

CITY BUDGET IS FIXED FOR YEAR AT \$106,690.00

Annual Appropriation Ordinance For Fiscal Year is Introduced in Meeting

SALARY CUTS ARE MADE

Chief of Police Only Full Time Man Not Cut—No Action on Fire Truck

The annual budget ordinance of the city was introduced in the commission meeting last night by Finance Commissioner John Larson.

The ordinance as it now stands exceeds the limit allowed by house bill No. 25, the tax limitation law passed last winter by the legislature.

Salary Cuts Made

Some salary decreases are made in the ordinance introduced in the commission last night which was introduced after it had been considered by the whole commission.

The ordinance as introduced follows: BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Bismarck, N. D.:

That there are hereby appropriated the following sums of money for the (Continued on Page 8)

WARD COUNTY VALUES CUT

State Board Corrects Action Based on Erroneous Figures

The state board of equalization, after hearing protests of city officials of Minot, reduced the valuation on structures used for business purposes in Ward county to the figure at which they were sent to the state board by the ward county board of equalization.

VIEWS DIVERGE ON CONFERENCE

Has De Valera Broken Relations or Preserved Status?

London, Sept. 20.—(By Associated Press)—A decided diversity in view is prevalent here today regarding the effect of the latest program of Eamon DeValera to Premier Lloyd George—whether it means a rupture or a step toward a conference looking to an Irish settlement.

WOULD ENTER CONFERENCE

Belfast, Sept. 20.—(By Associated Press)—Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, explaining to the northern parliament today Ulster's position with regard to the proposed conference looking toward peace in Ireland maintained that while it would be implicit to refuse to enter a conference in order to protect the interests of Ulster, nevertheless Ulster had nothing to give away in such a conference.

DEPOT DESTROYED

Flasher, N. D. Sept. 20.—Fire, starting from a gasoline stove explosion in the living rooms of Agent F. L. Colgrove, completely destroyed the Northern Pacific railway station at Flasher this morning and threatened destruction of the village.

All of the freight was removed, but all express was destroyed. The village, located 35 miles southwest of Mandan, has no waterworks, citizens, by means of buckets and hand chemicals, stationed on adjoining buildings, saved them despite a 40-mile gale.

EMPEROR OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE



WILLIAM JOSEPH SIMMONS, HEAD OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND IN HIS REGALIA AS EMPEROR OF THE ORGANIZATION.

DOUBLE PROBE OF KU KLUX

Department of Justice And Congress To Investigate Invisible Empire

Washington, Sept. 20.—Federal authorities are going to fire two shots into the whiterobed ranks of the Ku Klux Klan.

The first probably will be a thorough investigation of the order by the department of Justice.

The second will be a Congressional inquiry.

William Joseph Simmons, known as emperor of the Invisible Empire, may be summoned from his headquarters at Atlanta, to Washington to present his case.

The Postoffice department is seeking to determine whether the Klan has violated postal regulations.

Heads of the American Federation of Labor are warning their thousands of adherents to steer clear of the Klan.

500,000 Members

The Klan claims a total membership of 500,000 and says it is calling 1000 fresh recruits to the colors every week.

Its officers say it is a fraternal patriotic organization based on the tradition of the Ku Klux Klan which flourished in the south during the reconstruction period following the Civil War.

They say it is dedicated to loyal Americanism, white supremacy and the protection of American Womanhood.

But the opponents of the Klan declare that it is an anti-Negro, anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish, anti-alien body and that it plans by insidious propaganda to stir up racial and religious hatred and internal strife.

It is upon these charges that federal action will be based.

Burns Ready to Act

Williams J. Burns, chief of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, says he has not yet looked into the Klan's operations but will do so as soon as he is authorized by Attorney General Daugherty.

Daugherty is not now in Washington, Burns says it is probable he will order a probe immediately upon his return.

Representative Peter F. Tague of Massachusetts has drafted a resolution demanding an investigation of the Klan which he will present soon after Congress convenes.

Planning Program

Representative Leonidas M. Dyer of Missouri, member of the House Judiciary Committee, is studying the statutes and precedents to determine what action Congress can take.

"It is probable that we'll pass a resolution empowering some committee to make an investigation," Dyer said. "That will enable the committee to subpoena officers of the Klan and force them to appear at hearings here."

Representative Benjamin J. Fairchild of New York said: "I don't know of any federal law under which we can prosecute. But it's possible that new federal legislation will be enacted to cover this particular case."

DAMAGES ASKED

Dickinson, N. D., Sept. 20.—Damages in the sum of \$35,000 each, are asked of the Northern Pacific railroad, by Mrs. Thomas Everetts, widow of Thomas Everetts, who was washed away from a speeder and drowned by the flood of June 18 which swept the Medora region, and by Everett Roberts, former serviceman, who claims injuries in his alleged extraordinary exertions to save his life, according to a statement given out by the plaintiff's attorneys.

Attorney for the damage claimants announce that if private settlement cannot be effected, suits will be begun soon. Such suits probably would come up at the January term of district court for Billings county.

DRINKING "HAND HEAT" LED HIM TO SHOOTING POLICEMAN, MAN SAYS

Minot, N. D., Sept. 20.—Charles Welling, held at the county jail here, charged with murder in connection with the death of Julius A. Nielsen, Kenmare policeman, who died after a pistol fight with Welling, declared here today he did not remember anything that occurred in Kenmare except the pistol fight.

"I had been drinking hand heat and I guess it put me out of my head," he is said to have told county officials here.

Welling was arrested by Chief of Police John Kinser, of Kenmare, who was forced to shoot him in the leg before he would surrender. A man who gave his name as Harry Butler was also arrested charged with robbing a poker game and is said to have been in company with Welling.

SALE PLANNED OF UNEMPLOYED IS BROKEN UP

New York, Sept. 20.—Urban Ledoux, whose attempt to sell the services of unemployed at auction last night was blocked by police, today distributed meal tickets to 40 hungry followers and announced he would march to Bryant park and again try to hold his auction.

He also distributed newspapers containing account of police activities yesterday to throngs of jobless men.

Ledoux claimed he had dispersed large numbers of unemployed.

Ledoux declared that by feeding the jobless he believed he was keeping them from becoming violent.

FEAR BALLOONS CARRIED TO SEA

Five Entrants in International Race Heard From

Brussels, Sept. 20.—Tidings from five of the great balloons which started from here last Sunday in a race for the James Gordon Bennett trophy were anxiously awaited today.

The meeting opened in the American Legion hall in the morning, and the visitors met with business men at a noon luncheon at the Grand Pacific hotel at which talks were made.

Max Morgan, livestock extension representative of the agricultural college, spoke to the farmers on the organization of a circuit, the availability of good sows, and G. H. Ritter, superintendent of the Flasher circuit, gave a demonstration of the Babcock test and spoke on methods of keeping up dairying. A record is kept by members of the Flasher circuit of the production of every day, the daily record sheet being hung in the barn. A profit and loss account is kept, the sow being charged \$1 per month for pasture and charged for feed, etc. In this way the farmers can determine whether or not the cow is profitable, and if not they get rid of her.

The success of Sawtell and Cotner, of Flasher, in breeding dairy cattle was outlined.

YANK BALLOON IS LANDED

New York, Sept. 20.—The Belgica I, an American entrant in the international balloon race which started from Brussels Sunday, has landed at Braichy Pwell, North Wales, Ralph Upson, one of the pilots, called this information to the Aero Club of America today. The balloon traveled 420 miles in 27 1/2 hours.

OPERATION OF MILL IS BEGUN

Minneapolis, Sept. 20.—Operations were begun on the new state experimental mill today. A carload of No. 2 dark northern Marquis wheat was fed into the hopper to make the first state-produced flour in Minnesota. This flour will be sold to state institutions at the regular market price.

DIES OF PTOMAIN POISON

Gladstone, N. D., Sept. 20.—Mrs. Charles W. Brown, 32, of Gladstone, died at a Dickinson hospital of ptomaine poisoning after a month's illness. She leaves her husband and four small children.

REASSESSMENT OF CITIES IS HELD INVALID

Judge Coffey Rules Against State Tax Commissioner in Jamestown Case

SIMILAR ACTION—MANDAN

Judge Declares Law Giving Power to State Officer Interferes With Local Government

Jamestown, N. D., Sept. 20.—At the conclusion of arguments in the injunction case brought by the Western Electric company to restrain the county board of equalization from taking any action on the reassessment of the city of Jamestown by district tax deputy Burgess, Judge Coffey of the district court announced his decision continuing the injunction.

The injunction having been made permanent no further action will be taken unless there is an appeal to the supreme court and in case there is not, the entire case of the pretended reassessment of the city will have a hearing on its merits probably not until the December term of court.

The judge announced that he would continue the restraining order on several grounds, one based on the belief that the law is unconstitutional as it interferes with local self-government.

Another reason is based on the fact that the title to the law creating the tax commissioner is defective. It is stated that this view has been taken by Judge Robinson and a further ground on which the law is believed to be unconstitutional is that in the matter of assessment and equalization the law is no notice to taxpayers and no provision for due process of law guaranteed to everyone as a constitutional right.

The reassessment was ordered by George E. Wallace, state tax commissioner. He also ordered the reassessment of Mandan, Oakes, Drake and other cities and towns. A decision by the supreme court in the Jamestown case would affect the reassessment in these other places.

The reassessment was ordered on the ground that the assessment returned by county authorities was too low and therefore was discriminatory against other property in the county.

Charles Crum, who represented the state tax commissioner in the matter, said later the case would be appealed to the supreme court.

BRIBERY CHARGE IN "FATTY" CASE IS PASSED OVER

Grand Jury Investigating Alleged Tampering Continues Its Probe

AUTOPSY WAS ILLEGAL?

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—After hearing testimony concerning alleged tampering with prosecution witnesses and of an autopsy on the body of Miss Virginia Rappe, which is declared to have been illegal, because it lacked the sanction of authorities, the county grand jury investigating these phases of the Roscoe Arbuckle case adjourned early today until next Monday night. No action was taken.

The grand jurors heard the testimony of four witnesses concluding with that of Dr. M. E. Rumwell, the physician who attended Miss Rappe during most of her illness and who was subpoenaed, District Attorney Brady explained, because he is accused of having performed an autopsy without official permission.

The other three were Miss Joyce Clark and Dr. Gabor Kingstone and Reggy Morely. These three were interrogated concerning alleged tampering with witnesses.

At the conclusion of the session District Attorney Brady issued a statement in which he declared it was disclosed that these three witnesses had discussed the probability of "making" money out of the Arbuckle case by "framing" Miss Joyce Clark to impeach the testimony of Miss Zey Prevost, a most important prosecution witness.

Liquor served by Arbuckle at his party in the Hotel St. Francis is to be the subject of investigation by a United States district court judge here tonight. Arbuckle continues to be held in the city jail without bail charged with first degree murder in connection with Miss Rappe's death.

Robert H. McCormack, assistant United States district attorney for prosecution of liquor cases, announced witnesses would be called who were guests at the alleged revel. McCormack said he will not seek indictment at this term, waiting until other federal officials have completed investigation now on in the motion picture colony of Los Angeles and Hollywood.

EMPLOYMENT IS ON INCREASE

Washington, Sept. 20.—The number of persons employed in the major industries showed increases in August over July.

BOND MARKET IS SAID IMPROVING

F. W. Cathro, director-general of the Bank of North Dakota, who has returned from Chicago where he has been for several days, reviewing work done in the bond sale campaign, he said that there was some improvement in the bond market in the east, but said business conditions generally seemed unchanged. The state bond sale campaign, he said, was generally satisfactory.

HOME BREWING HELD ILLEGAL

Washington, Sept. 20.—Warning that the making of intoxicating homebrew is illegal was issued by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

HEADS VETERANS OF '98



Oscar E. Carlstrom of Aledo, Ill., has been elected commander-in-chief of the United Mine Workers of America, declared here today in his report made at the opening of the biennial convention of the international union. He also recommended a postponement until next February of the miners' adoption of definite wage demands and declared that with all wage agreements expiring on March 31, 1922, "the full influence and economic power of our great membership may thus be utilized to the advantage of our people for the achievement of our ideals."

PROBE STARTED INTO COSTS OF HOUSE 'EXTRAS'

Industrial Commission Orders Joint Investigation by Association and Auditor

OWNERS MUST PAY COST

State to Insist on Payment of Actual Cost Said to be 25 Per Cent More than Estimate

The cost of "extras" in houses built in Bismarck and other cities by the state home-builders association will be checked, it was stated, following a meeting of the Industrial Commission here. All changes in original plans made by the association are to be gone over by J. B. Adams, manager of the association, and an auditor of the Equitable Audit Society.

Contracts with individuals for whom houses were built will not be made by the association until this checking is completed. It was expected that costs would be arrived at several weeks ago and the contracts signed. There was some delay occasioned by differences between the figures of the office force of the association and the auditor of the Equitable Audit society, which was employed to put the accounts of the homebuilders association in shape and to install a system a considerable time after the association had been in operation.

It also is stated by the members of the Industrial Commission that all persons for whom houses were built will be required to pay the actual cost of building of the homes. It had been reported that contracts would be signed at the estimated cost. It was stated sometime ago by the manager of the association that the average cost of the house would be probably 25 per cent higher than the original estimates.

When the time arrives for the signing of contracts, according to expression of some of those for whom houses were built, they will refuse to sign and will go into court to settle the question.

The present program of home building is virtually completed. There are no plans on foot now for the continuation of the work of the association, no bonds having been sold and the appropriation made by the last legislature being very small. There still is considerable material on hand.

OPINION ASKED ON PRINTING OF ELECTION BOOK

Secretary of State Hall was informed this afternoon that the emergency commission would, in a meeting today, vote money for the printing of the publicity pamphlet.

The request of Secretary of State Thomas Hall for \$10,000 for the printing of a publicity pamphlet before the coming election was placed before attorney general by Governor Frazier and Commissioner of Agriculture Hagan who, with Mr. Hall, comprise the emergency commission.

The opinion of the attorney general as to whether or not it is legal to make the appropriation from the emergency fund was asked.

The secretary of state has begun the collection of copy to be used in the printing of the pamphlet, which he said today was a step necessary in the event funds should be provided for the printing. All copy should be in his hands by Monday, Sept. 26, it is stated.

CROSS COUNTRY RATES ARE CUT

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—Transcontinental livestock rates on all lines are to be reduced 20 per cent from September 20 to December 31 to help stock raisers tide over until settled market conditions.

KELSO POSTOFFICE ROBBED

Kelso, N. D., Sept. 20.—Thieves entered the Kelso postoffice and obtained about \$70.

MINERS ASKED TO FIGHT CUTS IN WAGE SCALE

President Lewis Tells Mine Workers to Resist Attempt At Decreases

ROW WITH HOWATT IS UP

Lewis Asks Backing in Action of Board Against Kansas Miners Head

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 20.—No wage reduction of coal miners must be permitted and all resources of the miners union must be made available to back up the policy in opposition to wage cuts, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, declared here today in his report made at the opening of the biennial convention of the international union. He also recommended a postponement until next February of the miners' adoption of definite wage demands and declared that with all wage agreements expiring on March 31, 1922, "the full influence and economic power of our great membership may thus be utilized to the advantage of our people for the achievement of our ideals."

Deals with Wages

Much of Mr. Lewis' 40,000-word report related to the wage question, apparently indicating that this would be among the most important business of the convention which brought together between 1,500 and 1,600 representatives of local unions scattered through the United States, Western Canada and Nova Scotia.

Mr. Lewis asked the convention to endorse the international board which he said Alexander Howatt, president of the Kansas miners organization, had defied in not complying with the board's order for strikers to return to work.

Other essential points of Mr. Lewis' report included: A recommendation that the convention reaffirm its declaration of two years ago favoring nationalization of coal mines.

A declaration that "the fight in Mingo county, West Virginia, must be won" and that "there can be no compromise of the principles involved."

A recommendation that legal proceedings be instituted to make a full test of the constitutionality of the Kansas industrial court law.

WOMAN, 84 YEARS OLD, MURDERED

Aged Grand Forks Lady is Found Dead in Bed

Grand Forks, N. D., Sept. 20.—Mrs. Blooma Seliger, 84, was murdered here Monday night. Her body was discovered this morning in a bed in the rear of a small grocery store which she had conducted for 20 years.

The woman's hands had been tied behind her back and the bedclothes and pillows piled over her.

A ruffled trunk near the bed indicated that robbery was the motive for the crime.

LLOYD GEORGE TO STAY HOME

British Premier Not Coming To Disarmament Conference

London, Sept. 20. (By the Associated Press).—It has been definitely decided that neither Mr. Lloyd George the prime minister nor Lord Curzon the secretary for foreign affairs will attend the Washington conference on disarmament and Pacific problems in view of impending developments in domestic politics, it was learned this afternoon.

WOMEN MEET FOR CAMPAIGN

Discuss Plan of Independent Organization

Discussion of the Independent organization of women in the recall election campaign was held last night. H. P. Goddard, who managed the Independent campaign in the last election, talked to numerous women workers, and plans were made for the immediate organization of the women of the city.

N. D. BOY IN PEN FOR KISS GIVEN HIS FREEDOM

Madison, Wis., Sept. 20.—Conditional pardon was granted today by Governor Flaive to John Truesdall, serving two years in Waupun for "putting his arm about and kissing a girl." Truesdall, a young man, is to return to his parents in North Dakota and conduct himself as a good citizen under conditions of his release.

CORINTH ELEVATOR ROBBED

Corinth, N. D., Sept. 20.—Yeggs entered the office of the Corinth elevator here, blew the safe and obtained about \$25 in cash and a bunch of notes. Most of the notes were recovered, being found along a road north of Corinth. No trace of the yeggs has been found.