

AIRPLANE NEARING IRELAND

WE ARE COMING HOME TO FIGHT WHAT YOUR ADMINISTRATION HAS STOOD FOR, WRITES DAKOTA YANK

Governor Frazier's Letter of Greeting to Flickertail Soldiers in France Elicits Fiery Reply From Fighting Man Whose Letter Is Published in Overseas Camp Dodger—Asks Chief Executive What He and Townleyism Did to Win the War and Fighting the Scrap.

Under a three column heading, "Fiery Criticism Hurlled at North Dakota's Unrestrained Bolshevism by 88th Officer in Reply to Governor's Letter," the Overseas Camp Dodger in a recent issue carries the following letter from Lieut. Charles A. Dawson of the 350th Infantry, in reply to Governor Frazier's recent letter of greeting to the men of North Dakota, published in the Overseas Camp Dodger, a soldier's letter which, by the way, Governor Frazier has not given to the Townley press for publication:

"From a rhetorical standpoint, Mr. Frazier, your letter is not badly written and should be a source of more or less inspiration were it the utterings of a man whom we knew to be heart and soul with us. They stand before us to be read, not as a greeting should be read, not as a letter of appreciation to enthrone us, but as a series of unfat assertions, a few paragraphs of flattery intended to engender a kindly feeling toward your socialist regime.

"We well remember your attitude towards 'Uncle Sam's Army' when we were training as rookies at Camp Dodge. We shall never forget the feeling that chilled our blood when we read how you permitted, yes, and protected, seditious speakers to operate throughout our state and preach 'communism' while North Dakota Americans were giving their time and efforts at Camp Dodge and of course were doing in agony which only the battlefields of France have witnessed that such floundering might be forever suppressed. Were you 'safeguarding and protecting our interests' then?

"Yes, the fighting is done, but what of the government of North Dakota do you help finish it? In what ways have your administration indicated a backing to the North Dakota men at the front worthy of the patriotic spirit for which they were ready to sacrifice life and limb? How did the Nonpartisans and the federal government in the promotion of its war program? By voting against it, by constant criticism, by permitting sedition. Is that the 'cooperation' you speak of? We in uniform resent it bitterly—why shouldn't we, Mr. Governor? Furthermore, we have not forgotten nor can a letter such as you have written make us forget.



"WE ARE COMING HOME TO FIGHT"

"There is a natural tendency every here for men of the same state to hang together and boost their state. I have yet to find a North Dakota soldier who does not curse the gang of men who are loose in the state at present. Men from other states chide us about our government. They call us 'The Bolsheviks,' 'I. W. W.'s,' etc. We are proud of our state, but we despise that clique of men, consumed by jealousy and stimulated with malicious intent, who have come into power. We want a government representative of American ideals, one that can administer justice without prejudice, one that is strictly responsible to the people for its actions, one with loyalty enough to uphold the fundamental principle of the federal constitution—the sovereignty of the people and not a group of errant schemers. North Dakota wants a government that has courage enough to prevent 'hippies' from degenerating into license, one that is conspicuous for stability, firm and vigorous, one that sets an example in maintaining contentment and promoting prosperity among its people as a whole.

"North Dakota should be so governed that her star will shine brightest in the nation's flag, and, what is more, Mr. Governor, we are coming home to fight that these ideals may not be completely destroyed by the present administration."

A LETTER FROM OVER HERE.
To the Editor of Courier-News:
To the Editor: I am a homesteader, living 12 miles northeast of town. I am not a Nonpartisan, but had intended to become one. But if I read any more editorials like the one in the second column endorsing bolshevism of date about May 6, and the first editorial of the same paper boomer Governor Frazier for president, I think I'll wait awhile and see how many nuts there seem to be at the head.
That's a hell of an editorial for the leading newspaper to spread broadcast over the United States and no wonder in most of the country we are linked with the I. W. W. and worse elements. That editorial doesn't represent the farm element in this section by one hell of a long ways. That writer better read the Saturday Evening Post anyway, if he is too busy to read anything else, and learn a few facts, not theories.
J. S. FAIRBANKS, Mercer, N. D.

The Governor's Letter.
The governor's letter of greeting which very apparently did not in one instance at least reach its objective, was as follows:
"To the North Dakota soldiers:
"It is a pleasure to send a message of greeting to the boys of our state in Uncle Sam's army. The fighting is done, and you are naturally eager to get back home, which feeling is shared by your loved ones here, as evidenced by the many anxious inquiries that come to my attention. We will hope that the day is not far distant when all of you will once more be breathing the pure, free air of the United States.
"In the meantime, be assured that we are taking steps to safeguard and advance your interests. It is the aim of the North Dakota legislature, now in session, to do something of real and lasting benefit for the boys who have so nobly defended humanity's cause.
"Under the provisions of a bill now under consideration and which will undoubtedly pass, every soldier will receive from the state \$25 a month for the time he has spent in the service—this sum to be used as the initial payment on a home under the easy (Continued on Page Three.)

FLASHER MEN TAKE OVER STATE BANK
Flasher, N. D., May 19.—An organization of Flasher business men headed by Joseph J. Tavis has purchased the interests of H. R. Lyon, L. A. Tavis, Joseph P. Hess, B. W. Stephenson and A. Timmerman in the Flasher State Bank, which since its organization nine years ago by this group of Manhattan financiers has developed into one of the strong institutions of Morton county. Joseph J. Tavis, who heads the new organization, formerly was cashier of the First State bank of Raleigh and for the last two years has been cashier of the Flasher bank.

TO RECALL TROOPS.
Archangel (Sunday), May 18.—Arrangements are under way to begin the transportation to England of the 339th American Infantry within ten days.
NOT PRESENTED THIS WEEK.
Paris, May 19.—The impression prevailed today that the peace treaty with Austria would not be presented this week.

REPUBLICANS IN SADDLE AT EXTRA SESSION

Questions of Organization First to Come Up in Sixty-Sixth Congress

APPROPRIATIONS FIRST

Then Will Come Peace Treaty and Proposed League of Nations

Washington, May 19.—The reconstruction congress assembling in extraordinary session today marks the return to power of the Republicans and the loss of control by the Democrats. Organization of both senate and house by the new majority was today's principal business. The immediate work before the congress, the 66th of the American republic, is passage before July 1 of several regular and new appropriation bills which failed in the filibuster last March. After that will come consideration of the peace treaty, the covenant of the league of nations, prohibition, woman suffrage, federal control of railroads and many other important matters.

The Republicans today for the first time since 1911 had a majority in both branches of congress as a result of the congressional elections last November. In the house they have a margin of two score votes, but in the senate their majority is only two, leaving a question in a few of the sectional and factional differences. Promptly at noon today, the extraordinary session of congress got smoothly under way. With Republicans in majority in both branches, the leaders plunged into the work of organization.

In the house, the Republicans effected organization by electing the President Frederick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts, speaker over Champ Clark, of Missouri, by a majority of five votes. The Republicans took control of the senate, electing Senator Cummins, President pro tempore, and defeating Senator Key Pittman, of evada, democrat, by a record vote of 47 to 42.

Assembly of the new Congress was marked by the establishment of more precedent. It was the first time that Congress had convened with a President in Europe, and his opening message called for a foreign soil. The message was not to be sent to Congress until tomorrow, and it probably will make no reference to the peace treaty as Mr. Wilson expects to appear personally to present the peace treaty next month.

The session beginning today was expected to run virtually to the time for the regular December session, which will precede the 1920 presidential campaign. Congress organized itself today during the first hour of the session with the election of Representative Gillette as speaker of the house and Senator Cummins of Iowa as president pro tempore of the senate. Tomorrow the two houses meet jointly to hear President Wilson's message.

A flood of speeches on the league of nations and peace treaty is expected. The flood of bills designed to undo much of the Democrats' wartime legislation began today.

SON REPORTED DEAD; INSURANCE PAID; IS HOME
Joy Proves Too Much for Lehr
* War Mother, Who Faints When Soldier Returns
Lehr, N. D., May 19.—Mrs. John Reich fainted when her son, Private Jacob Halm, reported killed in action in France last November, and upon whose war insurance the government already had paid two allotments, walked in upon her, sound and whole and happy. Private Halm was wounded at the time his death in action was erroneously reported, and he spent several weeks in a hospital near the front. He was unable to write during this time, and, ignorant of the fact that his death had been reported, he neglected to write when he left the hospital.

ORDER REARGUMENT.
Washington, May 19.—The supreme court today ordered a reargument of the test proceedings involving the constitutionality of provisions of the income tax act of 1916, taxing stock dividends as incomes. Arguments will be heard next fall.
TO SPEND \$15,000,000 ON GOOD ROADS
Spokane, Wash., May 19.—Washington road building program for 1919 and 1920 has officially been estimated as involving an expenditure of between \$15,000,000 and \$18,000,000. One of the ambitions of state highway officials is to complete a road across the state to the Idaho line and to finish the Pacific highway and the inland Empire highway. The state highway commission is touring Washington.
REGULARS RELEASED.
Washington, May 19.—The fourth, fifth and regular divisions have been released for return to the United States. General Pershing notified the war department today. The 90th and 81st divisions also will embark that month.

THIS IS THE NEW FLOOR LEADER



FRANK W. MONDELL

UNION FORCES AT WINNIPEG STANDING PAT

Strike Lasts Five Days With Signs of Any Settlement

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

States City Will Take Matters Into Own Hands If Necessary

Winnipeg, Man., May 19.—Major Charles F. Gray of Winnipeg issued a proclamation today regarding the general strike of Winnipeg's union men, declaring law and order would be maintained at all costs. The statement said that if food supplies were not maintained action would be taken to meet the emergency. The proclamation was issued after restaurant proprietors closed their places of business because of the food tieup.

The fifth day of Winnipeg's general strike of 20,000 union men and women began today with every important element involved preparing to bring the situation to a focus within 48 hours.

There were three outstanding movements. One was to bring about a conference of business men, city officials and union leaders regarding a plan of arbitration. Citizens committees were recruiting volunteers to respond to any emergency calls issued by city officials in charge of law observance. Conferences were held with city officials and the railway trainmen's union regarding a strike which is possible by these men.

Prominent business men said this forenoon that they understood the union forces were preparing a new outline of their "minimum demand" which might be considered at any conference with representatives of Winnipeg's employers.

President Baker of the Brandon, Manitoba, trades council announced at union headquarters here that a general strike would be declared tomorrow at Brandon.

THREE DIE WHEN AUTOMOBILE IS STRUCK BY TRAIN
Sad Tragedy Reported From Ransom County—Well Known Men Are Victims
 Fargo, N. D., May 19.—Two men and a boy were killed and two boys were seriously injured when the north-bound passenger train on the Soo railway struck an automobile at McLeon, N. D., in the eastern part of Ransom county, at 7 o'clock Friday night, according to news reaching this city yesterday.

The dead are:
E. L. Vining, 45, farmer, Chaffee, N. D.
A. Nystul, 14-year-old son of George A. Nystul, farmer, McLeon, N. D.
V. E. Frum, 50, potato buyer, Valley City, N. D.
Two Seriously Injured.
A 16-year-old son of George Nystul and the 14-year-old son of E. L. Vining were seriously injured and are in the hospital at McLeon. Both will recover, it is believed.
The Vining boy was driving the car and started to cross the track at the McLeon crossing, a boxcar on the track blocking the sight of the coming train. The front wheels of the automobile were just clear of the track when the engine on the train crashed into the rear of the automobile, killing the three occupants of the back seat and injuring the two boys who were seated in front.
Mrs. Vining was farming three miles from Chaffee and is survived by six children. His wife died seven years ago. Mr. Frum was a potato buyer making his headquarters at Valley City and traveling in the southeastern part of the state purchasing potatoes, feed and hay. His wife was killed in an accident a year ago. The Nystul boys, one of whom was killed and the other injured, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Nystul, who live on a farm near McLeon.

GERMANY IN DEMONSTRATION AGAINST PACT

President Ebert Declares That Government Will Never Sign Treaty

ANTI-AMERICAN RIOTS

Rantzaun Returns to Versailles From a Conference at Spa on Peace Terms

Versailles, May 19.—Count von Brockdorff Rantzaun, head of the German peace mission, who left for Spa on Saturday night, returned this morning. He was accompanied by two other members of the delegation who had been in Berlin.

St. Germaine, May 19.—The exchange of credentials between representatives of the allied and associated powers and Austrian delegates took place at 3:30 this afternoon. The session lasted four minutes.

WILL NEVER SIGN.
Berlin (Sunday), May 18.—President Ebert in addressing a demonstration here today said that "Germany would never sign the peace terms."

President Ebert describes the peace terms as "the product of the enemy's revengful hysteria," and added, "foreign countries will not permit the prescription of Germany. They will raise their voices with us that this peace of enslavement, which we will not sign, may never come to pass."

CURSE ALLIES.
Paris, May 19.—Describing recent demonstrations before the Adlon hotel in Berlin a dispatch to the Temps says the crowd shouted:
"Down with France, England, America, Clemenceau, Foch and Wilson."

It says that the shouts against Wilson seemed to indicate that he is particularly reviled by the German populace.

FIGHT BOLSHIEVISTS' FLEET.
Helsingfors, May 19.—British warships engaged the Bolsheviki fleet in a 35-minute fight off the coast of Finland Sunday. The Bolsheviki fled after one of their vessels had been sunk.

RUSSIO WARS ON RUMANIA.
London (Sunday), May 18.—Owing to Rumania's disregard of the ultimatum from the Russian soviet government demanding an evacuation of Bessarabia, a state of war exists between Russia and Rumania, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow.

Bolsheviki troops have crossed the Dniester river in the Triapol district, where they have defeated the Rumanians and occupied Tchrutchi and Bender, the dispatch says.

CO. A BOY WAS HELD PRISONER IN GERMAN CAMP

Member of Bismarck Unit, Home From Overseas, Tells of Prussian Frightfulness

Napoleon, N. D., May 19.—Some first hand information of the indignities suffered by allied prisoners in German prison camps has been brought home to Logan county folk by Frank J. Last, former Napoleon photographer and school teacher, who went overseas with Co. A, the Bismarck unit of the Fighting First, and who was captured at Soissons, while serving as a dispatch runner, after he had been rendered helpless by a shrapnel wound. Last, with 21 other American prisoners, was sent to the German prison camp at Merseberg, where 10,000 allied soldiers were interned.

That was in July, 1918, and from that date until after the armistice was signed, November 11, when Red Cross packages were permitted to come through, the prisoners were forced to subsist on the thickest of food. Convinced that seeing is believing, Private Last managed to smuggle home with him a loaf of the bread of which they were allowed 150 grams a day. It is composed of sawdust, mangle, potatoes and rye flour. For a change the prisoners were given soup made of grass.

Private Last saw prisoners beaten to death before their comrades; he saw men jabbed with bayonets and clubbed with gun butts on the slightest provocation. "The Germans as a rule inflicted more savage treatment upon men who were of German descent or German speaking than upon the others," says Private Last. As the Logan county soldier speaks the German patois current in this vicinity, he was at first subjected to many hardships and petty tortures. The prisoners were released from Merseberg on December 25.

CREW OF NC-1 RESCUED AFTER BEING TOSSED FIVE HOURS ON SEA IN DAMAGED PLANE

This Machine Definitely Out of Race—NC-4 Will Proceed to Lisbon and Plymouth, According to Original Schedule

London, May 19.—The manager of the Sopwith Airplane company, received a report at 5 o'clock this afternoon that Aviator Hawker was 150 miles off Ireland at 4 p. m. today.

The air ministry announced shortly after 5 o'clock that it had no confirmation of the report that Hawker was off Ireland at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

NO TRACE
No trace of the missing seaplane NC-3 and her crew of five men has been found by searching navy vessels around the Azores, the navy department was advised in dispatches received about noon today from Ponta Gelgada. The messages said the NC-1 was definitely out of the race because of damage, and the NC-4 would proceed to Lisbon and Plymouth, it being impracticable to use her in the search for the NC-3.

CREW RESCUED
Horta, May 19.—The crew of the NC-1 was picked up by the steamer, Ionia, Saturday afternoon, after they had been tossed about in the water for five hours in their damaged plane. All the members were fatigued and suffering from seasickness when picked up. The plane is almost a total wreck.

ANXIETY IN WASHINGTON
Washington, May 19.—Altho it was said it was possible that London might get the news first, the naval department today had not been officially informed of the rescue of the crew of the NC-3 as told in a dispatch from London this morning. It was said, however, that interrupted cable service between the Azores and the United States might result in the report reaching London first.

No news of the NC-3, missing since early Saturday morning, when Commander Powers reported the plane was 100 miles off her course, has been received at the navy department. Owing to bed weather and sea conditions that would have made it very difficult for the plane to live on the ocean surface, even had it made a safe landing, uneasiness of the naval officers for the safety of the crew had increased over night. The more than a score of naval vessels which have been sweeping the sea since a short time after the wrecking of the NC-1 by the wind and waves was pointed to as indicative of the difficulties which the fliers face. Hopes of rescuing Commander Powers and his crew have not been forgotten, and efforts to find them were renewed today. The NC-4 is expected to resume its flight from Horta today. The machine is said to be in excellent condition, and the confidence of its crew has not been shaken by the misfortunes of their associates.

OFF IRELAND
Harry G. Hawker, in his airplane, has been sighted off Ireland, according to an unofficial report received by the American navy here. The Sopwith Airplane Co. has received a report that Hawker was 300 miles off the Irish coast at 3 a. m.

Naval and military lookouts on the western coast of Ireland reported at 2 this afternoon they had seen no sign of Hawker. London, anxiously awaited news of the aviator, but up to 4 o'clock there was no official confirmation of the report that he had been sighted off the coast of Ireland.

RESCUES CREW
A shop this afternoon was showing a chart purporting to give Hawker's position at 4:30 p. m. There was no confirmation of this report.

American naval authorities here have received an unofficial report that the crew of the NC-3 has been rescued by the American warship, Columbia.

PROCEEDS UNDER OWN POWER.
Washington, D. C., May 19.—The NC-3, lost in the mid-Atlantic since midnight Saturday morning, was reported to the war department to be proceeding to port under her own power.
"The NC-3 located seven miles north of Ponta Del Gada under its own power," read the message from Admiral Jackson, filed at 12:10 p. m. Washington time, and while it made no mention of the crew, naval officials were confident that Commander Powers and his crew were safe. Details of the experiences of the men during the 48 hours they spent lost in the fog and storm are expected within a few hours after they reached Ponta Del Gada. Communications received here were taken to mean that after Commander Powers was forced to alight, he was blown northward and eastward until he was enabled to "taxi" his plane to land.

READY FOR DEPARTURE.
Horta, May 18.—The NC-4 was tuning up this afternoon preparatory for its flight to Ponta Del Gada.

ASHLEY LEADER DIES UNDER SOO PASSENGER TRAIN
Mystery Surrounds Killing of Fred Bodman, While En Route to Capital City
Ashley, N. D., May 19.—Fred Bodman, Standard Oil agent and cream buyer at this point, was found dead beside the Soo line tracks, a short distance from the station here, three hours after the departure of the train for Bismarck, which he had boarded in company with Mr. Wishek. The from the trunk it is presumed that, unnoticed, Mr. Bodman fell between the cars as he was walking from one coach to another. He was one of Ashley's most known business men, prominent in all civic affairs, and his death is a blow to the community.

CAPTURE 10,000 PRISONERS.
London, May 19.—General Denakine, who is personally conducting the operations of his anti-Bolsheviki army against the city of Tzaritsin, on the Volga, announces the capture of 10,000 prisoners and 28 guns from the Bolsheviki.

DISMISSES SUIT
Passing only on the constitutional questions presented, Judge W. L. Nuesse this afternoon ruled that the statutes of 1911, defining additional qualifications for the state superintendent of public instruction were unconstitutional, and he dismissed the quo warranto proceedings brought by Nell C. Macdonald under these statutes to test the qualifications of Miss Minnie J. Nielson, his successor in the office of state superintendent.

Evidence proving that Nell C. Macdonald's efforts to injure Miss Minnie J. Nielson of Valley City, whom he would now oust from the office of state superintendent of public instruction, from which Miss Nielson, with the aid of a more than 8,000 popular majority and a writ of the supreme court of North Dakota ejected him January 1, extend back over a long period of years was introduced in the Burleigh county district court this morning when Assistant Attorney General E. B. Cox had Macdonald, complainant in quo warranto proceedings instituted against Miss Nielson, under cross examination.

Attorney Cox read into the record a letter which former State Superintendent of Public Instruction E. J. Taylor wrote N. C. Macdonald when the latter was state inspector of rural and graded schools, in which Taylor advised Macdonald that Miss Nielson, then superintendent of Barnes county school, held a first class life professional teachers' certificate issued to her by former Supt. J. M. Devine on September 2, 1902. "There are some persons," wrote Supt. Taylor, "who hold that you are not friendly to Miss Nielson. I entertain the highest regard for Miss Nielson and her ability as an educator, and she has been very loyal to this department." Mr. Taylor suggested that Macdonald retire his personal peevish, petty jealousies and personal grudges.

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