

TOTTEN QUILTS; SEEK TO OUST MUIR LEAGUERS BEGIN FIGHT AGAINST STATE COMMITTEE

FINISH FIGHT IS OPENED TO CONTROL N. P. L.

Meeting Held Here Held to Mark Commencement of Open Fight in State

TOWNLEY PLAN DISCUSSED

Demand to be Made He Be Given a Fair Hearing Before State Convention

A fight to the finish for control of the Nonpartisan league, which has been going on quietly for a long time, is now in the open.

Adherents of the various ideas and factions are ready to go to the mat before the league members of the state. Preparations for the fight of the opposition to the present league management in North Dakota were advanced at the meeting here yesterday and last evening. 25 leaguers called together by former Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor John N. Hagan.

H. A. Paddock, former secretary of the Industrial Commission, and close to A. C. Townley, explained the Townley "balance of power" plan to the delegates.

Mr. Hagan, after the meeting, said that "they all feel that they would like to hear Mr. Townley explain his plan in full and that he has been very much misrepresented."

Former Governor Lynn J. Frazier was present.

Charge "Buying" Favor. The general sentiment of the meeting was against the Lieberbach faction in control of the league state committee. It was not unanimous on the "balance of power" plan, but the nucleus of an organization which will demand that Townley be given a fair hearing before the state convention, was formed.

The Courier-News today charged that Paddock had told the leaguers here that all the debts of the league, said to be heavy, would be paid if the "balance of power" plan is adopted. This is denied by some who attended the meeting and Paddock refused to discuss his speech.

Frazier Out of Politics. Former Governor Lynn J. Frazier declared he was out of politics.

Asked if he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator or for governor, the former governor replied: "I'm out of politics now," and added with a smile, "I'm just plain farmer now."

To various questions concerning possible candidacy for positions Mr. Frazier reiterated that his present feeling was that he was out of politics. He indicated his interest, however, in the Nonpartisan league movement and was active in the conference here.

Hagan Called Meeting. Former Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor John N. Hagan, also declaring he would not be a candidate, said that he issued the call for the meeting yesterday of a number of Nonpartisan from this section of the state to discuss general political conditions. Mr. Hagan said that he expected to accept a position soon, not political, and not with the Nonpartisan league and that he "wanted to see things smooth" when he left.

Asked if the meeting took action on Townley's balance of power plan or upon demand of the majority of the state committee that the Nonpartisan league put a full ticket in the field in June, Mr. Hagan said:

"They all want to hear Mr. Townley explain the balance of power plan. They feel that they have been misinformed and would like to hear his full explanation."

Open State Fight. The temper of Nonpartisans attending the meeting which included a number of active leaguers from this section was not favorable to the present Lieberbach faction in control of the Nonpartisan state committee in North Dakota. Although none of the leaders would be quoted upon this score, one of them remarked today don't think I would say they approve of the way that bunch is doing things.

The Fargo Courier-News declared the meeting held here was the opening gun "in the fight to control the Nonpartisan state convention" to be held in March.

REPORTS BIG DIAMOND THEFT

St. Louis, Feb. 18.—E. Y. Crengel, of Crengel, Brothers, diamond importers of New York and Chicago, today reported he had been robbed of diamonds which cost him \$75,890, and which had a retail value of \$125,000, on an Illinois Central train from Chicago. He said they were taken from under his pillow of his berth while he was in the washroom. He told the police they were insured for \$50,000.

BOYS AFTER "TREASURE"

London, Feb. 18.—Four boys of Kensington have formed a company to recover sunken treasure. The "treasure" consists of the many toy ships that lie at the bottom of the sailing pond in Kensington Gardens.

GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEME NIPPED



Another Ponzi get-rich-quick scheme has been uncovered, Chicago police declare, by the arrest of three officials of the American Novacote Company, and a statement of one of those seized. The three, pictured here, are, left to right: Anthony A. Levecki, office manager; Luke Byrnes, president, and Thomas Moran, secretary. Police say Levecki told them the company borrowed money from workmen, promising a return of 20, 40 and 60 per cent and used the money in stock manipulation. Five thousand to 6000 placed their savings with the company.

PROCEEDINGS ARE HALTED IN BRISSMAN CASE

Judge Nuesse Issues Injunctional Order Suspending Proceedings

NEW CHARGES ARE FILED

Judge W. L. Nuesse today halted proceedings in the cases against Herman G. Brissman by issuing an injunctional order and directing Justice of Peace R. H. Thistlethwaite to appear on Tuesday, February 21, to show why the order should not be made permanent.

The injunction was served while Justice Thistlethwaite was preparing a jury panel for a case against Mr. Brissman, preferred yesterday afternoon, charging him with violating the advertising law of the state. There were two separate charges on which Mr. Brissman was arrested, one charging a violation in 1919 and one in 1921. The complaint also was directed against Mr. Bishop, of the firm of Bishop, Brissman and company, but service was not obtained because he was out of the city.

When these cases came up this morning E. B. Cox, attorney, refused to let Mr. Brissman plead either guilty or not guilty, saying that the charges were illegal. Justice Thistlethwaite began drawing up a jury panel when a deputy sheriff stepped in with the injunction which had been obtained from Judge Nuesse by H. F. O'Hara.

Justice Thistlethwaite had set the first case brought against Mr. Brissman, for violating the state accountancy law, for hearing at 5 o'clock this afternoon. This also was halted.

J. K. Murry and E. T. Burke appeared as attorneys for the state board of accountancy. Mr. Cox contested their right to act, saying there had been no meeting of the board of accountancy. Joseph Coghlan said he employed them as attorneys for the board in the absence of any meeting.

New Charges Filed. The new charges for violating the false advertising law were preferred yesterday afternoon, warrant being issued by Justice Thistlethwaite. While Mr. Brissman was before him Justice Casselman came in with papers in the first case which he had said would be sent to Justice Dolan's court as the nearest justice of the peace but said he had learned since Justice Thistlethwaite had an office in the same building, Justice Casselman took exception to a remark made by Mr. Cox which he said reflected on him and the justice appeared ready to do battle, but none was commenced. Secretary of State Hall stepped in.

Mr. Coghlan's action was in line with his announcement that caused the arrest of Mr. Brissman on account of every audit he had made in the state, saying he was acting for the board in protecting North Dakota accountants who are forced to be registered and pay a license fee.

Mr. Cox asserted that there was no merit, that both Bishop and Brissman were certified accountants in Minnesota, members of the American Institute of Accountancy and that J. A. Cull, of Fargo, was a member of the firm, a member of the state board of accountancy and was licensed under North Dakota law.

LUNDGREN GETS 10 TO 20 YEARS

Minneapolis, Feb. 18.—Oscar Lundgren, charged with criminal assault against Miss Mary Broke, pleaded guilty before Judge H. D. Dickinson, in Hennepin county district court today, and was sentenced to an intermediate term of 10 to 20 years.

WASHINGTON ANNIVERSARY

Minot, N. D., Feb. 18.—The Town Criers club has arranged for a Washington's birthday party Feb. 22. The program will consist of a tabloid demonstrating the cherry tree episode, connecting it up with the truth in advertising idea of the club, musical numbers, a new version of an old time initiation.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR NEXT WEEK

Washington, Feb. 18.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are: Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys—Generally fair but with a probability of local snows and rain at beginning of week and again about Thursday. Normal temperatures.

OUR STATE HAS EXCESS OF FIVE INCHES OF SNOW

N. D. Snowfall in Nov. 9 Inches and 8 1/2 Inches First 15 Days of February

On February 15th, North Dakota had an excess of five inches of snow above normal, according to W. W. Roberts, government meteorologist, with headquarters here. Most of this excess over the normal for the winter months is due to the fall of nine inches in November and of eight and one-half inches in the first fifteen days of February.

Because of the small amount of thawing weather that has been present since the beginning of snow furies, most of the snow is still on the ground in the protected places, or has been blown into the hollows and bledrifts in higher ground. This condition, is considered as preliminary to melt waters when the snow begins to melt in the annual spring break-up. While it is conceded that the large amount of snow will aid in supplying moisture for vegetation, Mr. Roberts considers that the snows in March and early April are the ones which aid most in the production of crops, especially the wheat.

CHURCH POLICY SHORT-SIGHTED

Director Speaks to Methodist Conference on Subject

Fargo, Feb. 18.—The church has long been pursuing a short-sighted policy in providing ministers for country churches, Dr. Walter Lee Airheart, rural director of the Methodist church, for North Dakota told the Fargo district convention of his church today.

"The country has been used as a place to try out the young man and to turn the old man out to grass" while the inefficient have been marooned there," he said. "The attention of the ministry has been directed toward the cities as the place of opportunity until failure to secure so-called promotion has come to be looked on as discrediting the minister."

The speaker told of the work being done in the country communities of North Dakota and said the church is trying to correct the condition he mentioned.

FEDERAL JUDGE LANDIS QUILTS BENCH TO DEVOTE TIME TO BASEBALL POSITION

Chicago, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Federal Judge K. M. Landis today announced that he had resigned from the bench and would devote his entire time to his position of baseball commissioner.

The resignation is effective March 1.

Announcement of it was made formally by the judge today as he took his place in court.

"There are not enough hours in the day for all my activities," said the judge. "Therefore, I have forwarded my resignation as federal judge to Washington, effective March 1."

The judge then called the first case on his docket and refused to discuss the matter until court recessed. When Judge Landis accepted

TELEGRAM SAYS BOND LAWYERS APPROVE PLAN

Financial Houses Wire They Will Buy Warrants at 98 Cents on Dollar

TO BE HANDLED HERE

Purchase of Warrants to Be Made Through First National Bank of Bismarck

The deal for sale of 1921 hail warrants of farmers of North Dakota was completed today.

Governor R. A. Nestos, who instituted negotiations several weeks ago to lessen the discount rate on hail warrants, was advised in a telegram from W. O. Horne, of the Minnesota Loan and Trust Company, that bond attorneys in Chicago had approved the contract entered into by which the warrants can be sold.

The First National Bank of Bismarck received instructions to immediately begin purchase of warrants at the agreed price of 98 per cent of face value in February.

Farmers who desire to sell their 1921 hail warrants immediately may send their warrants direct to the First National of Bismarck. John de Jong, local representative of Minnesota Loan and Trust company and Lane Piper and Jeffrey, Minneapolis houses, through whom the deal was made, will check and list the warrants, which are to be deposited with the state treasurer in St. Paul. It was said by bank officials that a check for the warrants could be mailed probably within a week after they are received.

To Purchase All Offered. The announcement of the readiness to begin purchase of the warrants marks the culmination of the long and tedious negotiations of the state administration. The financial houses will purchase all the 1921 hail warrants offered. There were about \$3,500,000 of 1921 hail warrants issued. In the first sale made by the state administration former Governor L. B. Hanna purchased about \$300,000 of warrants at 97 per cent of face value. Some warrants had already been purchased at discounts as high as 20 per cent.

The sale of the warrants is expected to put between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 in the hands of farmers of the state at a saving of \$300,000 to \$600,000 over previous discount rates. The money will enable many farmers to pay delinquent taxes, take up obligations or provide a fund with which to put in the 1922 crop.

Wheat Contract Provides

The contract through which the warrants are sold provides that the financial houses shall buy the warrants, which shall be deposited in trust with the state treasurer. The financial houses then loan the Industrial Commission, composed of Governor Nestos, Attorney General Johnson and Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor Kitchen, money with which to purchase the warrants from them. The Industrial Commission will issue short-time notes which will be sold in the eastern financial markets.

It was necessary to test the contract in the supreme court and obtain a favorable opinion of eastern bond attorneys before the deal could be finally be put through.

Ends High Discounts

One of the results of the sale, in addition to the saving caused by the lessening of the discount rates, in the view of Governor Nestos, is that a market is created for North Dakota hail warrants in the east and the day of the big discounts is a thing of the past.

Under the contract the price of the warrants advances 1-2 per cent each month until par value is reached in June.

PEOPLE SAVING THEIR MONEY IN NORTH DAKOTA

Bankers, Restaurant Men and Motion Picture Men All Agree On This Point

BANKERS ARE PLEASED

"Movie" Proprietors, However, are Hoping Things Will Loosen Up In Spring

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 18.—People are saving their money. So say the bankers here and the restaurant men and keepers of motion picture houses sadly agree with them.

"The teller at the savings deposit window of a large bank was questioned regarding conditions.

"No, people haven't quit saving since times became a little tighter," she said. "On the contrary they are saving more than they did during the flush years immediately following the war. We are getting more new accounts all the time."

One banker after another substantiated her statement.

The manager of one of the large self service restaurants has the same story to tell in a different way. "People used to order what they wanted, throw down the money, eat half of what they had ordered and rush out," he said. "Now they stand at the counter and study the cards overhead to see how they can order the cheapest meal. When they get through eating they are apt to linger at the table a while talking. That is because they aren't as busy as they were when business was better."

Motion picture men also reported less business but insisted that things would brighten up in the spring.

Wages Have Been Cut. "Just now a lot of people have had their wages cut," said W. C. Clavier, manager of one of the largest motion picture houses in the state. "Even the best movie fans don't come in as often as they used to. When building starts up and other activities are revived in the spring, business will be better. People are sort of skeptical about the value of a dollar and as to whether it is going as far as it ought to go. There has been so much said and written about saving money that even those who have it to spend are intent on saving it."

ERIN PEACEFUL AS PRISONERS ARE RELEASED

Renewed Outbreaks Feared, However, as Both Sides Hold Prisoners

London, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Peace seems for the moment reigning over northern Ireland, the release of the remaining kidnapped unionists announced yesterday tending to relieve tension. Nevertheless both sides hold prisoners and it is understood the south is determined not to release the special constables captured until the Monaghan football players are freed by the Ulster authority.

Dispatches indicate that last night was the quietest in Belfast for a week.

Only two men were shot and wounded.

REFUSE RECOGNITION

Limerick, Ireland, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—A proclamation was issued today on behalf of the Ed-Limerick brigade of the Irish Republican army refusing to recognize the present heads of the army or the provisional government.

SMOOT PLAN IS ADOPTED

Favors European Basis For Assembling Tariff Duties

Washington, Feb. 18.—Adoption of the Smoot plan of assessing tariff duties on the basis of the foreign value of the imported articles is understood to have been practically agreed upon by the Republican members of the senate finance committee.

The re-writing of the ad valorem rate in the Fordney bill on the basis of this plan was started today, senators said, and since the original rates were predicted upon American valuation it was said that increases were being made in many instances.

TO TEACH PROHIBITION

Carnarvonshire, Eng. Feb. 18.—The Carnarvonshire education committee has decided to introduce a course in prohibition in its schools. The National Union of Teachers has entered objections.

LIGGET ASSAILS CRITICS OF HIS ORGANIZATION

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Public men who stop to play politics over the dead body and frozen forms of little children are no more to be respected than those international bankers who hold the bonds of the now-defunct czar's government, says a letter sent out today to the American committee for famine relief by Walter Liggett, acting secretary and former editor of the Fargo Courier-News. The letter replies to an attack on the committee attributed to Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce. The international bankers are characterized as men who have demanded their pound of flesh before an ounce of food gets into Russia.

REDUCTION OF WHEAT ACREAGE IS UNDER FIRE

Milwaukee Newspaper Criticizes Resolution of North Dakota Farm Bureau

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 18.—The resolution advocating a 12 per cent decrease in the wheat acreage of the state, adopted at the recent annual meeting of the North Dakota Farm Bureau here, is under fire, according to H. B. Fuller, state secretary of the organization. He says that a Milwaukee newspaper comments on the resolution which also calls for a greater corn acreage, and remarks that while farmers in the corn states are calling for reduction in corn acreage the North Dakota farmers take an opposite stand.

The language of the resolution is that the federation "favors a substitution of other crops such as forage, corn and potatoes, for wheat."

"North Dakota has been raising so little corn that it has had to ship it for feeding," says Mr. Fuller in denouncing the resolution. "With the high freight rates prevailing, this is an expensive business and only owners of blooded stock will be able to afford it. If the farmers would raise more of it, this expense would be dispensed with and the state would have enough corn to go around. This would make for better dairying conditions."

"None of the corn raised here would get into the market to compete with that raised by the farmers of Illinois and Iowa."

The resolution is a constructive one and aims for greater diversification of crops, something the state greatly needs, he added.

ENGLISH AVIATOR FLYS ACROSS THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS

London, Feb. 18.—For the first time, a commercial airplane has flown across the Atlas Mountains in Morocco, according to a message received at the London Air Station.

The Atlas range is 15,000 feet high. The pilot was Alan J. Cobham, an English aviator.

CO-OP AIDING MEASURE SIGNED

Washington, Feb. 18.—The Capper-Volstead co-operative marketing bill which legalized co-operative associations and producers for marketing and exempts them from the Sherman anti-trust law was signed today by the President.

The signing of the bill, one of the measures especially sponsored by the agricultural bloc, was witnessed by Senator Capper and Representative Volstead, its authors, Senators McNairy, of Oregon, and others.

Today's Weather

For twenty-four hours ending at noon February 18.
Temperature at 7 a. m. 5
Highest yesterday 32
Lowest yesterday 6
Lowest last night -2
Precipitation Trace
Highest wind velocity 14-NW

Weather Forecast

For Bismarck and vicinity: Unsettled weather with probably snow tonight or Sunday; warmer tonight; colder Sunday afternoon or night.

For North Dakota: Unsettled weather with probably snow tonight or Sunday; warmer in east and south portions tonight; colder Sunday afternoon or night.

A moderate high pressure area has moved down over the Dakotas and Minnesota from the Canadian Northwest and lower temperatures have resulted with readings below zero in eastern North Dakota and northern Minnesota. The western low pressure area remains central over British Columbia but has extended eastward over Montana. Light precipitation has occurred over the eastern lake region and over the Pacific coast region. General fair weather continues elsewhere.

—ORRIS W. ROBERTS, Meteorologist.

GOVERNOR WILL DEMAND BOARD HEAD BE OUSTED

Ouster Action Against Chairman of Board of Administration To Start Soon

TOTTEN OUT ON APRIL 30

One Board Member Resigns and Defends Action As Member

Ouster charges will be instituted against Robert T. Muir, Nonpartisan member of the state board of administration, by Governor R. A. Nestos, it was learned today. The same charges will be brought against Muir that were brought against J. I. Cahill and George Totten, other league members of the board, based upon the constitutional provisions regarding removal of officers.

Mr. Muir is president of the board at this time. It is understood that there was some reluctance to bring charges against Muir but that Governor Nestos felt that inasmuch as the charges brought against Totten and Cahill were for acts of the entire three active members of the board and because evidence submitted to him since the removal applied equally to all three that Muir should be included in the ouster.

The resignation of Muir was asked for and was refused.

George Totten, member of the state board of administration against whom ouster charges were to be instituted by Governor Nestos, resigned his position late yesterday, and the resignation was accepted, effective April 30.

J. I. Cahill, whose resignation also was demanded, has stated he would fight removal.

Totten Resigns. The resignation of George Totten, member of the board, submitted to Governor Frazier late yesterday, limits the ouster proceedings to Muir and Cahill. Cahill has already stated that he will fight the charges, although there have been reports that he would also resign.

Totten quit his position after seeking two conferences with the Governor, during which he asked that the time for his quitting office be so fixed as to allow him to make certain business adjustments. His resignation will be effective April 30.

The charges against Totten, which were based upon the general constitutional provision in such cases, charging malfeasance in office, were withdrawn by the Governor. The resignation of Totten will on April 30 place control of the board of administration in the hands of the independents, as Commissioner of Agriculture and State Superintendent Nielson are ex-officio members.

Totten's Statement

Mr. Totten made the following statement regarding his resignation.

"My reasons for resigning are as follows. In matters of this kind the Governor is both prosecutor and judge. On the evidence submitted at the Governor's hearing he can decide that there was sufficient cause and remove the accused officials. Then these officials are on the outside looking in and they are compelled to go to the courts in order to get reinstated and to draw their salary in case the courts find in their favor. This is a very expensive proceeding, also a lengthy one; possibly costing hundreds if not several thousand dollars and lasting over a period of a year. In the meantime while these officials are waiting for justice from the courts their positions will be filled by the Governor's appointees who in all probability will remove many of the appointees of the board, thus destroying the organization which the board has made. Personally, I cannot afford to stand the expense of such legal proceedings and in the second place the prospect of such a legal fight makes the game not worth the candle. My resignation is not an admission that the charges are true for I am satisfied that no just cause could be found for my removal.

"I am proud of the work which has been accomplished by the board of administration and am satisfied that there has been no general demand on the part of the taxpayers for our removal but that the demand has come from those who are desirous of obtaining office. I have nothing to apologize for having always served to the best of my ability the best interests of the state as I saw them."

Totten was appointed to the board of regents in November, 1917, and is serving on the board of administration under a six year term ending in July, 1925.

Governor Nestos said that the reason for his acceptance of Totten's resignation, effective April 30, was in order to give him reasonable time to engage in future business. It also was said that delays incident to removal might have prolonged Totten's time in office beyond that.

\$1,300,000 IN TAXES

London, Feb. 18.—The government will collect \$4,300,000 in estate and inheritance taxes from the heirs of Henry Radcliffe, late Cardiff shipowner. The estate left by Radcliffe is estimated at \$6,250,000.

United States army in 1789 consisted of 840 men.