

"Scalp, Crucify, Cremate Townley" Convention Cry

\$7,000,000 TOO BIG FOR PROFIT ON HAIL SCHEME

Assistant Attorney General Packard Says Townley Press Exaggerates

PLAN NOT A BIG SUCCESS

Official Declares North Dakota Compares Poorly With South Dakota

Assistant Attorney General F. E. Packard in a statement issued today asserts that the declaration of the Townley press that state hail insurance saved North Dakota \$7,000,000 in 1919 is on a par with previously published assurances that the bank of North Dakota has made \$50,000 for the people of North Dakota during its first five months existence.

"According to the state insurance department," says Mr. Packard, "the total risks written by private companies in 1918 were \$36,097,911.64; the gross premiums paid were \$2,696,697.17; the losses paid were \$2,696,412.20; and the net profit to the insurance companies was \$2,284.85. The average premium was 75 cents on a \$100-per-acre risk. The maximum risk under the state law was \$7 per acre. On this basis the old-line premium was 52 1/2 cents an acre.

"QUOTES INSURANCE REPORT" "Still quoting the insurance department," continued Mr. Packard, "the three-cents-an-acre tax levied by the present law on 28,000,000 acres produced a revenue of \$840,200.70. The number of acres presumed to have been insured total 12,141,000, but owing to errors in listing the indemnity tax was levied against only 11,000,000 acres, which, at 25 cents an acre, yielded \$2,750,000, making the total gross revenue under the act \$3,590,200.70. The total risks assumed by the state were about \$7,000,000.

"Applying last year's average old-line premium of 52 1/2 cents an acre to the 11,000,000 acres insured in 1919 under the state law, we get \$5,775,000 as the gross premiums. To arrive at the cost under the state department we must deduct from this cost under old-line insurance the cost under state insurance, namely, \$3,590,200.70. This shows a saving of \$2,184,799.30.

"THE FLAT HAIL TAX" "It must not be forgotten, however, that the three-cents-an-acre tax was levied on more than 28,000,000 acres, while there were only 11,000,000 acres insured, leaving more than 17,000,000 acres which paid a tax of three cents an acre without deriving any benefit. To get at the actual saving to the people of the state, this tax of \$510,200.70 must be deducted from the saving arrived at, further reducing it to \$1,674,498.60.

"Instead of saving the farmer of the state \$7,000,000, the state hail insurance plan saved them \$1,675,000. In other words, the Townley press exaggerated a trifle better than four times, which is a fair batting average.

"There is another phase of state hail insurance under the present law: The insured who suffers loss must wait until a tax is levied and paid, the greater part of a year after he actually suffers loss from his money or he may discount his warrant at a local bank or cash it at par at the state bank. In any event, interest must be paid on the whole loss for a period of many months.

"Complaint is very general that the adjustments were conservative and that the actual loss was not always paid. This would appear to be indicated by the fact that while there was considerable more than twice as many acres insured in 1919 as in 1918, that loss paid was only 25 percent more.

WHOLE VILLAGE GETS DRUNK ON SALVAGED BOOZE

Spirits Washed Ashore Consumed By Males in Spanish Town

THREE DAYS' DEBAUCH

Boys and Men From 16 to 70 Participate in Six-Hour Orgy

London, Feb. 17.—Virtually the entire male population of the village of La Grana near Ferrol Spain was in a state of "helpless intoxication" for three days recently, the fishing industry and all other work being at a complete standstill according to a Madrid dispatch.

"Owing to the stormy weather," it says, "a number of casks of spirits laden on incoming vessels had been washed overboard. The casks were picked up by fishermen, small tradesmen and mechanics, who after selling part of the wreckage assembled in a building, consumed dozens of bottles of brandy, rum and other spirits. The orgy lasted 6 hours at the end of which time the whole crowd was found lying in huddled heaps about the floor in an unconscious condition."

The value of the liquor consumed is estimated at 1,500 pounds. There are 540 patients ranging from 16 to 70 years of age in the hospital.

GERMANY TO TRY NATIONALS THAT ALLIES ACCUSE

Entente Powers Adopt New Method of Procedure in War Crimes Trials

WILL NOT WAIVE RIGHTS

Holland Still Persists in Its Refusal to Turn Over Ex-Emperor

London, Feb. 17.—Germany has been informed she may try men accused by the allies while Holland may intern William of Hohenzollern and satisfy the allied powers. Notes to this effect have been sent to Berlin and The Hague by the supreme allied council.

"Trials of Germans under charges preferred by the allies will be under close surveillance by the allies who will not waive their rights in case there is suspicion of unfairness, or a miscarriage of justice. The powers will not intervene physically in the conduct of the cases against the accused Germans, but will leave their disposition in the hands of the supreme court at Leipzig.

"HOLLAND REFUSES" The Hague, Feb. 17.—Holland will answer the second note sent by the entente with regard to the status of former emperor William reiterating her original position refusing to surrender him but acquiescing in the request to guard him closely, it was declared here today.

BLIZZARD DELAYS TRAINS IN EAST

Soo Railroad Passenger Trains Tied Up

Sault Ste. Marie Mich., Feb. 17.—Rail traffic in this region is seriously affected by the blizzard that has been in progress for the past 24 hours. There has been no traffic over the Soo line between here and Trout Lake since early Monday and one passenger train was delayed there nearly 36 hours waiting for snow plows to get through. In some places the snow is reported to be piled as high as the number plate on the engine.

TRADING IN SUGAR FUTURES RESUMED

New York, Feb. 17.—Trading in sugar futures suspended at the government's request in August, 1917, was resumed on the New York coffee and sugar exchange today. The first sale was 100 tons for May delivery at ten cents a pound. This contrasted with the last previous sale at 4.84 cents a pound in 1917.

Temporary Chairman Twichell Declares Soviet Leaders Must Be Annihilated By Americans



COL. J. H. FRAINE OF GRAFTON
Veteran Commander of Fighting First, Who Presided as Temporary Chairman This Morning.

ALLIES WILL NOT DEPRIVE TURKEY OF CAPITAL CITY

Must Cease Persecution of Armenians, However, Says British Admiral

London, Feb. 17.—Great Britain, it was learned today, has instructed Admiral Do Robeck at Constantinople to announce there that the allies have decided not to deprive Turkey of Constantinople. If the persecution of the Armenians continue, however, the admiral was instructed to say the peace treaty with Turkey may be considerably modified.

FAMOUS FRENCH POLITICAL CASE STARTED TODAY

Calliaux, ex-Premier, Charged With Aiding Country's Enemies

Paris, Feb. 17.—Joseph Calliaux, former premier, was placed on trial today before the senate acting as the high court on the specific charge of "having plotted against the external security of the state by maneuvers, machinations and intelligence with the enemy tending to favor the latter's enterprises against France and her allies." Article 79 of the penal military code makes conviction of such an offense punishable with death.

STOCK MARKET HAS JIM HAMS

New York, Feb. 17.—The stock market was much unsettled today leading shares making material extensions to severe losses of the last fortnight. Stocks were two to five points lower at the opening but made moderate recoveries before noon after which selling for both accounts was renewed.

FARMERS OWN 60 PERCENT OF ALL CARS IN DAKOTA

Agriculturists Have Far More Joy-Buggies Than Slick City Fellers

Sixty per cent of all automobiles in North Dakota are farm-owned, according to a pamphlet of laws and statistics which is being distributed throughout the state by E. P. Crain, registrar of the motor vehicle registration department. Total registrations for 1919, the report states, showed 82,885 passenger cars and trucks in the state. The aggregate comprises 81,571 passenger cars and 1,314 trucks.

Total receipts for motor vehicles in 1919 were \$636,842.40, according to Mr. Crain's figures, itemized as follows: Automobiles, including passenger cars and trucks, \$625,522.90; transfers, \$7,313; duplicate tags, \$393.50; motorcycles, \$2,706. In a recent statement, the registrar announced there were approximately 900 motorcycles in North Dakota. The pamphlet contains reprints of legislation pertaining to motor vehicles and also a comprehensive table of fees for 1920. The fees are scheduled according to model and make of automobiles, with a minimum of \$5 specified. Motorcycles will be licensed for \$3.

The highest fee designated is for a certain make of five-ton truck, license for which is fixed at \$65. A maximum set for passenger cars is \$32.85, specified for a particular kind of sedan.

Forty-three trade names are listed in the schedule of 1920 fees for the "most commonly used motor vehicles in North Dakota," the models specified running all the way from the year 1906 to 1920, inclusive. The itemized registration for 1920 shows Cass county, including the city of Fargo, leading in number of passenger cars, totalling 5,010, with Grand Forks county second at 3,964. These counties held the same relative positions at the top of the list of trucks, with 85 and 63, respectively.

"This is going to be a man's fight. There is one big objective, scalping, crucifying, cremating Townley," declared Treadwell Twichell in opening the republican state convention at the Auditorium this morning.

Little actual progress had been made by the republican state convention, when it reconvened at 2 this afternoon to receive the report of the committee on credentials, appointed during the morning session. Doubt was expressed at that time as to the possibility of the convention's completing its labor today, although it had been hoped that the work might be disposed of before the departure of No. 2 this evening, which a majority of the delegates from the Red River valley expected to return home on.

The forenoon session was generally harmonious and uneventful.

"As one of the anti-Townley members of the state central committee, I have been selected to temporarily preside," said Treadwell Twichell, in opening the convention at 10:30.

He then asked that Dr. R. A. Beard of Fargo ask the Almighty for "His assistance in exercising harmony and especially to give us the good sense and strength to cast out this thing which has grown up among us and which as citizens has placed us almost beyond the pale."

Rev. Baird thanked the Almighty "for this great commonwealth with its great possibilities. We are the inheritors of a glorious past, a splendid present and an even more hopeful future." He declared it a privilege to be permitted to live in this time of struggle. "Give us wisdom that we may be able to show those wrongly lead where they have been mistaken and bring them out into the light."

Treadwell Twichell then proceeded to read the call for today's convention, "for the purpose of placing in nomination men who are true and loyal republicans."

He declared the county representation as defined in the call had been based on the vote for Charles Evans Hughes in 1916.

Twichell after explaining the various steps leading up to today's convention declared "we had every right to presume that the convention would meet in Bismarck or some other city in the state with two purposes in view—the rehabilitation of our party and the elimination of the scourge of Townleyism from this state. We were forced to assume a great deal of responsibility; we were placed in the position of destructionists. There was nothing on the part of any member of this convention but a desire for harmony."

He declared it necessary to go into the present and build up an organization "so we would have an alignment and know whom we're fighting. I'm enough of a machine politician to feel that we must have some organization—someone from top to bottom who is responsible."

Twichell urged every delegate to overlook little things. "This is going to be a man's fight. You can't win it with such talk as I'm giving you here today or as I heard last night. There is one big objective, scalping, crucifying, cremating Townley, and we've got to get together and shake hands and say we're comrades."

"If there ever was a time when the people of this state could render a service to all the other states of the United States, it is in the interment of Townleyism at its birth-place."

Mr. Twichell then told of the plan approved at Monday's caucuses for the organization of the state by congressional units, which he declared fair and efficient.

On behalf of the committee and with the endorsement of the 200 delegates who attended last evening's caucus I recommend to you as your temporary chairman Col. J. D. Fraine of Grafton and as your temporary secretary R. D. Gallagher—he's lived out where Townley started."

Mr. Gallagher was state's attorney of Golden Valley when Governor Frazier made an unsuccessful effort to remove him following the Bowen murder. Col. Fraine was the veteran commander of the Fighting First, a veteran of the Philippine campaign, and former lieutenant-governor. The convention stood and enthusiastically applauded as Fraine and Gallagher mounted the platform.

Col. Fraine briefly acknowledged the honor, expressing his pride in presiding even temporarily over such a convention and then introduced Secretary Gallagher as a man with a real message.

FORMER MEETING ILLEGAL, CLAIM REPUBLICANS ASSEMBLED TODAY TO PICK NATIONAL DELEGATES

Plan Outlined By Grand Old Party Not Followed January 28, Members of State Central Committee Contend—Enthusiastic Caucus Monday Evening Precedes Main Bout—Judge Young Presents Plan for Reorganization of North Dakota and Ousting of Townleyites

That today's convention was necessitated by the fact that the convention called January 28 by National Committeeman Gunder Olson did not proceed regularly and officially with the selection of delegates to the national convention; that the republicans of North Dakota as represented by today's convention are ready to join with the democrats in a coalition ticket for the purpose of defeating Townleyism, and that today's convention has the sanction of the republican national committee, conveyed by a representative of Chairman Will Hays, who conferred with those responsible for the call, were important points stated during a preliminary caucus of delegates held Monday evening.

SOLDIERS NAME LYNN SPERRY TO SIT IN SENATE

Entire Ticket For State Legislature Is Nominated By Ex-Service Men

FORM PERMANENT BODY

Big Delegation Representing Entire County Condemns Townleyism

The following are the candidates of the Burleigh County War Veterans Political club organized last night by the ex-service men of this county: Lynn Sperry, for state senator.

H. V. Semling, for state representative. Alfred Quady of Driscoll, for state representative.

V. G. Hallum of Regan, for state representative.

The election of the above men to represent the latest political party to enter the field of county politics was unanimous and followed speeches by veterans of the Spanish-American war and the late war which heartily condemned socialism, Townleyism and greatly endorsed the former soldiers which crowded the Elks club where the meeting was held.

A permanent organization was perfected following the adoption of a constitution and by-laws and the following officers were named to hold office for one year: A. A. Jones, chairman; P. C. Harrington, secretary-treasurer. The committees named by the club were as follows:

Constitution and by-laws—H. T. Murphy, A. G. Warner, G. H. Russ, Jr., Thorn Dickinson, George P. Little, Credentials—P. G. Harrington, R. H. Wilcox, Jack Serres.

Order of business—J. S. Underwood, Frank Henry, Dr. W. E. Cole.

Major Henry was asked to express the sentiments of the men present and said in part:

"We are starting something new in politics, an organization solely of former service men. We have here tonight a man who fought in the Civil War, many Spanish-American veterans and those who took an active part in the last war. No grander political organization could be formed. After we have fought overseas for democracy, we are going to show the peacemakers that we're not cowards." (Continued on page two)

PRISONERS WILL HAVE TO ATTEND PUBLIC HANGING

Illinois Sheriff Wants Inhabitants of Jail to Witness Execution

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Prisoners in the Cook county jail will witness executions in spite of protests made by women, public officials and others. Sheriff Peters announced today, Jack O'Brien will be hanged Friday for the murder of a policeman and the procedure will be the same as in the hanging of Raffaele Durango about a month ago. O'Brien will be executed with the presence of all prisoners and their relatives, including the sheriff.

Breathing fervid defiance of Townleyism and confidence that the time has come when the loyal Americans of North Dakota can redeem their state from socialism and Russian bolshevism, as typified by the Townley movement, leaders of the convention which convened at 10 this morning addressed a caucus of 200 enthusiastic delegates in the dining room of the Grand Pacific last night.

Out of that caucus came these things:

Approval for a plan evolved at the Independent Voters' association state convention in Grand Forks last week for the selection of a fusion ticket, composed of anti-Townley republicans and anti-Townley democrats, after a plan devised by a committee of 21, to consist of seven members of the I. V. A., seven democrats, selected by members of the democratic state central committee opposed to Townleyism, and seven republicans, to be formally approved, together with the executive program outlined, by today's program.

Heartily endorsement of a plan submitted by Judge N. C. Young, whereby every office in the republican organization in North Dakota now held by a Townleyite, from the state central committee down to the precinct committeemen, shall be declared vacant, and filled by the appointment of anti-Townleyite republicans to serve until their successors are elected as provided by law.

A determination to go into the primaries next June with the intention of electing as members of the republican organization in this state, from the precinct committee up to the members of the republican state central committee, men who are anti-Townleyite republicans, opposed to Townleyism, socialism and bolshevism.

Agreement to the formal election of the alternates to the republican national convention by the state convention in session today, in view of the fact that the presidential preference primary laws of North Dakota make no provisions for the election of such delegates.

A pledge upon the part of every delegate present to fight Townleyism to the last ditch, even if success in this enterprise depend upon supporting a solid democratic state ticket at the general elections next November.

"AMERICANS, ALL" "I've always been a republican I've always voted the republican ticket. There have times when a democrat didn't look very good to me," said Treadwell Twichell, who presided over last night's caucus, in explaining the "I. V. A. plan. "But today when I see a real, honest-to-God democrat, an anti-Townley democrat, he looks damn good to me.

"There's not so much difference, after all, between democrats and republicans. Here in North Dakota we're all fighting for the same thing—our constitution, our institutions, our homes, and Christian civilization. There's a whole lot of difference between a real republican and a socialist or a real democrat and a socialist. There's good, loyal democrats all over this state of ours who are doing just what we are doing—and there's others, Townley democrats, who are doing in a smaller way just what the Townley-republicans are doing—raising all the hell they can.

"If it's necessary to beat Townleyism I'm willing to go to the polls next November and forge" that I'm a republican and vote for a solid democratic ticket. But I don't believe it is necessary. I believe this committee of seven republicans and seven democrats, with seven members of the Independent Voters' association standing between as a buffer, can pick a ticket upon which the two parties will be soundly represented. (Continued on Page Seven)