplied the nickel which will be such a valuable part of the submarine Deutschland's cargo on her return to Germany, became of added interest here today, with the announcement that an official statement will be issued within a few days on the whole policy of the British and Canadian governments, in respect to the sale of the metal.

Officials challenged the statement of George P. Graham, former minister of railways in the Laurier cabinet, that Canadian nickel sold to an American firm on condition that it shall not reach England's enemies, can be obtained without difficulty on the open market in the United States.

La Follette Makes Vicious Attack Upon Plans for National Preparedness

Washington, July 19.—An attack by Senator LaFollette on the general preparedness program as the product of money interests, aided by the metropolitan press, prevented a final vote in the senate today on the naval bill. The Wisconsin senator had not completed his speech when the senate adjourned tonight and did not indicate how long he intended to continue. The belief was that a vote would be reached tomorrow.

Most of the day was taken up by a fight between Senator Oliver and Senator Penrose on the settlement of the \$11,000,000 government armor plant. By a vote of 51 to 17, the senate defeated a motion to strike out the section and then voted down, 49 to 16, the Oliver amendment to refer the armor controversy to the federal trade commissioner for settlement.

Senator LaFollette contended vigorously that neither conditions confronting the nation nor the testimony given before the congressional committee warranted the proposed navy increases.

STRUGGLE BETWEEN BRITISH AND GERMANS CONTINUES WITHOUT ANY ABATEMENT

English Succeed in Regaining Most of Territory They Recently Lost; French Capture Teutonic Trenches.

TERRIFIC ATTACKS BY RUSSIANS OF NO AVAIL

London, July 19.—There has been no abatement in the sanguinary struggle between the British and Germans north of the Somme, which began Tuesday after a German bombardment, and an attack by heavy infantry forces which gave to the Teutonic parts of the village of the Longueval and Delville wood. In counter attacks Wednesday, the British succeeded in regaining most of the territory they had lost, and in addition dispersed with their artillery fire a large body of Germans, who were massing for another attack to the south of Delville wood. Hard fighting is still going on in this sector. To the south of the Somme the French report the capture of several German trenches.

START WORK TODAY ON NEW TATLEY BLDG.

Wachters to Commence Excavation of Basement for Fifth Street Structure.

PROVISION MADE FOR FORTY-EIGHT ROOMS

Work will be commenced today on the new Tatley building, Fifth and Broadway, to be erected at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

It will have a frontage of 140 feet on Broadway and 100 feet on Fifth.

Seven Stores. Stores will occupy the first floor, six facing Fifth street and one Broadway. They will be modern in every way, well lighted and equipped with all conveniences.

The second floor will be devoted entirely to rooms, 48 in all, 26 with private baths. The light court in the center insures plenty of sunlight for every one. Each room has a closet.

Concrete Floors. All of the floors will be of reinforced concrete and the partitions of tile. Plenty of balconies will add to the pleasure of the guests.

The front of the building will be of Hebron brick and Bedford stone. All of the stores will have a solid plate glass front. An ornamental entrance is planned for the hotel.

The main entrance will be on Broadway. Mr. Tatley believes this street in time will be one of the chief arteries of travel. This building will enable him to care for more guests. Present business has taxed the Bismarck and Grand Pacific to capacity.

HERE FROM MORTON COUNTY

W. C. Badger, county treasurer of Morton county, was in the city yesterday, transacting business and calling on friends.

MORE THAN TWELVE THOUSAND SEE FAIR

Fargo, N. D., July 19.—State Fair attendance today exceeded 12,000, with splendid weather prevailing. Last night's storm reduced the crowd somewhat, but great throngs are expected tomorrow, as tonight's trains brought immense crowds to the city, while the automobile roads are in excellent condition. Judging in all departments is well under way, but will not be completed until Friday morning. Tomorrow is Fargo-Moorhead Day and both cities have declared a half-holiday in celebration of the event.

YESTERDAY JULY'S COOLEST DAY; GRAIN CROP WILL BENEFIT

When the mercury yesterday rested at 81.7 degrees cooler than Tuesday and the minimum maximum for any day in July this year, it meant additional prosperity for North Dakota.

Prof. Thomas Shaw, head of the agricultural department of the Great Northern Railway, and other experts have expressed fear that if the heat wave did not subside the loss to the farmers would be great.

Extreme warmth causes wheat to ripen too quickly, not giving the kernels time to fill out. This means a low-grade, light-weight product.