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GREAT NORTHERN REDUCES DIVIDENDS FIRST TIME IN YEARS

Paul, Minn., December 19, 1922. The Great Northern Press carries the following financial page as follows: The Great Northern dividend reduction has a depressing effect on railroad shares.

The past few months Great Northern stock has taken quite a fall from hovering around the ninety-cent mark to seventy-six and five-eighths yesterday. The Great Northern has paid dividends since 1880, and since 1898 has paid a 7 per cent dividend continuously through the lean years and the depression in 1920 and 1921 they came down to 5 per cent and 7 per cent respectively.

Now, after one of the largest dividend reductions since 1917, it is necessary to cut the dividend to 5 per cent after a twenty-three year record of continuous 7 per cent dividends. This is not all, for in some cases as high as eight million dollars have been turned back into the proper extensions and betterments of the dividend was paid.

The directors in their statement to the disappointed stockholders, make the following points:

"A large part of the disappointment in 1922 earnings was due to the shortage of equipment beyond Great Northern limits because so many cars were held in the East at the time year when shippers in our territory desired to move their property and when the railway company could have moved freight to the best advantage."

It does not tally or coincide with published reports made by Executive Operating Officials, periodical during the past five months of the strike, where every statement carried the assertion that THE LOADINGS on the line greatly exceeded that of last year and of the fact of the matter is that the service was slow and in trains about half the tonnage that could be able to move in 1921. Company did not have the locomotives to move the business they were, and those that were in service in such run down condition to the strike, that they failed to handle anything like the tonnage they were built to handle.

The Great Northern's determination to shut the shippers' organizations, refusal to meet with them or representatives, their false pretense that the strike is broken or lost, attitude that they will deal only with strikers as individuals and each man whom they take back to the service must first renounce the strike and become a member of the Great Northern's Com-

pany Organization, is showing its result on the finances of the Company. Rather than settle the strike with its men, it has spent millions of dollars employing guards by the hundreds. Thousands of men and boys have been packed into its shops, boarded free for a long period and in many cases have been paid double and triple what they would have had to pay to their striking employees who are experienced and competent mechanics.

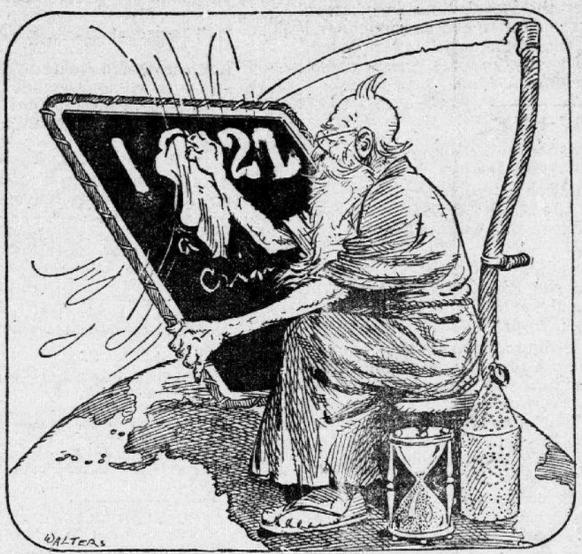
This is not the end of the Great Northern's difficulties, however. Thousands of its most experienced mechanics are still on strike and they are generally the ones who were longest in its employ. They are determined to stay away from the property unless a settlement is reached with full recognition of their Trades Union organizations, which these men have been affiliated with all of their lives, some as long as 35 years. Some, comparatively few, mechanics have given up the fight and have returned to the service with rancor in their hearts toward the Company, and this smoldering hate toward a Company that has forced them to relinquish their union affiliations, breeds ill for the class of service they will give.

The demoralized service that the Company is giving can only go on to worse as time passes. Locomotive long overdue for shopping and necessary repairs will continue to deteriorate and the transportation problem for the next year will be even worse than it is at the present time. The American Public is a long suffering one, but when awakened will strike it to its might, as the recent election results prove.

Railroad management puts up a big hue and cry when consolidation or public ownership or control is broached, but the present attitude of the management indicates that they are blind to the fact that their competent men are finding employment on roads that have settled or in other industries, that their power will soon be in almost irreparable condition, that the losses of business now being turned by shippers to other roads may become more or less permanent and that a settlement of the strike much longer deferred may result in a form of Government Operation or control that will eliminate the graft and guarantee that they welched from the treasury during the World's War period.

The Public should realize the importance of the issue. Labor cannot be crushed and although sometimes it experiences setbacks and oppression the service due the Public rests on the shoulders of Labor and when adequate service is demanded by the Public it will find that after all Labor has asked for very little in return for that service.

Cleaning Off the Slate



SHERIDAN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES LEAVE FOR HELENA

This week saw the various representatives and senators from northeastern Montana making their way to the state capital, where they will spend the next two months making laws for the people of the state. We believe we are right when we say for the people because it is our honest belief that northeastern Montana has never before been represented by as large a number of representatives who will work for the people and not the big vested interests of the state as we have this year.

Wednesday Representative Stoner left for Helena, going by the way of Lewistown, where he will transact some business. He expects to arrive in Helena Friday morning. Mr. Stoner goes with the firm determination of accomplishing something this session as he was unable to do what he would like to have done two years ago on account of the number of reactionaries pitted against him.

Aage Th. Larsen of Dagmar left Friday of this week and will be ready to go to work at the capital Saturday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Larsen and the children. Mr. Larsen will make a strong member in the lower house of the legislature for the people and the copper crowd will have another enemy to their taxation system which leaves the farmer to pay more than his just share. He will be strong for the Dixon taxation program.

Senator Charles E. Taylor left Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs. Taylor and children and Mrs. Claire Stoner and baby son and daughter Lucille. Mrs. Stoner remained over a day in order to go with the Taylor family as it was necessary for Mr. Stoner to go such a round about way to get to Helena.

A large crowd was at the depot to see Sheridan county's representatives off and all will now be looking for the weekly letter telling us how they do things in Helena.

100 PER CENTER 'PLEADS GUILTY'

A. J. Markuson, pool hall man of Raymond, who was arrested Tuesday, December 19th and brought before Judge L. S. Olson, but who pleaded "not guilty" and demanded a trial, changed his mind after thinking the matter over and came into Judge Olson's court last Wednesday and pleaded guilty to operating a slot machine, or in other words a gambling device. The judge imposed a fine of \$100 on Markuson which was paid.

Mr. Markuson during the campaign and in the general walks of life does not think much of the Nonpartisan league and like a great many others in that class put themselves up as 100 per cent Americans as against the bolsheviks, socialists and other imagined foes to our country. Those who make their living by fleecing from others without giving them full value in return for their money are generally found to be in this class.

"TRUTH IN FABRIC" BILL MAKES WAY INTO THE SENATE

Washington, Dec. 26.—Favorable report was ordered by the senate interstate commerce committee today of Capper "truth in fabric" bill to require manufacturers of woolen cloth or garments to mark the percentages of wool and other materials contained in their product.

and pantomime. The Christmas story was read by Rev. Boone while the children of the Sunday School acted the parts in pantomime. Appropriate Christmas music was sung by the choir and children as the theme of the story demanded. The program was given in five scenes. The first two scenes were the appearing of the angel to Mary and Joseph foretelling the birth of Christ. Then came the announcement to the shepherds by the angel. The third was the scene of King Herod and the wise men. The fourth scene was the Nativity with the arrival of the shepherds, then the wise men guided by the star and finally the coming of the children. The main characters were: Vera Collins as the angel, Marie Riba as Mary, Marion Mitchell as Joseph and Mr. E. T. Mitchell as Herod. They were all in appropriate costumes and the colored lighting effect added very much to the program. After the pantomime came the Christmas tree and the treat for the children. At the end, the scene of Mary, the Babe and the angel was again enacted while the audience sang one verse of Silent Night. The program was a little different from any ever given in Plentywood and seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by every one present.

HOVEN ARTICLE WAS MISTAKE

There Has Been No Trial, No Conviction, and No Sentence.

The article in Producers News last week which said that Ole E. Hoven had been convicted of a charge in the Federal Court at Minot in October, seems to be a mistake. The article was taken from the Fargo Courier News of December 17th, and was supposed to have been accurate. Mr. Hoven says that he was called to Minot for trial November 10th, and that the trial did not occur, nor were there any conviction or trial, but the Hoven case was set over for the term, and the argument as reported, must have been an argument of Mr. Sirders to quash the indictment as one of the indictments were quashed at the Minot in November. Mr. Hoven says that there has been no trial and no conviction and no sentence.

The Producers News regrets that the article appeared but the same was published in good faith.

MELLON IS NAMED IN SUIT FOR TAX

Pittsburgh, Dec. 22.—Statements of claim, naming Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury, and 17 other prominent residents of Pittsburgh, were filed in United States district court yesterday by Warren H. Vankirk, special assistant United States attorney, seeking to recover \$488,958. The government charges the sum is due as income tax on a stock dividend which the Gulf Oil Corporation declared in 1913. Pleadings were filed in these cases in 1919.

Collection of \$231,666 from A. W. Mellon and \$226,684 from R. B. Mellon local banker, is sought. The other claims are comparatively small.

BODIE-MEAD

A very home like wedding occurred at the Congressional parsonage last week, when B. F. Bodie and Hazel E. Mead were united in marriage by Rev. Boone. The parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Mead and little daughter composed the bridal party. Mr. Mead, a brother to the bride and wife, acted as best man and bridesmaid. The bridal party came from the Mead home near Antelope, whence they returned on the afternoon train. The bride and groom will soon leave for a visit with relatives and friends in Minnesota where they formerly lived. About March 1st they expect to return home to Mazenod, Canada, where the groom owns a farm.

FIRE BURNS STORE AT ANTELOPE

BIG GENERAL STORE OWNED BY HENDRICKSON AND ONSTAD DESTROYED BY FIRE SATURDAY MORNING DEC. 16TH.

The village of Antelope was visited by another disastrous fire Saturday morning when the large general store known as the Hendrickson Store was burned to the ground, causing a several thousand dollar loss.

The fire is thought to have been started from an overheated stove as the cold snap at that time of the fire had kept the stoves going to the limit.

The fire was discovered at about 1:00 in the morning and the citizens of Antelope, made a strong fight to save something from the flames but to little avail.

The loss is a heavy one to Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Onstad, coming especially at the height of the Christmas season when large sales were in order and when a large supply of Christmas articles were on hand.

It is not known whether Mr. Hendrickson will rebuild or not, but he is seriously considering the same.

BAND TO GIVE DANCE AND CONCERT AT ORPHEUM NEW YEARS NIGHT

Farmers Club Soon to Have Radio Set Put in Operation

Poplar, Dec. 26.—Members of the farmers club in the vicinity of the Tunison school expect soon to have a radio set in operation. The supplies and instruments have been purchased by John Baldwin and the set will be installed temporary at the Van Dusen farm where he is engaged as caretaker during the winter.

Mr. Baldwin is a veteran in the wireless game. Prior to coming to Montana he designed and built one of the largest amateur sending and receiving sets in North Dakota and is a licensed wireless telegraph operator. With this station he kept his local farmers club at Finley, N. D. supplied with latest press news from all parts of the United States.

At the outbreak of the World War his station was ordered dismantled and sealed as were all other amateur wireless stations and it has not been in operation since.

Antelope Boys Win Again From Medicine Lake Boys

Antelope Independent: The boys and girls teams journeyed to Medicine Lake Friday night and the result was as the week before on the home floor. The Antelope boys won by a score of 12 to 8 in a harrier fought battle than here. And the girls went down to defeat several points behind the fast Lake team.

The lineup of the two teams were about the same as the week before.

The Antelope boys are developing into a speedy bunch that are making the other towns along the line sit up and take notice.

INDUSTRY TAKES BIG DEATH TOLL

AMERICAN MACHINERY CLAIMS 23,000 LIVES AND ABOUT 3,000,000 VICTIMS IN ONE YEAR.

Washington.—Twenty-three thousand and killed and 3,000,000 injured in the "peaceful" industries of the United States during one year following the end of the world war is the record compiled and sent broadcast by radio from the United States public health service.

In New York state alone, this official statement says, there were 51,084 accidents in industry. That means five out of every 100 persons employed were either killed or maimed at their work.

The loss of life, limb or eyesight to the millions of workers directly involved does not measure the consequence of this butchery. To this must be added the thousands of families left destitute by the loss or permanent incapacity of breadwinners—none of whom are protected by war risk insurance or soldiers' bonus.

"How largely the matter of industrial accidents enters into the cause of our social ills I am not prepared to state definitely," one investigator for the health service says, "but I am bold to opine that it constitutes one of the largest causes of poverty and consequent dependency."

Accidents caused by careless workers are comparatively few, the announcement states, adding that "industry as such is primarily responsible for many of the risks and dangers, incidental to it. A study of accidents during a period of 18 months, made by the industrial commission of Wisconsin, showed that over 25 per cent were caused by machinery, about 20 per cent resulted from some flying object, 13 per cent to falls, 10 per cent to handling objects, 8 per cent from hand tools, etc."

A large part of this startling radio bulletin is devoted to explaining how a proper safeguarding of employees by the owners of plants might reduce the toll of killed and injured workers.

POLISH PRESIDENT LAID IN HIS GRAVE

Warsaw, Dec. 22.—Gabriel Narutowicz, president of Poland for two days when he met death by an assassin's bullet, was buried today in a crypt in the cathedral. Cardinal Kakowski officiated. The services were attended by the new president, the members of the cabinet, the senate and the diet and a large representation of diplomats. As the coffin was lowered, all the bells of the city tolled and the presidential salute of 101 guns was fired.

Rep. A. T. Larsen Visitor At Antelope Wednesday

Mr. Larsen came in to wind up his business affairs making ready to leave for Helena the first of the week with his family to attend next term of the state legislature to which he was elected member on November 7th.

Mr. Larsen says there is a number of important matters coming up this session and he is going to work for the best interest of the people of Sheridan County.

On Monday evening, January 1st of the New Year, the people of Plentywood and for miles around will be given an opportunity to hear a carnival of music given by the Plentywood band composed of 20 pieces. Many different musical instruments will be brought into play, solos, duets, recitals, dance music, etc.

The band has been practicing faithfully for the past three months under the able leadership of Harry De Silva. Mr. De Silva has been in Chicago the past four years and has played in big companies and also has had instructors of world fame teach him the finer touches of music. It probably would be hard to find any one in the northwest more qualified to get the best out of a number of musicians than is Mr. De Silva.

The biggest dance of the season will be given Monday (New Year's) night at the Orpheum Theater, immediately after the concert.

It is now up to the citizens of Plentywood to get out and support this band. The boys are giving their services free and have worked hard for this event. If a goodly sum of money can be realized at this recital and dance, the people of this city and of all of Sheridan county for that matter will have the enjoyment of hearing band concerts every Saturday night during the summer months.

Lets all get out and boost for this worthy cause and have a band that will be an honor and business asset to Plentywood and Sheridan county.

MRS. ANNA SULLIVAN DIES

The Welliver community was shocked last Friday by the death of Mrs. Anna F. Sullivan, who passed away at the Plentywood hospital, December 22nd.

Mrs. Sullivan passed away very suddenly, being ill only a few days, asthma for a good many years and this together with lobular pneumonia was more than the elderly lady's constitution could withstand.

Mrs. Sullivan came with her husband to Welliver eight years ago and had a store in that community at one time. Mr. Sullivan passed away a few years ago and the deceased has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Jackson in the Welliver, county.

Those left to mourn the death of this much esteemed lady are Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson of Welliver, Daniel J. Sullivan of Corning, Iowa, Wm. G. Sullivan, Corning, Ia., Mrs. James K. Bridger, Lenexa, Ia., Mrs. Nora Bogart, Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. Raiph Williams, Corning, Iowa.

The body of the deceased was shipped December 25th to Corning, Ia., accompanied by her son, Daniel J. Sullivan, where it will find its last resting place amongst old-time associates and friends.

The sympathy of the community goes to the bereaved ones in their hour of trouble.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved mother.

MILLIE JACKSON
DAN J. SULLIVAN
GEORGE JACKSON

LITTLE KRANZER BABY PASSES AWAY

Maxime Margaret Joyce Kranzer, the two-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kranzer, died Thursday morning at 7:00 o'clock of inflammation of the bowels.

The little infant was born in Moose Jaw, Sask., on October 6, 1922 and died December 28th at the home of Mr. Kranzer's parents in this city.

The funeral was held today at 11:00 a. m. at the Catholic church, Rev. Father Hennessey officiating and the little body will be laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Kranzer have the sympathy of their many friends in this city in their sad bereavement.

Hays Is Condemned For Reinstatement of Fatty Arbuckle

Washington, Dec. 26.—The National Catholic Welfare council, acting on the decision of its motion picture bureau, will call upon its affiliated organizations of Catholic men and women "to prevent the showing of Arbuckle films," Chas. A. McMahon, director of the bureau, said in a statement today. Mr. McMahon, who is also a member of the executive committee on public relations organized by Will H. Hays, as president of the National Association of Motion Picture Producers and Distributors, said the bureau "condemns" Mr. Hays' reinstatement of Roscoe C. Arbuckle as a screen actor.

"I feel that Mr. Hays has misjudged the temper of the American people if he thinks they will agree with this action in the Arbuckle case."

WYEVAN LIQUOR FIRMS CLOSED BY GOVERNMENT

Wyevan, Sask., Dec. 26.—With thousands of dollars worth of liquor remaining in the export warehouses in this province, the proprietors are to face losses mounting into thousands of dollars, as a result of places formally closed as legal export houses was ordered under the temperance amendment act of which provided that the government may declare illegal the export liquor from any province passing an order-in-council requesting action.

Blowing snow storms and bad roads retarded runners from the United States and points in the dominion assisting in unloading the supplies. Proprietors made frantic effort to move the spirits in every way describable, but still large quantities remain.

Some of the liquor that was taken from the warehouses, it is reported, is cached at convenient places along the boundary line, where easily accessible from the states, which, when the roads open again, may be smuggled to Minneapolis, Chicago, Omaha and other cities.

KITZENBERGS GIVE AWAY FINE PRIZES

Last Saturday, December 23 at 10 o'clock p. m., The Kitzenberg Millinery and Ready-to-Wear store was the scene of an anxious crowd awaiting to see who won the valuable prizes in the drawing which was held at that place.

Ernest Holt and Lida Chalmers were chosen judge and the first number drawn was on a fine coaster wagon, No. 8 being the number and Mrs. L. Dunlavy was the lucky winner. The next drawing was on a beautiful doll cab, the number drawn being 231, and Mrs. Dr. Storkan holding the winning number. The final drawing was on the toy piano and the interest was intense as the lucky number 10 was drawn and Mrs. Albina Pickett won the piano. All the lucky winners now have their gifts and all are satisfied including Mrs. Kitzenberg, who enjoyed a splendid trade during the Christmas holidays.