

TOWNLEY'S SCHEMES BREAK BIG BANK

**SCANDINAVIAN AMERICAN BANK OF FARGO,
LOADED UP BY TOWNLEY AND ASSOCIATES
WITH N. P. L. NOTES AND POST-DATED CHECKS,
DECLARED VALUELESS, CLOSED BY STATE
BANKING BOARD WHICH ORDERS EXAMINA-
TION OF EIGHT OTHER BANKS AND DEMANDS
REMOVAL OF ANY SUCH PAPER.**

Fargo, N. D., October 2.—Because North Dakota and Montana farmers "found Townley out" and refused to pay their notes and post-dated checks for membership in the National Nonpartisan league, the Scandinavian-American National bank of this city was closed today by the state banking board, consisting of three state officials elected by the Nonpartisan league who could no longer stand the irregularities of the bank without being personally liable for its alleged illegal acts.

The liabilities aggregate \$1,600,000. The activities of the National Nonpartisan league have been conducted through this bank for several years. It held \$554,000 of farmers' notes and post-dated checks as collateral for loans made Townley enterprises, many of the checks not even being in possession of the bank.

Who Got the Money.
Listed among the loans made by this bank as shown by the report of the banking board, and characterized by the attorney general's office as a "financial monstrosity" are the following obligations:

Consumers Stores company (Townley's retail store scheme)	\$170,000.00
National Nonpartisan league	148,824.26
Nonpartisan League Exchange	66,182.28
Publishers Service Bureau (Townley corporation to own and control newspapers)	47,960.06
Loans to companies and individuals in excess of its capital and surplus are placed at	734,194.82

Following the closing of the Scandinavian-American National bank, the

state banking board by resolution, ordered an immediate examination, under the direction of the attorney general, of a string of eight banks, commonly known as "Nonpartisan League banks." Part of the capital stock of these banks was found in the Scandinavian-American bank as collateral to loans made by the bank to the league exchange, a million dollar corporation organized by A. C. Townley and a recognized subsidiary corporation of the National Nonpartisan league.

Financing that Townley was unloading thousands of dollars worth of post-dated checks of North Dakota and Montana farmers on the banks of North Dakota hundreds of which were never paid, after the duplicity of the organization was discovered, the state banking board declared all post-dated checks without collateral value.

This order makes it necessary for the National Nonpartisan league and its subsidiary corporations to immediately take all such collateral out of the string of banks directly or indirectly controlled by Townley and high N. P. L. associates.

The attorney general telegraphed all allied league banks tonight of the action of the state banking board, which includes Governor Frazier in its membership, and that he will be compelled to proceed against any bank which carries such paper as Townley and his associates unloaded on the ill-fated Scandinavian-American.

Report in Detail.
The report of the bank examiners to the attorney general discloses the method of operating the heavier loans that have been made by the bank to the Consumers United Stores company and the Nonpartisan league, the league exchange and the Publishers' National Service Bureau. The banks' loaning capacity, under the state law, is limited to 15 per cent of its capital stock and surplus, which is \$60,000, so that the most that could be legally loaned to any corporation or individual is \$9,000.

"The Consumers United Stores company has a line of credit extended through a system of individual loans to 23 individuals aggregating in all \$170,000," says the official report. "The individual paper is given on accommodation purposes only and is secured by notes representing farmers' liabilities in sums of \$100 to \$500 together with post-dated checks of \$32 and less, amounting in all to \$554,364.88.

"The security held by the bank as collateral for its loans made to the National Nonpartisan league for \$148,824.26 consists principally of post-dated checks in the sum of \$274,864.01, in addition to this Consumers United Stores company bonds in the sum of \$20,000 are being held as collateral. It is our opinion from an examination of these bonds that they represent notes more than the individual liability of the Consumers United Stores company, a corporation. The bonds represent also the collateral already discussed in the name of farmers' notes and constitute a collateral. In fact they amount to nothing more than the signature of the Consumers United Stores company to the indebtedness which they secure.

About the same condition is cited with respect to the loan on publishers' national service bureau. As the report discloses \$432,000 have been advanced by the bank to finance the various operations of the Nonpartisan league. The closing of the

bank today not only ties the league's collateral on which it has been operating but the action also ties up its deposits of cash in the bank. It also brings the possibility of an immediate show-down on the hundreds of thousands of dollars of notes that have been given by the farmers for the varied activities of the Nonpartisan league.

FORCED TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

The school officials of this district recently discovered a family on the north side of the track in which there were five children of the compulsory school age, that was sending none of the children to school. The parents had stated that they did not want the children to go to school and when first seen by the truancy officer were inclined to be obstinate, giving a multitude of reasons against sending them. The father was then given a definite notice that if he did not start his children to school at once that he would be arrested and he then saw that they entered school. The children are of varying ages and have had practically no schooling and are in the beginning grades. It was also necessary to make the same threat against another man in town, who had a daughter that he wanted to stay out of school to work.

There may be other children between the ages of 8 and 16 in the two mile limit that have not started in school this year, that the school authorities do not know of. If any citizen knows of such a case, they are requested to report it to the school trustees or the superintendent and steps will be taken to see that the children go to school.

The law is very definite in the matter and the school authorities intend to enforce it to the limit.—Chinook Opinion.

BAD FIRE AT FAIRVIEW.

Early Monday morning saw another disastrous fire for Fairview and Interstate street when at about midnight fire broke out in the Palace candy kitchen, owned by W. D. Hunter.

It took quite a while to get the alarm turned in but as soon as possible the chemical engine was on the job, but too late to do any good in the candy kitchen as the whole interior was a seething mass of flames and in some places the fire had already broken through the walls of the building.

Everything that was possible was done, but the fire quickly spread to the adjoining buildings and they were soon a mass of smoking ruins.

The burned buildings were the Palace candy kitchen, the Evan & Myers pool hall, the Syndicate block, the Lennox store and the restaurant operated by Mrs. Jennie Aamold.

The News office was badly burned on the south side toward the fire and was only saved by a good deal of hard work.—Fairview News.

SATISFACTION AND REGRET.

(By William V. V. Stephens)
When on the culminating night, All in a blaze of chastened light, "Liberty" with upraised hand, Bid us welcome to our Land,

I breathed a prayer with reverent head And from my heart, I softly said, "I'm glad I fought for you."

When Mother's kiss fell on my cheek, And words were felt we could not speak—

When, like a load, the bitter past Fell from my weary heart at last, This torrent of triumphant song Burst forth and swept my Soul along—

"I'm glad I fought for you." But then there came another phase Which drove my thoughts in other ways.

I saw the cool, relentless sneer Which marks the placid profiteer, Resentment knocked upon the door, And spoke as wise men spoke before:

"I'm sorry I fought for you." A pampered pet of luxury, Drest in satins, came to me Lamenting in a general way The prices that she had to pay, And seemed to take some real offense

When I exclaimed in tones intense, "I'm sorry I fought for you." But what care I! The fields are green, There's Truth in every rustic scene, The meadow land, the hill, the sea, America, belong to me, And some bright day as seasons roll America will find her Soul—

"I'm glad I fought for her!"

HOW MUCH GRAIN TO FEED.
Specialists of the United States department of agriculture advise poultry keepers to feed about 1 quart of scratch grain and an equal weight of mash (about 1½ quarts) daily to 13 hens of the general purpose breeds, such as the Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds or Wyandottes, or about 16 hens of the smaller or egg breeds. This would be about 7½ pounds each of scratch grains and of mash daily to 100 Leghorns and about 9½ pounds each to 100 general purpose fowls. If hens have free range or large yards containing green feed a general purpose hen will eat about 75 pounds of feed in a year, while a Leghorn will consume about 55 pounds in addition to the green stuff which she eats.

RECEIVES A PATENT ON ENVELOPE DEVICE
Plentywood, October 3.—W. M. Hegland, one of the early claimstenders near McCoy ranch, has just received his patent for an envelope and stamp moistener. It is a very convenient and sanitary little device that can be used for field as well as office purposes, and is a very useful contrivance.

RED CROSS NOTES

TO THE CHILDREN OF THE U. S.

Two years ago as president of the United States and as president of the American Red Cross, I addressed to you a letter in which I advised you to enroll in the newly organized Junior Red Cross, and I explained to you some of the ways in which the Junior Red Cross would help you to be useful to your country and to the children of those countries which were associated with us in a great war against a powerful enemy. Millions of you did join the Junior Red Cross and worked hard, and what you did is warmly appreciated by the whole country.

Now, by the blessings of God and through the faithful performance of duty by our soldiers and sailors and the soldiers and sailors of the countries by whose side we fought, a great victory has been won and the war is over, but I am sure that you wish to continue to be useful to your country and to children less fortunate than yourselves. Therefore, I am writing to you at the opening of the new school year to advise you to again join the Junior Red Cross, which has planned a work for peace times even larger and more systematic than the work done during the war.

The Junior Red Cross will instruct you in ideals and habits of service, will show you how to be useful to your school, how to aid the older people in your community in their efforts to promote the health and comfort of the people among whom you live, and how to help children who are still suffering from the effects of the great war in foreign lands invaded by the enemy.

The recent war was the greatest of all wars, not only because more men and nations were engaged in it than in any other war of history, but also because, as a result of it, people have seen a vision of a different kind of world from the world of the past, a world in which nations shall unite for the purpose of peace and good will as they formerly united only for war against an armed foe. In working for the children of other nations you will come to understand them better and they will understand and appreciate you more.

Your education will not be complete unless you learn how to be good citizens, and the Junior Red Cross plans to teach you simple lessons in citizenship through its organization and its activities. It is your generation which must carry on the work of our generation at home and abroad and you cannot begin too soon to train your minds and habits for this responsibility. By doing what you can to make happier the people of your own neighborhood, your state, your country and also the people of other lands, you will make yourselves happier.

—Woodrow Wilson.

AID FOR CONVALESCENT MEN.

Providing comfortable and congenial surroundings for disabled soldiers during their convalescence is a new task undertaken by the Red Cross home service in its efforts to help those veterans having no home to which they may return.

Investigation has disclosed among these men an intense longing to be out of the hospital and their problem of finding a place to go is being solved by the home service workers who locate an appropriate private home or boarding house for the convalescent.

A number of men, discharged when Fort Snelling hospital was closed, are being cared for by home service sections in the northern division.

RED CROSS CARES FOR DESERTED WAR BRIDE

Among the war brides to be welcomed by the Red Cross at the port of New York during the past week was the daughter of an English clergyman who arrived in this country to surprise her husband by an earlier meeting than he had anticipated. She brought with her all the fine linen that was hers for her trousseau, and gifts from her family for the home she had come to make.

The Red Cross message to the parents of her husband brought back word that their son had married since his return, and that they refused to divulge his whereabouts to one whom they considered a mere adventuress. Efforts of home service representatives in their community have not succeeded in shaking their faith in his integrity, or their belief in the marriage in England, of which the little bride has legal proof.

Faith in him has not left the girl in New York either, who proudly refuses to write of her trouble to her family, and is bravely taking up work which the Red Cross has found for her. "Temporary employment as a governess," she says, "until my husband is informed of my arrival, and can come to get me."

WISCONSIN GIRL WINS DECORATION IN SERBIA

Serbia today is the "Country of orphans." There are 200,000 homeless waifs in this country of scarcely more than 3,000,000 people, for Serbia has lost 800,000 of her population in the war, mostly men and boys.

Unfortunately orphan asylums are few in number. Most of them are under the direction or supervision of the American Red Cross.

At Belgrade the Americans found a large asylum well-housed in a concrete building, but lacking everything that in America would be considered essential. Miss Clara G. Lewis of

Chippewa Falls, Wis., who had been nursing in southern Serbia, was one of the first Red Cross women to reach Belgrade and she was immediately loaned to the orphanage as a director.

Under her supervision the institution underwent a complete transformation. Repairs were made to buildings, a series of barracks opposite were taken over and equipped, and a children's clinic was established in charge of an experienced American physician. School facilities were arranged for the orphans in a nearby public school, industrial classes were organized, and food supplies and clothing furnished.

The Serbian government has just recognized this notable piece of work among the orphans of Belgrade, by awarding to Miss Lewis the medal of the Order of St. Sava.

CIGARETTES FROM PLANE FOR BANDIT CHASERS

During the recent foray into Mexico after bandits, American troops received cigarettes from the American Red Cross by airplane, national headquarters has been advised. Captain Matlock, who undertook to deliver the \$15,000 ransom money for two American aviators, carried also in his airplane 15,000 cigarettes from the Red Cross of the Big Bend district.

GIRLS STUDY NURSING.

Twenty girls in the Bozeman high school have organized in a class in home hygiene and care of the sick under the auspices of the Bozeman Gallatin chapter. Mrs. Mae Chapman who gave very valuable service last year is the authorized instructor.

MANY ACCREDITED HERDS IN THE STATE

Many accredited pure bred and grade herds of cattle tested for tuberculosis in Montana are announced by the tuberculosis division of the department of agriculture. These herds have successfully passed two annual or three semi-annual tuberculosis tests applied by regularly employed veterinary inspectors of the bureau of animal industry of the state.

Among the accredited herds in Montana there are many Shorthorns. Those listed are Ezra Allsop, Bozeman; Aency and Child, Bozeman; J. E. Atkins, Salesville; C. E. Axtell, Salesville; John Boss, Belgrade; G. H. Cook, Bozeman; C. W. Cramer, Belgrade; D. A. Cripps, Hamilton; Lester Cruse, Belgrade; P. H. Griffin, Drummond; J. F. Hart, Conner; A. G. Horsley, Sioux Pass; J. M. Huckaba, Missoula; J. C. Huffine, Bozeman; Gray P. Keene, Canton; Lowe and Powers, Culbertson; J. L. Maryott and Son, Roberts; F. G. Metzger, Rotheman; B. L. Miller and H. Summer, Bozeman; W. B. Reid, Bozeman; C. W. and A. W. Sand, Opheim; C. S. Smith & Co., Bozeman; R. V. Spain, Helena; H. L. Summers, Bozeman; N. J. Tintinger, Mossman; Augustus Vaux, Sidney; J. W. Walton, Belgrade; W. W. and B. W. Wheeler, Valier; J. R. Wyatt, Bozeman.

ROOSEVELT REPUBLICANS TO ORGANIZE

John A. Tressler of Malta, chairman of the republican state central committee, was here to confer with local republicans the first of the week and as a result of his visit Wolf Point will entertain its first political convention. A call to the republicans of all parts of Roosevelt county will be issued for a convention to be held in Wolf Point on Wednesday, October 22. A large number of delegates are expected to attend. Chairman Tressler and perhaps other prominent party men will be present.

No party organization has been effected by the republicans in the new county of Roosevelt and the forming of such county organization is the chief object of the convention. O. T. Stennes, C. O. Moore and other local republicans are active in the matter. —Wolf Point Herald.

Your Individual Earning Power Dies With You

In contemplating death it is evident to you that some time your neighbor will die, but the thought of your own sudden "taking off" might never have occurred to you. Sit down and think it over. It is coming to you eventually. When it does come, your earning power dies with you.

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