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BIG MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM MAY 30

Memorial day has been designated an official holiday in the memory of the boys who in years gone by have offered themselves as sacrifices on the altar of freedom, and to those we add the boys of the late war. What better day could be chosen on which to honor our boys, to celebrate the return of those who are returning and mourn those who made the supreme sacrifice.

A special invitation is extended to the returned boys. Come in your uniforms. There will be a big dinner at the Community Hall at 2:00 o'clock. Everyone bring a basket and put enough in for that bachelor soldier. The Red Cross will serve coffee and tables will be set.

Those who own autos will help make this celebration a success by notifying their local chapter of how many boys they can accommodate.

The Red Cross branches are asked to notify all the returned boys that they know. Everybody join forces to make this the most successful Memorial Day that Sheridan County has ever had. Show your appreciation of what these boys have done by all coming and doing your part.

The program of the day follows:

- Memorial Day Program 11:00 A. M.
- Parade.
- Honor of dead comrades.
- Decorations of graves by local soldiers, sailors and marines.
- 12:00 M.
- Reception by Red Cross.
- Picnic Dinner at Community Hall.
- 2:00 P. M.
- Program at Orpheum
- 1. Hymn.
- 2. Invocation.
- 3. Reading—Gettysburg Address.
- 4. Music—High School Chorus.
- 5. Address, "Spanish American War" A. W. March (a Spanish American War Veteran).
- 6. Address, "World War"—Ralph Pask.
- 7. Memorial Cross Exercises.
- 8. Singing—Audience.
- 9. Memorial Address—Judge C. E. Comer.
- 10. Star Spangled Banner.
- 11. Benediction.
- Memorial Committees

Memorial Committee—Mrs. E. W. Savage, E. W. Anderson, Miss Ellen Wilson.

Refreshment Committee—Mrs. L. E. Hein, Mrs. Fred Hudson and Mrs. Tom Kelly.

Committee for Arranging Tables—Geo. Pierce, Frank Huff, L. S. Olson.

Committee on Decorations—Miss Alice Bjerke, Miss Martha Gerntholz, A. J. Ogaard.

Band Committee—C. H. Simonds, E. R. White, F. W. Grawe.

Special Music—Miss Charlotte S. Stevens.

Reception Committee—Mrs. T. W. Greer, Mrs. C. S. Nelson, H. Lewis, Tim Shea and Andy Malcolm.

Don't forget the date May 30, next Friday.

RAILROAD MEN REFUSE TO CARRY GIRLS TO STRIKE

Regarded as Sign They Will Join Winnipeg Labor War—Veterans are Hopeful Trouble Is Near End.

Ottawa, Ont., May 22.—The Winnipeg strike is nearing a settlement, according to a telegram from Winnipeg representative of the Great War Veterans' association, received here, by the organization's dominion secretary.

The message intimated that both sides have agreed to abide by the mayor's decision on the right of employees to bargain collectively through their unions.

"The strike situation is lightening," the message said. "The city is quiet and orderly. Labor terms, involving recognition of the right of collective bargaining, are subject to the mayor."

The dominion secretary announced that he understood this to mean that both side had agreed to abide by the mayor's ruling.

Fear Ocean-to-Ocean Spread

Winnipeg, Man., May 21.—Forces of capital and labor were still in a deadlock tonight with members of the citizens' committee unable to bring about an adjustment of the local labor situation which resulted in a general strike last Thursday.

The day, which was one of meetings and conferences, was marked by a tightening of the lines under union control. Neither union leaders nor other prominent figures, including industrial chiefs and city officials, made any effort to conceal the fact that failure to settle the local trouble may bring about disturbed conditions which would affect the dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Employers Sit Tight

L. R. Barrett, vice president of the Vulcan Iron Works, one of Winnipeg's leading industrial plants, and this afternoon:

"We can do nothing. The whole situation is in the hands of the citizens' committee, and we must await action by that committee. In the meantime, we are going to sit tight and make no concessions."

Between the union camp, which is insisting that the general strike is a protest against local labor conditions from the standpoint of wages, hours and the right to organize, and the camp represented by leading employers of the union men, are three forces trying to bring the factions together. One is the citizens' committee, another is the military commanded by General H. D. B. Ketchen and the third is Mayor Charles F. Gray. It is known that peace feelers were sent out today, but failure of the conciliatory agencies to announce any result, caused the general impression that no definite steps toward a settlement had been taken.

Trainmen Ready to Strike

The Western Labor News official organization of the 30,000 union workers who are idle, announced that trainmen on the government railways entering Winnipeg are ready to strike; that the Canadian Pacific railroad trainmen are voting upon the question and that railway shopmen of the Winnipeg and district shops, who are seeking higher pay and shorter hours, will announce their attitude tomorrow.

The same paper contained intimations that the Winnipeg strike is receiving support from the union forces in other provinces. It announced that a "strong contingent of girls from Toronto who were being brought here to the largest department store of the city was refused transportation past Port Arthur, and that 'railway workers are said to refuse to handle trains on which such persons are found."

NINE AMERICAN MEMBERS OF PEACE BODY QUIT WITH DISSATISFACTION

Paris, May 22.—Nine members of the American peace commission have offered their resignations as the result of dissatisfaction with the terms of the German treaty, it was learned today.

Three of the resignations are said to be final. The others, however, are held in abeyance at the request of the commission.

Prof. A. A. Young of Cornell university, chief economic expert; Dr. Isaiah Bowman, of New York, head of the territorial intelligence division, and W. C. Bullitt, expert on Russian affairs, are said to have finally withdrawn.

The names of the other six commissioners have not been made public, pending further consideration by the commission. The six are understood to have taken this action as an expression of disapproval of alleged compromises with their principles. They may allow this action to suffice, it was said, and continue in service.

THE WEEK

Very Efficient Farmers World Gets Peace Plan Who Inherits the Earth? Big Fight for 30 Cents Some Magnificent Piffle he Lowest Breed of Animals

The most important document of the twentieth century has been made public. The allied statesmen have given us their version of the proper settlement of the great war.

We are too near it yet to grasp what it all means. Nations, parts of nations, colonies, peoples, vast sums of money, trade arrangements, the weapons of war have been shuffled like a huge deck of cards. And in the shuffling of the cards, for once, at least, lies a real "fortune"—the world's fortune for generations to come.

We shall probably find a good deal of good and bad in it, and according as we weigh certain factors will we pronounce it good or bad. In the main it is a peace built on the old diplomacy. The statesmen did not have the necessary faith in the new methods so much talked of during the war. But the peace will have to appear very bad for the war-weary people to reject it at this time.

Our controlled press is using an argument to support it which is most discouraging. The terms are no more harsh than the German militarists would have dictated had they won. If the terms are as bad as that it means that the Prussian spirit which we hoped to overcome, has although defeated at home, conquered the world.

North Dakota has exploded so many myths that it may be an old story to mention a new one. But the fact that the last session of the legislature there, controlled entirely by organized farmers, was the least expensive in the recent history of the state, deals a hard blow to the theory that only those "born to rule" can be efficient.

The state auditor has just found that the total expense, including all salaries, mileage of members and miscellaneous expenses, was \$87,299.91, or \$20,027.22 less than that of the previous session, when the old gang had a big finger in the pie. The farmers spent \$144,735.19, or \$57,435.28 more than the recent farmer-controlled assembly. To make it stronger yet we might remember that the cost of nearly everything has about doubled since 1913.

Strange to say, too, the farmers did it by applying business methods. They hired only employees actually needed, cut printing costs to one-fourth by introducing fewer bills, eliminated a large part of the customary miscellaneous expense, and saved \$3,000 by adjourning six days before the time limit.

An English statistician who has been going over the records of the 670,000 persons who died in the United Kingdom last year, reports that 504,000, or nearly 90 per cent, left an estate of less than \$500 each. Most of them left nothing. Four thousand four hundred, or about one-twentieth of one per cent, left behind more than \$1,000,000,000, or an average of \$250,000 each.

It is thus very evident as to who inherits the earth in England. The expert who made the above study declares that 120,000 persons, who with their families make up about one-seventieth of the population of England, Scotland and Wales, own about two-thirds of the accumulated wealth. In other so-called civilized countries the situation is not much different. But it doesn't constitute the civilization; it marks the failure we have made in developing it properly.

Is there any farmer who wouldn't be willing to pay 30 cents more taxes on a 10 to 1 chance of being able thereby to cut out the gouging of unnecessary and wasteful middlemen of getting a fair banking system, a home building association to promote the general prosperity? If there is such a strange animal, he should be rotting for the Independent Voters' association of North Dakota, for this highfalutin title covers a group of "farmer friends" who have organized themselves, collected a lot of money a good way east of North Dakota, and put on a referendum campaign to save the real farmers from expending 30 cents for "new and revolutionary" legislation.

The state tax commission there has figured out that the total current cost of the farmers' industrial program in the next two years will be \$215,000 a year, or \$430,000 for the two years. With a population of 685,000 this means 30 cents a year per capita. Stronger yet, when the new industries get to working the state will get the 30 cents back out of profits.

WILSON FAVORS BEER AND WINE

War Time Bill Repeal Asked by President—Legislation to Assure Industrial Democracy Urged in Message.

Washington, May 22.—Calling for repeal or amendment of the war time prohibition act as affecting beers and wines, a new organization of industry to benefit labor and promising early return to their owners of the railroads and wire lines, President Wilson has sent his message to the new congress.

The president's message was delivered to the senate at 12:07 by a White House messenger and immediately thereafter to the house. It was bound in black leather, engraved with gold letters.

The president's announcement of his intention to return the railroads created a stir in both houses. The senate adjourned at 1:40 o'clock.

Liquor Stand Surprise

The president points out that the change must come largely through voluntary and co-operative means between labor and capital; that "legislation can get only a very little way in commanding what shall be done."

For the most part the message was general in its terms, necessitated, the president said, by the fact that he has been so long "out of daily touch with intimate sources of information and counsel."

His specific recommendation for repeal or amendment of the war time prohibition act came as something of a surprise. The president says he feels the emergency has passed beyond the point where continued ban on wines and beers at least is unnecessary, but that he has not the power to lift it without congressional action. A bill to repeal the act has been prepared by Representative Sabbath, Illinois, and probably will be rushed to a decision.

Labor Bills Ready

Simultaneously with the reading to congress of President Wilson's recommendation for labor legislation, Senate progressives, through Senator Nye, announced a program of labor laws to be introduced at once.

They enunciated the same principle the president declared must dominate in labor legislation—a "partnership" of capital and labor, in which each shall share in the profits of industry.

The first resolution to be reported on favorably by a house committee was the one introduced yesterday by Republican Leader Mann providing for woman suffrage.

It was the first time the president has been compelled to address an all-republican congress, and his message, for the first time since he took office, was read in both branches instead of being delivered in person before a joint session.

It was essentially a labor message, the president stating at the outset that this question "stands at the front of all others in every country amidst the present great awakening."

By calling for a "new organization of industry" by which workers may have the opportunity "for a genuine partnership" and "participation in control" with capital, the president, it is held, directly sponsors the slogan today of so-called liberal, labor and progressive elements in all countries. Politicians here see the deepest significance in the present stand in connection with the next campaign. Senators Borah and Kenyon of the "progressive" group in the senate have recently spoken in support of new and greater consideration of labor.

Return of Lines

The president promises return of the railroads as well as the wire lines, advocating legislation which will make these instrumentalities a more uniform and coordinate system. The railroads he says, will return at the end of the calendar year, while the wire lines will be turned back as soon as it can be done without administrative confusion. It is not enough, in the president's opinion, merely to return the railroad lines to their owners. He has suggested before this a consolidation of the roads under a regional system.

Director General Hines strongly advocates this course and is now sounding out the country on a plan for compulsory consolidation of the railroads into from twelve to twenty large competitive systems.

The house interstate commerce commission will begin gathering data on the railroad problem this week, Chairman Esh reported today.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE PASSES IN HOUSE

Washington, May 22.—The woman suffrage constitutional amendment resolution was passed by the house yesterday after less than three hours debate.

The vote was 304 to 89, or 42 more than the necessary two-thirds majority. The resolution now goes to the senate, where supporters plan to urge speedy action. Final enactment of the measure within two weeks was predicted by some suffrage leaders.

Only two amendments were offered in the house and each was defeated without a roll call. Representative Clark proposed that it be made necessary for state legislatures to complete ratification within seven years while Representative Saunders, democrat of Virginia, proposed that

ratification be by the voters of the state instead of the assemblies. After passing the resolution the house adjourned until noon tomorrow.

Action Praised by Mrs. Catt

Immediately after the vote was announced Mrs. Carrie Catt, president of the American suffrage association, issued this statement: "Never was there a more splendid response to the movement for justice to women now sweeping the world than the quick and gallant action of the house of representatives. Ratification will follow in the various state legislatures, I am convinced, with the same generosity and thus release American women from a further struggle to secure political freedom."

CONG. MINISTERS TO MEET AT ANTELOPE

Annual Meeting of Northeastern Association of the Montana Congregational Churches Will Be Held at Antelope June 10th and 11th.

The annual meeting of the Northeastern Association of the Montana Congregational churches will be held at Antelope, June 10th and 11th.

This Association is made up of the Congregational churches in Northeastern Montana, comprising four large parishes: the Plentywood parish, of which Rev. E. W. Savage is pastor; the Medicine Lake parish, Rev. R. H. Evans pastor; the Glasgow parish, F. E. Henry, pastor, and the Malta parish, Rev. W. H. Hailey pastor.

There are several churches included in each one of these parishes and it is hoped that each one will be represented.

The following program will be presented at the Antelope meeting and everyone is cordially invited to attend any or all of the services:

Tuesday, June 10th 2:00 p. m.

Devotional Service. Organization and Business. Address—Welcome—Mrs. C. A. Foster, Antelope. Reports from Churches.

Tuesday, June 10th 8:00 p. m.

Devotional Service. Duet—Margaret and Gena Stubbs, Medicine Lake. Address, "The American Missionary Association"—Rev. R. W. Roundy, New York. Music by the Antelope choir.

Address, "The American Board of Commissions for Foreign Missions"—Mr. C. C. Fuller, South Africa. Hymn. Benediction.

Wednesday, June 11th 9:00 a. m.

Devotional Services. Business Session. Address—Rev. E. W. Savage, Plentywood. Music.

Address—Rev. R. H. Evans, Medicine Lake. Baptismal Service. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Supt. G. J. Powell, D. D., Billings.

Wednesday, June 11th 2:00 p. m.

Devotional Service. Address—Rev. E. Henry, Glasgow. Women's Hour. Address, "Missions"—Mrs. C. C. Scott, Froid. Music.

Sunday School Work—Mrs. Belgun, Antelope. Reading—Miss Edna Foster, Antelope. Red Cross Work—Mrs. T. W. Greer, Plentywood.

Address, "The Church As a Factor in Rural Life"—County Agent E. W. Anderson, Plentywood. Wednesday, June 12th 8:00 p. m.

Closing Session. Dology. Invocation. Gloria. Responsive Reading. Scripture Reading. Duet—Eleanor and Lydia Scott, Medicine Lake. Association Sermon—Rev. N. H. Hailey, Malta. Music—Antelope Choir.

Address—Superintendent G. J. Powell, D. D., Billings. Hymn. Benediction. Pastor and delegates please send your names to Mrs. C. A. Foster of Antelope, so that entertainment may be arranged. Entertainment: MONTANA Plan—a bed and three square meals a day.

NC-4 DEPENDED ON FOR LAST LEG

NC-1 Out of Commission—NC-3 Needs Repairs—Read All Ready to Sail With Good Weather.

London, May 21.—Up to this hour there is no word of Hawker and his navigator Grieve. Not a single report has been received from any of the numerous airplanes, destroyers, mine sweepers and light craft of all descriptions which are sweeping the seas off Ireland.

Their task has been hampered by fog and rain.

In an official communique just issued justifying the attitude of the government in relation to the cross-Atlantic flight which has ended in disaster, the admiralty warns the public that in view of the vast areas involved the chances of finding Hawker and Grieve are very remote.

Ponta Delgada, May 21.—Lieutenant Commander Albert C. Read, in command of the American seaplane NC-4 expects to start for Lisbon at 6 o'clock this morning. He hopes to reach there before dark. If all is well with the flight, an overnight stop will be made at Lisbon and the NC-4 will proceed on the last lap of the trans-Atlantic journey for Plymouth, weather permitting.

WAIT FOR WEATHER

Washington, May 20.—Tugging at anchor in the harbor of Ponta Delgada, Azores, the plane NC-4, one surviving entry of the American navy for the first trans-Atlantic flight honors, awaits only favorable weather for the 800 miles dash to Lisbon, Portugal.

After three days at Horta, Lieut. Commander Albert C. Read's big ship ew to Ponta Delgada today in remarkable fast time, covering the 150 miles in one hour and 44 minutes, approximately 86 miles an hour.

In Good Condition

Read Admiral Jackson, in reporting the arrival of the NC-4 at Ponta Delgada, said the plane was "O. K." and tonight reported the plane to be in "excellent condition." Naval officials here expect the NC-4 to get away tomorrow unless weather conditions are bad. The flight to Lisbon should not require more than ten hours. After replenishing fuel supplies and being overhauled in Portugal, the NC-4 will undertake the last leg of the voyage to Plymouth, England.

Depend on NC-4

The NC-4 was definitely made the sole reliance of the American navy in an attempt to cross the Atlantic through the air through a report received tonight from Commander Towers, who informed the navy department of the sinking of the NC-1 and the commencement of the dismantling of the NC-3 preparatory to shipping the plane back to the United States. Previous reports had said the NC-1 was outside and it was presumed by navy officials that her bow was torn out by destroyers attempting to tow her into port.

It had been thought that the NC-3 despite the damage wrought might be put into shape to resume the flight. Commander Towers evidently after examining his flagship decided to leave the field to the NC-4.

NC-1 SUNK AT SEA

Washington, May 21.—The naval seaplane NC-1, forced down by fog early Saturday during the trans-Atlantic flight to the Azores, has sunk at sea. The second of the trio of planes, the NC-3, lost of nearly 60 hours off the Azores, is being dismantled for shipment back to the United States.

FIRST GAME OF SEASON DECORATION DAY

Baseball Fans Meet at Smith Barber Shop and Form Baseball Organization—First Game Decoration Day.

At an enthusiastic meeting held in the Smith Barber shop Thursday night, organization for a Plentywood ball team was formed.

J. W. Gavin was elected president of the team, Harry Smith, manager, and Walter Crawford treasurer.

The following were elected on the financial committee: Rex Movius, Jus. Heljeson and Popku Popesku.

The players on the team have not as yet been selected but it is expected that the ones most suitable for the different positions on the team will soon be named.

The first game is scheduled for May 30, Decoration Day, but the opposing team is not known at this time.

Now that the baseball season is officially opened in this city let's all get behind it and boost for one of the best teams in northeastern Montana. We have material here for as good a team as can be found in this part of the state, so let's get behind the boys and show them we are willing to do our part in both financial assistance and encouragement in all the various ways which go to make up a successful baseball team.

OUTLOOK MERCANTILE CO. IS HOLDING BIG SALE

Fred Korth owner of the Outlook Mercantile Co. store, will close his entire stock out in three weeks time in a big sale now being held in Outlook. The fixtures and stock are all to go. The sale commenced May 21 and will continue for three weeks. Mr. Korth informs us that the public will receive bargains which will be impossible to overlook. Everything has been reduced to rock bottom prices. It will pay anyone to call at Outlook and take advantage of the big saving in dry goods and groceries. Mr. Korth reserves the right to sell groceries to consumers only.

LUTHERAN SERVICES Sunday, May 25th 11:00 a. m.—Dooley. 3:00 p. m.—Bethany. 8:15 p. m.—Plentywood. S. J. FRETHERM, Pastor.

GERMANY WILL NOT SIGN TREATY

German Cabinet Says That Germany Will Not Sign Peace Terms—Peace Envoys to Present Allies With Demands for Modification.

(By Associated Press)

The cabinet statement that Germany will not sign the peace terms in their present form is made by the German cabinet through the Associated Press.

Statements along a somewhat similar line by President Ebert, Premier Scheidemann and other Germans in high place have preceded this one. Another note was sent Tuesday by the German peace mission at Versailles to the secretary of the peace congress.

The German representatives are expected to transmit to the allies a comprehensive statement of Germany's attitude towards the peace treaty, specifying what points they accept and what they desire to have modified. The 15-day time limit for them to make known their standpoint expires Thursday, but an extension of time has been asked by the Germans.

Premier Orlando has gone to Rome for a conference with members of his cabinet "on certain interior and foreign questions," according to a Paris dispatch. It seems probable, therefore, that the peace terms will not be presented to the Austrian delegation before Friday, when the Italian premier returns.

In view of the fact that the settlement of the Italian and Jugo-Slavic claims to Fiume and Parts of Dalmatia are still unsettled and that every effort has been made to bring about an agreement before the peace terms are laid before the Austrian peace mission, it may be assumed that Signor Orlando's trip to Rome indicates some new development in the work of adjusting the situation. Apparently Premier Orlando will at the most remain at Rome only a few hours.

STRAYED—Three weeks ago, red ball calf, 10 months old, \$5 reward for any information leading to recovery. Svend Peterson, 4 1/2 miles north, 1/2 mile west of Dagmar. 6-3t

A Want Ad in the Producers News brings results.