

CAPITAL CITY IN GOOD HANDS; FIRE BUG TAKES REST

Flame Fighters From All Parts of North Dakota Take Bismarck in Charge

GRAND FORKS SEEMS NEXT Metropolis of Northern Red River Valley Wants 1920 Convention—Notes

BIG PARADE TOMORROW At 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the North Dakota Firemen's association will hold its annual parade.

The capital city is in safe-keeping today. All of the firebugs took to the tail timber early Monday afternoon.

Opening Session. The auditorium parquet was filled at 10 this morning when the initial session of the 36th annual convention of the North Dakota Firemen's association opened.

Firemen Are All Boosters. The firemen, without exception, are boosters for their home town.

Michigan Has Record. Among the foremost of these hometown boosters is Chief Robert Milligan of the Michigan fire department.

And there's "Old Monte" Monteth, beloved president emeritus of the North Dakota Press association.

KING OF HUNS' U-BOAT DRIVE PASSES AWAY

Von Holtzendorff, The Young Man, Had Made Himself Terror of the Seas

Berlin, Monday, June 9.—The death was announced today of Admiral von Holtzendorff, head of the German general naval staff during the greater part of the war.

Admiral Henning von Holtzendorff played an important part in the development of the German navy, prior to the war.

LIQUID ASSETS OF GERMANY TO BE TAKEN OVER

Resources to Value of 25,000,000,000 Francs Will Be Seized at Once

TO SIGN BEFORE JULY 1

Marcel Houtin Makes Prediction in Echo de Paris—May Down Scheidemann

Paris, June 10.—The plan of reparation now proposed in the council of four, according to Marcel Houtin of the Echo de Paris, consists first of seizing German liquid assets to the value of 25 billion francs.

The signing of the peace treaty by Germany before July 1 and its ratification by the various parliaments before August 1, is predicted today by the Echo de Paris.

The council of four met today in an atmosphere of considerable pessimism with the larger peace questions with Germany still unsolved.

1,236,000,000 BUSHELS OF 1919 WHEAT FORECAST

Winter Crop Expected to Be Biggest in History—Spring Variety Goes 343,000,000

Washington, D. C., June 9.—A wheat production of 1,236,000,000 bushels this year, combining the winter wheat and the spring crop, was forecast today by the department of agriculture from the condition of wheat June 1.

Spring wheat is forecast at 343,000,000, compared with last year's production of 359,000,000 bushels, which was a record crop.

60,000 NOBLES OF SHRINE ARE IN HOOSIERDOM

Indianapolis, June 10.—With approximately 60,000 visitors in the city and several thousand more to arrive during the day and the night, Indianapolis has been turned over to the nomads of the desert.

GREAT BRITISH DIRIGIBLE MAY FLY BACK AGAIN

New York, June 10.—The mammoth British dirigible R34, assigned to be a flight from England to the United States, by way of Newfoundland, about July 20, probably will begin a return voyage if the first flight is successful.

RETAILERS OPEN BIGGEST MEETING IN THEIR CAREER

Expected That at Least 500 Delegates Will Attend Great Gathering at Mandan

GREETINGS FROM GOPHERS Secretary Peterson of Minnesota Association Brings Good Wishes—Fine Program

WEDNESDAY'S PROGRAM Wednesday, June 11, 1919. 9:30 a. m.—Question Box—Oscar Schulze.

11:00 a. m.—Address—W. D. Clark, Valley City, North Dakota Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Subject, "Why the Retail Merchant Should Fully Understand the Importance of Fire Insurance."

11:30 a. m.—Address—J. C. Stickney, treasurer, subject, "How New Rockford Went on a Cash Basis and the Results."

1:45 p. m.—Address—J. J. Ryan, secretary National Association, subject, "What the National Association Has Done for Merchandising During the War."

2:30 p. m.—Address—Bentley P. Neff, vice president, F. R. Patrick Co., Duluth, Minn. Subject, "What the Jobbers and Manufacturers are Doing to Assist the Retailers to Become Better Merchants."

3:00 p. m.—Address—Louis Knudson, merchant, Kenmare, N. D. Subject, "How I Built a Successful Retail Business in Kenmare."

3:30 p. m.—Address—E. B. Moon, Chicago, subject, "Building a Successful Retail Merchandising Business in a Small Country Town."

4:30 p. m.—Address—L. B. Hanna, subject, "Red Cross Work in France."

5:30 p. m.—Adjournment. Ladies' Entertainment. Ladies will be entertained at the Country Club from 2:30 until 5:30 p. m.

8:00 p. m.—Banquet—Lewis & Clark Hotel. Frank X. Gravel, sales manager, Stone-Ordean-Wells Co., toastmaster.

Song, Norman Black, assisted by E. A. Montgomery, George Humphreys, Henry Halvorson. 9:30 p. m.—Dance, Elks' Hall.

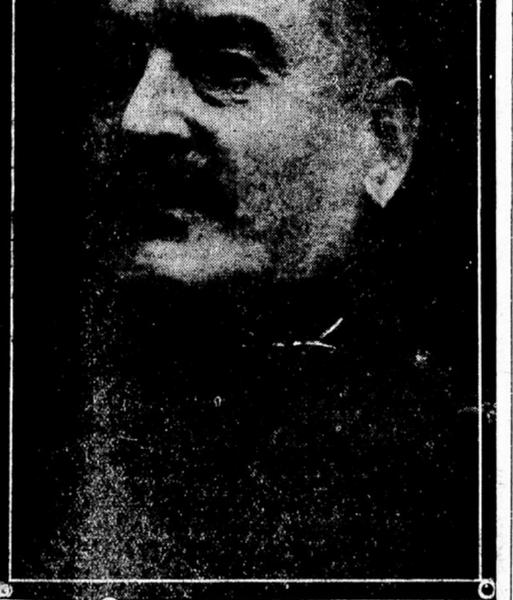
Mandan, N. D., June 10.—Announcement by officers of the North Dakota Retail Merchants' association that "the chain store subject will be discussed from every angle, lends a particular interest to the 21st annual convention of the organization, which opens in Mandan today."

In time," says the foreword of merchants' association referring to the chain stores "they will receive the same treatment the mail order house does, unless the quality of their goods are up to standard, in food stuff, particularly."

COL. FRANK WHITE, TWICE GOVERNOR AND TWICE COMMANDER OF DAKOTA'S TROOPS IN FOREIGN WARS, IS HOME

Colonel Frank White of Valley City arrived in New York on June 6, on the Italian steamer Duca d'Aosta after having seen thirteen months of overseas service with the American forces.

When the United States declared war on Germany, Frank White was commissioned colonel of the "Smashing" Second North Dakota, volunteer infantry, and upon his arrival at Camp



COL. FRANK WHITE OF VALLEY CITY Popular North Dakota Statesman and Chief Executive Who Left Bismarck at Head of Smashing Second North Dakota

Charlotte, N. C., was placed in charge of the transportation department at Camp Hill, Newport News, and sailed for France in April, 1918.

Soon after he reached France the army organized a new branch of service, the department of rents, reclamation and claims, which had for its function the contracting with the French people, the billeting and renting of lands for camps, buildings, and cemeteries; and the settling of claims for damages to the lands and other property.

When he retired to private life in 1905 he promoted and organized the Midwest Fire Insurance Co., of which he became president, which position he held until 1912, when the insurance company moved its headquarters to Minneapolis.

He organized the Midwest Trust Co. of Valley City in 1914 and was elected president of that institution, which position he still holds. This institution has grown to be the largest trust company in North Dakota and has just recently built a modern banking home.

While Colonel Frank White has been in the service in France, Mrs. Frank White has devoted her time to the care of the sick and wounded soldiers that have returned to the ports of debarkation at Newport News and Hoboken and a present is the hostess in the North Dakota room in the Hall of States in New York city.

FINANCIERS SUBPOENAED IN TREATY PROBE

Washington, D. C., June 10.—In its investigation of the peace treaty, the Senate foreign relations committee, subpoenaed Jacob Schipp, Mr. Lamont, H. P. Davidson, Wall Thurgurg, J. P. Morgan, and Frank A. Vanderlip.

All of the financiers named, except Mr. Vanderlip, were called at the suggestion of Senator Borah of Idaho, who told the committee that he could suggest that each of the above named was familiar with the conditions of the peace treaty.

These men, Senator Borah said, would undoubtedly show where a copy of the treaty could be obtained. Senator Borah said he could not and did not intend to give the names of his informants that a copy of the treaty was in the hands of the New Yorkers.

ILLINOIS FIRST TO RATIFY U. S. SUFF AMENDMENT Springfield, Ill., June 10.—The Illinois legislature this morning adopted a resolution ratifying the federal suffrage amendment.

METHODIST DRIVE FOR \$100,000,000.00 PASSES ITS GOAL

Chicago, June 10.—The Methodist centenary campaign for \$100,000,000 passed its goal today. The total today was \$106,205,000, with six large subdivisions of the work yet to report their latest contributions.

SENATE READY TO OPPOSE PEACE PACT

Senator Knox Introduces Resolution to Voice Opposition to League

TO BE OFFICIAL NOTICE

Ratification of Treaty in Present Form Not Acceptable to Leaders

Washington, June 10.—A resolution to have the senate declare it could not concur in the league of nations provisions of the treaty as now drawn was introduced today by Senator Knox, Pennsylvania.

The resolution which is expected to bring to a more definite stage the fight being waged against the league of nations covenants asked that the covenants be separated from the peace treaty before submitting it for ratification by the congress.

The resolution was referred to the foreign relations committee. It was offered after a conference with Chairman Lodge, of the committee, and there were evidences that it would have the backing of most of those who have conducted the fight against the league.

PROBE TREATY LEAKS

Washington, June 10.—Telegrams requesting J. P. Morgan, Henry T. Davison, Thomas W. Lamont, Paul Warburg, and Frank A. Vanderlip, New York financiers, to appear before the senate foreign relations committee tomorrow were sent out today by direction of Chairman Lodge.

Instructions were given yesterday that subpoenas be issued for these witnesses before Chairman Lodge decided to summons them by telegraph regarding the formal delivery of the treaty by the senate sergent-at-arms.

Senator Borah, who forced the printing of the treaty yesterday, was understood to plan today to have the senate order the text printed as a public document, which would make it available for distribution.

APPROVAL OF SUFFRAGE BY WISCONSIN

Madison, June 10.—The suffrage amendment to the constitution has been ratified by both houses of the legislature. The vote was 52 to 2 in the house, and 23 to 1 in the senate.

AVERT STRIKE AT MADISON

Madison, Wis., June 10.—A general strike for Madison was temporarily averted last night when the strike committee voted unanimously not to call a strike until after the Dane Union association could honor the return of her soldiers on Thursday.

The sympathetic action is brought out by the fact that the machinists were given the option between a \$25,000 strike benefit fund or a general strike.

The general strike was favored by the machinists. Barbers voted to join the strike last night brought the total to 15 unions.

CAN'T SAY WHEN GERMANY IS TO RECEIVE REPLY

Peace Conference Framing Response But Date of Delivery Not Predicted

EASIER TERMS PREPARED Teutons Will Be Let in on League in Order to Prevent Other Alliances

(By The Associated Press) While the peace conference heads are devoting as much of their time as feasible to the framing of the reply to the German counter proposals, this work has not yet reached such a stage as to make possible the naming of a definite date for the presentation of the document to the German plenipotentiaries.

Making It Easier for Germany The main question which the councilors now are considering is the proposed change in the covenant of the league of nations, whereby the terms of Germany's admission would be made easier.

It is felt in some quarters that it would be easier to deal with Germany as a member of the league than if she remained outside.

The Turkish delegation, en route to France on a French warship, is to appear before the board merely in an advisory capacity, and its members will not be considered plenipotentiaries. There has not yet been any definite statement as to whether a treaty with Turkey will be negotiated.

An important political development in Germany today is the first convention of the national socialist party at Weimar since the recent change in administration which is expected to have an important effect on Germany's foreign relations and her internal affairs.

NORTH DAKOTANS ENLIST TO FIGHT THE BOLSHEVIKI

Two Enrolled at Local Recruiting Office for Siberian Service—Four to France

Captain P. J. Keegan, United States army, recruiting officer for the Dakota district, expressed himself as very well pleased with the showing that is being made by the local army recruiting station at Bismarck.

Captain Keegan visited the local station yesterday and accepted the following men: Leon J. Van Linder, Kalamazoo; Robert S. Frost, Seattle, Wash.; Forest W. Smith, Bismarck; Christian Walcker, Turtle Lake.

All these men enlisted for service in France. In addition to the above the following enlisted for service in Siberia: Ross R. Sherwood, Almont, N. D.; Leopold Schaffer, Bismarck.

BRAZILIAN PORT IS NEAR FAMINE THROUGH STRIKE

Buenos Ayres, Monday, June 9.—Dispatches received here from Rio Janeiro tell of a serious situation existing in the report of Bahai, Brazil, because of a general strike there. Bahai has been for three days without bread, milk and meat, and the telephone, telegraph and lighting systems have suspended. The Argentine consul general at Rio Janeiro telegraphs that the Brazilian government is taking strict measures to combat yellow fever near Bahai.

EMBARGO ON GOLD REMOVED

Washington, D. C., June 10.—The embargo against the exportation and importation of gold was removed today by President Wilson on recommendations of the Federal Reserve Board.

RAIL BOARD CUT \$450,000,000.00 ON ITS REQUEST

Washington, D. C., June 10.—Reductions of \$450,000,000 in the \$1,200,000,000 revolving fund asked for by the railway administration for the remainder of the calendar year was made today by the house appropriations committee.