

PROGRESS NOT VISIBLE TODAY ON PEACE PACT

Situation So Muddled That Most Ardent Ratificationists Weep

CANNOT FORCE BALLOTING

Washington, Feb. 18.—Progress in the peace treaty ratification fight was not visible today after two days of vigorous debate since the pact was brought back from committee to the floor of the senate.

LITTLE DEMAND FOR PUBLICITY IN N. D. PRIMARY

Only \$200 Worth of Space Purchased in Pamphlet Hall Is to Issue

At the expiration of the time limit fixed by the secretary of state for filing of press copy to be used in the state publicity pamphlet, application had been made for only \$200 worth of space as compared with \$2,000 worth used in the issue before the special election in June, 1915.

Calling attention to the pending issue of the publicity pamphlet, in a circular notice dated January 22, Secretary of State Thomas Hall set February 14 as the last date upon which matter could be submitted.

Arguments are printed in the pamphlet at the rate of \$200 a page. According to the secretary of state's office, in June, 1919, \$400 worth was used by the Nonpartisan League and \$2,400 worth by the Independent Voters' association.

FARM LAND BEING SOLD IN VARIOUS PARTS OF COUNTY

Many Transfers of Property Recorded During the Past Few Days

Fred Gruenberg sold to Ellen Conway lot 8, block 12 in the Sturgis addition.

Julius Otteson sold to the Patterson Land Co. the southwest quarter of section 4, township 143, range 76, being in the northern part of Richmond township.

Clifton R. Doxey sold to R. J. Buchanan the northwest quarter of section 19, township 137, range 76, being two miles southwest of Moffit.

Joseph Sime sold to Elias Benson the east half of section 10, township 137, range 78, being in the northern part of Towner township.

CARRINGTON WINNS Mandan, N. D., Feb. 18.—Carrington high school basketball team, which was defeated by the Bismarck five Saturday night, won over the Mandan high school team here last night by a score of 19 to 12.

FEW MEN ON SOO UNAWARE STRIKE ORDER WITHDRAWN

Some Failed to Report Yesterday, But Return to Work When Told News

Neither the Northern Pacific nor the Soo railroad were affected by the strike of maintenance of way employees which had been called for Tuesday, but which has been indefinitely postponed pending settlement of the brotherhood and President Wilson at Washington. If the strike had been called it would have affected at least 500 employees on both roads on the division adjacent to this city.

AMERICA FACES OIL FAMINE, IS EXPERT BELIEF

Only Four Months' Supply in Storage Means Necessity For Importing

New York, Feb. 18.—America, with only four months' supply of oil in storage, faces the prospect of having to seek oil from foreign sources which are now showing "a tendency to exclude the United States from purchasing from their fields" according to Van H. Manning, United States Director of Mines, in a paper read here today before the 121st annual meeting of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

George Otis Smith, Director of the United States geological survey, at the same meeting, confirmed the statement of the director of mines, and declared that the position of the United States in regard to its oil supply at the present time is "precarious."

Latin America, Great Britain, France and the Netherlands, it was said, control the main potential sources and all of these countries have adopted policies tending to shut out those of other nationalities. Director Smith declared that American concerns should enter foreign fields not only with American methods, machinery and brains but also with money and financial and operating control.

HAWAII SUGAR PLANTATIONS ARE BURNING

Honolulu, Monday, Feb. 16.—Nine fires started on seven sugar plantations on the island of Kauai during Saturday night, and about 90 acres of sugar cane burned, according to a wireless message received here from the manager of a sugar company on that island. He reported that two suspects had been arrested.

WILSON CONTINUES HIS IMPROVEMENT

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson continues to show improvement and was up early today shaving himself and going about his usual routine. Rear Admiral Grayson, his physician said, Dr. Grayson's statement was prompted by published reports that the president had a relapse last night.

INTERNATIONALIZATION OF DARDANELLES FACT

London, Feb. 18.—The internationalization of the Dardanelles which has been forecast was decided upon definitely by the allied supreme council today. The details of the control of the waterway, however, have not been worked out.

MRS. FRAZIER'S FATHER PASSES IN CALIFORNIA

Sad News Received By Wife of North Dakota Governor This Morning

Mrs. Lynn J. Frazier, wife of North Dakota's chief executive, this morning received a wire announcing the death of her father, John Stafford, a pioneer of Pembina county, at San Gabriel, Calif., where the deceased had made his home since his retirement six years ago.

John Stafford was born in England 73 years ago. He emigrated to Ontario in his youth and thence, in 1881, to Pembina county, where he was among the successful pioneer farmers. When he retired six years ago his holdings were among the largest in the county.

UNITED STATES NOTE NO THREAT, SAYS PRESIDENT

Wilson Declares He Merely Defined American Position on Adriatic

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson in his "memorandum" to the allies concerning their proposed Adriatic settlement informed them that the United States might have to consider withdrawing the treaty of Versailles from the senate if the allies went ahead with their plans without the consent of the United States.

DENVER CONTRACTORS FACE NEW WAGE BOOST

Denver, Colo., Feb. 18.—Demands for three additional building crafts for wage increases have been made upon Denver contractors, namely the hod carriers, plasterers and bricklayers, and their demands will in all probability be settled by the recently formed arbitration board, consisting of representatives of the unions and the contractors.

EDISON'S 73RD BIRTHDAY OBSERVED BY HOME TOWN FOLKS



West Orange, N. J., Feb. 18.—Thomas Alva Edison, "Wizard" Inventive Genius, greeted his home town folk and they greeted him on his 73rd birthday anniversary. It was observed as a municipal event, marked by elaborate ceremony. Also a picture show of Edison extending the greeting. With him are his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Edison (left) and his wife.

THE LETTER THAT NOMINATED OLSON

The letter which nominated Gunder Olson to succeed himself as national committeeman when read at the republican state convention Tuesday by Treadwell Twichell is herewith presented in full. The text from which Twichell read was a copy of an original letter sent to William Lemke, and it was addressed to Mr. A. C. Townley, Aberdeen Hotel, St. Paul, Minn., marked "Personal." A note to "Art" on the margin indicates that it is a copy of a letter sent to "Bill" Lemke.

The letter follows: U. S. SISAL TRUST MIAMI, FLA. Jan. 29, 1920.

Mr. William Lemke, Fargo, N. D. Dear Bill: I wish you would make out, or have it done, for me the necessary papers to file as a candidate for national committeeman on the republican ticket for the March presidential primaries. I am not fully decided on whether I shall file, but I want the papers ready to forward to Hall in case I make the decision. Should I file, I will give out an announcement that I am a candidate for national committeeman supporting the republican policies as outlined by Hiram Johnson of California.

It appears to me from the newspapers in North Dakota that there is going to be a fight staged between the Young republicans as represented by Jerry Bacon and the Fargo Forum and the McCumber-Jim Shea organization, and I note that big effort is being put forth to try and prove that the Nonpartisan League is supporting the McCumber crowd. I do not know what your plans are, but regardless of whether my chances would be good of election, I believe it will be good policy in view of the fact that my name has been brought in as a co-worker with McCumber as well as the man the Bacon crowd would put up. This would make it hard for the Fargo Forum to substantiate its charges that the Brinton element in the Nonpartisan League is supporting McKenzie.

The situation would be understood by those entitled to the information, or there would be confusion in the final analysis. If I were elected, the selection certainly would be satisfactory to the League fellows, and it would be satisfactory to the fact that it is friendly to them but fundamentally opposed to it. And in the other event, if I were defeated, it would prove publicly that as far as the League is concerned it has no affiliation with either one of the camps that have been issued. This would make at least a three-cornered fight for the national republican committeeman, with Jerry Bacon's candidate or the Young candidate drawing a part of the anti-League element and Gunder Olson, who is to be a candidate for re-election, a part of it, as certainly no one could accuse Olson of being a Nonpartisan Leaguer, and my entry into the contest would set at rest that assertion, making certain to divide the anti-League republican vote, making my selection reasonably sure.

AUTO OWNERS CAN APPLY FOR PERMIT FOR PRESENT YEAR

Applications for Motor Vehicle Registration Are Being Distributed

Applications for motor vehicle registration for 1920 are now being distributed by the secretary of state office, a number of them being available at the Grand Pacific hotel.

MERGER OF N. P., BURLINGTON AND G. N. FORECASTED

St. Paul, Feb. 18.—Merger of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington railroads into one great transcontinental system shortly after government control is relinquished this month was forecast in high railroad circles today. It is reported that the merger is being planned along the lines conceived by the late James J. Hill.

RIP VAN WINKLE AWAKES

Sturgeon Bay, Wis., Feb. 18.—After sleeping for three weeks John Weingartner, a Sevastopol farmer, is coming back to normal conditions again. Weingartner fell asleep three weeks ago and has been unconscious since.

MIDWEEK HOLINESS MEETING

The midweek holiness meeting will be held at the Salvation army barracks at 8 this evening.

NORTH DAKOTA NOMINATES FIRST WOMAN DELEGATE TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION; MISS NIELSON NAMED

Unique Honor Conferred Upon State Superintendent of Public Instruction—Gunder Olson Renominated By Committeemen Following Expose of Brinton's Plan to Grab Job Through Split in Republican Party—Orators Denounce Townley and Predict End of Reign in North Dakota

The nomination of Miss Minnie J. Nielson, state superintendent of public instruction, as North Dakota's first woman candidate for delegate to a republican national convention; the renomination of Gunder Olson of Grafton, whose call for a convention held in Bismarck on January 23 Tuesday's gathering repudiated, and a dramatic expose of a scheme upon the part of Job W. Brinton to take advantage of a split in the republican ranks to garner for himself the job which Gunder Olson now holds, furnished an abundance of intense interest for the closing hours of the republican state convention held in the capital city yesterday upon the call of seven members of the republican state central committee.

The nomination of Miss Nielson as one of the convention's ten candidates for delegates to the republican national convention, to be voted on at the primaries March 16, followed the refusal of Judge Burleigh F. Spalding of Fargo to accept the honor. The nomination of Miss Nielson was greeted by tumultuous cheering which continued for five minutes. It was the most impressive tribute which the popularity of the state superintendent of public instruction ever had received in this city, although the auditorium has time and again since her election in 1918, been the scene of similar demonstrations.

ORIGINAL TICKET

- NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN Gunder Olson, Grafton. M. H. Suorland, Steele. H. N. Nicholson, Ramsey. L. F. Mahowald, McLean. Edward S. Johnson, Sioux. One to be named. DELEGATES Nick McKellar, Cass. Henry McLean, Cavalier. E. C. Lucas, Ransom. Fred Stetvold, Dickey. C. B. Little, Burleigh. T. S. Pryse, Kidder. W. S. Shaw, Ward. Stano Hendrickson, Burke. E. P. Bishop, Stark. E. A. Tostholm, Morton. ALTERNATES L. C. Vaboda, Ramsey. W. G. Merrifield, Richland. Charles Clark, Divide. John Shaw, Williams. E. L. Peterson, Stark. Don Stevenson, Grant. Three to be named.

THE NEW TICKET

- NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN Gunder Olson, Grafton. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS A. D. Heaton, Burleigh county. P. R. Trubshaw, Barnes county. E. L. Gordon, Bottineau county. P. M. Cole, Ward county. E. M. Hoverson, Golden Valley. DELEGATES TO REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION First district—Henry McLean, Cavalier; E. C. Lucas, Ransom. Second district—E. B. Kelley, Foster; Alfred Steele, Stutsman. Third district—Olaf Lukenstorf, Ward; E. B. Bishop, Stark. ALTERNATES AT LARGE—Steen Nelson, Steele; T. Welo, McHenry; G. B. Metzger, Williams; Martin Stenham, McKezie. Second district—M. W. Kelley, Logan; O. T. Toftsrud, Pease. Third district—E. L. Peterson, Stark; James Rice, McLean. AT LARGE—Steen Nelson, Steele; T. Welo, McHenry; G. B. Metzger, Williams; Martin Stenham, McKezie.

CONVENTION FOR LUMBER COMPANY MEN BEING HELD

Carpenter Concern Holding Annual Meeting of Superintendents

The annual convention of superintendents and yard managers of the F. H. Carpenter Lumber Co. started today here with representatives from the eight plants of the company present. The convention will continue all day today and adjourn tomorrow evening.

NORTHWESTERN FARMERS WILL VOTE ON PLAN

Question of Co-operating in Buying and Selling Goes to Referendum

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 18.—A referendum vote of farmers of the northwestern states will be taken in the near future on methods of effective co-operation in buying and selling between various existing farmers' organizations. Decision to take the vote was reached here late yesterday by the representatives of various organizations. The delegates came from Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Washington, Nebraska, Montana, Iowa and Washington, D. C.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATOR ACQUITTED OF SEDITION

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—F. J. Dixon, a member of the provincial legislature who was accused of being charged with sedition, was acquitted by a jury which deliberated since Saturday afternoon.

THE BRINTON LETTER

The Brinton letter was the real sensation of the day. It was read from the platform by Treadwell Twichell, after the convention had become involved in a heated debate over the propriety of endorsing Gunder Olson of Grafton for reelection as republican national committeeman. The committee on nomination, headed by Senator Frank Hyland of Devils Lake, announced its inability to reach an agreement on a candidate for this office, and it presented two names—Gunder Olson and Representative O. E. Engen of Cass county. Mr. Engen immediately withdrew, declaring that he was not a candidate for the nomination and urging the selection of Mr. Olson. The nomination of Mr. Olson was then presented to the convention by L. S. Merry, who referred to the national committeeman as critically ill and not expected to live, and declared that his reputation should not be clouded by the failure of this convention to endorse him. The nomination was seconded by L. L. Twichell of Cass.

Treadwell Twichell of Cass took upon the nomination of Mr. Merry that there might have been some effort to cloud Mr. Olson's name. He declared he had known the Grafton man for forty years; that he was the only member of the republican state central committee present who had conferred with Mr. Olson since the latter issued his famous call, and that whatever might have been said of this call, there had at no time been any reflection upon the integrity of Mr. Olson. Chairman Hyland on behalf of the committee supported the statement made by Mr. Twichell, assuring that members of the committee who had hesitated to renominate Olson had done so purely because of his physical condition and for the reason that they felt that in such a fight as was pending in North Dakota a man in sound health was required for the leadership.

Theodore Koffel of Bismarck, a member of the nominating committee, declared the party entitled to the services of a man who is able-bodied and active. Olson, he said, couldn't handle the job in his present condition, and he asserted, he didn't want it. A. T. Faber of Morton county spoke as chairman of the convention while he was held here January 28. He declared that Olson should not be nominated. It is stated that the delegates left Saturday afternoon. (Continued on Page Two)