

FOCH SEES GREAT FUTURE FOR STATE

COMPLETE REPORT ON HOMEBUILDERS

DEFICIT GROWS TO \$91,000 IN STATE INDUSTRY

Figures Reveal Situation of Homebuilders Association as of October 31

POSSIBLE LOSS \$250,000

Increase Over Estimated Cost of Houses is 61 Per Cent Complete List Shows

The Homebuilders Association had on October 31 when a balance sheet was made a deficit of \$91,145.73.

The final cost on 53 houses constructed by the state homebuilding body is 61 per cent higher than the estimated cost.

The possible loss if settlement were made on the basis of the estimated cost of the houses would exceed \$250,000.

This statement of affairs is shown from the books of the association by J. B. Adams, manager of the association, in the last few months. Mr. Adams succeeded Manager Blakemore and has been engaged in cleaning up accounts on the homes most of the time.

The total increase in the cost of completed structures over the estimate is \$172,938.72. It is expected that persons for whom houses were built will seek to avoid paying this excess, which would increase the deficit.

In arriving at the cost of houses 2 per cent of the cost was added for administrative expense. This left an administrative expense excess of \$49,150.00 which is charged against the state association, and under the home building law is paid by taxpayers. The administrative expense charged against taxpayers is \$927.35 for each house built.

Classification of Deficit
The classification of the deficit includes the following losses: Administrative expense, \$49,150.61; drop on material prices, \$23,372.72; interest on stock charged off, \$8,162.97; damage to property account, \$500.00. Included in the administrative expense are payments to the Equitable Audit company which was employed to make an analysis of cancelled checks, etc., of \$22,000. Some homebuilders' lumber has been sold since building was suspended. The loss on this is about 40 per cent.

Below is given the estimated cost of each house and the total cost complete as of October 23, 1921.

The percentage of increase of completed work over estimated cost—61 per cent—is greater than had previously been reported, the highest figure having been estimated from available information being 40 per cent. The deficit is larger than was found last winter by the investigating committee.

Complete figures on the home of William Lemke, in Fargo, which has been much discussed: The yshow the estimated cost at \$12,500; extras, \$2,000; total cost \$21,379.51, which does not include some materials purchased independently of the association by the builder.

The situation is one which is expected to be taken up by the new administration, and the solution may wait a court ruling as to whether the builders of houses or the state shall stand the loss as represented by the increase in the completed costs over the estimated costs.

No Contracts Signed
Thus far no contracts have been signed on any of the houses built by the association. Five contracts have been signed on houses purchased, which are not included in the figures given below.

An opinion of Attorney-General Lemke of Nov. 23 states that "as long as both legal and equitable title remains in the state, the house is not taxable and in no event can taxes be levied against property of the state except as assessments as to special improvements." Taxes are not to be charged against the property unless the builder has an absolute conveyance of the property. Under this rule the state pays the taxes on the houses, and they cannot be sold.

Homebuilders' houses have been advertised for sale on account of delinquent taxes in Fargo and Mr. Adams went to Fargo yesterday to deal with that situation and others.

R. M. McClintock, editor of the Fargo Courier-News, paid about \$800 to the association and then refused to take his house, which the association went ahead and completed.

Comparison with Estimates
Following is the estimated cost of the houses as given the purchasers by James T. Baker, superintendent of construction for the homebuilders, and the final cost:

Bismarck Project No. 1

Home Buyer	Est. Cost	Tot. Cost
A—Mossbrucker	\$4,020	\$6,310.00
B—Fossum	4,530	7,295.52
C—Svensgaard	4,790	7,395.50

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Following is a financial statement of the Homebuilders' Association as of Oct. 31, 1921:

Assets	
Scandinavian-Amer. Bk.	74.90
Petty cash fund	2.41
Loan contracts	18,866.56
Home Buyers' balances	345,554.33
Real Estate	4,631.93
Buildings Fargo yards	3,818.93
Inventory, material	27,194.22
Furniture and fixtures	3,189.63
Construction equipment	409.67
Small tools	401.90
Engineers' equipment	233.17
Accounts receivable	8,722.36
Bills receivable	706.36
Unexpired insurance	279.02
Total assets	414,114.13
Deficits	91,145.73
	\$505,259.86

Liabilities	
Appropriation	\$100,000.00
Bills payable, Bank of North Dakota	370,500.00
Accrued Int. B. of N. D.	9,623.83
Overdraft, B. of N. D.	21,996.66
Depositors' balances	1,946.35
Accounts payable	1,193.02
Total liabilities	\$505,259.86

LIBERAL PARTY SUPPORT ASKED IN NO. DAKOTA

State Committee is Organized at Meeting Held in Bismarck Today

PRAISE NONPARTY LEAGUE

A North Dakota committee of the proposed Liberal party was named at a conference here today in Odd Fellows hall, presided over by J. A. H. Hopkins, of New York, of the Committee of 48.

J. W. Deemy, Mrs. C. G. Boise and J. H. Calderhead, all of Bismarck, were named president, vice-president and secretary, respectively, of the organization committee. The organization committee, it is expected, will name representatives in various counties.

Resolutions adopted declared that "the time has come for all liberals to unite and solidify their support nationally through the medium of a Liberal party organized in preparation for the 1924 campaign," and proposed to adopt the name Liberal Party.

The proposed Liberal party would advocate public control of national resources, public ownership of railroads, equal rights and abolition of privilege.

Resolutions adopted voiced faith in the Nonpartisan league and the three recalled officials, saying their recall was made possible through misrepresentation and urged that "not only as a vindication but as a distinct benefit to the cause of the people, these men be returned to public life, and that members of the Committee of 48 in North Dakota would especially welcome the opportunity of voting for either Lynn J. Frazier, William Lemke, John Hagan for United States Senator, unless it should be found more advisable to return these men to their former offices."

Nelson A. Mason, who was secretary to Governor Frazier, presided. Commissioner of Insurance S. A. Olmsen is a representative of the Committee of 48. About 20 persons were present, most of them from Bismarck.

DYNAMITE CAP CAUSES DEATH

McKinney, Texas, Nov. 28.—Robert Steele, 55, is dead from injuries received when a dynamite cap exploded in his mouth. He had been blowing out tree stumps and was clamping the cap to the dynamite fuse by means of his teeth.

Today's Weather

For 24 hours ending at noon Nov. 28.	Temperature at 7 a. m.	22
Highest yesterday		25
Lowest yesterday		17
Lowest last night		21
Precipitation		Trace
Highest wind velocity		25-32

Weather Forecast
For Bismarck and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

For North Dakota: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; somewhat colder in the extreme west portion tonight and in the east portion Tuesday.

An extensive low pressure area covers the Canadian northwest, the northern Rocky Mountain region, while high pressure areas are central over the lower Mississippi Valley and the Pacific coast. Fair weather with moderate temperatures prevails generally.

—ORRIS W. ROBERTS, Meteorologist.

FIFTY MILLION BUSHELS GRAIN FOR CO-OP POOL

Farmers in 11 States Pledged Them to U. S. Grain Growers Inc., Says Statement

25,997 SIGN CONTRACTS

Kansas Wheat Crop Lowest in History—Has Effect on Chicago Board Prices

St. Paul, Nov. 28.—More than 50,000,000 bushels of grain have been pledged by farmers in 11 states to the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., to be marketed through co-operative channels, according to a weekly summary published by the organization today. The statement says contracts have been received from 25,997 farmers.

KANSAS CROP HIT

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 28.—The lowest wheat crop condition in the history of the state was reported today by Secretary Mohler, of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture in his first report on the new wheat crop. Condition was given as 58.5 per cent of normal. Acreage reported, 11,250,000, was the third largest ever sown. Lack of moisture was given as the cause for the condition.

3 BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE AT MOVIE SHOW

Believed That Fire Resulted From Incense Being Burned On the Stage

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 28.—Three lives were lost and 79 persons were more or less seriously injured when fire broke out in the Rialto motion picture theater here last night. Forty-eight persons who were either struck or trampled when the panic-stricken crowd surged toward the doors as the flames swept into the theater from the stage were in hospitals today. All will recover, it was said.

Only one body, that of Timothy J. Hanlon, 68, had been identified this morning. It was believed he was trampled to death as examination of his injuries showed his neck was broken.

Coroner Mix began an official inquiry today.

"We are inclined to the belief," he said, "that the fire might have been kindled by incense burned during the play being shown. This play, 'The Shiek,' was being given an Oriental setting and incense was being burned on the stage. It may be that the flames caught some debris and dropped onto the stage."

MENOKEN FIRE LOSS \$12,000

Bank and Store Building Are Burned Up

The Menoken Farmers Bank building and the Menoken Mercantile company's store burned Saturday night. The fire, which started in the basement of the mercantile company, is of unknown origin.

Some of the furniture and fixtures in the bank were saved as the bank opened for business this morning in temporary quarters.

Both the buildings, which were frame, were covered by insurance. The total loss is estimated at \$12,000. The mercantile company is owned by Joseph and John Meiers, of Napoleon.

INVENTION TO CHANGE MOVIES?

Inventory Says It Is No Longer Necessary To Sit In Dark

Davenport, Ia., Nov. 28.—It will no longer be necessary to sit in the dark at the movies, according to A. S. Victor, secretary of the National Society of Motion Picture Engineers, who today announced the invention of a machine which he says will permit of daylight motion pictures.

Mr. Victor's invention reverses the present order of movies. The light instead of being reflected from the rear of the theater is now reflected behind the screen. It is now possible to leave full daylight in the room and yet have a perfect picture on the screen.

DENBY DENIES NAVY OFFICERS OPPOSE PARLEY

Contradicts Published Reports That They Oppose Disarmament Plan Suggested

RESOLUTION ON CHINA

Powers Would Withdraw Foreign Postoffices and Take Up Other Chinese Questions

Washington, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Emphatic denial was issued today by Secretary Denby to published reports that American naval officers were opposing the naval reduction program submitted by the American delegation at the disarmament conference and that the secretary of the navy had ordered naval officers not to oppose it.

Washington, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Published reports alleging use of harsh words by Premier Briand of France while in Washington against Senator Schaefer, head of the Italian armament conference delegation were formally denied in a statement made today by Chairman Hughes at a meeting of the conference committee on Far Eastern and Pacific questions.

Washington Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—A resolution declaring for relinquishment of foreign postoffice privileges in China was adopted today by the nine powers sitting as a committee on Pacific and Far Eastern questions.

The nine powers' committee deferred final action until tomorrow on the question of extra territorial rights in China. The principal of closing foreign courts in China it was said, was agreed to, but consideration of the formal resolution went over.

Chinese representatives at today's meeting brought up the domestic control of Chinese railways. The question, however, was set for consideration at another meeting of the full nine powers tomorrow morning.

HEAVY TRUCK GOES THROUGH ICE IN RIVER

Loaded with Furniture, It Crashes Through Ice Thirty Feet From Shore

A big truck and a load of furniture went to the bottom of the Missouri river through the ice Sunday afternoon.

The truck was en route from Medina to Mandan with a load of furniture of Dr. Smith. The furniture included an office safe and weighed about four tons. The truck was one of the largest of the Wachter Transfer company, the total load being about seven tons.

The ice cracked about 30 feet off the east shore. The truck toppled over and went to the bottom of six feet of water. Paul Wachter was driving. He got out of the cab after getting wet. The ice at the place was from 6 to 10 inches thick.

The accident to the truck came after a hard battle with snow from Medina for two days. A crew of men was put to work to get out the truck and furniture, and it was taken out about 2 o'clock this morning.

CENTER HALL IS BURNED

Cool Heads Prevent Panic In Movie Show

Center, N. D., Nov. 28.—The Center community hall, owned by the band, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. An explosion of films in the projection room caused the fire. Cool heads kept the crowd attending the movie show from becoming panicky.

WOMEN TRAFFIC "COPS" IN N. Y.

New York, Nov. 28.—Women traffic "cops" made their bow to the New York public today, at all intersections in the vicinity of public schools women police reserves were on duty. They were called out to replace 2,500 patrolmen who are on duty protecting milk wagons during the milk-handlers' strike.

Whistles are the sole weapons of the volunteer forces. All wore a uniform consisting of a dark blue jacket and skirt with a light blue vest and semi-military cap. Permission has been granted for the use of umbrellas in case of rain.

FIRST WOMAN IN ASSEMBLY



Mrs. Elliott Flannery of Catsburg, Ky., will take her seat in January as the first woman member of the Kentucky General Assembly. She was elected from Boyd county with a majority of 255 over the male incumbent.

Politics runs in Mrs. Flannery's family. Her grandfather was state senator two terms. Her uncle, John Milton Elliott, was assassinated while serving as appeals court judge.

POLICEMAN IS SHOT DURING BOLD ROBBERY

Masked Robbers Attempt To Get Into Safe of Minneapolis Theater

Minneapolis, Nov. 28.—Finding and binding the watchman, the iceman and three women employees of the Orpheum theater here, four masked robbers early today shot Patrolman John Moen, who was called by a fourth woman the robbers had overlooked. They fled without succeeding in robbing the safe which contained more than \$4,000. The robbers had knocked off the combination shift and the handle when they were interrupted by Moen. Moen's condition is said to be serious.

MARSHAL FOCH ATTENDS MASS

Great Warrior Directs Time Be Given For Church

Marshal Foch, a devout Christian, did not forget his religious duties in his visit to Bismarck.

He had directed a wire be sent to the local committee to arrange time for him to attend church. After the parade, while the crowd was being seated in the Auditorium, the Marshal was taken to St. Mary's for mass, which was said by Father Hillner.

As the party drew up in front of the new south entrance the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus stood at attention on either side of the wide walk leading to the school entrance. The party was met at the door by Father John Slag, who was interpreter for Governor Nestos, and who with Father Andrieu, of Bottineau, escorted the Marshal and his party to the little chapel.

The Sisters and Knights of Columbus filled the chapel to overflowing and some knelt at the door in the hallway.

As the Marshal was leaving the little chapel he was presented with a beautiful rosary knelt by the Bismarck Council, Knights of Columbus. He received it with "Mercede frere" (Thank you, Brother). Marshal Foch chatted for a short time with Bishop Wiehle and Father Andrieu.

Father Andrieu came from Bottineau especially to meet Mr. Marshal Foch. He was born a few miles from the birthplace of Foch, in Toulouise, France.

DES MOINES TO VOTE ON STREET CAR FRANCHISE

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Voters of Des Moines went to the polls today to approve or reject the much-discussed street car franchise ordinance passed by the city council.

Major Russ accompanied the special to Mandan. The officers on the train, he said, told him that Marshal Foch was more pleased with the reception here than on any previous occasion.

MARSHAL OF FRANCE TOUCHES SPIRIT OF WEST, IS DELIGHTED; SMOKES INDIAN PIPE OF PEACE

Accepts Gift From Red Tomahawk and is Thrilled at Reception Unlike Anything He Had Before Seen in America—Thousands of People Hail Commander of Allied Armies During World War in Parade and in City Auditorium—Flowers Presented by War Mothers and Legion Auxiliary.

Marshal Ferdinand Foch touched the spirit of the great west for the first time in Bismarck Sunday.

The grave countenance of the first soldier of the world quickly caught the spirit; he was thrilled and delighted; he beamed smiles and reflected happiness and appreciation; and he left Bismarck with a parting word of assurance that he had received a reception unique in character, magnificent in its sincerity.

The Marshal of France when he arrived in Bismarck on a special train at 11 o'clock Sunday marched down a carpeted walk between rows of khaki-clad service men; he walked with the firm step of a trained soldier into the arms of grateful thousands who had put in him their trust in the darkest days of the great war; he relaxed, thrust himself in their care and responded to the spontaneous welcome with captivating smile. He spoke with the tact of a diplomat, and with a sincerity that was not to be denied.

Marshal Foch left Fargo early in the morning for his first trip across the great prairies from whence came men and food for his direction and his aid. He exhibited a keen interest in the wide expanses, hailed with enthusiasm the spirit of a new and growing land.

His Message To North Dakota

—Before he left Bismarck he penned this message, handed from the train, containing his impressions of North Dakota:

"Truly a marvelous state! Its grandeur is almost overpowering. I was impressed by the miles and miles of rolling land—fertile land. The thought came to me as I gazed upon this land that when it is thickly populated, and when that comes, think of what the population of North Dakota—of the entire United States will be. North Dakota has a wonderful future."

Marshal Foch is known as a warrior supreme. He exhibited two other phases of his character here Sunday. He had directed that a wire be sent ahead to the local committee to arrange time for him to attend mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, and asked that no publicity be given to this performance of his religious duty.

Just before he left the Auditorium the great soldier turned to a little Indian woman, head and shoulders draped in a dark shawl, advanced to her and shook her hand. She was the mother of young Chief Albert Grass, of the Sioux Indians, who died on the battlefields of France.

Acclaimed On Every Side

From the time Marshal Foch arrived until he left he was acclaimed on every hand. He left Bismarck with a new name—Charging Thunder—bestowed by Red Tomahawk in behalf of the Dakotas (Sioux) nation. He smoked the pipe of peace with the chief, cementing forever the friendship of the Dakotas nation and the French nation. He clasped warmly the hand of Red Tomahawk as the latter uttered the simple words: "My Friend." He received graciously the pipe of peace and courteously and attentively listened to Tomahawk's remarks.

Three languages were used in the ceremony, the Indian dialect, English and French. The Marshal puffed the pipe, after Tomahawk had made a presentation speech, lighted the pipe and himself smoked it. With the pipe, made by the Indians, was a gorgeous, beaded tobacco pouch.

The name Charging Thunder—in Indian dialect Watakte Wakiya—was bestowed with accompanying chant from the score of Indians from the Standing Rock agency, clad in native costumes and in full war paint, singing songs composed especially in honor of the Marshal.

The Marshal and his party, on arrival, rode in a short parade led by the band with cheering people on every hand. The parade paused in front of the Federal building where hundreds of school children and Boy Scouts were assembled, and the Marshal smiled as they cheered and waved flags. He rode along the way under colors of France and America stretched above the streets.

Thousands On The Streets

An immense crowd sought entrance to the Auditorium. Two thousand people crowded into every available space while thousands failed to get in. Visitors were here from many towns, yet the inability to travel on some roads and the fact that the special on the North So could not run because of a freight train wreck reduced numbers somewhat. The Auditorium was gaily decorated with colors of the two nations while many in the audience carried small flags which they waved as they rose time and again to cheer.

The Marshal's visit to America was explained by Hanford MacNider, commander of the Legion, as doing more to cement the lasting friendship of the allies in the world war than all the diplomatic conferences and interchanges.

MANDAN CROWD CHEERS FOCH

Marshal Receives Slab of Ventrison From Legion Post

Marshal Foch was cheered by a large crowd at the Mandan station yesterday after leaving Bismarck. The train stopped for several minutes. The Marshal marched on the platform, was snapped by a score of amateur photographers, waved a greeting to the crowd and received a present from the Mandan Legion post.

The Legion presented him with a hunch of venison, neatly wrapped in cheese cloth and tissue paper, with one hoof of the deer sticking out of the package.

The station was decorated with French and American flags.

Major Hanley, of Mandan, member of the Legion arrangements committee for the Foch tour and Major Henry of Bismarck, went on to Beach with the train.

The Mandan Legionaires entertained with the Bismarck post in entertaining Foch. About 25 of the Mandan ex-service men came to Bismarck to participate in the parade, and brought colors of the Mandan Legion post.

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Franklin D'Olier, former commandant of the Legion, (Continued on Page 3)