

TROOPS START FOR MINE WAR AREA

LAND VALUES OF STATE ARE CUT BY STATE BOARD

Average Reduction of Valuation of Land For Taxation Reduced 11 Per Cent

ACTION IN BURLEIGH CO.

County Board Figures Boosted But Final Assessment Less Than Last Year

Valuations of property in the state for taxation will be decreased this year and the rate of taxation is expected to be increased.

The state board of equalization has made a decrease of 10.5 per cent on all real property. The decrease on farm lands alone is 11 per cent, being greater than the average. A comparison of assessment of real property in the state for the years 1920 and 1921 follows:

Farm lands	\$1,035,771,510	\$921,796,673
Town and city lots	49,205,328	46,047,331
Business structures on town and city lots	42,129,454	42,600,190
Homes	22,788,041	18,586,339
Leased residences	9,904,452	8,516,776
	\$1,159,798,822	\$1,037,556,314

Increases in Burleigh.

Increases in the assessment of Burleigh county property have been made by the state board of equalization. The valuation of the county for taxation will, however, according to County Auditor Frank Johnson be less than last year. Exact comparative figures are not yet available.

The changes made by the state board follow:

Farm lands exclusive of structures and improvements—increased 10 per cent.

City, town and village lots exclusive of structures and improvements—increased 5 per cent.

Structures and improvements on city, town and village lots used for business purposes—increased 20 per cent.

Structures and improvements on city, town and village lots used as a home occupied by owner—no change.

Structures and improvements on city improvements on city, town and village lots not used as a place of residence by the owner—no change.

Land Value Per Acre

The valuation of Burleigh county land as reported to the state board by the county board was on an average of \$18.44 an acre. Last year it was \$15.88 an acre. The new valuation will be \$15.88 per acre.

The total valuation for the city and county on real estate will be less than last year, according to the county auditor. When figures were reported to the state board last night no exemptions had been made. The exemptions were made this year before the report was made, which has caused confusion in the minds of some people in making comparisons, the auditor said.

The changes on personal property have not been received.

WAITING FOR "DIVINE MOTHER"



A. Houghton Pratt and Madame Parma, whose teachings and interpretations of the occult were followed by his giving up all most men cherish, to prepare for a world cataclysm.

GIVES UP ALL FOR CREED!

A. Houghton Pratt Tells Why Madame Parma's Teachings Transformed Him

Atlantic Highlands, N. J., Sept. 2.—If you were wealthy, of enviable social and cultural position, exclusive clubman, member of a big publishing firm, married to a rich wife, would you give it all up to starve for a mystic idealism?

A. Houghton Pratt says you would if only you understood!

He has done so, and in the Sanctuary of the Divine Mother, the home of the Life Religion at Atlantic Highlands, he told me of the coming cataclysm about to engulf the world. Here he is preparing himself to meet it—a modern Noah.

"It is no mere social upheaval, world-wide war or revolution, but a real cataclysm like the great Deluge," said Pratt. "God has told me the rushing of water, the trembling of the earth, will mark the new upheaval which is very near at hand."

"No, it is not 'the end of the earth'—not at all—it might be said to be the beginning."

Madame Parma, on a couch by Pratt's side, clad in a white satin robe embroidered in mystic symbols, was Mme. Parma, the teacher who introduced him into the mystic revelations which now guide his life. She is a beautiful young woman, who was a student of Rodin, the sculptor.

Since the revelations Pratt's wife has divorced him. His mother—all his family—have been estranged from him.

"These ties are nothing compared to the greater ones," said Pratt. "If you are willing to trust to the Supreme, even when you don't know where your next meal is coming from, you have reached the highest."

Woman's Era

The new era, which will follow the readjustment after the cataclysm, will be the woman's era. And the great fight will be against accepting the Mother God—the Divine Mother.

"Even now the signs of the Divine Mother's approach to the earth for judgment may be seen in woman's awakening and emancipation."

"God is both male and female. Heretofore man has refused to recognize the woman element in the Divine. But she is THE great element."

Pratt's Altar

Before the artistic Pratt bungalow, which is an aesthete's dream of exquisite color and line, stretches the garden toward the sea. In the foreground is a Korean altar, with a lion and palm tree in reef.

"The Mother God's altar," explained Pratt, "We found it at Vantines," but it had been waiting for us through the ages—just as this spot, the most desirable location so near New York, was passed by until we were guided here.

"It was predestinal thousands of years ago that we would make this the sanctuary of the Divine Mother—the temple of the Life Religion. Why, this promontory here is part of the submerged Atlantis!

"Our religion is a happy religion. It is a beautiful religion. God desires to be expressed only through beauty. And what a sense of humor the Divine Mother has!

"She has appeared to me through Mme. Parma but once through I have many messages."

Deeply sincere, Pratt and Mme. Parma say they believe in a recognizable God. Pratt has an intense sincerity.

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COUNTY AGENTS HOLD MEETING IN CITY TODAY

Relationship to Farm Bureau Organizations is Subject of Discussion

U. S. OFFICIAL HERE

"Better Sires" Campaign of the Extension Division of A. C. Outlined

Relationship of the county agent to the county, state and national farm bureau organizations was discussed at considerable length at a conference of county agents from western North Dakota which opened at the McKenzie hotel in Bismarck this morning and will continue until this evening.

C. B. Smith of Washington, D. C., director of the States Relation Service north and west, gave a summary of the history of county agent and farm bureau work and gave an outline of just what territory the county agent should cover. Primarily, he declared, the county agent should confine himself to educational activities, should place all available information before the farmers on any subject in which they may be interested and should encourage the farmers themselves to take charge of organization work, financing, and the other phases of the active management of any enterprise into which they may wish to enter, such as wheat marketing, livestock shipping, pooling of wool, or engaging in merchandising propositions.

"Seed Corn Week."

Director G. W. Randle of the Extension division gave the agents some instructions and advice regarding "Seed Corn Week," to be observed next week, Sept. 5 to 12, telling them that the purpose of the campaign was to get the farmers to select a sufficient supply of ears in the field and properly store them so that they will be assured of seed corn at least for the next two years. He called attention to the campaign to get one thousand North Dakota farmers to attend the National Dairy show at St. Paul, Oct. 8 to 15. The purpose of this campaign, he said, was to give the farmers information and inspiration to get into the dairy game, rather than to devote their exclusive time to wheat.

Rex Willard, farm economist of the Agricultural College, announced that a series of 15 to 20 cost estimating schools will be held in so many communities this fall at which the farmers will be queried and shown how to calculate the cost of production of their 1921 crop. The purpose of these meetings, he said, was to interest the farmers in the various phases of farm accounts and to secure supporting testimony for other cost of production data.

ONE CONTINUAL ROAR SAYS COURIER OF BATTLE RAGING IN WEST VIRGINIA

Logan, W. Va., Sept. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—After a morning of uncertainty in which reports from Spruce Fork ridge had told of sporadic fighting since daybreak it was officially announced at noon that "heavy firing" was taking place at Blair Mountain, Mill Creek and Crooked Creek.

Col. Eubanks said that one Logan man had been wounded on Blair mountain and that five of the opposing forces had been seen to fall.

Airplanes reconnoitering over Boone county east of the ridge reported increased activities among the bands which had assembled here while a courier from "the front" said it was "one continual roar along the entire line."

These reports which had the entire sanction of the civil and military commanders here indicated the heaviest fighting since the line was established along Spruce Fork ridge and efforts were made by Logan county authorities to stop what they termed the "invasion" of their county.

Logan, W. Va., Sept. 2.—Widely circulated reports that all was not going well for the defenders at the front were set at rest when Sheriff Bill Hatfield came in from Crooked Creek with the statement that lines were holding. Col. Eubanks has been notified that a force of federal troops should reach Logan by 5 p. m.

HELD NECESSARY TO END TROUBLE IN MINING CAMPS

Issuance of Order For Entrainment Follows Report From General Bandholtz

MOVE FROM FOUR POSTS

Armed Bands Refuse to Obey President Harding's Proclamation to Disperse

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 2.—Brigadier-General H. H. Bandholtz busied himself today working out the details of placing incoming federal troops at strategic positions.

"We are going right in and swamp the disorderly elements," said a high military authority today.

According to General Bandholtz troops from Camp Sherman are expected during the day while those from New Jersey will not arrive until tomorrow morning probably.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Federal troops from four troops numbering approximately 4,000 were at noon today either enroute or in readiness to move to West Virginia to enforce the decision of the federal government to restore order.

Secretary Weeks was optimistic expressing belief that as soon as federal troops reached the disturbed area the armed bands would voluntarily disband.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Orders for immediate entrainment of troops for West Virginia were issued early today by Major General Harbord, assistant chief of staff.

Action was postponed, however, on the question of declaring martial law pending conferences between Secretary Weeks and other government officials.

The orders were issued as a result of a telegram from Brig. Gen. H. H. Bandholtz, who was sent by Secretary Weeks to report on the situation and particularly whether the strikers would accede to President Harding's command that they disperse.

General Bandholtz at midnight last night recommended that troops be sent at once.

Troops Move Immediately

The troops which will move immediately are the 26th and 16th infantry at Camp Dix, N. J. and the 19th infantry at Camp Sherman O. Others can be rushed to the scene if necessary from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana and Camp Knox, near Louisville, Ky. General Bandholtz will assume command of the forces upon their arrival. He formerly commanded the Philippine constabulary and was provost marshal-general of the A. E. F. in France.

Union Leader Joins

General Bandholtz this forenoon reported to Secretary Weeks that Phillip Murray, international vice-president of the United Mine Workers union, had joined in urging upon him the recommendation for the troop movement.

Declaration of martial law was still withheld awaiting the arrival of troops and General Bandholtz further recommendations when Mr. Weeks left the war department for the White House to attend the regular Friday cabinet meeting.

General Bandholtz's message sent shortly after midnight on which the troops' movement was ordered was given out by the war department. It follows:

"Investigators returned about 11:30 tonight. The invaders have not obeyed President's proclamation and there is no apparent intention to do so. It is therefore recommended that the troops now held in readiness be sent to West Virginia without delay."

Blames State Troops

An earlier communication from General Bandholtz said:

"It is believed that the withdrawal of the invaders as promised by Keeney and Mooney (respective president and vice-president of the district miners' union) would have been satisfactorily accomplished but for the tardy sending of trains and particularly but for the ill-advised and ill-timed advance movement of state constabulary on the night of August 27th resulting in bloodshed."

TRAIN CARRIES DEAD

Madison, W. Va., Sept. 2.—A Chesapeake and Ohio railroad train which the armed forces around Blair have been using since regular service on Little Coal River branch was stopped, passed through Madison this morning bound for Whitesville, a mining village on the Wyoming county border. In one car, it was stated, were the bodies of a number of Whitesville men who had fallen in the fighting on Blair mountain.

According to reports reaching the authorities there was another fight on Blair mountain this morning. The firing continued almost an hour. If there were casualties they were not reported.

ENTRAIN TWO COMPANIES

Fort Thomas, Ky., Sept. 2.—Two companies of Fort Thomas troops left on a Chesapeake and Ohio train at 11 o'clock today for the West Virginia fields.

START SHERMAN TROOPS

Camp Sherman, O., Sept. 2.—Two troop trains carrying the 19th infantry numbering about 600 left for the West (Continued on Page 8)

HAUGEN QUITS STATE SERVICE AFTER 17 YEARS

Gilbert Haugen, deputy state land commissioner, has retired from that office after 17 years of continuous service. Mr. Haugen's record is unusual. He has held various positions in the office under different factions of the old Republicans and Democratic parties and the Nonpartisan league. When William Prater assumed the position of land commissioner yesterday, however, Mr. Haugen left the service. He will be employed in the county treasurer's office in Bismarck.

Noel Tharalson, another employee, resigned to accept a position in the state treasurer's office. Mr. Prater is not ready to announce his list of employees and two stenographers left for other positions.

S. D. Institution To Use Lignite From N. D. Mine

Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 2.—South Dakota institutions this winter, probably will use in considerable quantities lignite coal from the mines owned by South Dakota at Haynes, N. D., in conformity with suggestions made by the last legislature and boards in control of institutions.

Arrangements for the part use of the lignite by various state institutions are being made by E. O. Rousch, mine superintendent, in a swing around the state. He says that approximately 10,000 tons of lignite coal from the state's mines would be used this year by the various institutions. The coal is sold at \$1.75 a ton from the mine, and is held to have excellent heating qualities.

TWO DIE WHEN PLANE CRASHES

Hampton, Va., Sept. 2.—Adolph Ferencsak, of Brooklyn, and Samuel C. Capkewitz, of Patterson, N. J., were killed when their airplane was wrecked near Indian Head, Maryland.

LEAGUE COUNCIL REFERS SILESIA FATE TO 4 MEN

Geneva, Sept. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The council of the League of Nations yesterday afternoon decided to refer the Silesian question to four non-permanent members of the council for settlement. They are Paul Hymans, of Belgium; Dr. V. Wellington Ku, of China; Count Doulan, of Spain, and Dr. DaCunha, of Brazil.

TWO MEN HOLD UP FAST TRAIN

Salt Lake City, Sept. 2.—The Los Angeles Limited, on the Union Pacific system, was held up by two masked men near Clairfield and all the male passengers robbed.

WOMAN VICTIM OF ASSAILANT IN OWN ROOM

Lake Geneva, Wis., Sept. 2.—Attacked by an unidentified assailant and bound to a chair in her room in the home of Richard Smith, owner of a hotel, Mrs. Jack Lowry, wife of a captain of the Lake Geneva National Guard cavalry troop, last night struggled for more than two hours at her bonds before she was able to summon aid.

Officials and vigilantes today were seeking the woman's assailant.

CONSPIRACY IS UNEARTHED

London, Sept. 2.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Calcutta says the police in the Punjab district have discovered a conspiracy among the Sikhs to overthrow the British government and assassinate Europeans. The dispatch adds that the prosecution of the alleged conspirators will be undertaken immediately.

SEPTEMBER MORN PICTURE NO HIT WITH POLICEMEN

Minneapolis, Sept. 2.—Living pictures of September morn when the day was but three hours and 45 minutes old caught the attention of the Minneapolis shotgun squad on its hourly rounds in the Calhoun lake district. Investigation proved that the picture was being staged by two mermaids and two mermen.

The police, lacking appreciation of the artists, called all four in, two responding readily, two swimming to the opposite shore where they were found and loaded in the patrol wagon. At the police station they gave their names as Ray Mermaid, Duluth; Hazel Miller, Hannaford, N. D.; Geo. Walsh, "North Dakota," and Betty Thurston, St. Paul.

TROTZKY CHARGE STRONGLY DENIED

Riga, Latvia, Sept. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—American authorities here declared the charge made in Moscow by Leon Trotzky that the American intelligence service participated in an alleged plot to assassinate Russian Communist leaders is ridiculous.

BELIEVE BANK ROBBERS HELD IN MINNESOTA

Officers go to Identify Men Who Are Charged with Stealing Automobile

Fargo, Sept. 2.—Dan McPier, of St. Paul, and John Blackwood, of Columbus, Ohio, were arrested by the sheriff of Mahonmen county last night charged with the theft of an automobile at Gaylord, Minnesota, according to word received by the Cass county sheriff's department today.

The men are believed implicated in the robbery of the Genesee, Sargent county, bank last Saturday, according to the message and Sheriff O. H. Flados, of that county, is en route to identify them.

The car the men were driving contained guns, sledges, bars and chisels, according to the information.

FOREST FIRES IN MONTANA

Missoula, Mont., Sept. 2.—One man was killed and thousands of acres of timber land burned in Montana and northern Idaho by forest fires sweeping the region.

Hibbing, Minn., Sept. 2.—Forest fires, which for a time last night, threatened the villages of Hibbing, Buhl and Mitchell and which swept an area of practically 50 miles, were reported under control today.

AMERICANS PUT FIRST KITCHEN IN OPERATION

Paris, Sept. 2.—The first kitchen for the feeding of children was established in Petrograd today by the American Relief Administration. Walter L. Browne, European director of the administration, said in making this announcement that another kitchen would be opened in Moscow in a few days.

TURKS DRAWING AWAY AS GREEKS PUSH FORWARD

Constantinople, Sept. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Turkish Nationalist forces which have been fighting a desperate battle against the Greeks in the loop of the Sakaria river in Asia Minor are withdrawing toward Angor. Both the Greeks and the Turks have suffered heavily during recent fighting but the Turks were outnumbered.

REASSESSMENT IS ORDERED

Reassessment of the town of Oakes has been ordered by State Tax Commissioner Wallace, who appointed Gus Strutz to do the work.

The tax commissioner announced that the state's attorney of Morton county was appealing the case of the city of Mandan to the district court. Wallace ordered a reassessment and values were laid. He says the county board put the figures back where the city board had placed them.

ST. PAUL MAN HEADS LAWYERS

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 2.—C. A. Severance, of St. Paul, Minn., was elected president of the American Bar Association today. Frederick Wade, of Albany, N. Y., and Thomas Kemp, of Baltimore, Md., were re-elected treasurer and secretary, respectively.

No other names were presented before the convention, nominations being made by the general counsel.

Members of the executive committee include F. E. Ellsworth, of James-town, N. D.

ITALY ACCEPTS HARDING'S BID

Washington, Sept. 2.—The Italian government has formally accepted President Harding's invitation to participate in the Washington disarmament and Far Eastern questions conference. The acceptance completes the list of nations invited.

WEALTHY LAND OWNER HIT BY TRAIN, KILLED

Daniel Filkins, of Mandan, Killed at Waterloo, Iowa, Last Night

Daniel Filkins, of Mandan, one of the largest land owners in Morton and Mercer counties, was instantly killed last night by a train at Eagle Grove, Ia., according to word received here today. Mr. Filkins was at Eagle Grove for medical treatment.

Mr. Filkins had been a resident of Mandan for about 15 years, during which time he managed several thousand acres of land. Mr. Filkins formerly was a Congressional legislator. When his brother left him a great amount of land he moved to Mandan to take charge of the property.

Although he had not sought public office, Mr. Filkins was interested in public affairs and was widely known. A wife and two children survive.

GENERAL WOOD TAKES POST IN PHILIPPINES

Seriousness of Situation Prompts His Acceptance, He Tells Secretary Weeks

Manilla, P. I., Sept. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Major-General Leonard Wood today announced his acceptance of the post of Governor-General of the Philippines tendered to him by President Harding.

General Wood notified Secretary of War Weeks that he would retire from the army to accept the governorship. He said he believed it to be his patriotic duty to accept the position owing to the seriousness of the situation in the Islands.

LLOYD GEORGE CALLS CABINET

London, Sept. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Prime Minister Lloyd George has sent the reply of Raymond DeValera, the Irish Republican leader, to his communication on his latest peace proposals to London for circulation among members of the cabinet. He has summoned a cabinet meeting to be held next week at Inverness, Scotland.

FARGO COMPANY RATES FIXED BY RAIL COMMISSION

The state railroad commission has ordered the Union Light, Heat and Power Company of Fargo to charge rates which were in effect Sept. 1, 1919; to furnish each of its customers a statement showing the amount of electricity furnished each and every month since September, 1920, and shall refund the difference between this rate and that fixed on September, 1919.

The lighting rate provided is 10 cents for the first 100 kilowatts, 8 cents for the next 200; 7 cents for the next 200, and 6 cents for all over 500. A five per cent discount is allowed for payment of bills by the tenth of the month. The power rate is 6 cents for the first 200 kilowatts.

BRITISH TROOPS ARE ATTACKED BY RIOTING INDIANS

Calcutta, British India, Sept. 2.—British troops proceeding in motor cars last Sunday in the direction of Malaparham were attacked by 4,000 Moplahs near Mongarn. Assistant police chief Lancaster and two soldiers were killed and several wounded. The Moplahs suffered serious casualties.