

Crisis Pending In British Cabinet

LINDE ASKS HOW SUPREME COURT IS TO LINE UP

Attorney General Asks for Order Determining Membership in High Tribunal

SPECIAL COMMISSION SITS TO DETERMINE PROCEDURE

District Judges Nuessle, Hanley and Pollock Piece Out Bench for Occasion

To determine whether the supreme court of North Dakota, after Monday shall consist of Chief Justice Fisk and Associate Justices Bruce, Christianson, Burke and Goss, or whether the personnel shall be Chief Justice Bruce and Associate Justices Birdzell, Robinson, Grace and Christianson, Attorney General Linde on behalf of the people this afternoon made formal application for an order calling upon the justices-elect to appear in supreme court and show cause why they should take office December 4, as they proclaimed their intention of doing.

The application was heard by a special supreme court commission consisting of Associate Justices Christianson and Bruce and District Judges Hanley, Nuessle and Pollock. At press time it had not been determined whether the order would issue. If an order is issued, Robinson, Grace and Birdzell, against whom it will be directed, will be required to appear before the special supreme court and maintain their stand that the constitution requires that justices shall serve from the first Monday in December following their election.

Attorney General Linde freely volunteered all information in his possession. He is not, the attorney general stated, acting for either faction in the present controversy, but is taking steps to insure North Dakota a legally constituted court for the month of December. Whether that court shall have as its members, Grace, Robinson and Birdzell or Fisk, Bruce and Goss remains for the supreme court to decide.

NEWSPAPER WOMAN TELLS WHY SHE SHOT

'He Called Me a Red-Light Woman,' Miss Edythe Colby Told Jury in Trial This Afternoon

WITH THAT STATEMENT SHE BURST INTO SOBS

Thompson Falls, Mont., Dec. 2.—'He called me a red-light woman.' This was the reason given by Miss Edythe Colby this afternoon to the jury why she shot and killed Republican County Chairman Thomas last September. Then she burst into sobs.

Testimony that Miss Edythe Colby, a newspaper reporter on trial here for murder for killing A. C. Thomas, a prominent politician, last September, attempted to have Thomas arrested for insulting her, and further testimony to establish that Miss Colby was of unsound mind was introduced by the defense today.

The testimony that Miss Colby had sought Thomas' arrest was given by William Strom, clerk of the court here on the last witness of the day. 'Nearly Fainted in Chair,' Miss Colby dropped into my office before the shooting,' Strom said, 'and nearly fainted in a chair. She wanted to see Wade Parks, the prosecuting attorney, and told me that she had many troubles.'

NATCO TILE IN DEMAND

Elliott of Dickinson Returns From Pittsburgh With Preliminary Order for 400 Carloads.

(Special to The Tribune.) Dickinson, N. D., Dec. 2.—W. J. Elliott, manager of the North Dakota Pressed Brick company closed a deal this week with the National Fire Proofing company of Pittsburgh for 400 carloads of building tile to be delivered at various points in the United States within the next eight months. This is believed to be just a preliminary order which will be followed by a standing arrangement. The high quality of the Dickinson tile and brick has focused the attention of the building world upon this state.

Safety First Plea Goes to Speed Fiends

Northern Pacific Circulars To Be Mailed to 60,000 Automobile Owners

997 PEOPLE KILLED ON CROSSINGS IN 1915

Railroad Company Emphasizes Necessity of Care on Part of Motorists

A safety first plea will accompany North Dakota license tags to each of the state's 60,000 automobile-owners in 1916. "A Word of Caution to Motorists," is the title of a particularly timely circular just issued by the Northern Pacific bureau of efficiency. The warning, which is in view of a series of disastrous automobile-train collisions within the past six weeks.

"The circular advises caution in approaching grade crossings, and calls attention to the fact that in 1914, 1,147 persons were killed and 2,935 injured at grade crossings. In 1915, 997 persons lost their lives and 2,898 were injured. "The reduction in casualties in 1915, as compared with the previous year, is due to warning notices posted by railway companies and automobile clubs," says the Northern Pacific.

"Trains have no choice of routes," reads the circular. "They must run on the rails, and their patrons require that they be on time if possible. Motor car drivers can choose their own routes, and the occupants of machines usually are not pressed for time."

Speed of Cars or Trains An interesting table showing the speed of trains or cars moving from five miles an hour to 100 miles, as counted in seconds, is a feature of the circular. It shows that a train or car moving five miles an hour travels 7.3 feet per second; at 30 miles an hour, 44 feet per second, and at 100 miles the hour, 150 feet per second.

Trains moving 25 to 40 miles an hour can under ordinary conditions stop within 1,200 feet, while motor cars running at the same speed can be stopped in about thirty feet. The train often weighs as much as 3,000 tons, while the automobile's weight rarely exceeds two tons.

North Dakota license tags are wrapped and sealed at the factory. F. M. Metcalfe, first vice president and special representative of the Northern Pacific, asks that one of these circulars be enclosed with each tag, and this will be done if arrangements can be made with the manufacturer. If not, they will be inserted here.

TWO KILLED IN SPEEDWAY RACE

Union Town, Pa., Dec. 2.—(Bulletin 4:00 p. m.) Two were killed and seven injured in a smash-up in the United States Speedway automobile race this afternoon, the race being postponed from Thanksgiving.

COURIER-NEWS SOLD AGAIN

Marsh & Fintress Believed to Have Cleaned Up \$10,000 More Than Price Paid a Month Ago.

(Special to The Tribune.) Fargo, N. D., Dec. 2.—A. Westernhagen, former business manager of the Courier-News, and Dr. L. T. Guild, former managing editor, today filed suit against the company for the sum of \$37,000, which they allege is due them. The preliminary foreclosure is against The Courier-News company and Marsh & Fintress, the late owners. The papers were served this afternoon under the terms of the mortgage.

(Special to The Tribune.) Fargo, N. D., Dec. 2.—Details of the Non-partisan league's purchase of The Courier-News, which was officially announced yesterday afternoon, have not definitely been made public. It is understood, however, that Marsh & Fintress, who purchased the plant just three weeks ago from Dr. L. T. Guild, cleaned up \$10,000 over the price they paid Guild. According to announcement made this morning by Marsh, the plant was sold through fear the Non-partisans would publish a paper.

The new owners have declared for a straight newspaper proposition not given over to the furtherance of political propaganda. Herbert Gaston, editor of the Non-partisan Ledger, will edit The Courier-News. There will be no change in the name. The paper will continue on its present schedule, publishing six days in the week.

EASY ON PLUMBERS. Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 2.—Declaring that the men before him were in no sense anymore criminal than "you or I," Judge Phillips dismissed 30 plumbers found guilty of fixing prices in violation of the Sherman law. The judge declared what was needed was a regulatory law. The plumbers were fined a nominal sum.

AVENUES OF RETREAT FOR VILLA CUT OFF

Carranza Forces Believe That They Will Be Able To Trap Bandit Chief

WASHINGTON CONSIDERS AN EMBARGO ON ARMS

New Constitution Outlined to Mexico's First Liberal Congress

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 2.—The situation of the Carranza government in northern Mexico is desperate, following the capture of Chihuahua City by Villa.

"If he does," said General Gonzales, "we will be able to bring up from three sides heavy forces and crush the bandit army."

Indications are that Villa is preparing to move. All channels of escape are reported cut off by Carranza troops.

At Queretaro, Carranza outlined to 252 delegates to Mexico's first liberal congress, the terms of Mexico's new constitution. The proposed constitution adheres closely to the famous Declaration of Juarez.

Villa bandits were reported loading two trains with loot from the stores and private residences of Chihuahua City and preparing to follow these trains west on the Mexican Northwestern railroad, according to a message received at military headquarters tonight from General Ozuna's scouts at Sauc.

General Ozuna's cavalry column was at Cullity, the first station south of the state capital, the report said. The scouts obtained their information from refugees reaching Cullity and Sauc from Chihuahua City.

This news was taken at headquarters to indicate the intention of Villa to evacuate the city after looting it, as he did at Parral, Santa Rosalia and Jimenez.

General Trevino was said by General Gonzales to have been in Horeca last night awaiting the arrival of General Francisco Murguía's forces from the direction of Camargo, south of Chihuahua City.

Villa made a speech against foreigners in Hidalgo plaza, following his occupation of the city, a Chinese farmer and merchant who left Chihuahua City Wednesday morning, said upon his arrival here today on a troop train.

EMBARGO PLANNED.

Washington, Dec. 2.—An American embargo on shipments of arms across the border promises to be a live issue between this government and Mexico. Carranza's advisers are displeased at the United States regulation. They claim that the lack of ammunition cost them Chihuahua City. Americans claim they had plenty of ammunition, which Villa's men took away from them. Ambassador Arredondo called the attention of Secretary Lansing to the situation. It is assumed that ammunition is not going to fall into the hands of Villa freer shipments will be made.

KILL MANIAC.

Cayuga, Ind. Martin Rice, maniac, who shot and killed Martin J. Rice, was shot and killed at his home.



18 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

DIVERSION OF INSURANCE FUND TO BE OPPOSED

Friends of Volunteer Fire Departments Claim It Would Cripple Service

COMPANIES BELIEVE THEY SHOULD HAVE PROTECTION

Volunteer firemen of North Dakota are preparing to fight an effort which it is rumored will be made in the Fifteenth legislative assembly to divert to the general fund of the state the two per cent premium upon fire insurance policies which heretofore has gone to the support of the fire departments.

In 1915 there was derived from this source \$27,162.11, which was distributed among the organized fire departments in the territories originating the business. In many instances, this fund is the sole support of small, volunteer fire departments. Ordinarily these small departments are located in "frame" towns most liable to loss from fire and least able to contribute liberally to the support of an organized fire department.

The firemen contend that if this important source of support is cut off, many of these towns will be deprived entirely of the protection of an organized department and will be left at the mercy of the flames.

Riotous Living Denied

Those who favor diverting this premium revenue to the general fund of the state argue that the money distributed to the fire departments is used up in riotous living. The firemen strenuously deny this allegation, and assert that in most instances these funds are applied to the purchase of equipment, and that in some cases it has afforded the sole means of procuring fire-fighting apparatus.

In Marmarth, for instance, a town of about 500, not a penny of this premium fund has been touched for years. Now that Marmarth has extended its water mains, the department expects to apply the fund to the purchase of a motor truck, placing Marmarth in the same class with Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot and Bismarck, so far as ability to combat fires in a modern manner is concerned.

The village of Sanborn has bought every bit of its fire-fighting apparatus it possesses through the medium of this two per cent premium tax.

Insurance Companies Object

Fire insurance companies operating in North Dakota object to the diversion of the fund on the grounds that they are paying this tax of two per cent upon every premium written for protection, a sort of insurance of their own intended to make their chances

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GREECE GAINS TIME THROUGH AN ARMISTICE

King Constantine Signs Documents to Ease Pressure Caused by Allies' Demands

FOUR MOUNTAIN BATTERIES DELIVERED TO ENTENTE

Situation in Hellenic Kingdom Growing More Critical Daily

London, Dec. 2.—An armistice has been effected between the forces of the Entente powers and the Greek reserves at Athens. A Reuter dispatch says that King Constantine has agreed to deliver over six mountain batteries to the Allies.

Admiral Du Fournet, Commander of the Entente Fleet in the Mediterranean, is Reported to Have Landed Troops at Piraeus, the Port of Athens.

Aside from a report that Greek troops are being sent toward Athens from the north of Greece, there are no indications as to what measures the Greek government has taken to comply with or oppose Admiral Du Fournet's demands for the turning over of Greece's guns and ammunition. The Evening Star has an Athens dispatch, filed at 7:45 o'clock Friday evening, stating that the armistice between Greece and the allied troops has failed and that the battle on the hills south of Athens was renewed with an artillery attack by the Franco-British forces.

AUTO THIEF ARRESTED IN JAMESTOWN AFTER SHOTS ARE EXCHANGED

John Murray Accompanied by His Wife Apprehended—She Makes Getaway

(Special to The Tribune.) Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 2.—John Murray, claiming St. Paul as his home, was arrested here last night, charged with the theft of an auto in Minneapolis, recently. Murray was arrested after a desperate fight with officers, several shots being fired by the latter.

He was accompanied by his wife, formerly a Jamestown girl. When her husband was apprehended, Mrs. Murray made her getaway to St. Paul. Two tickets to St. Paul were found on Murray. He claimed he intended to leave at once for that city with his wife. An unopened box of 32 shells was also found on his person, but he had disposed of his revolver when pursued by the officers. Detective from the Twin Cities are expected today to identify the man and take him back.

"BONE" DRY SOON.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 2.—Oregon will not go "bone" dry until after the legislature meets to pass legislation covering the amendment adopted at the recent election. Limited quantities can be shipped in now.

Stork Halts Penitentiary Commitment

Baby Born at Home of William F. Kittel in Casselton Yesterday

Father Sees His Child

THAT EXPLAINS WHY JUDGE AMIDON DELAYS SENTENCE

Federal Court Judge Announces That Sentence Will Be Passed on December 22

(Special to The Tribune.) Fargo, N. D., Dec. 2.—That the hand which once juggled the funds of the patrons might help in piloting the journey of the stork to safety and grasp the hand of the mother was learned today as the reason for the delay in Judge Charles F. Amidon of the federal court here, in not passing sentence on William F. Kittel, former cashier of the First National bank at Casselton, which failed just a year ago.

Brother on Way to Leavenworth. While the stork was hovering over the residence of W. F. Kittel in Casselton, it probably passed in its flight the train bearing the brother defendant, Richard C. Kittel, who was sentenced this week to serve seven and a half years in the federal prison at Leavenworth.

In the little home which will soon be fatherless this coming Christmas—probably for the first time—a child was born yesterday. The child is that of William F. Kittel, who doubtless will be on his way to the same prison as his brother defendant before this glad Yuletide. Judge Charles F. Amidon announced today that sentence would be passed on December 22.

Explains Court's Delay.

This pathetic feature of the former banker's case was brought to light this morning in explanation of the court's delay in sentencing the younger brother. The people of Fargo and the people of the northwest wondered the reason why. In Casselton it was whispered from mouth to mouth that the stork was hovering near. The little child may not know the father for five or seven years. Just how long she will be without her "daddy" depends upon the judge. But the father will carry on his trip a vivid picture of his child. It will last until the banker is discharged or until the little child is old enough to visit the prison.

May Go Into Bankruptcy.

The Kittel brothers, it was announced today, shortly will go into bankruptcy, papers to this effect having been prepared.

WOULD ALLOW TRADE TRUSTS IN EXPORTS

Washington, Dec. 2.—Legislation to permit exporters to combine to obtain export trade is urgently recommended by the Federal Trade commission in an exhaustive annual report of the federal trade situation. The report says this would greatly benefit manufacturers. Investigation covering months carried on by the aid of United States consuls was world wide in its scope. Other nations have marked advantage in foreign trade and superior facilities, owing to effective organizations.

Legal restrictions prevent Americans from developing an equally effective organization for overseas business. The trade of American manufacturers and producers suffer.

NO HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE CHIEF OF BUREAU WIRES CREW

There is no hoof and mouth disease epidemic, A. D. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal husbandry, wires Dr. W. F. Crewe from Washington, D. C. The secretary of the North Dakota live stock sanitary board today received the following message from Melvin:

"Present indications are strong that the disease is infectious stomatitis of horses, which has extended to cattle, and not foot and mouth disease. The department has issued no quarantine, although local authorities have quarantined locally. The department probably will issue an announcement tomorrow."

None in North Dakota.

"There has been no outbreak of the epidemic in North Dakota to date," said Dr. Crewe this afternoon. "Cases have been reported near Pierre. In range stock stomatitis is hard to handle, but it yields to treatment, and is not dangerous."

MAY LOCATE IN BISMARCK.

H. B. Thyson, formerly in the banking business at Kintyre, N. D., who recently disposed of his interests in that village, is pending the week in Bismarck "lookin' around." Thyson stated Wednesday evening that he is looking with favor upon Bismarck as a point at which to locate.

LLOYD GEORGE PACKING UP TO LEAVE OFFICE

Evening News of London Prints Startling Rumors of General Shake-up

RUMANIAN LINE BROKEN SOUTH OF PIETSI

Defenders of Bucharest Are Being Slowly Driven Back by Teutonic Pressure

TODAY'S WAR MOVES.

IN RUMANIA — Petrograd claims the repulse of the Teutonic army advancing toward Bucharest from the south. It is admitted that the defenders to the west of the capital have been forced back to the Argos river. Berlin reports continued advance on all sides with a big battle progressing south of Bucharest. The rout of the first Rumanian army is claimed, with big losses in prisoners and supplies. Along the front of the Russian offensive in Transylvania, the Teutons report progress. On this same front Vienna reports bloody fighting and the repulse of the enemy in Dobrudja. Petrograd claims the capture of the western part of the Cernavoda bridge and the forcing back of the Teutonic lines elsewhere along this front.

IN WEST — The British and French front in the west without incident of importance. General Haig reported only minor trench raids and artillery fighting.

MACEDONIAN FRONT — Paris recounted Serbian repulse of violent enemy attacks. Berlin claimed attempted advance by allied forces under General Sarraill without success.

GREECE — Contradictory dispatches as to whether Greece has acquiesced in Allies' demands for surrender of arms. London special dispatch states an armistice has been declared, whereby Greece partially agreed to the disarmament and another that the armistice terminated and violent fighting was in progress about the city.

London, Dec. 2.—The London Evening News prints that Lloyd-George, war secretary, is packing up his belongings, preparatory to leaving office. Several of the London newspapers assert that the coalition cabinet faces a crisis and likely dissolution. The newspapers say that the cabinet is too cumbersome to expedite plans for the conduct of the war. Only recently these same newspapers opposed Asquith.

Berlin dispatches state that the fighting between the Teutonic and the Russian and Rumanian forces in the Carpathians along the Transylvania line is still progressing with heavy enemy losses. On Mackensen's front a big battle developed.

Line is Broken.

The first Rumanian line south of Pietisi was broken through and defeated. Since yesterday the Germans took 51 officers and 6,115 men prisoners of all ranks. Forty-nine cannon and 100 ammunition carts and 100 military vehicles were captured.

Petrograd Admits Defeat.

Petrograd dispatches admitted that the Rumanians defending Bucharest were pushed back by the German attacks to the River Argos. In the Dobrudja region the enemy was compelled to retire from several heights. On the west front there are only artillery duels. The Teutons exploded several Italian ammunition depots in the vicinity of Gorizia.

The Entente allied troops' advance near Monastir, was repulsed today. The strong Dobrudja attacks also failed.

Petrograd, Dec. 2.—Violent combats are marking the progress of the Russian offensive in the wooded Carpathians and along the Transylvania frontier. The battle for domination of the Kirababa heights is continuing.

WELSH MINERS GET INCREASE

London, Dec. 2.—The government has granted the demands of the South Wales miners for a 15 per cent increase in wages. The mines are controlled by a government commission.

GERMAN PAPERS ARE JUBILANT

London, Dec. 2.—The changes in the British admiralty have been greeted with jubilation by the German newspapers, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuters. The Cologne Lokal Anzeiger declares that Admiral Jellicoe's removal from the fleet is degradation for losing the battle of Jutland and that the line clency of the fleet is shown by the fact that German ships attacked the east coast of England and never saw anything of British ships.

