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EPIDEMIC AGAIN TAKES TOLL

GLASGOW HOSPITAL IS TAXED TO CAPACITY. WOLF POINT IS UNDERGOING ANOTHER SEIGE AS IS ALSO POPLAR AND OTHER PLACES.

With new cases reported from all over the state, physicians declare Montana is once again in the grip of the flu epidemic. In some of the large western cities the situation is extremely grave. In Butte where the epidemic was lifted some few weeks ago, the conditions are so bad that every building, including the department stores and eating houses have been closed. Because of a return of the epidemic in Helena it was deemed advisable to postpone the Shrine meeting scheduled for December 6th for two weeks. Great Falls, Billings and the City are other places hard hit. It may also be safely stated that the epidemic has reappeared to a certain extent in Sheridan and Valley counties. The Glasgow hospital is taxed especially with patients from the city districts. In Glasgow the schools are all closed. Wolf Point is experiencing another run of the epidemic like Glasgow many of the cases from the country. Brockton has been hit hard during the past two weeks. At one time there was hardly a family in Brockton that was not effected. Mr. and Mrs. Rice, members of the Curran household, the Lunds, the Lien family are among the prominent people who were victims. Hans Lien has been critically ill, his wife being despaired of on Tuesday.

Poplar has not escaped either, the epidemic here during the past week being far from favorable. The feature here, however, is the fact that Dr. J. L. Atkinson is working single handed. He is not only attending upon the sick in his town, but is driving night and day to visit patients on the south side, the reservation, and in Brockton. He returned home at 10 o'clock Wednesday night from a long drive on the south side only to be called to make a drive out on the reservation. Dr. Mossman has sent for Dr. Greenwood, who is in Chicago to render the town authorities are taking steps to have Dr. Harris transferred home from the army. At its meeting Monday night the flu situation was not thought necessary to take any action as yet toward putting the ban on again.—Poplar Standard.

LEAGUE CONVENTION INSPECTS ACCOUNTS

DELEGATES FROM 13 STATES, REPORTED BY ACCOUNTS, FIND WORKS O. K.

By V. E. Michel

Paul, Minn., Dec. 9.—Books and reports of the National Nonpartisan League are in an excellent shape, and do not show any wanton expenditures by the present management of the League, as has been charged by enemies of the organization. This is the report of a committee consisting of one farmer delegate from each of the 13 states represented in the first convention of the League. The independent audit was made by licensed public accountants who were hired by the convention. They reported to the committee that the League's books and accounts were in excellent condition and that they made brought results similar with the accounts of the League's treasurer and cashier of the League. Following this report the convention adjourned just before noon and the delegates left for their homes. The report of the claims of enemies of the League that A. C. Townsend had squandered and misappropriated funds of the organization was drawn or expended by the committee from the inception of the audit. This audit showed that to date, 1915, Townsend drew for

FLU TAKES ELEVEN YEAR OLD BOY

Theodore, the eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlberg, of this city, died of influenza last Friday. Funeral services were held by Rev. Theo. Aaberg and the remains were laid at rest in the Westby cemetery.—Westby News.

HENRY HANSON IS WOUNDED IN ACTION

Word has been received from the overseas forces that Henry Hanson, son of Simon Hanson, living southeast of here, has been severely wounded while in action.—Dooley Sun.

BEN LIEBACH RECEIVES SEVERE WOUND

Geo. Liebach was in receipt of a letter from his relatives at St. Louis, stating that Ben Liebach, was severely wounded while in action in France on October 7th. Ben will be remembered by many here as leader of the Liebach orchestra which furnished dance music here several years ago.—Dooley Sun.

Dick Bolster and Calvin Rogers are reported to be ill with scarlet fever at Boulder, Colo., where they entrained from Plentywood for service in Uncle Sam's army a few months ago. It is to be hoped the boys will soon recover and return to their homes here.

BARNEY ALLEN IS KILLED IN ACTION

Word was received here last week of the death of Barney Allen which occurred on Oct. 5, while in the defense of his country on the battle field somewhere in France. This is the second of our young men to make the supreme sacrifice and the sorrowing relatives have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.—Valley (Bainville) Tribune.

CROSBY BOY KILLS SELF WHILE HANDLING GUN

Crosby, Dec. 11.—Wilbur, the 10-year-old son of W. C. Martin, a well known farmer living at Crosby shot himself through the head with a new 22-calibre rifle and died instantly. He had just received the gun as a present from his father and was demonstrating to a young brother how safe it was. He placed the muzzle beneath his chin and pulled the trigger.

WILSON ACCEPTS SCHWAB'S RESIGNATION BY WIRELESS

Washington, Dec. 11.—The resignation of Charles M. Schwab as director general of the emergency fleet corporation was accepted by President Wilson, in a wireless message from the transport George Washington to the White House.

Mr. Schwab was not in Washington at the time, but it was stated he would retire at once and that Charles Piez, vice-president and general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, would carry on the work exactly as heretofore.

LEWISTON IS TO CLOSE ITS THEATERS

Lewiston, Mont., Dec. 11.—After having government sanction to a parade and meeting to celebrate Britain day here, the health authorities, just before the time set, revoked the permission and ordered the theaters closed. Churches will be allowed to conduct services and the Sunday schools will continue. Saloons are allowed to be open, but there is to be no congregating. The order therefore seems to single out the theaters for action. Dances have been prohibited for some time past. This action was the result when it became known that 24 cases of influenza had developed in the past two days.

MONTANA HAVING CALIFORNIA CLIMATE

Last Monday night this section of the state was visited by a gentle rain which lasted through the night. The day following was not as agreeable, but Wednesday the sun came out with a clear smiling face and we are again having California weather. There is very little snow on the ground and everybody is having excellent weather in which to do their shopping. This kind of a winter will discourage those who are in the habit of spending their winters in California as the climate here is just as good.

NEW YORK UNIONS FOR LABOR PARTY

New York, Dec. 11.—The Central Federated union, representing 250,000 trades unionists in New York city, decided last night to join in the movement for the formation in the United States of a national labor party similar to that in England. It was explained that the party would include both "those who work with their hands and those who work with their brains."

A Want Ad in the Producers News brings results.

FIRST CANVASS OF SOLDIER VOTES

League Gets An Even Break In the Votes Cast By the Soldiers. Only Five Votes Have Been Cast Up to This Time and It Is Not Expected That There Will Be Any More.

REDMOND 2, MRS. O'GRADY 2

The first canvass of soldier votes which were returned to the Secretary of State five days prior to the November election and since were canvassed by the state canvassing board last Monday, December 9th. There were found to be five votes returned for Sheridan county.

The results show that Oscar Lanstrum got two of these votes, that Walsh got one and Miss Rankin got two.

In the contest for the county offices for Clerk & Recorder, A. M. Major got one vote, Mrs. Ben Johnson got two, and Guy Mellon, the name on the socialist ticket, received one, only four voting; in the contest for auditor, James F. Redmond received two votes and Mrs. B. K. O'Grady received two votes, one not voting.

It was thought that the soldier vote would be larger, and the anti-league candidates hung great hopes thereon, but it seems that the soldiers did not take much interest in voting and those that did not vote, seemed to hold the N. P. League in as high esteem as they did the opposition to the League.

The final canvass will take place the last Monday in December, but it is doubted whether there will be any more ballots to canvass.

PAYING OFF HAIL INSURANCE RISKS

The state hail board is paying off claims made by farmers in the state for hail insurance, and at this time is disbursing through the state auditor's office \$335,000 to meet the claims. Auditor R. J. Poland and Hail Commissioner C. K. Bowman have been busy with the work of getting out the warrants.

These payments are being made at this time to furnish farmers with ready cash to meet their taxes, and they cover approximately 2,300 claims. The state hail insurance law is working out, apparently, for the benefit of the farmers who use it, and is providing money this year that is much needed on account of the various setbacks the agricultural population has suffered.

MONSTER PETITION ASKS RETURN OF POPLAR DOCTOR

Through the medium of a monster petition the citizens of Poplar have asked the Surgeon General in Washington, D. C., to return Dr. H. G. Harris to this city where it is felt that he is urgently needed because of the second outbreak of flu. Along with this petition Mayor H. M. Cosier, Maj. Mossman and Supt. Mitchell of the schools have wired to the Surgeon General at Washington and to the Commanding Officer at Hoboken, N. J., where Harris was stationed last week, explaining that the situation is grievous here and requesting that the physician be sent home. Before the armistice was signed Dr. Harris was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Medical Corp and ordered to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. He remained there for only a short time when he was ordered to New York with the instruction that he would probably be sent overseas at once. In the meantime the armistice was signed and in letters to friends here the Doctor thought he would be discharged in a couple of weeks. The local citizens believe that he is needed here at once and accordingly have taken steps to get in touch with the authorities in the east.—Poplar Standard.

WILL CONTEST THE ELECTION

Mrs. B. K. O'Grady, Farmers' Candidate, Will Contest the Election of James F. Redmond—Papers Will Be Filed As Soon as the Final Canvass of Soldier Votes.

B. K. WHEELER RETAINED

Mrs. B. K. O'Grady, farmers' candidate for the office of county auditor, will institute a contest for the office of county auditor and will file a petition for a recount of the votes just as soon as the final canvass of the soldiers vote is made which will be on the last Monday in December.

The official returns show that James F. Redmond, the present democratic incumbent, received 1508 votes and B. K. O'Grady received 1506 votes, giving Redmond a majority of two. However, Mrs. O'Grady friends are convinced that a recount of the votes will give her the office by at least fifty majority.

Attorney B. K. Wheeler, recent United States District Attorney for the state of Montana, has been retained to institute the contest, and we understand that the Attorney General's office will have a man present to watch developments.

PEACE CONFERENCE OPENS EARLY IN JANUARY

Paris, Dec. 11.—The opening of the peace congress in Paris has been set for the first week in January. It is expected here that the peace deliberations will last about four months. Unless the unforeseen happens, final action will be reached toward the early part of May.

The British delegates to the peace conference will be Premier Lloyd George, Foreign Minister Balfour, Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law, Labor Minister Barnes and a fifth representative who has not yet been selected.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF RAILROADS IS HERE

Under public ownership the railroads would be run and controlled not by two millions of employes getting good wages and fair hours, but by a hundred million of citizens interested in good service, fair treatment of the public and fair treatment of the employes, and no robbery by private individuals.

BREAK EXPLOSION IN MINNEAPOLIS

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 12.—Shortly after unusually heavy earth currents caused a cable in a power sub-station in Minneapolis to burn out this morning, a turbine engine in the plant of the Northern States Power company, in St. Paul, exploded. The side wall of the building was torn away and debris littered over an area of several blocks. There were no casualties.

Small buildings adjacent to the west wall of the power plant suffered only trifling damage. One part of the generator, weighing nearly a ton, landed in the street one block from the plant.

PROGRESSIVE FARMERS CLUB MEETING

SPECIAL CALLED GATHERING, IT WILL BE A BOOSTER MEETING, A COMMUNITY GATHERING, AT WELIVER HALL. COME ONE COME ALL.

There will be a community meeting at Welliver Hall, Wednesday, December 18th, all day. This is a special called meeting of the Progressive Farmers' Club, and is intended for a general community gathering and everyone is invited and urged to attend. There will be fine speaking. Charles E. Eckler, general organizer of the co-operative stores over fourteen states will speak, and there will be a long program besides.

There will be hot coffee and sandwiches served by the club at noon. There will be a business meeting and program in the afternoon and a dance and oyster supper in the evening. Everybody welcome to come and have a good time.

YOUNG COALRIDGE FARMER IS DEAD

The funeral of Gerhard J. Onstad, was held last Sunday. After a short service at the farm residence, in the morning, the remains were taken to Westby, where services were held from the First Lutheran church. The deceased died from influenza, was 21 years of age and leaves a wife and child who mourn his loss. Together with his father, George Onstad, they successfully farmed a 1,000 acre farm in the Coalridge country. He was a young man of exceptional worth, held in high esteem by his neighbors.

L. J. Onstad of Plentywood is an uncle of the deceased.—Medicine Lake Wave.

ANOTHER MYSTERY SOLVED

Mr. C. R. Tange and Miss Thea Braaten, both popular young people of Plentywood decided to steal a march on their friends, and quietly slipped over to Rev. S. J. Fretheim's residence on November 4th and were joined in marriage. With the connivance of the pastor and certain friends in the Court House, they kept their secret until December 11th, when he was discovered writing a letter to Mrs. C. R. Tange, as she is away for a short visit to her parents, and he simply had to 'fess up,' go and get the smokes, other refreshments, etc.

Miss Braaten came to Plentywood about 5 years ago and has had charge of the Ladies' Department in the Tanner & Best Store ever since and has a host of friends here.

Mr. Tange is one of the able assistants in the State Bank of Plentywood, having come here from Chicago about two years ago.

FROID WOMAN DEAD

The remains of Mrs. Elvina Berglund, of Froid, were shipped to Lanson, Minnesota, to be laid to rest, Wednesday morning.

This young lady, only 23 years of age, passed away Tuesday. Her death was due to influenza and pneumonia. She leaves a husband, Oscar Berglund, who is a farmer east of Froid, and one child eight months old.—Medicine Lake Wave.

EX-KAISER ATTEMPTS TO TAKE OWN LIFE

London, Dec. 12.—William Hohenzollern, the former German emperor, has attempted to commit suicide, following mental depression, according to the Leipzig Tageblatt, which is quoted in a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. A member of the former emperor's retinue who prevented Herr Hohenzollern from carrying out his intention received a wound, it is said.

JULIUS C. JENSEN OF WESTBY PASSES AWAY

Julius C. Jensen, of south of Westby, died Wednesday evening, Nov. 27th, of flu-pneumonia. He is survived by a wife and baby son.

The funeral was held Saturday at the Daneville church and interment made in the Danish cemetery. Rev. Mr. Kjoller officiated.

DANCE TO BE GIVEN AT COMMUNITY HALL

The last dance of the year will be given at Community Hall on Tuesday evening, December 31st.

Everyone is cordially invited to come and trip the "light fantastic" as the old year goes and the new one comes.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP VS. PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

The municipally owned gas plant in Duluth, Minnesota, sells gas at a maximum price of 75 cents per thousand cubic feet, and at 50 cents for all over 50 thousand feet while for heating purposes it sells at 50 cents net. Meanwhile, a private plant is being constructed by the Northern Utilities Company which is expected to furnish gas to about 30 neighboring towns at \$1.50 per thousand maximum rate and \$1.40 to \$1.00 minimum, an average saving of about 60 cents per thousand feet as a result of public ownership.

EDITOR AGAIN ASSAULTED

Jack Duggan, Defeated Candidate of the "Loyalty League," Takes Wallops at Taylor.

WEXED OVER GOFER POISON

Jack Duggan, the defeated candidate of the Sheridan County Loyalty League, is the latest citizen to participate in the indoor and outdoor sport of taking a wallop at the editor of the Producers News.

When the editor was returning from the postoffice last evening, and was in front of the fire hall and police station, a voice called from across the street and the editor waited for the speaker to approach, who turned out to be Jack Duggan.

The Loyalty League candidate inquired in a rather bellicose manner where the Producers News had gotten the information in regard to the "Tale of Gopher Poison" which appeared in the columns of the Producers News prior to election, over which he seems to be put out for some reason or other.

The editor answered, in order to do justice to County Agent Anderson, that it was received from the Farmers Elevator.

However this was just an excuse for an assault and Mr. Duggan immediately proceeded with it.

When the scrap was in its most interesting stage, Chief of Police Pierce interfered.

The attack is looked upon as a part of a conspiracy by certain parties to intimidate the editor of the Producers News, by those who fear the results of the Grand Jury investigation that it is promised will take place at the January setting of the district court. The above are the usual tactics resorted to by gangs of this kind as a last resort.

The farmers are going to take the necessary precaution to see that this "rough stuff" is abolished; for in a game like the above two sides can play. However, the farmers are not looking for trouble, but if the worse comes to worse, they are able and will take care of themselves.

EUROPEAN RULERS TO VISIT UNITED STATES

New York, Dec. 7.—The United States government will have as its guests in the near future President Poincare of France, King George of England, King Albert of Belgium, King Victor Emmanuel of Italy and the heads of any other nations President Wilson may visit during his visit to Europe, Stephane Lauzanne, editor of the Paris Matin declared today just before he sailed for France. M. Lauzanne has been in the United States several months on an official mission.

MANY ARE KILLED IN STREET FIGHT

TWENTY-EIGHT KILLED AND 48 WOUNDED IN STREET FIGHTING IN BERLIN—FRESH DISORDERS REPORTED.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Twenty-eight persons were killed and 48 wounded in street fighting here Friday between government troops and forces of the Spartacus group, in which the latter were completely defeated.

The Spartacusites, under Karl Liebknecht, planned a coup d'etat in which the police station and chancellor's palace were to be seized and the government ejected. Many of them responded and marched into the streets of the royal palace.

Spartacusites placed machine guns before the reichstag building. Liebknecht addressed the crowds from the roof of a motor bus, while the workmen shouted "long live the international republic."

The mobs were finally incited to attack the public buildings, but were defeated after a sharp encounter in which machine guns were used on both sides.

Republican Troops Ready

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—Ten thousand members of the republican guard were ordered under arms in Berlin last night to quell rioting there, according to dispatches received from that city today.

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