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MINE PROPERTY IS THREATENED

Engineers and Pumpmen Go Out in Illinois.

COLLIERIES ARE FLOODING

Order of Union Officials Leaves the Mines Unprotected Against Water and Other Agents of Destruction. Appeal May Be Made to President Taft to Intervene in the Hope of Settlement.

Chicago, June 6.—Destruction of a great deal of mine property, the operators declare, will follow in the wake of the order issued by the officers of the United Mine Workers of Illinois calling out on strike all engineers, firemen, pumpmen and emergency workers.

More than 4,200 men deserted the mines and practically every mine in the state operated by members of the Illinois Coal Operators' association is left unprotected against water and other agents of destruction. Reports received by members of the association in Chicago were that many of the wet mines were filling with water.

Officers of the operators' association sent a message to Governor Deneen calling his attention to the seriousness of the situation. The governor referred the matter to Chairman B. F. Shadley of the Illinois state board of arbitration, who immediately offered both sides the services of the board.

The operators replied that in spite of the fact that "the particular controversy in question is hardly a subject for arbitration we are willing to arbitrate the entire subject." It was stated that it is unlikely the miners will agree to arbitration.

Mine Officials to Man Pumps. When the engineers and other workers walked out of the mines the operators immediately instructed their mine managers and superintendents to man the pumps. The operators declared they fear these men will be driven away from the mines the moment any work is attempted.

In the event of trouble of this kind the operators will apply for a federal injunction against the miners and an appeal may be made to President Taft to intervene in the same manner.

President Roosevelt did in the anthracite coal strike. The loss to industry of the state due to the increased price of coal imported from other states, it was said, is \$1,500,000 a month and it will be pointed out to President Taft that the controversy is in restraint of interstate commerce, as 25 per cent of the total coal production of Illinois normally is shipped to other states.

One of the principal demands of the miners is that the operators pay the wages of shotfirers. The operators declare if they were forced to pay wages of shotfirers it would mean an increase in the price of coal at least 3 cents a ton. About 600 shotfirers are employed at \$4.50 a day.

PRESIDENT TAFT PRESENT

Monument to General Custer Unveiled at Monroe, Mich. Monroe, Mich., June 6.—With President Taft in attendance as the orator of the occasion, the nation, state, city and adjacent farming district united here in paying tribute to the memory of General George A. Custer, who, with 254 of his cavalymen, was slain by Sitting Bull's band of Sioux Indians at the battle of the Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

A magnificent equestrian statue of General Custer, for which the legislature of Michigan appropriated \$25,000, was unveiled by the general's widow, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Custer of New York, and among the other guests of honor was Nevin J. Custer, the cavalry leader's only surviving brother, who still resides on a farm near here in the neighborhood where the farmer and his military brothers passed their boyhood.

The president made a brief address in which he gave Custer high credit for his valor and deeds in war.

ARMY AIRSHIP OVER LONDON

Circles Above St. Paul's Cathedral in Dead of Night. London, June 6.—An army airship made a surprise reconnaissance over London during the night.

Leaving Aldershot at 11:30 p. m. the aerial craft started for London in the teeth of a stiff breeze. It reached St. Paul's two hours later and circled over the cathedral at a height of 1,000 feet. Returning, the airship arrived at the barracks at Aldershot at 3 a. m.

The distance between Aldershot and London is about thirty-five miles and the time made by the airship, first against and then racing with the wind, is considered excellent.

Fireman Scalded to Death. Eveleth, Minn., June 6.—Aaron Bubon, a fireman on a steam shovel at the New Virginia mine stripping in this place, was scalded to death. He was doing his regular work when the boiler which generated the power for the shovel burst and Bubon was enveloped in the escaping steam.

PINCHOT COMING JUNE 11.

To Address St. Paul Roosevelt Club.

St. Paul, Minn., June 6, 1910.—Gifford Pinchot, deposed chief forester of the United States, will address the Roosevelt club in St. Paul the night of June 11. This will be the first time since President Taft informed him that the government could somehow squeeze along without his services, that the forester has consented to make a public address. He has refrained from making comment on his dismissal.

While his address will be given to the club itself, arrangements have been made for all others who wish, to hear him. It is possible that James A. Garfield will also be present the night of the banquet and talk on conservation. It is the understanding that Mr. Pinchot will make no reference to his dismissal or his difference with the President, in his speech here.

The ex-chief forester is taking an active part in arranging the details of the National Conservation Congress to be held in St. Paul in September and is awaiting word from Col. Roosevelt before conferring with the committee to definitely fix the date.

NEW PAPERS SERVED IN CLEARWATER COUNTY SUIT

Special Term of Court Will Be Held June 7 to Settle Questions Now Involved.

Papers have again been served on the board of commissioners of Clearwater county in the suit of Beltrami county against Clearwater to recover \$23,000 which is alleged to be due Beltrami, as the part of debt existing at the time of the separation of the two counties which Clearwater should assume. The new papers were an alternative writ returnable before the special term of court in this city June 7.

A peremptory writ of mandamus was issued several weeks ago and returned before Judge Stanton, but the court held that an alternative writ was the proper procedure and that a hearing should be held to settle several questions involved.

Attorneys C. V. Stenvick of Bagley and Spooner & Brown of Bemidji will represent Clearwater county. County Attorney McKusick will look after Beltrami county's interests.

Another Less Than A Dollar Dinner.

Four college girls of Miss Shepard's senior class in domestic science gave the last class dinners, of the college year, recently, in the Domestic Science building, at the Experiment Station, at St. Anthony Park. Six guests were present. Following is the menu: First course—Tomato soup, croutons; second, stuffed heart, potato puff, lima beans, Parker House rolls, mint ice; third, Waldorf salad, pastry stick; fourth, Rhubarb pie, cream meringue, coffee, cream, sugar. The cost was 99 1/2 cents, or a little over 16 cents for each person. In the college dining hall the meals cost each student at this season of the year 15 cents, but the actual cost of the food eaten is about 8 cents.

Resolutions.

Whereas, By the decree of an over-ruling Providence, our beloved neighbor Laura Stewart was called from her earthly suffering to a home where pain and sorrow are no more, be it therefore Resolved, that in the death of neighbor Stewart the members of Josephine Camp 2110, Royal Neighbors fully realize that they have lost an estimable member, be it therefore Resolved, that we extend our sympathy to the family and that our charter shall be draped for thirty days, also that copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of deceased.

Pearl Marin, Anna Pague, Myra Stafford, Committee.

NORTHERN EDITORS CHANGE NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Is Northern Minnesota Editorial Association. Adopt Crookston Resolutions. Territory now Includes Thirty-five Counties. Ask Better Train Service.

Glengarry, via Walker, June 6.—One of the final acts of the North-Central Minnesota Editorial association was to change the name of the association to that of the Northern Minnesota Editorial association, and to extend the territory embraced in membership to include all the thirty-one counties if the Northern Minnesota Development association and also five other counties, making the counties in the jurisdiction as follows: Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Carlton, Clay, Clearwater, Cook, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Isanti, Itasca, Kanabec, Koochiching, Kittson, Lake, Mahanomee, Marshall, Morrison, Mille Lacs, Norman, Ottertail, Pine, Red Lake, Roseau, Stearns, St. Louis, Wadena, Anoka, Wright and Sherburne.

The association also took radical action relative to who should be eligible to membership in the association, and adopted a resolution to the effect that none but actual newspaper men editors or those employed as actual workers on the papers in the district shall be included in the membership and allowed to participate in the business meetings. It was also decided that there should be none but active members, no honorary members whatever will be allowed. This latter action was taken, so it was announced, to prevent the possibility of different manufacturing concerns and supply houses and their agents to become members and attempting to get control of the affairs of the association.

The members were very emphatic in their disapproval of reports published in certain twin city dailies as to politics being connected with the outing and condemned in no uncertain tones any intimation that anything of a political nature should get into the outing or any of the transactions of the association.

The following resolutions were adopted: "Your committee on resolutions submits the following as expressing the appreciation of the North-Central Minnesota Editorial association for the splendid entertainment and lavish hospitality furnished by the citizens of Walker, and for the exceedingly good time which the members individually and collectively have enjoyed upon this occasion, their third summer outing. The friendly greetings of the people of this enterprising and public-spirited community will linger long as a fragrant memory in our lives.

We desire especially to thank our splendid host and prince of good fellows, the Hon. P. H. McGarry, and his daughter, Edna, and Harry Lee, for their kind attentions and innumerable courtesies shown us during our stay; to the honorable Mayor Scribner for the keys of the city; our thanks are especially due him for his many acts of kindness.

To Mrs. C. R. Sanborn, Misses Dorothy Humes and Edna Chase who attended much to our pleasure with music and recitations; also Hon. John T. Frater, Indian agent, for the opportunity he gave us to learn of the importance, magnitude and beauty of Leech lake, and the enjoyable ride he provided, on the government boat, "Ojiboway."

To the following firms and individuals for the beautiful and useful presents they so generously and willingly contributed: American Type Founders Co.; Minnesota Type Founders Co.; C. J. Johnson Mfg. Co.; Printers Supply Co.; Mergenthaler Linotype Co.; American Press Association; Northwestern Newspaper

Union; Western Newspaper Union; Wright, Barret & Stilwell Co.; F. G. Leslie Paper Co.; John Leslie Paper Co.; Minneapolis Paper Co.; McClellan Paper Co.; Peyton Paper Co. We are not unmindful of the untiring zeal which F. A. Dare has shown and he has helped us to make the occasion the splendid success which it has been.

We desire also to go on record as endorsing the action of the convention recently held at Crookston in declaring for reapportionment of the state at the hands of the next legislature, for the conservation of the state's resources and for the development of the magnificent endowment which nature has so lavishly bestowed upon northern and central Minnesota.

We desire to express our thanks and appreciation to the president, A. M. Welles, and the secretary, A. G. Rutledge, of this association for their services during the past six months, in arranging for and carrying out the details of this outing and congratulate them upon their successful efforts in our behalf.

Whereas, The train service on the Sauk Centre division of the Great Northern railway, passing through the territory included in the membership of this association has long been a subject for complaint by the people of this section, and by the editors thereby effected: be it Resolved, That this association continue its effort to induce the Great Northern railway company to improve its service on said line, and that a committee of three be appointed from this association by the president to take charge of this matter with the end in view of improving this service.

(Signed) J. D. Haradon, C. A. French, E. C. Kiley.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA READY FOR DEVELOPEMENT

Cutover Jack Pine Lands Can Be Made Productive by a Little Effort.

A. J. McGuire, superintendent of State Farm at Grand Rapids, is an enthusiastic booster for the farm lands for northern Minnesota. Mr. McGuire has lived in this part of the state for several years and has had a wide experience with the land of the Iron Range. He addressed the Development Congress at Crookston last week and pointed out that this section was ripe for larger agricultural development.

Mr. McGuire said in substance: "As long as crops grow, farmers can live in some kind of a way. Scarcity of farm products in Minnesota and Dakota, is not a theory but a fact, and this condition is so pronounced that the hunger line can be noticed in the cities of the states.

For this there are three reasons: 1, Non agricultural nature of soil; 2, the absence of enough farmers; 3, the lack of the ability of the farmer.

The first reason cannot apply to northern Minnesota as it is not disputed that it has agricultural superiority. The Red River Valley is less than one third of Northern Minnesota and has one third of its population.

I am speaking now of the cutover iron ore or Jack pine section. One third of the area of Minnesota, three times the area of Denmark, the largest part of which is now undeveloped. I have farmed these lands for the past six years. The productivity of the soil and the climate is just as good as the Red River

BRAINERD UNIONS MAY NOT PICNIC IN BEMIDJI

Committee on Arrangements Has Not Yet Materialized.—Would Bring 3,000 People.

Bemidji may not get the annual picnic of the union shop men at the Northern Pacific shops in Brainerd. A committee was to have come to Bemidji last week to make local arrangements, but it failed to materialize and word comes from another source that the picnic may be held on a ground near Cass Lake.

Several weeks ago, the union men voted to have their picnic at Bemidji around the 29th of June, but since then opposition to Bemidji has developed and the Cass Lake ground is under consideration. It is possible that the committee may come up here this week, but nothing definite has been heard from them.

The picnic would be a great boost for Bemidji as it would bring 1800 men and their families on several special trains. The union has never held a picnic on lake Bemidji before so that most of the men are strangers here. An effort is being made by the Bemidji Commercial Club to make definite arrangements with the men in charge at Brainerd.

CHILDREN WHO ARE SICKLY

Mothers who value their own comfort and the welfare of their children, should never go without a box of Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, for use throughout the season. They Break up Colds, Cure Feverishness, constipation, Peevish Disorders, Headache and Stomach Troubles. THESE POWDERS NEVER FAIL. Sold by all Drug Stores. Don't accept any substitute. A trial package will be sent FREE to any mother who will address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

What Then? In a cemetery at Middlebury, Vt., is a stone, erected by a widow to her loving husband, bearing this inscription: "Rest in Peace—Until We Meet Again."

GOPHER CREAMERIES LEAD.

Two Cars a Day Go East From St. Paul.

Interesting figures showing the vast amount of butter produced in Minnesota, have just been compiled. According to authentic statistics, there is but one point in America which makes more butter than St. Paul. That place is Omaha and there is but a slight difference between the two.

Nearly 10,000,000 pounds a year is made by creameries here from cream shipped from points throughout this state, Iowa and South Dakota. Approximately 50,000,000 pounds of butter, made in adjoining territory, is brought to St. Paul for shipment east. About two cars a day are now being sent out. About 40 per cent of the St. Paul article is being consumed here and the rest shipped to points as far east as the Atlantic seaboard.

The butter made in St. Paul each year would cover the main floor of the state capitol to a depth of five feet. This building is 433 feet long. If all the butter were moulded into bricks, such as are offered the retail trade, and these bricks placed end to end, they would make a trail 3 inches wide and nearly as thick; the line would be 800 miles in length, equal to the distance from New York to Indianapolis. The bricks would make a wall 120 feet high and more than a mile and a half in length. If moulded into one mass, it would make a building about one-third as large as the state capitol of Minnesota.

TELEGRAPHIC SPECIALS.

St. Paul, June 6.—Broken hearted because he realized that ill health would prevent him from marrying Miss Kathryn Burns next Wednesday, Charles Vanderwerker placed a revolver to his heart in a Nicollet avenue lodging house and pulled the trigger. The action was committed last night after he had been to call on his sweetheart. He died at the city hospital this morning at 5 o'clock.

New York, June 6.—Two firemen were killed and 25 more overcome by the stifling fumes in fighting a stubborn warehouse fire near the north river front today. The fire was extinguished soon after it broke out but its location in the heart of the warehouses along the river made it hard to successfully fight the blaze. With the help of the river fire boats the blaze was put out after a five hours fight.

London June 6.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt were entertained at luncheon by King George and Queen Mary at the Marlborough House today.

DOCK DELAYS CONCERTS.

Band Unable to Play Outside Until Some Necessary Repairs Have Been Made.

Bemidji can have no band concerts until the dock is repaired and put in condition to hold the crowds which usually surround the band stand on the end of the pier. The council authorization has been passed for some time and the delay has been unusual, but it is hoped that the dock can be repaired at once.

Tom Smart was given charge of the work by the council but he has been called east by the serious illness of his father. Before he left this morning he turned the papers for the lumber and other materials over to City Clerk Maloy.

Harry Masten, director of the Bemidji band, says that the concerts cannot begin until the dock is in shape but that the band is ready at any time. The new uniforms have been here for some time and the boys are anxious to return their value in good music. The band will be increased this summer by several men who are spending their summer vacations in this city.

CONSIDERED A STEP FORWARD

Why Progressives Voted for Railroad Bill.

WORST FEATURES CUT OUT

Measure Has Been Radically Amended Since It Was Reported From Committee and as Finally Passed Bears Little Resemblance to the Original. Progressives Dissatisfied With Section Creating Court of Commerce.

Washington, June 6.—"A step forward" is the explanation made by many senators of their action in voting for the senate railroad bill.

That is the reason that close contests on many important amendments were followed by an overwhelming vote of 50 to 12 when it was passed.

It was a case of taking that or nothing and the dissatisfied ones decided to accept the bill for the good it contained and to hope for the day when the objectionable features might be eliminated by amending the new law.

The creation of a court of commerce which is to be devoted entirely to the consideration of cases growing out of the interstate commerce law will be the hardest to swallow by progressive senators. Against the court there was urged:

"The claim of lack of necessity. "That if it had been in existence during the last three years it would have been called upon for the trial of only twenty-eight cases. "That its creation would be an unconstitutional act.

"That it was unwise to place such tremendous interests as are involved in the transportation business under the jurisdiction of a small body of men.

Railroads Will Control Court. "That in time the railroads with their great influence would get their own men on the bench of the court and that its creation was a useless expense."

The features of the bill most favorable to railroads as it was reported by the interstate commerce committee were eliminated before it reached the final vote. These provided for the repeal of the Sherman anti-trust act to the extent of permitting railroads to enter into agreements as to rates, for the merger of railroads and for the alleged control by the interstate commerce commission of the issue of railroad securities.

The latter, said La Follette, left open to the railroads six different ways of issuing watered stock. There are a number of provisions in the senate and house bills that are identical in terms and this cannot be altered by the conference committee.

Expert statesmen have said that some of these will have a beneficial effect in keeping freight rates within bounds, but for the most part they are clear only to people skilled in the transportation problem.

Quick Settlement Suggested. Washington, June 6.—At a conference between Representative Mann of Illinois and Senators Aldrich, Elkins and Crane it was suggested that the house might accept the senate amendments to the railroad bill and a conference avoided. If this course should be taken it would permit of the adjournment of congress within three weeks.

FAILS TO MEET OBLIGATIONS

Iowa Interurban Road is Declared Insolvent. Des Moines, June 6.—The Fort Dodge, Des Moines and Southern road, operating interurbans between Des Moines, Ames, Boone and Fort Dodge, with 150 miles of track, was declared insolvent by the United States circuit court.

The petition was filed by the Old Colony Trust company of Boston, which sought foreclosure of a mortgage of \$3,500,000. The railway was unable to meet the obligations and find a purchaser of bonds. The liabilities are placed at \$3,000,000. Homer Loring of Boston and Parley Sheldon of Ames were named receivers.

Hostile legislation, particularly the 2-cent fare law, was blamed for the failure by the road's attorneys.

DECLARES IT AN INSULT

Nationalists in Egypt Denounce Roosevelt's Speech. Geneva, Switzerland, June 6.—The Egyptian Nationalist committee has issued a violent protest against the sentiments expressed by Theodore Roosevelt in his speech at the Guild hall in London, in which the former president of the United States expressed the opinion that Great Britain should show a firmer hand in Egypt.

The committee declares that the speech was an insult not only to Europe and Egypt, but to the whole civilized world.

Killed by Bear Hunter. Duluth, June 6.—Neopollon Gobeau, twenty-two years old, accidentally shot and killed John Stordbi, a boss employed at the Spring mine at Aurora, about twelve miles from that village. Gobeau was hunting bears.