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### DUTCH LUNCH FOR SCRIBES

Billings, July 17.—A real "Dutch lunch," "Dutch" from the rye bread and limburger cheese to the steins in which the "suds" will be served and even to the nationality of the waiters, is one of the entertainment features being prepared by the citizens of Billings for the members of the Montana State Press Association during their annual convention here, August 26 to 28. In addition the lunch will be served on the lawn of the Billings Brewing company, which is owned and operated by Americans of German descent.

However, despite the pro-German flavor of the spread, the event will be featured strict neutrality, as is befitting a gathering of "scribes" who are supposed to follow President Wilson's injunction. To prove this, the tables upon which the "Dutch lunch" will be served will be placed on an Irish-green lawn, beneath the foliage of Norway poplars and English elms. A French chef will prepare the menu and will use Italian olive oil in his salad dressing.

Every visiting newspaper man and his better half is expected to be present at the feast. No "Balkan" will be permitted and from the speed members of the local committees are showing a "Russian" time is expected.

For the benefit of those among the delegates, who prefer something milder, "W. J. Bryan cocktails," strawberry and other flavored "pops," ginger ale and other soft drinks will be served. The event is scheduled for high noon on Saturday, the closing day of the convention.

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### THE COUNTRY BOY

Tom Wilson, who has grown up in a small town under the watchful care of his widowed mother, falls in love with Jane, the daughter of Judge Belknap, but the Judge refuses his consent until such time as Tom shall be able to support a wife in comfort. Tom, who has a very good idea of his own ability, thinks that he can win his fortune more quickly in the city than in the country and goes to New York, accepting a position at \$15 per week which has been offered him by one of his father's friends.

At his boarding house in New York, Tom makes the acquaintance of a chorus girl by the name of Amy, who immediately sets about fascinating him, partly for amusement and partly to make her lover jealous. The rest of the story concerns the manner in which Tom meets his downfall, the way in which he is saved from taking his own life as the result of shame and remorse, and the means through which he returns to the country town and regains his self-respect. Tom finally wins the approval of Judge Belknap and the romance of Tom and Jane comes to a happy conclusion. Coming to the Orpheum Thursday, August 5th.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS

For the week ending July 29, 1915: Ed Aschbrenner, Ben Blumer, Mrs. Cora Clark, Mat Duckwart, J. E. Gleave, Richard Reed, Earnest Seaman, F. Segacher, Alberta Smith, W. S. Williams.

Everybody knows what everybody else is doing. That's why everybody wears a disapproving frown.

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## Railroad News

Special Correspondent

Engineer Wm. Keyes is laying off on account of sickness in his family.

Engineer Verge Hunt reported last Tuesday and went to Havre for an engine.

Jerry Cahill was down for a visit Sunday and left Sunday night for Whitefish as he is still on his inspection trip.

Engineer Fred Bradley made a trip on No. 3 and 4 last week in place of Mike McMahon while Mickey was resting up.

Engineer George Hoval relieved Julian Longtin on the Goat last Tuesday and Julian took back No. 3 and 4 on the west end.

Fireman Byron Hunt is laying off for a few trips and is practicing with his rifle as he expects to join the Gun Club which is being organized.

Machinist Walter Bourne is laying off for 60 days and expects to take a trip to the exposition. Before he left he took several pictures of the round house gang here which he says he will exhibit at the menagerie at the fair.

Last Saturday the Federal Ash Pan Inspector was here and complimented the boiler makers on the condition of ash pans and fire boxes of engines running in and out of Glasgow. This is due to the hard work of Boiler Makers Rohde and Moore at this point. The night man is not counted. John Luwe is working nights as boiler maker.

Art Kelly broke into the leagues last Sunday, being signed up by the Glasgow Regulars. Art has not got his release from the Round House team yet but Manager Hocking is making a deal with Manager Thompson which he expects to close soon. We hear that the base ball season will soon be over here, if Glasgow has to pay what they promised Art.

The round house team played the Glasgow Regulars on Sunday, being chosen instead of the Courier on account of CLASS and were defeated 5 to 2. Gerald Kelly pitched for the Round House and should have won the game but for errors. Fink Fischl again pitched for the Regulars and was pounded as before but got faultless support. Joe Hocking was in the field for the Regulars and played league ball. Some one told him that John J. McGraw was in the grand stand. He played like he believed it. Art Kelly was lent to the regulars to replace Hurly who had a bum fist. Art played regular ball, strengthening the Regulars up considerably. Hal Fagan performed behind the bat for the Round House and was there, playing an errorless game and batting .667.

Last Saturday the Courier and Round House again played for the championship of Glasgow and the final score was 12 to 10 in favor of the Courier. Several of those present were much disappointed at the outcome and asked Manager Thompson what the reason was for the Round House being defeated as they said anyone could see that the Nut Busters had it all over the ink slingers. Manager Thompson told them just what the trouble was and they requested that his reply be printed so that the public might know what they knew. Just before the game Manager Peterson interviewed Captain Hahn and asked that the Courier be allowed to win this game as they had promised several of their patrons to carry it off. Mr. Hahn would not agree at first on account of a certain challenge received from the Courier which he said looked more like a death warning from a black hand outfit than a challenge from a decent, self-respecting base ball team. Mr. Peterson was very much surprised and said that if any such challenge was sent it was done without his knowledge, so Nick agreed to allow the Courier the game. For this reason neither of our star twirlers, "Kid" Benson or "Peerless" Pierce appeared on the mound for the round house. We wish to state here that Peerless Beer was named after our star twirler, so you have an idea of the notability of our team. "Lefty" Chet Grace was started on the mound for the round house and not having been informed that they were to play a losing game he mowed the opposing batsmen down a la Rube Marquard. The round house piled up nine runs to the Courier's five, said five being handed to them by the infield on account of being instructed to boot everything that came their way. During the excitement of the game Nick forgot his promise to throw the game and after the Round House made nine runs and also playing shutout ball. Thinking something must have went amiss Pete called Hahn aside the last half of the eighth inning and reminded him of his promise. Grace refused to throw the game after pitching the style of ball he had been so Leo Hurly

was persuaded to go in and groove them for the Round House. He did this and allowed the Courier to pile up seven runs making the score 12 to 10. The last half of the ninth with the Round House at bat. To show the crowd that they could beat the Courier at any time they decided to score just twice, making them eleven runs enough to lose the game. After Benson got on with a two bagger John Gritz followed up with a single, scoring Benson. Shoes then sacrificed Gritz to third. The next man fanned so as to make two down for the purpose of keeping up excitement in the grand stand. The round house then successfully attempted to steal home. Gritz got off third perfect with the pitcher's arm and stole home but the umpire who was getting hungry and was afraid that the round house was going to tie the score and play with the Courier for countless innings called Gritz out almost starting a riot in the bleachers until Manager Thompson explained the inside dope. You know me, Al.

Fink Fischl, the bright and shining star for the Courier, was knocked out of the box in the seventh just as we promised to do after last game. Joe Hocking then went in for the Courier and as he is a veteran pitcher and a good friend of the round house gang they did not hit him hard and allowed him to strike out several.

### DECREASE IN G. N. REVENUES

Great Northern ended the fiscal year June 30, with a loss of almost \$10,000,000, or over 13 per cent in gross revenues as compared with the previous year, and yet net operating income was ahead of the year before and the actual surplus for dividends about the same. In the way in which expenses were scaled down in every department of operation, the company's exhibit was one of the most remarkable in its record.

Assuming that June equals that month of last year in net operating income, the surplus for the year may be estimated at between 8 per cent and 8½ per cent upon the \$250,000,000 stock now outstanding. A balance of between \$20,000,000 and \$21,000,000 means that after dividend payments more than \$3,000,000 would remain for miscellaneous depreciation and profit and loss surplus. During the fiscal year ended June 30, Great Northern's actual dividend payments were \$16,796,857, and \$251,000 was charged out of income as interest on subscription payments for new stock. The dividend payment at 7 per cent on \$250,000,000 was not all outstanding throughout all the past fiscal year, the actual payments were less than that.

In the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, Great Northern earned 8.85 per cent on \$230,997,700 stock and year before 11.69 per cent on \$209,990,750 stock. During the past fiscal year there was little change in interest payments, while it is likely that final figures will show their income to be smaller than the year preceding. In the estimate of earnings on stock for the year cognizance is taken of those factors.

The reduction in total maintenance took up all but \$2,000,000 of the loss in gross earnings and the cut in transportation costs more than made up the remainder of the decline. Eleven months' net operating income was \$1,198,960 ahead of 1914. In the 11 months 22.5 per cent of gross earnings went for maintenances outlay compared with 29.3 per cent against 27.9 per cent last year, a remarkable enough showing in itself.

There was no hesitancy in Great Northern's maintenance reduction. As soon as the downward trend of earning appeared down went the upkeep outlay, and all through the fiscal year the monthly story was the same, substantial losses in revenue offset by lower operating expenses. James J. Hill always has been a great believer in the principle of cutting the coat according to the cloth, and the operations of the Great Northern in the last fiscal year demonstrated that principle with clarity and precision.

In the four fiscal years from 1911 to 1914 inclusive, each year saw greater amounts spent for maintenance. The increase in that time was about \$5,200,000, while in the same period gross earnings grew from \$61,250,000 to \$79,474,000. Gross earnings for the year ended June 30, 1915 of \$67,004,903 were not quite \$1,000,000, better than the gross revenue of 1912, \$9,730,060 behind 1914's earnings and \$11,697,000 less than 1913, which was Great Northern's record year.

### WILL NEED AMERICAN WHEAT

In discussing wheat market conditions, a writer in the Spokesman-Review expresses the opinion that the relatively low prices for wheat, as compared with prices last fall and winter, are due to scarcity of ships and high ocean freight rates, and to the dilatory policy of European buyers in placing their orders. If ocean rates were normal, current Inland Empire quotations would be 30 or 35 cents a bushel higher, for the ship rate is that

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While the European countries can take their leisure in placing orders for American wheat, their necessities will put them in the market before long. To carry on the war Great Britain must have ammunition and wheat. For the moment ammunition is her more pressing concern, and the new coalition government is concentrating thought, energy and financial resources on that need.

But human mouths as well as cannon must be fed, and the British government cannot ignore much longer the country's want of bread. The London Times takes cognizance of that fact and editorially admonishes the government not to neglect longer the vital problem of the nation's food supply. The idea must be abandoned, it says, that Germany is faced by starvation. "Clearly Germany's food supply is secured for a long period ahead and it behooves England to think of her own supply. The recent fall in the price of wheat is only a temporary relief, due to a combination of circumstances which cannot be expected to continue."

It is improbable that the allies will allow wheat to lie long in American

and Canadian warehouses and elevators. In time of peace, when Great Britain lives from hand to mouth, its yearly imports range from 200,000,000 to 240,000,000 bushels. They were 221,332,000 bushels in 1910, 207,919,000 in 1911, and 229,160,000 in 1912. It would seem sound policy for the government to laying a year's reserve supply if possible, buying 400,000,000 bushels instead of 200,000,000.

But Britain's imports are less than half of the normal European requirement. Belgium in 1912 imported 71,000,000 bushels, Denmark 8,496,000, France 26,698,000, Italy 58,562,000, Holland 75,018,000, Switzerland 20,066,000, and the united kingdom of 160,000, at total by these countries of 498,260,000 bushels.

While the world's wheat crop will be greater this year than last, the desire of the European countries to acquire reserve stocks would be kept enough to maintain prices if shipping conditions were but half way normal. Shortage of ships is a far greater bear influence than the prospective abundant yield.

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