

THIRTY-NINTH YEAR

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14, 1920.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

BACKFIRING ON LEAGUE PLANT MAY JAR SOME

League Headquarters Charge Conspiracy While it Appears League Favored

COURT ACTION PLANNED

Assistant Secretary of State Declares Election Laws of State are Muddled

A new "plot" by the Nonpartisan league has been discovered. And a new "plot" by the anti-Townley men has been discovered.

Both of which appear to be due to the complicated and ambiguous election laws of North Dakota, which the legislature, in the last four years, has done nothing to correct.

The Nonpartisan league organ in Fargo raised a great disturbance because all the individual nominations for the election in November are printed in one column.

The ballot, as many county auditors are having it printed, is a three-column ballot, having a column for Governor Frazier and others victorious in the Republican primary; a Democratic column and an individual nominations column.

In the individual nominations column there are two divisions. The socialists filed individual nominations for presidential electors. These are blocked together and designated as socialists. The Nonpartisan individual nominations, being men to take the places of those defeated in the Republican primary, are blocked together and are designated as Nonpartisan league candidates.

The league organ says it is a plot to put the socialists and the Nonpartisan individual nominations in one column.

Some anti-Townley men declared that it is an illegal and unfair advantage to give the Nonpartisan league candidates in labeling them as candidates of the league.

In 1912 Attorney General Costello held that the individual nominations should go in one column. Other persons are said to have held that there should be separate columns.

In 1916 Attorney General Linde held that it was not permissible to designate Nonpartisan league candidates on the ballot because the league had no legal standing as a political party.

If these attorney generals were correct then the league is given an unfair advantage in this fall's ballots.

The league organ declares that there is a plot of, and it names Attorney General Langer, Secretary of State Hall and others as being in the "plot." It is understood that Langer holds a three-column ballot is permissible.

Up to Auditors It was explained today by Assistant Secretary of State Duffy, Mr. Hall being out of the city, that the county auditors are charged with the duty of printing the ballots and they may designate them. The office of the secretary of state has not attempted to do more than the law allows—which is to certify the candidates to the county auditors.

Considerable money would be saved in printing a three-column ballot and under the present designation many people believe that the league candidates, being designated as such on a smaller ballot, would gain instead of lose.

A smaller ballot also would aid people in voting, as criticism has been voiced for years against a long and complicated ballot.

One of the recommendations of Secretary of State Hall to the legislature is that the election laws be clarified by someone who understands how to write clear English.

STOCKYARDS CASE IS POSTPONED

Washington, Oct. 14.—The District of Columbia supreme court at the request of government counsel postponed for one week hearing on the proposal of the "big five" packing companies to dispose of their stockyard holdings to Prince and company, of Boston.

CUBA SEEKING FINANCIAL AID

Washington, Oct. 14.—Cuba has appealed to the American government for aid in its present financial difficulties. The appeal has been taken under consideration by the government.

MACSWINEY WEAK

London, Oct. 14.—Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, on a hunger strike, was reported weak today. This is the 63rd day of his hunger strike.

DOG BRINGS BACK HER BANK ROLL

ALEXANDRIA, Ind.—The old family dog of the Herman-Harris family gets an extra large bone these days, and there's a good reason. Mrs. Herman lost a roll containing \$105. She thought she lost it out of her automobile, and her surprise was great when two days later the dog turned up with the money in his mouth. Where he got it is a mystery.

"KING OF HOBOES" CALLS ON WILSON



WASHINGTON.—The hobo vote will go Democratic. So says "Jeff Davis," "King of the Hoboes" who called on President Wilson in 1916 making speeches from the tops of freight cars. "Mike," the only hobo monkey in the world, travels by express while Jeff rides the rods. Jeff says he swears the hobo vote for Wilson in 1916 making speeches from the tops of freight cars. "Mike's" greatest achievement was raising \$75,000 in a Salvation Army drive.

FEDERAL JURY INDICTS 24 AT GATE CITY

Chief Bill Returned is Against Robert B. Leady, Federal Dry Officer

Fargo, Oct. 14.—Robert B. Leady, former federal prohibition chief in Fargo, was indicted by the federal grand jury which reported twenty-four indictments. The indictment carries two counts, charging conspiracy in violation of the national prohibition act, and transportation of liquor from Moorhead to Sioux Falls, S. D. Theodore Musjferd, former clerk in the federal prohibition office, and E. O. Haugen of Moorhead, and one John Doe, were also indicted in connection with the alleged transportation of liquor.

Three Men Under Arrest Although Leady, Musjferd and Haugen were placed under arrest warrants, the three were this morning arrested on bench warrants by a deputy United States marshal, on the strength of the indictments returned against them.

The three defendants were arraigned before Judge Charles F. Amidon of the United States district court at 12:30 p. m. in each case was set at \$5,000. Theodore Musjferd entered a plea of not guilty. Leady and Haugen reserved their pleas until next Friday morning. The latter two defendants were represented in court by Judge W. H. Barnett.

Judge Barnett asked the court to reduce the bail in the case of Leady and Haugen, declaring that the men would not flee government authorities but intended to put up a good strong fight.

"Devilish Plot," Says Hildreth. M. A. Hildreth, United States district attorney, in fighting to have bail remain at \$5,000 as previously set by Philip Elliott, United States commissioner, told the court that the case against the three men is a "devilish plot to beat the government of the national prohibition act." He told the court that Leady is the "arch enemy" in the alleged transportation of liquor. Judge Amidon informed the prosecuting counsel and the attorney for the defendants that he intended to go into the case carefully. Bail was set at \$5,000.

To Enter Pleas Friday Friday morning was set as the time when the defendants, Musjferd and Leady will enter their pleas. If the court sees fit at that time he may reduce the amount of bail.

The United States district attorney told the court that the affairs of the prohibition office are in a bad shape and that bottles have been found filled with rain water, whiskey being removed.

The arrest of Robert B. Leady followed the taking into custody at Sioux Falls, S. D., last Friday of Theodore Musjferd, who was found to be in possession of a motor load of whiskey. He is alleged to have told Sioux Falls authorities that he had been convicted by Leady to deliver the honor to a private detective at Sioux Falls, who had assisted Leady in several raids on "moonshiners" in South Dakota.

800,000 MINERS IN ENGLAND TO STRIKE MONDAY

Notices Become Effective Saturday Night Unless Some New Action is Taken

COMPROMISE REJECTED

Heavy Majority is Returned in Favor of Strike at Miners' Meeting

London, Oct. 14.—The United Kingdom today was faced with perhaps the most ominous industrial crisis in its history, due to the decision of the coal miners to allow the strike notices to become effective Saturday night, following the rejection of the compromise offer to their demand for a two shilling per shift increase. It seemed certain that unless the government or the mine owners conceded the demands of the men or made fresh attractive offers, more than 800,000 miners would not return to the pits Monday, thereby throwing hundreds of thousands of workers in other industries out of work and causing a critical situation in the economic life of the country.

Reject Offers. Official returns from the national miners' ballot concerning the Datum one proposal, which showed an overwhelming majority in favor of rejection. At this morning's conference of the miners' delegation a small minority held out for the submission of the claims of the men for arbitration.

It was stated the miners' executive committee expected to be summoned to the board of trade this afternoon, but if this should occur or what it presaged was a matter of speculation.

ENGLISH LORDS ATTACK POLICY TOWARD IRISH

Lord Robert Cecil Joins Other Liberals and Makes a Statement

WANTS AN INVESTIGATION

London, Oct. 14.—Denunciation of the government's Irish policy by the liberal forces of the country represented by the recent statement of Viscount Grey, former Premier Asquith and Viscount Morley seems likely to grow into a formidable movement. The chief recruit is Lord Robert Cecil, one of the most respected of the unionist leaders, who has joined Viscount Grey in a letter to the press calling for an investigation by a constitutional tribunal as to whether the government is responsible for the reprisals in Ireland.

The letter begins by referring to Premier Lloyd George's speech as assuming that the reprisals have been confined to the shooting by police of those "reasonably suspected of an intention to attack them, or who had been incontrovertibly guilty of the murder of their fellows.

Account Incomplete "That is a very incomplete account of the reprisals of the military," says Lord Cecil.

"It is alleged on apparently overwhelming evidence that the armed forces of the crown have for some months systematically destroyed or burned buildings and other property in towns, villages and farms in Ireland, that they have fired rifles and thrown bombs at random, killing and wounding the inhabitants and driving women and children of all ages and in all conditions of health to the fields and mountains.

"These acts undoubtedly were committed in revenge for horrible outrages perpetrated in the districts concerned but they have not been confined to those individuals who have been guilty of such outrages. On the contrary the victims have included Protestants and Unionists who used to be bitter opponents of the Sinn Fein.

"It is further alleged that the policy which produced this result was sanctioned by the ministers of the crown including the prime minister himself. These are serious charges and necessitate an investigation by a constitutional tribunal."

ANOTHER KILLED

Dublin, Oct. 14.—Civilians attacked an armored car near here this afternoon. A soldier was wounded and a civilian is reported killed.

NEWSPAPER UNION BUYS PAPER MILL

Omaha, Oct. 14.—Purchase by the Western Newspaper Union of Omaha, of the paper mill of the Methuselah Paper company at Ladysmith and Thornapple, Wisconsin, and an electric power plant at Port Arthur, Wisconsin, was announced today. The price is said to have been \$3,000,000.

MAN ATTACKED; HOME BURNED

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 14.—Suggested unconscious burglars who ran back and set fire to his palatial home, Dr. Wilson McCarthy, prominent surgeon, aroused from his stupor by the crackle of flames, escaped by jumping from the second story of the blazing residence last night.

MAIL GOES WRONG; WANT A NEW NAME

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—Nearly all of Charleston's mail goes to Charleston, the state capital, so citizens are going to ask the Legislature to change this town's name.

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPOSAL MADE

Superintendent Ward, President of Southwestern Division, Outlines Plan

OLD METHOD HELD WRONG

Musical Program Also Party Activities of Slope Convention

The North Dakota State Teachers' association, southwestern division, opened its meetings in Bismarck today in the Presbyterian church. The meeting was called to order by Supt. C. L. Love of Mandan, secretary of the association. After invocation by Reverend H. C. Postlethwaite and a musical number the address of welcome was given by the visiting teachers by the president of the Commercial club, C. L. Young. He urged upon teachers their duty and opportunity in promoting civic affairs.

Superintendent M. E. McCurdy, of McLean county, responded in a most happy manner, emphasizing the pleasure the teaching group feels in attending this meeting at Bismarck and thanking the city for the cordial welcome delivered by the president of Bismarck Commercial club.

Ward Speaks The chief address of the afternoon was that of Superintendent C. E. Ward of Stark county, president of the Southwestern division of the State Teachers' association, President Ward discussed "The necessity of reorganization in administration, as it affects the office of county superintendent."

We need legislation, President Ward stated, to bring about a change in the method of securing the county superintendent. He advocated a county board of education, selected as any first school board is elected, from the ranks of farmers, business, and professional men and women of the county at large. They should be nominated and elected as any other county officers at the general election for a term specified by law. There should be three or five members, he said.

The chief duty of this board should be that of appointing the county superintendent. The county superintendent should be chosen, as a high class city superintendent, from any place in the United States or our own state or county, who is the very best material available, with the very highest qualifications and general fitness, and with a salary necessary to secure the best talent, he said.

Duties of Superintendent The county superintendent, so appointed should stand in the same relation to the county board of education as does the city superintendent to his board of education; that of professional adviser, and chief administrator of all matters in the administration and supervision of the schools of the county.

Reasons for Change The necessity for better rural schools, to be brought about in the shortest possible time. The one-room school, the speaker stated, is wasteful of the public funds; it is inefficient; it does not educate. The children in rural communities must have the very best schools available, under thoroughly qualified teachers. There must be a well equipped high school for every community, right in the community, with the children remaining in their homes on the farms, he said.

Plan Well Tested The plan urged, Mr. Ward explained, is not a new one. It is working in Iowa and many southern states, such as Georgia, and in the east in Delaware and other states.

Following the president's address, which was listened to with intense interest, was a discussion of primary methods by Miss Grace Randall, of Owatonna, Minn. The evening session will begin at 8:00 o'clock this evening in the Presbyterian church. The Thursday musical club will render a short program, followed by an address by Reverend E. F. Jordan, the new pastor of the First Baptist church. The chief address of the evening will be that of Dr. Leslie Pidgeon, until recently world president of the Association of Rotary clubs. Dr. Pidgeon is advertised as a traveler and speaker of international renown.

BISMARCK FIRM INCORPORATED

New incorporations include: Hygrade Coal company, Dunn Center, to mine, wholesale and retail coal. Directors: Austin H. Pelton, Dunn Center; W. F. Burnett, Dickinson; Nettie Pelton, Dunn Center. Capital stock, \$25,000.

New Life Products company, Bismarck, to manufacture and compound drugs, chemicals and medicines, to buy and sell at wholesale and retail deal in all kinds of drugs, oils, paints and patent proprietary medicines, toilet articles, etc. Incorporators, J. G. Manning, C. W. Nichols, Carl Bertsch, Bismarck. Capital stock, \$50,000.

HARDING ASKS "SOLID SOUTH" TO GIVE VOTES

Says Republican Victory Would Mean Elimination of Sectionalism

SWINGS TO LOUISVILLE

Makes Rear Platform Speeches in Country Normally Heavily Democratic

On Board Senator Harding's Special Train, Oct. 14.—After his one-day invasion of Tennessee Senator Harding was on his way to Louisville, Ky. where he is to speak tonight. He left Chattanooga last night after an address in the auditorium and to an overflow crowd on the street outside. The senator spent most of the day traveling through a section of Kentucky that normally belongs to the "solid south." At various places he made talks from the platform of his train urging support for Republicans in the south.

In his speeches at Chattanooga, Senator Harding assured his audience that a Republican victory would mean the same policy of "helpful consideration for production north or south."

Eliminate Sectionalism He declared that sectional misunderstanding could be removed by "diversified politics." The Republican party, the senator added, has no policy for one section that it does not preach for all sections alike.

Senator Harding will go from Louisville to Indianapolis where he will deliver an address tomorrow night before returning to his home in Marion. He speaks in St. Louis Saturday night.

As in his Chattanooga speech the nominee in rear-platform speeches made the record of the present administration the basis of his appeal for Republican support in the south. He also emphasized that his party preached no doctrine that could not be applied to all sections of the country.

MILLION WORTH OF TRUCKS ARE GOING TO RUIN

War Materials Exposed to All Kinds of Weather—Criticism and Defense

North Dakota has a million dollars worth of trucks and other surplus war materials, part of which stands on open prairie exposed to all kinds of weather.

The loss due to deterioration because of lack of proper care is enormous. Criticism has been directed toward the state highway commission because of the condition. The highway commission's answer is that there are no funds available to provide storage.

The total value of the materials given the state by the federal government is placed at \$1,050,159.38 by M. H. Robinson, state engineer. They include 296 trucks, 30 tons of spare parts, 4 tractors, 8 Ford ambulances, 4 light Ford trucks, 4 motorcycles, springing wagons, clam shell bucket, surveyors transit, drinking water cans, shovels and hatchets, etc.

According to the state engineer it is quite probable that many valuable parts, which have been stored in tents, have been stolen. An appropriation for the erection of a storage building is advocated by the engineer. The state is required to pay freight on the war materials and it is said that 25 trucks were rejected because the commission could not pay the freight.

Many of the trucks are distributed to counties for local use.

HALL COVERS 11 COUNTIES IN 10 DAYS SPEAKING

Secretary of State Goes Out for Success of Fusion Ticket

Thomas Hall, fusion ticket candidate for secretary of state, will visit eleven counties in ten days in a speaking trip in the interests of the anti-Townley ticket.

Mr. Hall spoke at Monango, Dickey county, on Monday; visited Dickey and Sargent county points Tuesday and Wednesday, and today is in Hanson county, speaking at McLeod and Enderlin.

Beginning next Monday he will speak at nineteen towns during the week, beginning at Pillsbury, Barnes county, speaking at Steele, Griggs, Eddy, Benson, Pottawatomie, Pierce and McHenry counties, ending at Towson on Saturday night, October 23.

WEATHER REPORT

For twenty-four hours ending at noon, October 14:
For North Dakota: Fair tonight and Friday; warm tonight in the north and west portions.
Temperature at 7 a. m. 37
Highest yesterday 65
Lowest yesterday 28
Lowest last night 24
Precipitation None
Highest wind velocity NW-20

WEYGAND OFF TO HELP WRANGEL



France's youthful military genius, General Weygand, is off to conquer more worlds. General Weygand was Foch's best strategist and performed brilliant work during the war. He was sent to Poland and he is given credit for the brilliant strategy that enabled the Poles to repulse the Bolshevik armies against terrific odds. Now he has been placed in supreme command of General Wrangel's anti-Bolshevik forces in South Russia. This picture is a new photo of the "fair haired boy" of the French military establishment.

DEMAND PROBE OF KILLING OF MANY HAITIANS

Colored People's Organization Describe it as the "American Invasion"

MARINE CORPS REPORT

New York, Oct. 14.—Full investigation by a nonpartisan committee of Americans and Haitians of the administration of affairs in Haiti by American forces was included in a statement today by the national association for the advancement of the colored people. Gradual withdrawal of United States marines and appointment of a commission to report on preparation to Haitians who suffered loss from "the American invasion" were recommended.

The association made public a telegram to Senator Harding congratulating him on the result "of your inquiry into the constitutional and legal invasion of Haiti."

DISCLOSURE ASTOUNDS

Washington, Oct. 14.—Disclosure that a summary investigation of alleged "practically indiscriminate killing" of Haitian natives by United States marines was ordered more than a year ago by Major General Barnett, then commandant of the marine corps, was made in publication of a report by General Barnett on operations in Haiti during American occupation. Evidence at the trials of two marine privates for the killing of natives "shocked me beyond expression," General Barnett said in a letter of September 27 to Colonel John H. Russell, commanding in Haiti, ordering an "immediate investigation" with the approval of Secretary Daniels. It was at once carried out by Colonel Russell, who submitted a report to the navy department on March 29, 1920, but, General Barnett said, the report had not been turned over to marine corps headquarters up to last June, when he was succeeded as commandant of the corps by Major General John A. Lejeune.

Criticism Brings Report Secretary Daniels, it was shown, ordered General Barnett, on Sept. 13 last, to submit a special report on conditions causing dissatisfaction. This report was incorporated in the general operations report made public today. General Barnett received that order while on leave of absence shortly after publication of statements by Senator Harding, Republican presidential nominee, criticizing the naval administration in Haiti.

"Judging by the knowledge gained only from the cases that have been brought before me," the general declared in his letter to Colonel Russell ordering the investigation, "I think that the marine corps has been sadly lacking in right and justice, and I look to you to see that this is corrected at once."

Orders Change "I was shocked beyond expression to hear of such things and to know that it was at all possible that duty could be so badly performed by marines of any class."

"I want personal instructions sent to every officer and non-commissioned officer, both with the marines and gendarmes (Haitian constabulary) that conditions as shown by the evidence of the trial of the privates above referred to must be corrected, and that such action cannot be tolerated for a moment."

WILSON LETTER

Washington, Oct. 14.—President Wilson in a letter read today for the conference of the federal board for vocational education declared the importance of vocational rehabilitation of disabled soldiers "cannot be exaggerated for the welfare of the nation and the development of its energies."

CREDIT DEMAND TO BE PRESSED ON U. S. BOARD

Delegates to Agricultural Convention Expect to Present Their Arguments

HARDING IN DENIAL

Reserve Board Governor Asserts Policy is Not Framed to Hurt Agriculture

Washington, Oct. 14.—Secretary Houston reiterated today told representatives of agriculture interests in conference here that the treasury would not be a party to the withholding of any commodity from the market in order to maintain artificially high prices. Spokesmen for the delegation were frank in their criticism of Mr. Houston's recent statement that prices had begun to recede but the secretary told them frankly that his statement was the truth.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Prepared to press their demands of a more liberal credit policy, representatives of agricultural interests in convention here met today with the expectation that they would be granted a hearing before the full membership of the Federal Reserve board and its agents assembled for the regular fall meeting. Delegates to the agricultural convention hope to be able to present their arguments before the board formulates its policy insofar as it affects credit to farmers.

Governor Harding, of the reserve board, yesterday told a committee that the board was preparing a statement of policy covering all phases of the credit situation. The statement, he said, probably would be made public Saturday.

Denies Curtailment. Governor Harding denied that the board had issued instructions which would result in curtailment of farmers' credit.

For three hours a committee from the reserve board listened to a delegation from the agricultural conference described conditions which they said threatened the life of the nation through a reduction of food production. Inability to obtain financial assistance is working the greatest hardship on farmers, the board's committee was informed.

BETTER MARKET

Chicago, Oct. 14.—General buying, partly on seaboard account, turned the wheat market upward today after some depression at the start. Initial declines were ascribed to various views taken of the government report on farm reserves. On the other hand signs indicated that a fair amount of export business was in progress. Opening quotations, which varied from unchanged figures to lower prices, with December at 2.08 1/2 to 2.09 1/2 and March \$2.04 to \$2.05, were followed by a moderate setback and then an ascent to well above yesterday's finish.

Later the market weakened decidedly as the result of heavy selling of a prominent eastern trader who was said to have been long. The close was nervous, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cents net lower.

WHEAT STOCK TOTAL

Washington, Oct. 14.—Stocks of wheat in the United States on October 1 totaled 608,000,000, according to the department of agriculture.

S. A. YIELD

Buenos Aires, Oct. 14.—The wheat and other crops of which have been threatened by result of the drought now promises favorable yields because of opportune rains.

ENUMERATION IN STATE SHOWS A LOSS OVER 1919

Twenty-four Less Pupils, Figures Show—Burleigh County Apportionment

A slight decrease in the number of persons between 6 and 20 years of age, inclusive, is shown in school enumeration figures for the state, completed today.

There are enrolled in 1920 in the state 294,887 in the enumeration, and in 1919 there were 294,921. The amount to be apportioned to schools, derived from interest and income of school lands, etc. is \$157,722.99 for the present quarterly division.

Cass county has the largest number of school pupils in the state, there being 12,121 in the county and Sioux county has the smallest number, there being 18. The total quarterly distribution for Cass county is \$9,335.17 and for Sioux county, \$706.86.

Apportionment for some other counties follows: Grand Forks county, enumeration, 8,689; apportionment, \$5,575.13; Stutsman county, enumeration, 6,581; apportionment, \$5,375.37; Morton county, enumeration, 6,409; apportionment, \$4,834.93.

REGULAR MAIL SERVICE

St. Paul, Oct. 14.—Regular airmail service between St. Paul and Chicago will start Monday, it was announced today, and receiving work that the second of three planes to be used at the Twin Cities end, had been shipped.