

JAP CABINET WON'T YIELD TO U.S.

SPARKS FLY AT FIRST MEETING OF COMMISSION

Objections Are Raised To Many of Commission Appointments

UTILITY QUESTIONS UP

Thompson Would Stop Electric Company Payments Until Taxes Paid

The new city commission got into action last night with a lively meeting. The commission made a number of appointments and acted on several other matters. Commissioner Thompson opposing many of the appointments.

The commission organized as follows: Vice President and Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, John A. Larson; Commissioner of Streets, John French; Commissioner of Water and Sewers, Harry A. Thompson, and Commissioner of Fire and Police, C. W. Henzler. All present members of the commission were re-assigned to the positions they now hold. Mr. Henzler being the only new commissioner except President A. P. Lenhart, whose duties are defined by law as head of the executive department.

The old commission held a short meeting and approved minutes of the previous meeting.

Retiring President Speaks

A. W. Lucas, retiring president of the commission, who has been a member since the city received a charter under the commission form of government twelve years ago, serving the last eight years as mayor, thanked the commissioners for their co-operation and declared his belief that every member had done his best for the advancement of the city.

President Lenhart, of the new commission, responded. He thanked the commissioners and citizens who supported him for their support, said he appreciated the honor, realized that there devolved great responsibility for himself and colleagues on the commission, and knew that all would work with him for the betterment of the city.

He urged a progressive, economical and business-like administration.

Thompson Objects

When Commissioner Thompson was proposed for commissioner of sewers and water he voted "no," declaring that he had been accused of being a candidate of the water company during the election and that he did not believe that he ought to be placed in that position. He declared, however, that if the commissioners insisted he take the place that he was voting to name the inspectors and exercise control of the direction of the work.

There had been some speculation as to whether Mr. Henzler or Mr. French would step into the position of commissioner of fire and police held by Christ Bertsch, Jr. Friends of Mr. Thompson urged him for the place because of long service in the fire department.

Employees Re-appointed

The following appointments were made: City Auditor—M. H. Atkinson. Treasurer—A. J. Arnot. City Attorney—H. F. O'Hare. City Engineer—T. R. Atkinson. City Assessor—W. A. Falconer. Health Officer—Dr. C. E. Stackhouse. City Weigher—J. D. Walkman. Poor Commissioner—Ruth D. Koling. Street Commissioner—D. C. McLean. Chief of Police—Chief Martineson. Chief of Fire Department—R. F. Jager. Auditorium Committee—J. A. Thompson, chairman, J. F. French, John A. Larson. Manager Auditorium—E. H. L. Vesperman.

All of the appointments of individuals were re-appointments. Commissioner Thompson voted against the re-appointment of H. F. O'Hare, city attorney, declaring that he had not filled the position acceptably and moved that the city attorney be instructed to care for all city legal business in the future without assistance. The motion was lost for want of a second.

Commissioner Thompson proposed the name of Dr. Lipp for city health officer. He opposed the reappointment of T. R. Atkinson as city engineer, Chief Martineson as chief of police, and R. F. Jager as chief of the fire department.

O'Hare Writes on Paving

Following the disposal of appointments a letter from City Attorney O'Hare on paving in the downtown alleys was received. An investigation was suggested. Commissioner Thompson moved that a committee be appointed to investigate the paving work done in the downtown district by Hanlon and Oles and the Ford Paving company. The committee named is composed of Commissioners Thompson, French and Larson. The committee is to report May 21.

The request of E. G. Patterson to move a building within the fire limits were referred to the city attorney for an opinion. Commissioner Thompson moved that the payment of bills to the Hughes Electric company be refused until that company has paid its back taxes, which he declared were considerably in arrears and amounted to a great

Beats Beauties of 4 Nations



Miss Angel Clare Boothe, 18-year-old Greenwich (Conn.) girl, won the recent beauty contest at the French Riviera, in which several hundred contestants were entered from England, France, Spain and Italy. Photo was taken upon her arrival back in America.

HARDING ASKS FRIENDSHIP OF LATIN AMERICA

Calls Upon Nations to Set Example for War-weary World By Friendship

STATES MONROE DOCTRINE

New York, April 20.—Renewed bonds of friendship among the American republics with a reconstruction of peace and liberty as an example for a war-weary world were pledged by President Harding yesterday at the unveiling here of a statue to Simon Bolivar, the South American patriot.

In the example of a prosperous family of state living together in peace on the western hemisphere, the President declared, the old world might well find an example for the reconstruction of its industry and its politics along the lines of progress and unity. To that reconstruction, he said, the American republics could also contribute in a material sense by giving of their strength and resources to aid their stricken sister nations across the seas.

Restating the Monroe doctrine Mr. Harding asserted that it never meant a policy of selfishness or narrowness but was a charter of American independence, to maintain which the United States was "willing to fight if necessary." He added that the policy of the American republic must not err on the side of too great aloofness and that in the present world chaos Pan-Americanism must mean "systematic and generous Americanism."

RAIL INQUIRY IS ORDERED BY SENATE BODY

Chairman Cummins Announces Intention of I. C. C. Committee

Washington, April 20.—A general investigation of the railroad situation was ordered today by the senate. A resolution offered by Chairman Cummins of the Interstate Commerce committee was adopted without debate.

Senator Cummins plans to begin the inquiry about May 1 with the railroad executives as the first witnesses. His committee is authorized by the resolution to investigate railroad maintenance costs, efficiency of operation, reduction of traffic and the best way to effect reductions of freight and passenger rates.

HOLSTEIN COW WORTH \$35,000 DIES OF FEVER

Appleton, Wis., April 20.—Sadie D. Gerben, Hengerfeldtdekel, the Holstein cow, who attained a 40-pound butter fat production record in a seven day test and known to Holstein breeders all over the United States and Canada, died yesterday after contracting milk fever. She was nine years old. Officials of the Wisconsin livestock association, owners, valued the cow at \$25,000.

FAILS TO SELL BONDS

Velva, N. D., April 20.—The Velva school board, finding it impossible to dispose of bonds at interest rates the district is willing to pay, has decided to postpone the erection of a high school building until the bond market becomes normal again.

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STATE TO PAY \$4,000 FOR ITS CHICAGO OFFICE

First Payment in Bond Campaign Will Be Made During Week

The state this week will pay out approximately \$4,000 for the use of George Webb, representative of the Bank of North Dakota, in advertising the sale of state bonds in the central west and the east. The voucher for the money, to be paid from the Industrial Commission funds, was approved by the majority of the state board of audits. Webb is stationed at the Chicago office of the Bank of North Dakota.

A total of \$8,265.45 has been paid out of the Industrial Commission funds to date for advertising in newspapers in the state of North Dakota, which started during the session of the legislature. John Steen, state treasurer and member of the auditing board, refused to give approval to the bills on the ground that it was improper and probably illegal to use state funds raised from taxation for such advertising.

Of the amount paid out \$6,482.98 went to the Publishers' National Service Bureau, the bureau of Nonpartisan league newspapers, through which the Nonpartisan papers received pay for the advertising. An advertising agency in St. Paul received \$1,782.47, presumably for advertising in independent papers.

PREMIERS WILL MEET TO TALK GERMAN MATTER

Lloyd George and Briand To Hold Meeting at Hythe, England

Paris, April 20.—British and French military leaders will confer at Hythe, England, next Sunday with Premiers Briand and Lloyd-George, it is stated by newspapers here. Marshal Foch, General Weygand and Field Marshal Sir Henry S. Wilson will be present and Earl Curzon, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, will take part in the conversations which it is declared, will relate to military penalties to be placed on Germany in case she refuses to make reparation payments due on May 1.

WEATHER REPORT

For twenty-four hours ending at noon, April 20.
Temperature at 7 A. M. 59
Highest yesterday 75
Lowest yesterday 37
Lowest last night 49
Precipitation Trace
Highest wind velocity 20-NE
Forecast.
For North Dakota: Unsettled and colder tonight with probably rain or snow in the east and central portions; Thursday generally fair, except somewhat unsettled in the east portion.
California has more than 40,000 acres of land planted in olives.

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Unable to market their own products the farmers, the spokesmen said are virtually on a buyers' strike as there is no prospect of conditions improving in time to bring better prices for next year's crop. Members of the commission asked for suggestions that would make possible a reduction of freight rates in the face of high prices paid by railroads for equipment and labor. Commissioner McChord declared railroads had lost about \$8,000,000 in operation during the past year and asked whether the solution of the present freight rate problem was not after all one for labor, capital, shippers and the steel industry to solve rather than the commission.

Rail Costs High

Money, labor and equipment are all abnormally high," he said. Mr. McChord asked Secretary Davis whether, with cheap freight rates, farmers could market their products at a profit.

"Possibly not," Mr. Davis replied. "But a freight rate reduction would be one factor and would be foolish to reject any plan that would reduce the farmers' loss simply because it does not solve their whole problem."

Mr. Davis added that if decreases in freight rates would not increase the volume of business to the railways sufficiently to make a profit for them the farmers would rather pay the railway deficit in the form of taxes than bear the entire burden of high rates as at present.

PRESENT WAGE FIGURES

Chicago, April 20.—Presentation of masses of statistics dealing with the cost of living and with wages paid in other industries was continued by the railroads today in the Railroad Labor Board hearing into the requests of nearly 100 roads that wages of unskilled labor be reduced.

HIGHWAY BODY ASKS CONGRESS FOR \$100,000,000

Greensboro, S. C., April 20.—Congress was asked in a resolution adopted today by the United States Good Roads association in convention here conferring on federal aid for state highway construction, to make available for a "national road fund" payments received from the allied nations on war loans. A specific appropriation of \$100,000,000 was urged to carry out a five-year road building program also was asked because "there is no public policy that will bless and benefit more than that which is now being carried out in the construction of roads of the various states of the union."

CONDEMN ALLIES GOLD REQUEST

Berlin, April 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—While the German cabinet has not yet indicated the nature of its reply to the reparation commission's demand that the German gold reserve be transferred to some point in the occupied zone, President Hainstein of the Reichsbank and the financial writers reject the proposition.

SHOOTSELF SOON AFTER GIRL WIFE BECOMES MOTHER OF BABY

DRIVE TO CAFE. About the middle of the afternoon he called for a taxi from the Gladstone hotel, and later drove up in front of a pool hall saying "I am in trouble." He then said he wanted to go to the Chicago cafe. A Mr. Oliver accompanied him. While they were sitting down in one of the rear rooms of the cafe, a waitress approached. Miller pulled a .35 calibre revolver and holding it in his left hand shot himself through the left temple just in front of the ear, the bullet coming out of the top of his head lodging in front of the wall. Miller fell forward on the table, muttering, "This is the way I had 'em."

KILLED WHILE RETURNING FROM VOLTAIRE DANCE

Velva, N. D., April 20.—Lloyd Masreller, 18-year-old son of Frank Masreller, Dodson merchant, met instant death yesterday morning when the car in which he was returning with a party from a Voltaire dance overturned.

CLAIM 26,000 NEAR STARVING IN MINE FIELD

Alabama Governor is Called Upon by Salvation Army For Help

Birmingham, Ala., April 20.—Twenty-six thousand persons were at the point of starvation in the coal fields of Alabama, Governor Kilby was told today in an appeal by the Salvation Army. The organization said it was helping to the limit of its resources but that additional aid must come from other sources.

SINN FEINER SHOT WHEN HE FAILS TO HALT

Timothy Sullivan Prominent Leader Victim of Constabulary

Cork, April 20.—Timothy Sullivan, a prominent Sinn Feiner, was shot and killed, and by the constabulary, last evening. He was called on to halt but ran into a house in Douglas street and was shot as he was endeavoring to escape through the back of the house.

TWO CIVILIANS SHOT

Belfast, Ireland, April 20.—Two rmed civilians were shot and another was seriously wounded yesterday when a party of Crown forces came on them in Loughlign road.

STATE'S BOND SALE IS GOING STRONG, CLAIM

Twenty Thousand Dollars Worth Disposed of First Day, it is Said

The first day's sale of North Dakota bonds by public subscription in Chicago amounted to \$20,545, according to F. W. Cathro, of the Bank of North Dakota. The sales resulted from an advertisement in the Chicago Tribune, it was stated.

The Chicago office of the bond selling organization is being maintained at 1655 Peoples Gas building. Spurgeon O'Dell is in charge of a drive in New York.

Attorney-General Lemke is now in the east addressing labor unions and other organizations. State officials appear confident that several hundred thousand dollars of bonds will be disposed of in a very short time.

MANDAN MASONS GIVE \$12,000

The Mandan Masonic lodge, at the annual Blue Lodge meeting last night, pledged \$12,000 in fifteen minutes toward a building fund. It is hoped to erect a \$65,000 Masonic temple during the present year.

ROTARY CLUB TO BEGIN CAMPAIGN TO PLEDGE \$5,000 EACH YEAR FOR THREE YEARS FOR ITS BOYS WORK

The Rotary club of Bismarck will launch its Boys campaign in Bismarck tomorrow.

Twenty-two teams of two men each will start out to pledge \$5,000 a year for three years to guarantee the boys' or campaign of the Rotary club. The Rotarians have engaged an experienced boys' worker who will come to the city soon to take charge of boys' activities.

H. P. Goddard, chairman of the Rotary club boys' work, spoke to the members at the luncheon this afternoon, taking as his text, the Rotary motto, "He profits most who serves best."

Father Diglam, of Dickinson, and T. A. Foxvog, of Chicago, Rotarians, were introduced to the members.

POLICY ON YAP HELD DESPITE HUGHES' NOTE

Decision of Ministry Will Be Reported Friday, It is Said

GREAT BRITAIN WITH JAPS?

London Newspapers Says France Stands With U. S.; England With Japan

Tokio, April 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The cabinet yesterday decided there was no reason to alter Japan's policy on the Yap mandate question because of the recent American note on the subject, according to the Nichi Nichi today. The decision of the ministry would be reported Friday at an extraordinary meeting at the diplomatic advisory council, the newspaper adds.

Division on Yap

London, April 20.—The Daily Telegraph discussing the week-end meeting of Mr. Lloyd-George and M. Briand says the premiers may be able to find time to exchange views on other topics one of which is the unfortunate misunderstanding regarding Yap.

"The supreme council will have to find a way out that will satisfy America's mandatory," continues the paper. "The Japanese naturally think that the supreme council ought to stand by its own decision but they have no inducements to drift into a serious quarrel with the United States over this fragment."

"France, with no direct interest in the matter, and in strong sympathy with President Harding's attack on the League of Nations, will throw her strength on the side of the West."

"We have applied for reemployment and have been flatly turned down." The local union at Marvel also appealed to the Governor for help for "624 destitute men, women and children."

FRENCH YOUNG MEN MAKE GOOD ARMY SHOWING

Paris, April 20.—Reports show that the class of 1921, called to the colors during April, has yielded 219,000 men, which is more than 75 percent of the youths 20 years of age who are subject to military service.

This is the first time that such a high percentage of effectives has been secured and newspapers attribute this to a decrease in the use of alcohol.

STOCK SELLING IS HALTED BY BLUE SKY BODY

Discontinues Regular Meetings Until Latter Part of May

The Blue Sky Commission has decided to discontinue holding meetings until the first Thursday in May. There are several applications pending before the board for permission to sell stock. The commission's view, it is stated, is that stock selling should be discouraged at the present time.

There is pending with the commission the application of the company organized to sell stock in a proposed Nonpartisan league Scandinavian paper in Fargo, the stock issues to amount to \$15,000. Whether the board will hold a special meeting to consider this application is a matter on which no action has been taken.

ROADS TALKED BY SPEAKERS AT CRIER FEED

Plans Made to Improve Tourist Camp Site at Penitentiary Grounds

The subject of Good Roads was discussed last night at the regular monthly dinner meeting of the Bismarck Town Criers.

Will Holbein talked upon the efforts of the state association toward getting a road bonding bill in North Dakota and G. N. Keniston, as vice president of the National Parks Highway association, spoke of the enlarged public-ity campaign of this association to increase use of the National Parks Highways (Red Trail).

The Town Criers expect to increase the facilities in the tourist camp at the penitentiary ground this summer, and to erect additional signs to direct tourists to Bismarck and the camp.

REOPEN HATTON BANK

Hatton, N. D., April 20.—The Peoples State bank of Hatton has reopened for business again after having been closed for some time.