

NORTH DAKOTA'S SOLONS TO EAT THANKSGIVING BIRD IN CAPITAL; SPECIAL SESSION NOVEMBER 25

Legislature Called to Convene in Extraordinary Assembly Two Days Prior to Thanksgiving—Governor Wants Solons to Ratify Equal Suffrage Amendment, Provide Aid for Farmers and Bolster Up Industrial Programme, Says His Proclamation.

North Dakota lawmakers will eat Thanksgiving turkey in Bismarck.

Tuesday, November 25, at noon, two days in advance of Thanksgiving, they will be convened in extra session at the capitol by proclamation of Governor Frazier, filed Wednesday evening with the secretary of state.

Governor Frazier's proclamation follows: "By virtue of the authority vested in the governor by the constitution and laws of the state of North Dakota, and in pursuance thereof, I herewith call the legislature to convene in extraordinary session at the capitol at Bismarck at 12 o'clock noon, November 25, 1919, to consider and act upon the following subjects of legislative business:

"First: The ratification of the woman's suffrage amendment to the federal constitution.

"Second: To provide aid for farmers of the drouth stricken districts.

"Third: To enact such further legislation as is deemed necessary to facilitate the carrying out of the state's industrial program."

Details which the governor does not mention probably will be:

The reorganization of the banking board, dropping Secretary of State Hall and Attorney General Langer from membership.

Reorganization of the industrial commission, dropping Langer from membership.

An amendment of the banking laws conferring greater powers on the state examiner, who is appointed by the governor, and transferring them from elected officials who are members of the banking board.

An act removing Langer, Kositzky and Hall from the state board of university and school lands, which controls North Dakota's \$75,000,000 permanent school endowment fund.

Acts curbing the powers of the attorney general, the state auditor and the secretary of state.

A reorganization of the state auditing board which will omit the secretary of state and state auditor from membership thereon.

The purpose of these measures is said to be to concentrate more authority in the hands of the governor and to make the present administration more responsive to his demands.

Impeachment Possible

In addition it is commonly reported that Hall, Langer and Kositzky, and possibly State Treasurer Olson, will be removed in one clean sweep if league leaders, after the legislature gets into action, are satisfied that they have sufficient strength to impeach.

WILL BE THIRD SESSION

The special session which Governor Frazier has called for November 25 will be the second in the three years of his administration, and the third in North Dakota's thirty years of statehood. The first extra session was held June 1 to 3, 1891, when the second assembly was convened to pass some laws relating to the election of presidential electors. From that date until 1918 North Dakota had no extraordinary assemblies. In 1918 Governor Frazier convened the fifteenth assembly in special session to amend the state seed and feed act and to pass certain war measures including an act creating the state council of defense. That session was comparatively brief and uneventful.

Under the North Dakota constitution the legislature is its own master after the governor has convened it. The lawmakers need not confine themselves to matters specified in the governor's proclamation calling upon them to assemble, nor need they limit the length of the session to any term which he may designate.

MANY INVESTIGATIONS

In the present instance independent members of the assembly already have declared their intention of demanding the appointment of committees to investigate the Bank of North Dakota, the operations of the mill and elevator act, the actions of the state banking board in connection with the recent closing of the Scandinavian-American bank, the activities of State Examiner O. E. Loftus in connection with this matter, and the stewardship of the state industrial commission which is in charge of all public enterprises, including the industrial program of the league.

There seems to be considerable doubt as to whether the league will attempt to carry out its threats of impeachment. Section 106 of the constitution provides that "The governor and other state and judicial officers . . . shall be liable to impeachment for habitual drunkenness, crimes, corrupt conduct, or malfeasance or misdemeanor in office, but judgment in such cases shall not extend further than removal from office and disqualification to hold any office of trust or profit under the state."

The league has made no charge of "habitual drunkenness, crimes, or corrupt conduct" against Hall, Langer, Olson and Kositzky. The only charge which could be brought with any show (Continued on Page Two.)

NO ELECTION IN WARD, FRAZIER INFORMS MINOT

Minot, N. D., Oct. 30.—Governor Lynn J. Frazier today informed a Minot committee that he would not call a special election in the 29th legislative district to select a member of the house of representatives to succeed O. N. Clevon, who died recently.

The Minot committee asked that the governor call an election insisting that the district was entitled to a full representation in the special session called for November 25. According to A. M. Thompson of Minot, selected by the committee to present the matter to the governor, the executive informed him that the calling of an election was optional with him and that he did not intend to call one.

LEADING COAL STRIKE FIGURES



President of the United Mine Workers of America, leader of the strikers.

DIRECT ATTACK ON PRESIDENT MADE BY MINERS

Indianapolis, Oct. 30.—A direct attack upon President Wilson's course in the coal strike situation as "the climax of a long series of attempted usurpations of legislative power," was made today by John L. Lewis, acting president and the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America. The attack came in a long telegram to Secretary of Labor Wilson replying to a message from him delivered to the conference yesterday of some four score officials and leaders of the union.

WEIRD TALES OF NEW CONSCIENCE IN N. P. LEAGUE

Satellites Spread Stories at Capitol of Recent House-Cleaning Within

BRINTON CANNED AGAIN

Popular Farce Repeated With Same Loud Applause—Have Hopes for Peterson

There are weird whisperings about the capitol of a "reorganization" within the ranks of the Nonpartisan league. It appears principally to have something to do with the re-examination of J. W. Brinton. Mr. Brinton, apparently, has the average housecleaner a mile in point of longevities, for he has gone through the same process at numerous other critical moments in the life of the league, and has always turned up smiling when the storm period subsided.

It is also said that there has been a realignment in Mr. Townley's advisers. The trouble, outsiders say, hasn't been with Mr. Townley, but with his advisers. So a new set of advisers has been supplied for Mr. Townley and the public is informed that "the league will now be stronger than ever, but more conservative." It is hardly probable that William Lemke, chief among President Townley's cabinet, and held by some leaguers to be greater than Townley himself, is among those dropped. It seems to settle down in the final analysis to another dropping of Brinton.

CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

League officeholders at the capitol are very confident of a Nonpartisan victory in the twenty-second district on November 25, when a senator is to be elected for the seat which will be vacant in the upper house on the opening of the special session called for the same day, through the recent death of Senator A. S. Gibbens. C. P. Peterson of Bisbee, a league floor leader in the house two years ago, is the league candidate, while D. J. Beisel of Cando is his independent opponent. Paul Higgins of Cando, the independents' original choice, was regarded a much stronger man, but because of a recent change in his residence it was thought best not to run him, for fear his seat would be contested if he were elected.

NO ELECTION IN WARD

Governor Frazier has continued to ignore the existence of a vacancy in the house delegation from Ward. O. N. Clevon, who became seriously ill shortly after his election last November, and who never was able to qualify for his seat, died a few weeks ago. Ward county last November returned a solid anti-league delegation, and Clevon was among those opposing representatives. The fact that a vacancy existed in Ward county was informally brought to the attention of the governor several weeks ago, when he first issued a call for a special election in Townier county. His reply then was that the auditor of Ward county had not officially certified the existence of a vacancy in that county's legislative delegation, and that until this was done the governor could take no formal cognizance of such a vacancy.

Chances are as good that an independent house member would be returned from Ward county as they are that Townier county will reverse its last November form and send to the senate a man whose services it neglected a year ago. A house member more or less is of not such supreme importance, however, as is a seat in the senate. In the house the league needs merely a simple majority to institute impeachment proceedings, which are regarded as one of the principle objects of the approaching special session. In the senate if the league is to go through with these proceedings, however, a clear two-thirds majority, or 32 votes, is required.

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President of the Coal Operators' Association, leader of the mine owners.



Secretary of labor, who has not lost hope of bringing miners and operators to a compromise.



President of the Illinois miners, generally regarded as leader of western miners.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX CALLED

Author of "Poems of Passion" Passes Away

Nw Haven, Conn., Oct. 30.—Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, author and poetess, died at her home, "The Bungalow," in Bradford today. Mrs. Wilcox had been ill for some months, having had a nervous collapse while engaged in war relief work in England.

MANY ARRESTS FOR FOOD AND FUEL LAW VIOLATIONS ARE DUE

Washington, Oct. 30.—Many new arrests in a number of states for violation of the food and fuel control law are expected soon by the department of justice.

LITTLE HOPE OF RESCUE FOR MEN TRAPPED IN MINE

Rescuers Battle Way to Within 150 Feet of 20 Prisoners, Then Give Up

FEAR SECOND EXPLOSION

Fire Breaks Out Behind Workers—Hope Abandoned That Miners Are Alive

Stevensville, O., Oct. 30.—After battling their way to within 150 feet of where twenty miners have been imprisoned since yesterday morning, rescue workers were ordered out of the Y. & O. mine No. 2 at Amsterdam this morning by mine officials and state mine inspectors, who feared an explosion might occur, according to word received here. Hope has been abandoned that the miners are alive.

RESCUERS WORK ALL NIGHT

Rescue parties worked all night in a gas-filled mine and were 150 feet distant from entry No. 15 west, in which the twenty miners were supposed to be held prisoners.

Fire broke out behind the rescue party and its members were forced to fight their way through flames and smoke, narrowly escaping suffocation.

Subsequent attempts to rescue the entombed men failing, the officials at daybreak ordered the men to leave the mine. Coal was afire throughout the entire workings and the mine was filled with gas. Officials said they believed the entombed men were dead.

The list of missing was officially placed at twenty today.

ALIEN ENEMIES TO BE SENT TO OWN COUNTRIES

Uncle Sam Declines to Longer Harbor Anarchists and Agitators

Washington, Oct. 30.—At the request of Attorney General Palmer the senate immigration committee today ordered a favorable report on the house bill providing for deportation and permanent exclusion from the United States of alien anarchists.

The house measure provides for deportation of aliens interested during the war in addition to anarchists and those violating the espionage act, draft, explosives and other laws. Aliens making threats against the President also would be subject to the bill's provisions, which would make final any deportation decision of the secretary of labor.

Attorney General Palmer advised the committee that immediate enactment of the bill was necessary because of the present condition.

The bill affects four women and about 500 men now interned as dangerous aliens at Camp Ozelthorpe, Ga., and Fort Douglas, Utah, according to Attorney General Palmer.

CANADA CUTS OFF AMERICAN SUGAR; PLANTS RATIONED

Sweetening Crisis Becomes More Grave With Action of Dominion Today

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 30.—All contracts for the shipment of sugar to the United States were cancelled today by the Canadian trade commission, and no more licenses for exportation will be issued. The export of sugar at border points which has been permitted to some extent has also been stopped.

TO RATION MANUFACTURERS

Washington, D. C., Oct. 30.—Rationing of sugar to manufacturers of candy, soft drinks and the like soon is to be suggested by the sugar equalization board, a house war investigating committee was told today by Herbert Hoover, former federal food administrator. This step by the board, Mr. Hoover said, resulted from the fact that raw sugar has risen beyond the point where it can be bought ad-

GOVERNMENT MACHINERY PRIMED TO COPE WITH THREATENED STRIKE OF 500,000 MINERS SET FOR FRIDAY

Policy of Patience Discarded by Administration—Protection for Public and Mine-Workers Not in Sympathy With Walk-Out to Be Provided—Assurance Given Against Profiteering May Result in Early Decrease in Price of Fuel—Rail Board Given Powers.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Government machinery is primed and set today to deal with the strike of half a million soft coal miners which is called for Saturday.

After a policy of patience with the hope that the catastrophe would be averted agencies of the government came to the fore when the miners' organization at Indianapolis by failing to withdraw the strike order placed the country face to face with the prospect of a dearth of fuel at the approach of winter and the idleness of a vast horde of workmen.

Means for the protection of the public and those miners who are not in sympathy with the strike are provided under the government's program. Plans are drawn for the revival of the price control regulations suspended when the fuel administration was dissolved on February 1, which gives assurance against profiteering and may mean the early drop in the price of coal.

MILL CITY MAN BEGRUDGES YANK HIS BONUS FEE

Taxpayer Brings Action to Test Constitutionality of Bounty Act

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 30.—A suit to test the Minnesota soldiers' bonus law was begun today in the Hennepin county district court by A. G. Gustafson, as a Minnesota freeholder and taxpayer, against Walter F. Rhinow, adjutant general; Henry Rines, state treasurer, and J. A. O. Preus, state auditor, and the soldiers' bonus board, which they compose.

The court is asked for an order restraining the bonus board from acting under the bonus law and from issuing any certificates of indebtedness under the \$20,000,000 authorization on the ground that the law is void and unconstitutional.

DAKOTA BANK'S VICTORY WILL BE TWO-EDGED

Opponents of League Financing Schemes Say Institution Is Off Wrong

STATE CANNOT BACK IT

Attention Called to Impossibility of Exceeding \$2,000,000 Debt Limit

While friends of the Bank of North Dakota hail as a victory Judge Nuesse's ruling in district court yesterday that this is a private banking institution and that a section of the state laws requiring the state auditor to examine all repositories for public funds does not apply, opponents of the league system of state banking declare that the decision is really a boomerang which will react against the first stated-own institution established in the league program of "industrial democracy."

It is contended that under the banking laws of North Dakota, which Judge Nuesse holds to cover the state bank, all deposits accepted by a bank constitute a liability. In the case of the Bank of North Dakota its deposits are directly guaranteed by the state, and it is held that such deposits therefore constitute a liability against the state.

The constitution as amended by the league initiative petitions last November provides that the state shall not issue bonds or incur other unsecured liability in excess of \$2,000,000. That debt limit was reached when the industrial commission issued \$2,000,000 worth of state bonds to form the capital of the new Bank of North Dakota and sold these to the bank.

HAS \$15,000,000 IN DEPOSITS

The Bank of North Dakota since its opening has accepted deposits, consisting principally of public funds, for which it is made the sole and only repository under the bank act, aggregating \$15,000,000. It is now contended that under Judge Nuesse's ruling these \$15,000,000 in deposits constitute an unsecured liability against the state, which is directly in violation of the constitution, and that the operation of the Bank of North Dakota, as it now exists, is illegal and unconstitutional.

The attorney general's office, which acted for State Auditor Kositzky in his application to district court for a writ of mandamus which would permit him to continue his examination of the Bank of North Dakota's books, probably will appeal from Judge Nuesse's decision denying this writ. It is probable that in supreme court issues may be argued which will clearly define the exact status of the bank.

The point is made that if this bank is not a department of the state government but is merely a private banking house, the state has no right under the constitution to assume the bank's liabilities or to permit the bank to in-

AGENCIES MOVE QUICKLY

Federal government agencies moved quickly today to meet the situation which will result from the strike of bituminous coal miners Saturday.

Developments included: Orders to railroads to confiscate all coal in transit if necessary to build up a reserve for operations of the roads.

Re-establishment of the priority list of the fuel administration so that the railroads, public service utilities and essential industries will have first call on whatever coal is mined and on that in storage.

Preparation of an executive order establishing maximum prices for coal and completion of plans by the department of justice to punish those guilty of profiteering and hoarding.

To Curtail Consumption

Announcement by Secretary Lane that the government would not hesitate to curtail consumption of coal in industries fifty percent so that essential industries might be kept in operation.

General discussion of the situation by President Wilson's cabinet which met in special session at the call of Secretary Lansing.

Working out of plans by which miners who wish to continue work will be afforded every possible protection including that of federal troops should that become necessary.

Fuel Chief to Act

At the conclusion of the special cabinet meeting Attorney General Palmer announced that the fuel administrator would take control of the handling of coal and would use his authority under the Lever act to take whatever steps might be necessary to meet the situation.

Current Supply of Coal

The current supply of coal from non-union mines is sufficient to meet domestic demands and supply the needs of railroads and public utilities, Secretary of Interior Lane said. New England has stored away a two months' supply which will take care of all requirements for that period.

The northwest has a fair winter's supply stored at Duluth, Minn., and other nearby storage points, Mr. Lane said.

Enforcement of the food and fuel control law with its criminal penalties of fine and imprisonment are to be enforced under the government's plan on those miners who go on strike and thereby curtail production. In announcing the plans Attorney General Palmer said they did not affect the right of workers to strike for a redress of grievances in other cases where no violation of the law is involved.

Other moves on the part of the government are being considered.

NOT TO RECEIVE FUEL

Washington, D. C., Oct. 30.—Revival of the fuel administration to deal with conditions growing out of the coal strike is not necessary, Dr. Garfield advised the President's cabinet today, holding that the wartime powers of that body are now vested in the railroad administration, which will have full authority to distribute coal to essential industries.

Members of the cabinet said that if (Continued on Page Two.)

VALLEY CITY WOMAN SUCCEEDS VETERAN ON TEACHERS' BOARD

Miss Fannie C. Amidon, dean of music at the Valley City normal school and a sister of Judge C. F. Amidon of the United States district court, has been named by Governor Frazier to be a member of the board of trustees of the teachers' retirement fund, succeeding John A. Haig of Devils Lake, a veteran member of the