

GRONNA DITCHED FOR LADD

FRANCE FAVORED UNDER TERMS OF GERMAN TREATY

Will be Given Priority on Indemnity Payment from Ancient Foe Council Decides

SPA MEETING POSTPONED

French Troops Are Being Withdrawn from Frankfurt and Darmstadt Regions

Hythe, England, May 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premiers Lloyd George of Great Britain and Millerand of France, at their conference today at Beaucaire, the residence of Sir Philip Sassoon, decided that the Spa conference between the members of the allied supreme council and the German leaders had been postponed from May 25 to June 21.

France Favored
It is understood that Premier Millerand accepted the principle of fixing a round figure for the German indemnity on the condition that France should have priority in the time of payment and that she should receive a partial payment at the earliest possible date.

The conference was called primarily to discuss the subject of the meeting at Spa at which the question of the German indemnity payment and kindred topics are to be taken up with the German representatives.

FRENCH TROOPS LEAVING
Paris, May 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Withdrawal of the French troops from the Frankfurt and the Darmstadt regions, it is understood, has already begun, although formal orders for complete evacuation of this territory have not been issued by the French government.

WAR RESOLUTION IN SENATE
Washington, May 15.—A vote will be taken by the senate at 4 o'clock this afternoon on the republican resolution, designed to repeal the joint resolution, which declared a state of war between the United States and Germany and Austria. Opinion in congress was that adoption of the peace resolution was certain with subsequent veto by President Wilson regarded as equally inevitable.

SULTAN PROTESTS TREATY TERMS
Constantinople, May 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Turkish sultan will resign his throne in protest against the severity of the peace treaty presented to Turkey by the allied powers, according to a rumor today, which is credited in many quarters.

IS OR IS NOT WEHE STILL ON STATE PAYROLL

Baffling Mystery Still Surrounds Workmen's Compensation Bureau Member

MCDONALD HOLDS UP PAY

Wehe says he is and McDonald says he isn't.

This is the latest development in the mystery surrounding the complexion of the North Dakota workmen's compensation commission, still doing business at the same old stand.

L. J. Wehe, was a full fledged member of the commission. In fact, Wehe claims he is still a member of the commission. On the other hand, S. S. McDonald, another member of the commission, who has not fallen into disgrace in the eyes of Governor Lynn J. Frazier, claims that Wehe may have been a member of the commission at one time, but that since April 23 he has ceased to function.

It may be remembered that Governor Frazier, in no uncertain terms, wrote a letter to Commissioner, or ex-commissioner, Wehe, that the state, insofar as the Nonpartisan league (mis) represented the state, no longer cared to have Wehe on the payroll. Wehe countered with a proposal for a public hearing. Frazier counterattacked and refused to grant it.

On April 17, before the ouster letter was issued, Wehe put in his voucher for his April salary. The compensation commission thought Wehe was a valuable employe of the state at that time and approved the voucher. However, after Frazier's letter was issued, the commission decided that Wehe was entitled to salary only up to April 23 and cancelled the voucher for the full month's salary. Wehe was not present at that meeting.

On May 4, Wehe appeared at the commission's offices and asked for his April check. McDonald said he would hand over a check for 23 days' pay, but as for the entire month, six and nothing stirring. Wehe refused the lesser amount and did not get the full month's pay.

And still the mystery as to whether Wehe is a commissioner or not remains unsolved.

"He Wouldn't Wait Until I Was Dead," Says Jealous Wife After Killing



Henry C. Fredericks and Mrs. Pauline Fredericks

Elgin, Ill.—Mrs. Henry C. Fredericks, dying of tuberculosis, says her husband "wouldn't wait until she was dead" before he started making love to another. She practiced shooting with an automatic pistol in the basement of her home. When she felt sure of her aim, she waited until her husband came home to pack his grip and then fired six bullets into his body. She is held for murder, but expects to die before being tried. "I have had my revenge," she says, "I can die in peace."

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As a matter of fact, the governor's private detective made a fool of himself when he arrested a young boy, locked him up in the Washburn jail for three days, and then forgot he was in the jail. The governor's detective did not even have a warrant to justify the holding of the innocent boy. At no time did the governor's detective cooperate with the McLean county authorities for the simple reason that the McLean county authorities had the mystery practically solved when one or two suspects appeared on the scene.

State's Attorney J. E. Williams of McLean county, who has been actively connected with the case from the day the eight dead bodies were discovered, gave full credit for the original suspicion of the murder to Chief of Police Chris Martineson of Bismarck. Chief Martineson, at the request of McLean county authorities, went to Turtle Lake the day the bodies were found and, with the exception of one or two days spent in Bismarck, has been working continuously on the case.

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Poor Record
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Wholesale Murders Being Planned; Hand Grenade Thrown at Clerical Party Meeting

Berlin, Friday, May 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—An unidentified man threw a hand grenade today into a home at Enslingen, near Stuttgart, where the clerical party was holding a meeting in favor of the candidacy of former vice chancellor and minister of finance Matthias Erbsberger, for the Reichstag.

A few persons were struck by fragments and injured, but none seriously.

PLANNING SLAUGHTERS
London, May 15.—German communists are planning a new insurrection, which may be attended by wholesale murders, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company quoting a statement by Herr Von Grefe, conservative member of the Reichstag.

The dispatch says Herr Von Grefe has advised the ministry of defense that meetings of communists are being held regularly in Mecklenburg, and that the question whether land owners alone should be put to death, or whether their wives and children should meet a like fate, is being discussed.

He maintains, it is said, that "there is no doubt Mecklenburg will be the scene of frightful slaughter."

WHO'LL CLAIM THIS BOOZE-LOADED TRUCK?
San Francisco—Wanted, an owner for a brand new motor truck and a barrel of whiskey. Owner may have same by identifying his property and then going to jail. The truck driver says it isn't his.

CUTS PRICES, BUSINESS BOOMS
Chicago—Twenty per cent more people have eaten in Chas. Weeghman's "one-armed" restaurants in the last fortnight because of 5-cent cuts in prices of seven dishes. Profits have not decreased.

FARGO PAPER IN PLOT TO CREDIT FRAZIER'S MAN

League Sheet Would Have Readers Believe Governor's Detective Solved Mystery

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NORTH DAKOTA GIVEN SEATS IN FRONT ROW

Chicago, May 15.—The North Dakota delegation of ten will occupy seats right up in front of the big square of 984 seats at the republican national convention.

That was decided today in the drawing of seats by states. North Dakota came out number 3. Connecticut was luckiest, as its number came out of the hat first.

North Carolina was unluckiest and came out last.

Connecticut, Arkansas, North Dakota and Colorado delegates will sit in the front row.

COST OF BRIDGE HIGHER THAN IN ORIGINAL PLANS

Bids Are Opened and Checked Today by Officials for Giant Structure

FUNDS ARE INSUFFICIENT

Contract for Mandan-Bismarck Bridge Will Cost More Than Estimated

Members of the state highway commission and the boards of county commissioners of Burleigh and Morton counties considered bids for the construction of the Bismarck-Mandan Missouri river bridge, today.

Bids of nine companies, some of them among the largest bridge construction companies in the country, were considered at the session.

Bids Are High
Engineers for the state highway commission figured several combinations out of the bids submitted for the building of various parts of the bridge or furnishing material. The lowest possible combination on approved plans amounted \$1,023,251.90, which was higher than was anticipated by the engineers.

Another combination amounted to \$979,980.10, but the bids for the construction of piers included in this combination was based upon plans of the Foundation company, of Chicago, and not the specifications.

Sufficient Funds Lacking
There are not sufficient funds at this time to build the bridge, on the bids submitted, according to highway commission engineers, but a special committee named at the conference was this afternoon considering all bids, with a view of finding a way to let the contract and allow the work to proceed immediately.

The lowest possible combination on approved plans, was as follows:
Main piers, \$295,819, Foundation Co.
Concrete approaches, \$177,803, Midland ridge Co.
Furnishing steel, \$319,017, American Bridge Co.
Erecting steel, \$137,590, Midland Bridge Co.
Total, \$920,229.

Plus 10 percent profit, \$93,022.90.
Total probable cost, \$1,023,251.
Cost on Sliding Scale
This represents an approximate cost, the bids being made upon a sliding scale, cost plus system under which the profit of the bridge company is increased in ratio to the decrease in the expenditures under the estimated cost submitted in the bids.

The lowest combination of all, in which the Foundation company submitted the bid, is \$1,023,251.90. (Continued on Page Two.)

MARTIAL LAW IS PROCLAIMED IN SOVIET RUSSIA

Twenty-four Workday in Administrative Offices Decried to Stimulate Production

Moscow, Wednesday, May 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—A decree issued by the Central executive committee dated May 11 proclaims martial law in the provinces of central and northern Russia and Archangel.

The provincial executive committees are given full power to protect railways, military supplies, magazines and depots and to control telegraphic and telephonic communications.

24-Hour Workday
A 24-hour workday in the administrative office is decreed and means are to be taken to stimulate the production of war material.

Until the abolition of martial law, the executive committees are given the same powers as military tribunals to secure the carrying out of this program, including punishment for disobedience.

The decree is signed by Kalinin and Lenin.

Industries Held Up
The inevitable interruption of the development of peace time industries through concentration upon the efforts to produce war materials, it is pointed out here, will tend indefinitely to postpone the execution of plans for the resumption of importation and exportation on a large scale.

BOLSHEVIKI ROUTED
Warsaw, Friday, May 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The rout of the tenth Bolshevik division in a battle near the mouth of the Beresina river is reported in an official communique issued today. In attempting to escape across the Dnieper, the remnants of the division were killed or captured.

"PLEASURE RIDING IS RUINING AIRDALES"
Oklahoma City—Prosperity is ruining the airdale dog. So says J. S. Walley, pound man. In no other breed is the effect of automobile riding so generative, he says. The airdale, once he has tasted luxury, loses love for a normal dog's home life.

Policeman is New Immigration Boss



FREDERICK A. WALLIS

New York—Wallis has accepted President Wilson's appointment as new commissioner of immigration at Ellis Island. He has been fourth deputy police commissioner of New York. The immigration post has been vacant since the retirement of F. C. Howe last year.

ELUSIVE CROOK "REVIEWS" COPS AND SURRENDERS

"Nickey" Arnstein, Wanted from Coast to Coast for \$5,000.00 Bond Theft, in Jail

WATCHES POLICE PARADE

New York Detectives Foiled by Clever Thief Up to Very Last Minute

New York, May 15.—Julius W. (Nickey) Arnstein, fugitive "master mind" of New York's \$5,000,000 bond theft plot, was arrested here today in the district attorney's office when he appeared there with his wife, Fannie Erice, the actress. Arnstein told reporters he had been in Pittsburgh all the time the police have been looking for him.

Waited for Officers
The elusive "Nickey," for whom the police from coast to coast and even the Canadian authorities have been searching since last February, in finally fulfilling his oft-repeated promise to surrender himself, appeared at the district attorney's office bright and early.

Arrives Undetected
Five minutes after their arrival Detective Rayen attached to the office walked up to Arnstein and by order of Assistant District Attorney O'Rourke placed him under arrest. "Nickey" retained his reputation as successful dodger of police until the last.

Taken to Rayen's office he described to newspapermen an entrance into the city undetected by the sleuths, who have been pursuing him for months.

"Reviews" Police
Just to heighten the effect, "Nickey" ran into his police pursuers, thousands strong, forming for the annual New York police parade. The Arnstein car was held up for several minutes as the bluecoats fell in line and when he continued on his way to the criminal court building, Nickey passed him after mile of policemen viewing them from his machine, as it were.

Bail was fixed for Arnstein at \$75,000 and he was sent to the toms in default of bail.

FOREST FIRES RAGING IN TWO STATES TODAY

Blazes Fanned by High Winds Sweeping Over Country Parched from Drought

Two Harbors, Minn., May 15.—Forest fires are burning to the northwest and north of this city. They are not yet causing worry here. The country is very dry for the season.

FIRES IN MICHIGAN
L'Anse, Mich., May 15.—Throughout Baraga county forest fires were reported raging, but there is no serious danger unless the wind shifts, but considerable damage will result should the present drought continue. The fires are believed to have been caused by land clearing farmers. The smoke is dense.

MINNESOTA TOWN ENDANGERED
St. Paul, May 15.—Forest fires were reported today in the district north-east of Caig, Itasca county, but information received at the state forester's office here indicated they had not reached alarming proportions.

FRAZIER NAMED; LEMKE GETS ON LEAGUE TICKET

Bishop of Nonpartisans Given Nomination for Attorney General

CAHILL STATE SECRETARY

Seth Richardson Will Run for Justice of State Supreme Court; Gronna Dropped

Nonpartisan League Ticket
For United States Senator—Dr. F. F. Ladd.

For congressman first district—John M. Baer, of Fargo.

For congressman second district—Thomas E. Pendray of Jamestown.

For congressman third district—James H. Sinclair of Kenmare.

For governor—Lynn J. Frazier.

For lieutenant governor—Howard Wood.

For commissioner of agriculture—John N. Hagan.

For secretary of state—J. I. Cahill.

For state auditor—D. C. Poindexter of Jamestown.

For attorney general—William Lemke.

For insurance commissioner—S. A. Olmoss.

For justice of supreme court—Seth Richardson.

For state treasurer—R. H. Walker of Yucra.

For superintendent of public instruction—Miss Ruth M. Johnson of Triega.

For railroad commissioners—Frank Mitchell of Bismarck, C. F. Dupuis of Williston, C. W. McDonnell of Kensal.

Candidates for the judges in the judicial districts were endorsed as follows:

First district—M. J. Engert of Valley City, A. T. Cole of Fargo, and Henry O'Keefe of Grand Forks.

Second—A. G. Burr of Rugby, Charles Verrett of St. John and H. C. Dupuy of Gratton.

Third—Fred Graham of Ellendale and Charles Ego of Lisbon.

Fourth—George K. Foster of Bismarck and M. C. Freerks of Jamestown.

Fifth—J. C. Lowe of Minot and George H. Moelling of Ray.

Sixth—Frank T. Lemke of Elgin, H. L. Berry of Killdeer and Attorney Hugh of Dickinson.

Dr. E. F. Ladd, president of the North Dakota Agricultural college, food inspector, head of grain grading and general factotum for Arthur C. Fowley and the league, has been selected to make the race for United States senator in preference to Senator A. J. Gronna, who has played the eagle game up to date.

What influence led to the ditching of the league's servant at Washington is not disclosed, and the fact considered considerable comment. It was believed that Gronna through La Follette had sufficient pull to get his shadow endorsed.

Whether the anti-Townley forces will endorse anyone for United States senator is not known. The matter will be canvassed soon.

Letters received in the state are speculative upon Gronna's future action. It is believed that he will file independently of all factions.

It is not disclosed how the league candidates will be filed. In reporting the nomination, the Courier-News refrained from mentioning the Republican party, but stated that Lynn J. Frazier and others had been endorsed by the Nonpartisan league state convention and the state convention of the North Dakota Working People's Nonpartisan Political alliance.

Judge Nuesle of Bismarck will have opposition in George K. Foster of this city, former assistant attorney general and M. C. Freerks of Jamestown. He and Judge Coffey of Jamestown have announced their candidacies.

LEAGUE PLATFORM
The platform adopted by the delegates at the Nonpartisan league convention at Fargo yesterday, besides reaffirming their stand on the original platform, was very brief and recommended by only one new thing, payment of soldiers' bonus as rapidly as possible.

The league platform as adopted by the convention is as follows:

"We, your committee on platform, beg leave to submit the following platform:

"We stand upon the original platform as enacted into law by the legislative assembly during the Frazier administration, as outlined in the state pamphlet called the New Day, and which is now being put into effect.

"We recommend that the coming legislature enact a law authorizing the Bank of North Dakota to pay in full the bonus given by the state to the returned service men."

FALLS THREE FLOORS TO A STOMACH ACHE
Houston—To have an awful stomach ache," L. Lewinlesley told the ambulance driver. He had just fallen three stories, alighting head first in soft mud. Except for the disfigurement in his stomach, he was O. K.