

RUSSIA WILLING TO PAY PRE-WAR DEBTS

IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION WILL BE REVIVED TO CARRY FORWARD WORK ON NO. DAKOTA PROJECTS

Meeting Here Names E. A. Williams to Lead Organization

TO ASK APPROPRIATION

Would Have Congressional Investigation of Possibilities in North Dakota.

Measures designed to bring about thorough investigation of the possibilities of irrigation in North Dakota, and of linking these projects with similar projects in Montana and South Dakota were taken at the statewide irrigation meeting held here yesterday afternoon and last night.

Resolutions adopted by the meeting asked:

That Gen. E. A. Williams, president of the North Dakota Irrigation Association, call an irrigation congress on June 7 to consider ways and means of promoting irrigation.

That a resolutions committee be appointed to prepare legislative enactments to be recommended for extension of irrigation, or practicable means for promoting and financing irrigation in North Dakota.

That committee be named to confer with representatives in Congress and state engineers of South Dakota and Montana for the purpose of requesting appropriation by the Secretary of the Interior of \$250,000 to be expended in surveys and investigations for the development of the Upper Missouri river for storage, reservoirs or power dams.

That the North Dakota legislature be asked to make appropriations for the employment of at least three engineers to work under the direction of the state engineer to investigate the possibilities of small irrigation projects (not exceeding 100 acres) in North Dakota, providing that they shall make detailed surveys of such small projects in order to determine their feasibility and acre cost, and they shall submit their findings and date immediately to the land owner without cost to him. The detailed report shall be submitted to the legislature, and presented in printed reports for public use. The resolutions committee was composed of E. F. Chandler, Edward Sullivan, Chas. E. Eastgate, F. E. Diehl.

The resolutions were prepared by a committee composed of Prof. E. F. Chandler, of the University of North Dakota.

Another resolution submitted from the floor was for the continuation of the organization of the first and third irrigation congresses, and providing for permanent organization to be worked out by time of the next general congress.

Gen. Williams Chairman
Gen. E. A. Williams was named chairman of the irrigation organization and Thomas H. Sullivan, secretary of the Mandan Commercial Club, was named secretary.

Governor R. A. Nestos was present during the evening session. Called upon to speak, the Governor said that he had come to learn rather than to speak. He said that he had given some attention to the problems involved. He said the state administration was in accord with the purposes and efforts of the irrigation association, and that the administration was anxious to get all information possible on work done not only for irrigation but for the larger use of the Missouri river for power and transportation.

The Governor said he had had correspondence with the North Dakota representatives in Congress regarding the McNary bill, and that he had been informed by North Dakota representatives after study of the bill and conferences with South Dakota representatives that the interests of North Dakota was protected.

To Raise Funds
The old irrigation association will be continued. Gen. Williams was empowered to name a committee on permanent organization which will be named soon and will function until the June 7 meeting. Funds will be raised in the Slope cities for the purpose of carrying on the work of the organization. A treasurer will be named.

There were about 50 people present at the night meeting, which was held in room 705, The McKenzie, following dinner there. Among the speakers at the evening session were O. W. Roberts, weather observer; F. E. Diehl, manager of the Home Building Association; Chas. Eastgate, Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor; Joseph A. Kitchen and Prof. Chandler.

The conference was called to order by Prof. E. F. Chandler, of the University of North Dakota.

WEATHER REPORT

For twenty-four ending at noon April 21, 1922.
Temperature at 7 A. M. 31
Highest yesterday 64
Lowest yesterday 34
Lowest last night 30
Precipitation None
Highest wind velocity 12-N

Weather Forecasts

For Bismarck and vicinity: Fair tonight and probably Saturday; warmer tonight.
For North Dakota: Fair tonight and probably Saturday; warmer tonight.
Excepting a few unimportant showers in northeastern North Dakota and over the eastern Lake region the weather has been fair during the past 24 hours. The temperature is near normal in all sections.

HEADS TRAINING CAMP COMMITTEE

Geo. H. Russ Jr., has been named chairman for North Dakota of the Citizens' Military Training Camps Committee. A camp will be held at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, similar to the one held last summer, under present plans. As soon as Congress makes the necessary appropriation the quota for North Dakota will be allotted and applications for admission to the camp received.

FAMINE SLOWLY RETREATING IN VOLGA REGION

Arrival of American and Other Aid Saves Lives of Many Russians

Samara, Russia, April 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Famine is beginning to retreat in the Volga valley because the slow but steady arrival of American corn for adult feeding. It is due to van's almost entirely when the spring sunshine brings out the early vegetables which will sustain most of the population until the harvest.

The death rate from hunger is still mounting in the villages far from rail communication which have not yet been reached and which may not ever be reached by American or other aid.

Today, the beginning of the last month when wheat may be sown, it is still a gamble whether the majority of peasants will receive any appreciable supply of wheat for sowing.

The rice that was sown last autumn is expected to supply enough food on which to exist after the middle of August.

STEGNER GIVEN LOCAL SUPPORT

F. B. Streeter, of Linton, Receives Some Burleigh Votes

George M. Young, Congressman from the second district, was given the support of the Bismarck delegation in the Jamestown convention. Mr. Young was the only congressional officer who was present for the convention. There had been talk of opposition, but Bismarck people, returning from the convention, stated that no one else was seriously considered.

The Burleigh county delegations were both seated, but the voting power was split between the McCumber and anti-McCumber forces. The McCumber delegation supported F. B. Streeter of Linton, for Lieutenant-Governor. His nomination had been favored by former service men. C. B. Little was chairman of the McCumber forces from this county at the start, but was called east and left the convention. A. L. Garness, who had been named chairman of the opposing forces, was then made chairman for the entire delegation. His eminent fairness was praised by both sides.

H. L. Stegner, of Bismarck, was supported for the nomination for Commissioner of Insurance. The failure of his sponsor to make plain that he would withdraw for a Democrat if nominated, early in his speech, caused Mr. Montgomery of Fargo to be chosen.

MILLION FOR FLOOD CONTROL

Washington, April 21.—The sum of \$1,000,000 for control of flood waters of the Mississippi river now at the highest stage in years was made available immediately by a resolution rushed through the senate and house today within an hour after the proposal made by southern members had been approved by Secretary Weeks and Director Dawes of the budget.

FARMS PRODUCE 12 BILLION

Washington, April 21.—The Department of Agriculture estimated today that the gross wealth produced by farmers in 1921 had a value of \$12,366,000,000, or about two-thirds of the aggregate value of the farm products of 1920 and little more than one-half the aggregate for 1919.

TAKES OVER CITY OF PEKING

Peking, China, April 21.—(By the A. P.) The troops of General Chang Tso-Lin, governor of Manchuria, today took possession of Peking and Tien-Sing, replacing the local police forces of these cities. The transfer of authority was devoid of incident.

TOO BUSY TO SEE ROBBERY

Chicago, April 21.—Residents of Chicago call the intersection of State and Madison streets "the busiest corner in the world," but no one saw the robbers who broke the jewelry store window on that corner with a padded brick and escaped with watches and rings valued at \$2,000.

MANY HUNDREDS ARE KILLED IN BIG EXPLOSION

Four Hundred Carloads of Ammunition Explode Near Monastir

Belgrade, April 21.—Four hundred car loads of ammunition and high explosives stored near the railroad station at Monastir, southern Serbia, exploded Tuesday at noon, killing several hundred persons, wounding thousands and virtually destroying the heart of the city. One half of the city's population was rendered homeless.

The victims were mostly children and soldiers. A church in which children were worshipping collapsed under the detonation while the barracks in which 1,800 soldiers were having luncheon was destroyed.

Fire Breaks Out.
Immediately after the explosion, fire broke out in the various parts of the city. The panic-stricken inhabitants fled to nearby woods and mountains from which they watched their homes burn. All telegraphic and telephonic communication from Monastir with the outside world was cut off.

The first news of the disaster reached Belgrade from refugees who managed to reach Priepo 30 miles northwest of Monastir. Several Serbian relief units were immediately organized and started for Monastir.

The last reports are to the effect that soldiers and gendarmes are engaged in rescue work.

400 Troops Missing.
The exact number of persons killed may never be known as far as civilians are concerned. The roll call of the soldiers is being made however, and it is said that the number of missing troops already amounts to more than 400.

The damage, it is reported, will amount to many millions of dollars. The explosion blew up all the dumps of munition of the former allied armies in the near east. The American Red Cross at Belgrade is rushing relief to the city.

A. G. JACOBSON LEAVES CITY

Accepts Opportunity To Go In Business in Bemidji

A. G. Jacobson, superintendent of the job and bindery department of The Tribune Company, will leave tonight for Bemidji, Minnesota. Mr. Jacobson has purchased half interest in the Bemidji Book and Stationery Company.

Mr. Jacobson has been a resident of Bismarck for many years, and during that time has won scores of friends. He was with The Tribune Company for several years and then was left printer for three years ago he assumed the position of superintendent of the Tribune. Mr. Jacobson has been a valued employee of The Tribune and handled a great volume of printing business with success. A splendid opportunity was opened to him to enter business for himself in Bemidji, and he accepted it.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson have been prominent in civic and fraternal affairs. Mr. Jacobson is head of Tancard Commandery, Knights Templar, and has been prominent in the various branches of Masonry. Mr. Jacobson has been a prominent member of the Thursday Musical club and other organizations. Mrs. Jacobson will not go to Bemidji for a week or so.

GRONNA WILL BE TAKEN HOME

Rochester, Minn., April 21.—A. J. Gronna, former United States Senator from North Dakota, was sufficiently recovered from an operation which he underwent to be removed to a local hotel today. He expects to return to his home at Lakota next week.

50 INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Los Angeles, Calif., April 21.—Probably 50 people were injured and numbers of them fatally when an oil station at Fourth and Crawford streets caught fire at Doney today and the fire reached the underground storage tanks causing them to explode with great force, throwing debris many feet.

BEER RATES HELD REASONABLE

Washington, April 21.—Memories of the pre-Volstead era were aroused today when the Interstate Commerce Commission in a belated opinion decided that the former railroad rates on beer in western territory were fair and reasonable.

VELVA RAISING BOOSTER FUND

Velva, N. D., April 21.—Velva businessmen have pledged \$230 a month for three months to carry on the immigration and development movement that has been launched in the Mouse River loop. Those who have land for sale are invited to list it with John Thorpe, secretary of the Velva local unit of the Northwestern North Dakota Development Association.

"FUSION" PLANS IN STATE RACE ARE OUTLINED

Agreement Will Be Taken Up By Committee Which Manages The Campaign.

ONE NOMINATION OPEN

Committee Named to Select Candidate For the Third Congressional District

A fusion plan between Republicans and Democrats on state affairs, is to be worked out in the future. The principle was agreed on in the Jamestown conventions. While both Republicans and Democrats nominated full tickets there is the principle of fusion to be worked out in a "gentlemen's agreement" which includes probably the division of offices following the primary. If all independent Republicans endorsed at Jamestown should be nominated in the primary there is a tacit understanding that support would be given to Democratic candidates, probably for railroad commissioner, auditor and commissioner of insurance and possibly lieutenant-governor.

The campaign probably will get under way in the near future, with the joint committee managing it. The senatorial situation cleared as far as the convention was concerned when R. J. Hughes, manager for Senator McCumber, moved that the convention do not endorse any candidate for senator. P. D. Norion, of Mandan, has a request from Third District Republicans, who had honored him with congressional nomination, that he retire from the senatorial contest.

The report of the committee named to confer with the Democrats explained the fusion plan as follows:

Committee Report
The report of the committee to confer with the Democrats was then presented by J. D. Bacon as follows: "Your committee met last evening with the Democrats in accordance with the recommendations of the committee of 45, which you heard and was unanimously agreed upon yesterday, and which provided that about one-third of the offices should be filled by Democratic candidates and two-thirds by the Republicans. After talking the matter over for some considerable length of time, the conference committee agreed that the Republican members were to report to their convention and the Democrats to their convention, and that all of the independent incumbent state officials be retained and that we recommend to both conventions the co-operation of the independents along that line; that in the remaining offices the state auditor, the office of commissioner of insurance and two railroad commissioners be Republicans and should work with the Democrats along that line of primaries. The Democratic independent members were to work with the Republicans along the line of electing their officials. We also recommend that in districts where it seems impossible for Republicans or Democrats to be elected to the legislature without co-operation, that as nearly as possible, all of the independents should work along that line suggested by the officials in the same proportion, that is, two-thirds Republican and one-third Democrat. But at any rate, to work together so as to prevent the control of the next legislature by the socialists and leagueurs.

Recommendations.
"We recommend that this convention give its approval of such recommendations. The chairman seems to think that I have not made this clear. He did not understand whether we were to drop these nominations here or not. By all means not. We expect to nominate candidates for every office in this convention. That is the desire of your committee, but after the primaries, to work along with other men so that there are two Democrats for railroad commissioners and also for commissioner of insurance and state auditor."

The nomination for congressman in the Third district is left to a special committee of Third district Republicans. Mrs. F. W. McGilliv, of Mandan, declined the nomination. Action probably will be taken in the near future on this matter.

Candidates Urged
Among the candidates who were urged for endorsement for the various state offices in the Republican convention and who were not chosen were: Victor Wardrop, of Leeds, and F. B. Streeter, of Linton, for Lieutenant-Governor; H. L. Stegner, of Bismarck, for Commissioner of Insurance; and W. D. Austin, of Fargo, for commissioner of insurance; John Stevenson, of Grant county, and M. P. Johnson, of Grand Forks.

WHERE HARDING WILL SPEAK



Just 100 years ago, April 27, 1882, General Ulysses S. Grant was born at Point Pleasant, O. This picture shows the main street of the town and, on the left, the stone steps where President Harding will deliver an address during the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Grant's birth. A radio will carry the message to all parts of the country.

DELEGATES AT JAMESTOWN BURIED PERSONAL GRUDGES, SAYS GOVERNOR

Willings of delegates to the Jamestown convention to sacrifice personal interest to the welfare of the state is interpreted by Governor R. A. Nestos as a hopeful sign for the future of the state, not only in the political campaign but in the administration of the affairs of the state.

COLORS DECREED FOR MIDSUMMER

New York, April 21.—Sand color and bright emerald green will be the prevailing shades in women's mid-summer and fall millinery.

FLOODS RENDER MANY HOMELESS

Chicago, April 21.—Rivers in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa which have been at flood stage and above for several days today were wearing away protective levees in several places.

Thousands of acres of agricultural lands were flooded yesterday when three levees broke along the Wabash river. Several blocks at Vincennes, Indiana, were reported under water.

Food was provided by the Red Cross for 400 homeless residents of Naples, Illinois, and assistance was given to families from along the Mississippi, who had been taken to Cairo, Illinois. Flood conditions were also reported serious at Muscatine, Clinton and Davenport, Iowa.

Along the southern Mississippi large forces were working hard to strengthen levees.

PLANTS SUSPENDED
Muscatine, Ia., April 21.—Three big industrial plants here were forced to suspend operation when flood waters obtained unprecedented stage.

LEVEES WEAKENING
Pine Bluff, Ark., April 21.—Telephone calls here from Lake Village, Arkansas, said the Mississippi river levees near here were weakening and showed signs of breaking despite efforts of hundreds of workers. Residents were moving their household goods into second floors of buildings.

SIR KNIGHTS TO NEW ORLEANS

Fargo, N. D., April 21.—North Dakota Knights Templar will leave Fargo for New Orleans, La., to attend the forthcoming triennial grand encampment of Knights Templar there include the following:

John H. Fraine grand commander, Grafton; Otto Bauer grand captain general, Mandan; H. F. White, of Jamestown, past grand commander, and August Timmerman, Mandan, and Hugh McDonald and T. S. Henry, sir knights of Valley City. At New Orleans they will meet other North Dakota Masons, including Frank White, United States Treasurer and Mrs. White, Mr. Sprague, of Grafton, past grand commander, and W. J. Carroll.

ARBOR DAY TO BE ON MAY 5

Arbor Day generally will be observed in the country tomorrow, but because of the fact that the season for planting is later in North Dakota, Governor Nestos will proclaim Arbor Day for May 5.

WINS CALF FOR TRADEMARK

Mandan, N. D., April 21.—Mrs. H. E. Hagerman of Mandan, is wondering what to do with a purebred Holstein calf which she won for submitting the best slogan and trademark for New Salem. She also designed the Mandan trademark.

Pride Injured Over Loss of His Prized Mustache, California Business Man Sues

San Francisco, April 21.—Injured pride over the loss of a prized mustache removed from the plaintiff when he slept under a hot towel in the barbershop had found outlet today in a suit for \$299.00 damages filed in San Francisco justice court. The suit was brought by James T. McGuire, of Bakersfield, president of the Kern Mutual Telephone Company and of the Bakersfield Golf and Country club, against Henry Jacoby, barber.

The complaint set forth: That as a result of the said mustache having been willfully and maliciously shorn from the face of said plaintiff, said plaintiff had materially decreased in his personal appearance before the public.

His younger children are not able to recognize him and the plaintiff had extreme difficulty in being recognized at places where he has business.

SOVIET MAKES CONDITIONS ON PROPOSED ACTS

Replies to Allies That if Granted Recognition She Will Recognize Debts

GERMANY MAKES A REPLY

States She Is Surprised at Complaint Made Over Treaty She Signed at Rapallo

Genoa, April 21.—(By the A. P.)—If the Russians are granted recognition de jure and adequate financial help they state in their reply submitted to the allies today they are willing to admit Russia's war and pre-war debts, waive their counter claims and restore the use of nationalized property to its former owners, or satisfy the claims of foreigners in cases where the property cannot be restored.

As intimated by their contention that the allies could not as a matter of right demand compensation for property the Russians cite the abolition of slavery in the United States where neither the Americans nor foreigners compensated. They also cite the adoption of prohibition in America as a case where no compensation was given to the producer of alcoholic drinks.

Genoa, April 21.—(By the A. P.)—Germany and Russia, asserted the C. I. T. today, already have agreed with the Turkish Nationalist government at Ankara on a common program of foreign policy. This, it argues, will constitute a grave menace to the other powers.

Germans Make Reply
The German reply to the allies ultimatum accepts the condition that the German delegates be barred from participating in the further discussions of the Russian question by the Genoa conference, the Russo-German treaty signed at Rapallo being allowed to stand.

The German note acknowledges "with painful surprise" the protest received. It says that the exclusion of Germany from the negotiations which the allies held with Russia gave Germany the impression the allies were trying to conclude arrangements without her, perhaps to her detriment; that for this reason Russo-German negotiations which had openly been in progress before the Genoa conference ever began were revived and the Russo-German treaty signed Easter Sunday. This is the treaty that has caused all the trouble.

Ambassador Admitted
An Englishman for the British delegation said today there was no objection to Richard Washburn Child, American ambassador to Italy, being present at the sessions of the commission on Russian affairs in order to obtain information for the United States government.

DEMANDS FACTS ON OIL LEASES

Former Secretary Daniels Opposes the Leasing

Washington, April 21.—Complete information regarding the leasing of rights in naval oil reserves was sought in a resolution introduced today by Senator LaFollette, Republican, who, at the same time made public a letter from Joseph Daniels, former secretary of the navy, opposing the leasing of the government domain.

Mr. Daniels said in his letter that when the first claim for lease rights on naval reserves were examined by the naval department it was found that they were asked for by "parties" working in the stockyards of Chicago . . . who thought they were signing a petition for an election.

U.S. MAY TAKE BARGE LINE

Washington, April 21.—Theodore Brent, former manager of the Mississippi-Warrior Barge line told a senate committee today that unless Edward Goltra, Democratic national committee man from Missouri, proceeded with the operation of a barge line to St. Paul the government would take over the government barges Goltra has under lease and extend its service to that city.

ROAD ATTITUDE FAVORABLE

Beach, N. D., April 21.—Northern Pacific railroad officials, while here on their tour of inspection, expressed themselves as favorable to a plan for grading up certain portions of the right of way here to be converted into community gardens. They said they would take the matter under advisement. The matter of obtaining dirt to fill low portions and provide growing beds for florals is one of the problems involved. The community garden committee is expected to ascertain what support may be gained here to finance expenses incidental to improving the right of way.

Gold threads for making lace in India are so fine that 1,100 yards weigh one ounce.