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BRILLIANT CAREER CUT SHORT

The untimely death which took First Assistant Attorney General Daniel V. Brennan in a St. Paul hospital early this morning cut short a brilliant career and deprived North Dakota of a clean, manly, likable public servant.

Personally, Dan Brennan counted his friends by the hundreds. He came to North Dakota when but a boy and grew up in this state.

The Tribune extends to the sorrowing family that sympathy which every citizen of North Dakota feels today on the receipt of this sad and unexpected news from St. Paul.

FOOLED TO THE FINISH

Berlin puts on her finest clothes, rings her gladsome bells, and celebrates. The kaiser congratulates his people on what his armies have done, and makes his eldest son chief of a regiment of the Grenadier Guard, or something else equally as good.

There was no great German victory on the west front. There was a great advance, only. But, let the people of Germany rejoice and be glad before the awful lists of German dead and maimed come in.

Nothing had transpired to more strongly justify the hopes of peace. Every freshly slain Briton, or Frenchman, or American was another bar to peace. Scores of thousands of new-made corpses make an insurmountable wall against any sort of peace forced by Germany.

Let Berlin celebrate, thoroughly, her very best! The spirit and purpose of the allies are changing. When her dead boys are laid in her arms, that their cold, bruised faces may be washed by her tears, even Columbia's vision may change.

Celebrate, while ye may, Berlin! Decorate, while ye can, kaiser! But your dead and our dead are not for peace!

THREE CHEERS FOR WISCONSIN

One may be excused a temptation to break out in cheers as he scans the news from Wisconsin. "Wisconsin Votes Loyal Four to One," read the head-lines this morning.

Berger, the pro-German, soapbox agitator of a type all too familiar in North Dakota, received less than 25 per cent of all the votes cast.

Let us hope that the returns from Wisconsin are prophetic of what we may expect from other states. In Minnesota and in North Dakota are issues practically identical.

It is to be sincerely hoped that Attorney General Langer is correct in his belief that the bungling majority in the house will cause the North Dakota farmer no further inconvenience in negotiating loans with the St. Paul land bank.

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a mystery. The dangers attendant upon this clause were sufficiently impressed upon the leaders by Sen. H. P. Jacobsen of Mott. The honorable gentleman from Hettinger spent 20 hours' solid argument in an effort to convince fellow members of the conference committee when the seed and feed bonding bill was under consideration, and yet the league majority in the house would not listen to the passage of the bill without this clause attached.

THE SULTAN'S FRIEND BILL

German autocracy threatens to give Prince Lichnowsky, former German ambassador at London, a warm spanking. Swedish newspapers are publishing extracts from Lichnowsky's memoranda, written just before outbreak of the war.

German autocrats think that it will not please their beloved ally, the sultan of Turkey, to learn that his territory was about to be carved up in the interest of his "Christian Dog" brother, the kaiser. Lichnowsky seems to be the legitimate goat.

America is not in this war for pride's sake. It is not fighting for fame nor prestige to American arms. It is fighting the battle of the world, and if the American troops can best be used as sub-merged units of the allied forces, so let it be.

"Over There!" is well enough, but we'll set up the drinks that cheer to the American composer who produces the right song entitled "Get Over There!"

"The higher you climb," announces Karl Lemmerman of the National Refining Co., "the more people will see you." We're not as certain about that.

WITH THE EDITORS

FOCH VERSUS LUDENDORF. Foch against Ludendorf. Grant against Lee. Wellington against Napoleon. Villars against Marlborough.

If the report be true that General Foch is placed in command of all the allied forces in France and Belgium, it is the best news from the war that we have heard this year.

The exigencies of the tremendous crisis have overcome oppositions of prejudice and the like. We hope that the Italian armies are also subordinated to Foch.

Joffre, as long ago as 1914, described Foch as "the ablest strategist in Europe and the humblest." Foch saved the French center at the battle of the Marne, routing the Prussian Guard in the marshes of Ste. Gond and forcing the whole German line to sudden retirement.

Now fate selects this general of the Napoleonic traditions to direct the allied armies at the moment in which the war of maneuver seems confirmed, and that of position has ceased. And in war of maneuver Foch excels. He is a past master in the art of perceiving the amount and of directing the reserve mass into the critical place.

The appointment of Foch signifies that the war of movement is established. He will employ his genius to take full advantage of the fact. He will endeavor to keep the war of movement going, to prevent a relapse into a war of position.

In the possibility of so keeping it lies the only hope of a military decision. As long as the war remains one of maneuver, with Foch in supreme command, there is prospect of a culminating victory to terminate the German invasion anyhow, and perhaps to bring an acceptable peace.

On the other hand, Foch is confronted by the brains most masterly in all Europe in the manner of detail and of conception. That Ludendorf is visited by flashes, as is Foch, may be doubted, but that in patience of preparation, in exhaustion of resources, in preparation for all eventualities, Ludendorf excels anybody in Europe, has been established as fact.

It promises to be one of those historic duels that has punctuated history. It doesn't always happen that supreme military ability encounters its equal. When it does so happen, the Olympians must cease their celestial occupations to watch the terrestrial event.

HOUSECLEANING TIME



"WE'RE ALL ONE FOR UNCLE SAM, AND WE DON'T CARE WHERE WE'RE GOING," WRITES FORMER G. P. CLERK

When they say it: "Eat 'em up!" "Gee, you're lucky." "We're in for a real game, and Fritz will know it before we're thru. For there is no quitting, whether it takes one, two or twenty years. We are all one for Uncle Sam."

NORTHERN PACIFIC EXPERTS TO TELL NEED OF COAL CONSERVING

Just what the coal shortage means to America and to America's success in the great war will be explained to capital city folk by expert engineers who know whereof they speak the evening of April 16, when the Northern Pacific's fuel conservation car, which has attracted much attention in Minnesota, will pay its first visit to the North Dakota capital.

Charles J. Moos of St. Paul, industrial agent for the Northern Pacific, was in Bismarck on Tuesday making arrangements for the coal conservation meeting here, which will be held in co-operation with Capt. I. P. Baker, federal fuel administrator for North Dakota, who will be asked to preside.

Wasteful Methods Tabooed. "The possibilities of developing economy in coal conservation lie in the fact that coal can be burned so many different ways, most of which are wasteful. Bituminous coal contains a 50 percent heating quality of gas. Ten million tons of this kind of coal are burned annually in the district supplied by the Duluth docks.

War Changes Fuel Situation. "The opening of the war, England, Belgium and France produced more coal than they needed," declared Daly. "Soon after the war started Germany took over the coal fields of Belgium and five-sixths of those of France. She has them yet. That accounts for the fuel situation."

Correspondence

KINTYRE. Last Tuesday evening about 250 people living in Kintyre and vicinity gave a rousing farewell party for the men who were called to report in March. The boys who were present at the party are John Mohr, Thurston Nikkols, Lines Person, Ben H. Fredricks, Oscar Hanson and Orley Lane. Peter Alberts also was expected but did not come.

BIG RANCH NOW BROKEN UP IN SMALLER FARMS

Every Acre of Famous Elk Valley Property in Tenants' Hands This Year

Larimore, N. D., April 3.—For the first time since its organization, the association known as the Elk Valley Farming Co. is not operating part of the famous "Elk Valley" farm. This company, organized in 1881 by N. G. and John W. Larimore, Thomas and John N. Booth, all grain commission merchants and capitalists of St. Louis, Mo., made Col. O. M. Townner of St. Louis its first superintendent.

The original farm buildings, which consist of a residence, barn, blacksmith shop and a modern dormitory for the employes, have long formed the summer home of the Larimore family, who have given their name to this town.

NORTHERN PACIFIC EMPLOYEES PREPARING 25,000-ACRE GARDEN

Hundreds of Rail Workers Will Join in Movement to Combat the H. C. of L.

St. Paul, Minn., April 3.—Northern Pacific railroad employes are preparing to cultivate a 25,000-acre war garden. President J. M. Hannaforth having made the right of way tracts available to the drive to increase the nation's food production.

Last year 500 employes cultivated tracts and of these 90 per cent have renewed their permits. Officials estimated that fully 1,000 war gardens will be tilled by Northern Pacific employes this year.

The railway war garden last year produced 11,887 bushels of potatoes, 246 bushels of beans, 123 bushels of carrots, 101 bushels of beets, 167 bushels corn, 1,022 bushels of miscellaneous vegetables, 5,086 heads of cabbage, 1,571 squash and pumpkins, 516 dozen ears of sweet corn and 30 tons of hay.

PRIVATELY OWNED STORES BANK WITH COOPERATIVE PLAN

Division of Research Finds Mere Fact of Cooperation No Success Guaranty

Minneapolis, Minn., April 2.—Privately owned stores bank virtually on a par with co-operative establishments in the opinion of E. Dana Durand and Frank Robotka, of the division of research in agricultural, economic of the University of Minnesota, who have issued a bulletin on the subject after an extensive investigation.

During February, knitted articles and garments valued at \$398,532.16 passed through local headquarters for inspection and re-shipment to camps in America and at the front. Surgical dressings and bandages valued at \$2,411.45 also passed through this office.

On March 1, the Northern division, which includes Minnesota, Montana and North Dakota and South Dakota, had a membership of 850,000 patrons.

SEEDING WELL UNDER WAY IN SOUTHWESTERN PART OF GOPHERDOM

Minneapolis, Minn., April 3.—Professor C. P. Bull of the University of Minnesota department of agriculture, secretary of the state food committee, who is in constant touch with the farmers in all sections of the state has announced that seeding is well under way throughout southwestern and west central Minnesota, and that reports received from 400 representative farmers in that district disclose the facts that there is an increase from 18 to 20 per cent in the wheat acreage over that of last year.

All reports received from sections of the state where seeding has begun indicate that the wheat acreage this season will at least be as great as that of last year, and those districts which show an increase in the acreage planted will mean a net gain over last year's crop.

"In many counties throughout the state seeding is general," Mr. Bull said. "The seeding is much earlier than usual, the time for planting in this state being about April 10. However, there is no danger of a setback to wheat sown this early even if the weather should come on cold for a time."

"Fall plowing seems to have been done extensively, and for that reason the farmers are completing their planting quickly. There is a promise of an increased wheat acreage this year. Reports from 400 representative farmers in the districts where seeding has been general mostly in sixteen counties in Western and Southwestern Minnesota disclose an increase of from 18 to 20 per cent. These figures do not justify a sweeping conclusion for the whole state, but they are suggestive."

FRASER HOME; DRAFTED MEN REACH CAMP DODGE

Adjutant General G. Angus Fraser has returned from Fargo, whither he accompanied the Slope delegation of select servicemen en route to Camp Dodge. The movement of 2,166 North Dakota draftees completing the state's first draft call, was completed today without mishap.

COUNTY BOARD WILL GO INTO HIGHWAY MATTERS

The county board of commissioners, which began its April meeting this afternoon, will go thoroughly into the question of road work for Burleigh county this summer. The board during the past year has expended large amounts in road work. The highways generally are in fair condition, and the board may, as a measure of economy, decide to do nothing more than necessary repair work this year.