

REFUSE TO CONSIDER LABOR A COMMODITY

Exempted, With Farmers' Unions, From Provisions of Trust Laws—Human Brawn in Another Class.

MEANS HAPPINESS OF MILLIONS

Debate on Proposition Interesting—Cannot Be Considered as a Property, Constitution Preventing.

By Congressman C. H. Tavenner. Washington, June 8.—The Democratic house exempted labor and farmers' unions from the provisions of the trust laws simply because the house refused to consider human brawn and brain in the same class with steel rails and coal oil.

That was the proposition stated very simply. The bills aim to prevent restraint of trade in oil, steel and other commodities. But the house would not include with these the trade in labor. The opponents of the exemption argued that labor is a commodity essentially the same as oil and steel. But those who took the humanitarian view of the subject refused to regard labor as a commodity at all.

Labor is something different than a steel rail. In a rail there is bound up no man's welfare. But in the labor of the millions there is included the hopes and happiness of the millions who toil and those who depend on the toilers.

Therefore, the house has said to the wageworkers—Do what you will with labor. It is yours, and your happiness depends upon the way you dispose of it. Bargain as you choose with it. Use all lawful and honorable means for obtaining a good price for that labor, and no law will descend upon you on the ground that you are acting in restraint of trade.

The debate on the proposition was highly interesting. It served to bring out as never before the difference between labor and commodities. Representative Hamlin of Missouri said:

"Surely the law ought to make a distinction between the two. Human happiness and human welfare ought not to be put on the auction block and knocked off to the highest bidder as a chattel may be.

"The only reason why trusts and combinations are declared illegal is because they are organized and operated for the express purpose of more effectively exploiting the people by taking advantage of their necessities and controlling the price of these necessities to the consumers, as well as the purchase price which they have to pay for the raw material. Labor seeks only to protect the selling price of one article, its brawn and muscle. This amendment protects the labor organizations, and in that the Democratic party fulfills another pledge made in its platform."

Representative Lewis of Maryland called the amendment the magna charta of labor. He said:

"Some honest people are inclined to think that this section may mean a species of class legislation. They commit the error of considering labor as a commodity. But there is this distinction between labor and a barrel of oil, commodity.

"Labor is never in truth a commodity; labor can never under our institutions be property, either before the court or before the legislature. Under our constitution property in human beings has forever ceased.

"While a barrel of oil is not only a commodity in the market, it is a commodity before the court, it is a commodity before the legislature. The legal attribute of a commodity is property; but the legal attribute of the workingman is citizenship. A different principle of sociology and justice apply to these two subjects when they are before congress or before the courts. The rules that are rationally applicable to property can seldom be justly applied to the man."

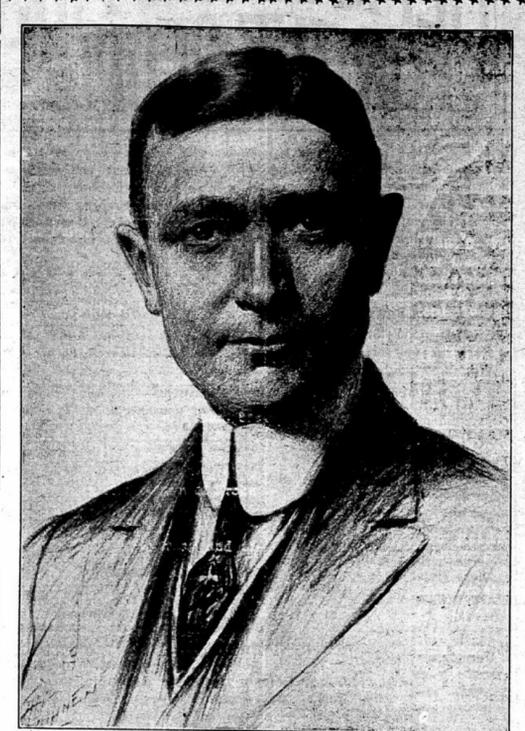
MAY NOT HEAR ROCKEFELLER

Magnate's Lawyer Says Testifying Might Prove Fatal.

Washington, June 8.—When the interstate commerce commission resumed its investigation of financial affairs of the New Haven railroad John A. Garver, attorney for William Rockefeller, said that, according to Mr. Rockefeller's physician, it would be dangerous for Mr. Rockefeller to come to Washington and testify. He told of the condition of Mr. Rockefeller's throat and said the physician feared any concentrated effort might prove fatal. Mr. Garver said it was impossible for Mr. Rockefeller to write as he was afflicted with palsy.

Chief Counsel Joseph W. Folk asked Mr. Garver if it was not true Mr. Rockefeller recently attended meetings of the New Haven board. He replied Mr. Rockefeller's attendance was largely formal; that it was something he was in the habit of doing and involved no nervous strain.

MINNESOTA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Governor Adolph O. Eberhart, Who Will Go Before the Voters of the State for Renomination a Week From Tomorrow. He Is Making a Clean Campaign and is Strongly Supported Over the Entire State.

NEW STORE NOW OPEN

Crew & Knapp Establishment Ready for Business—Will Carry Complete Stock and Enlarge as Necessary.

EXPERIENCED MEN IN CHARGE

Crew & Knapp, who have opened a new shoe store in the Melver building, formerly occupied by the Murphy Furniture store on Beltrami avenue, are making their opening announcement on another page of this issue.

The firm is comprised of C. A. Knapp and C. E. Crew of Pierre, South Dakota, with J. E. Mallory as salesman. Mr. Mallory is a shoe man of many years experience.

They will carry a complete line of footwear for men, women and children, and will enlarge their stock in every department as quickly as they become acquainted with the desires and needs of the citizens of this community. Mr. Knapp has taken active management of the store and will move his family here some time this week, having rented the Gibbons cottage at Grand Forks bay.

CITY ENTIRELY SURROUNDED

Mazatlan Cut Off by Rebels Faces Water Famine.

Torreon, Mex., June 8.—The Constitutional campaign in the state of Jalisco and against the city of Guadalupe has begun in earnest, according to dispatches from General Alvaro Obregon.

General Ramon Iturbe, whose Sinaloa brigade of 5,000 men is besieging Mazatlan, reports distressing conditions in Mazatlan because of a scarcity of food, with a water famine imminent.

They predict the federal garrison at Guaymas will evacuate soon because of a food famine. Mazatlan is now completely surrounded by land and partially blockaded by sea. Daily skirmishes are taking place, with the Constitutionalists winning.

Relieves Judge McClenahan.

Judge C. W. Stanton and Lee LaBaw left this morning for Brainerd where the judge will relieve Judge W. S. McClenahan, who has been holding the Crow Wing county terms and who opens the Koochiching county term tomorrow morning. There are several matters of importance to be tried at Brainerd and the term will probably not be completed this week.

CASS LAKE INDIANS DEFEAT ATHLETICS

Bemidji Baseball Team Humbled by Score of 5 to 1 in Seven-Inning Contest Played on Muddy Field.

SMILEY AND PAUL ON MOUND

Hitting of Carl Features—Shevlin Plays Here Next Sunday and Crookston the Week Following.

In a game of baseball played on a field entirely covered with mud and water, making fast work next to impossible, the Cass Lake baseball team, comprising eight Indians, defeated the Bemidji Athletic club nine last evening by a score of 5 to 1.

The heavy rain of the afternoon caused Manager Daly to start, the game at 6:30 and only seven innings were completed before dark. Paul started to do the heavy work for Bemidji, but after allowing six hits, which coupled with several errors, netted the Indians three runs, retired in favor of Smiley in the third.

Smiley pitched good ball and in the five innings that he twirled only four hits were gathered by the visitors, two of these being well-placed singles by Carl, who in four trips to the plate batted out three hits, Bralby grabbing his long fly in the first.

A base on balls, an error a stolen base and a single gave the Cass Lake players their last two runs. Bemidji spered its lone run in the fourth when Smiley took first on a fielders choice and Auger and Murphy singled.

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The score:

Score by innings table showing Bemidji vs Cass Lake results.

Score by innings—Cass Lake.....1 2 2 0 0 0 0 5 Bemidji.....0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 Earned runs, Cass Lake 2, Bemidji, 1; Stolen bases, Tanner 2, Howe, 2, Auger 1, Broker 2, L. Roy 1, Weaver 1, LaFontaine 1, Tanner (Cass Lake) 1, LaQuire 1. Struck out, Weaver 6, C. Roy 1, Smiley 3. Base on balls, Weaver 3, C. Roy 2, Smiley 1. Two-base hits, Howe, Weaver. Double plays, Howe to Johnson to Berrigan. Left on bases, Bemidji 9, Cass Lake 8. Umpire Edd. Scorer Stanton.

BLACK RIVER IS RECEDING

Flood Abates and No Further Damage is Likely.

Black River Falls, Wis., June 8.—The water in the Black river has fallen three feet and unless there is a further downpour of rain no serious flood conditions are likely in this vicinity. Small towns above here report the washing out of bridges, and some dwellings and barns close to the river have been swept away.

Gear Break Causes Delay.

A break in the gears of the machinery at the plant of the Bemidji Manufacturing company, caused the closing down of operations for a few days. A. M. Bagley, manager of the concern, says the repair parts will arrive today or tomorrow, when operations will begin. The plant has been running full capacity in the manufacture of railroad shims.

COUNTERMAND ORDER TO BLOCK TAMPCO.

Mexico City, June 8.—(Special to the Pioneer)—The Hureta government today decided to countermand the order for blockading Tampico. This action is believed to have followed the receipt of word from Niagara Falls to the United States that a blockade would not be permitted.

TOTALLY BLIND; ASKS AID

John Garvin, Alien Austrian, Seeks Compensation Law in Effort to Secure Damages for Loss of Eye.

INJURED WHILE BURNING BRUSH

An action under the employees' compensation law, brought by John Garvin, alien Austrian, against the J. Neil Lumber company, of Cass Lake, was tried before Judge C. W. Stanton Saturday afternoon. Attorney Moritz Heim of St. Paul, represented the plaintiff and Attorney K. A. Campbell of Minneapolis the defendant.

The evidence shows that the plaintiff's left eye was so injured by flames while burning brush for the lumber company, that he lost the sight, thus rendering him totally blind, because the sight of his right eye was lost several years ago at a time he was working in a coal mine. Under the compensation law it is provided that pay for one hundred weeks be given for the loss of one eye and for four hundred weeks for total blindness. In the case tried Saturday the attorneys disagreed as to the amount that should be paid. Judge Stanton heard the arguments and took the case under advisement.

BIRDS CAUSE TROUBLE.

Nests Plug Water Spouts—Two Offices Flooded.

The rain Sunday did \$200 damage in the register of deed's office, by flooding the floor and drenching a typewriter. The water spouts draining the water from the roof runs down between the walls of the building, and upon investigation by Louis Eckstrum it was found that the birds had built nests in this spout, stopping the water. With the spout plugged the water found its way through the inner wall, thus causing the damage. The spout on the west side was also found plugged and flooded the surveyor's office in the basement of the building.

ANTI-TRUST BILLS PASSED

Opposition in House Melts Away When Final Test Comes.

Washington, June 8.—Three bills on the administration trust legislation program passed the house and were sent to the senate for action there. Opposition melted away when the final test came and the voting went through quickly and without incident. The Covington interstate trade commission bill was passed without a record vote; the Clayton omnibus anti-trust measure received 275 votes to 54 against it, and the vote on the Rayburn railroad capitalization bill was 325 to 12.

SUGGESTIVE OF THE HAREM

Baptists Denounce Present Day Styles Among Women.

Chicago, June 8.—Baptist women are in many cases falling victims to the vulgar and suggestive styles of the day and frequently our houses of worship are suggestive of Oriental harems rather than the Christian church.

Thank Committee.

At the last meeting of the G. A. R. and Circle it was voted to thank the council committee for the manner in which they arranged for the Memorial day services. The committee comprised, Sperm Bailey, Rube Miller and Joe Bislar.

Council Meets This Evening.

Several matters of importance will be brought up at the council meeting this evening, among them being the auto fire truck proposition and action on the selecting of an ornamental street light post.

Torrance Gives Talk.

Graham M. Torrance, county attorney, returned this morning from Red Lake, where on Saturday night he addressed the members of the Returned Students' club. L. G. Pendergast also spoke.

GOVERNOR HODGES.

Jury Decides for Kansas Executive in Assault Case.



Mrs. Luella West of Wichita, Kan., is not entitled to damages from Governor George H. Hodges of Kansas for alleged assault and battery, decided a jury in the case at Topeka, Kan., after deliberating two minutes.

MURDER CASE TO BE TRIED

James Kelly, Accused of Having Caused Death of Fred Couture, Must Face Koochiching Jury.

DEFENDED BY BEMIDJI LAWYER

On Wednesday of this week, James Kelly, who is accused of having caused the death of Fred Couture, the Ranier hotel man, will again face trial for the crime.

Couture died on July 19 of last year, just one week after he had been badly beaten by a mob of which Kelly was supposed to be the leader. The crime is claimed to have been caused by Couture's testimony before the Koochiching county grand jury, at a time it was investigating certain Rainer law violations.

Kelly, who is defended by Judge Marshall A. Spooner, was indicted on a charge of manslaughter in the first degree and his trial was begun in August. After six jurors had been selected, Judge McClenahan, who was presiding, took sick and was forced to adjourn court, which explains the placing of the case on the calendar of this term.

The Koochiching county term begins tomorrow morning with Judge McClenahan on the bench. The first case to be tried will be that of the state against Kelly. Franz Jevne, county attorney, will prosecute.

COUNTRY CLUB DESTROYED

MacLachlan Hall at Outlet Damaged by Wind and Rain of Yesterday.

Captain MacLachlan's hall at the outlet, known as the "Country Club," which he had just completed, and was to open to the public this week, was almost entirely destroyed by the wind and rain of Saturday night and yesterday. The captain said this morning that the hall will be rebuilt and expects to have it in readiness for use by June 20. The "Country Club" was built by Captain MacLachlan for private parties and to rent.

WOULD MEET ATHLETICS.

Railroad Men Issue Challenge—Have Team of Veterans. With a team including such veterans as Earl Hazen, Charles Bush, Finn, Elmer Rice, Roy Rice, Roy Carter, Gallager, Shelle and Schultz, the Minnesota & International railroad boys, who make headquarters at Bemidji, have issued a challenge to the Athletics for a game to be played any Sunday. The railroad team looks strong on paper as each member of the lineup has been prominent in Bemidji baseball history, and would be sure to give the Athletics a hard battle. Manager Daly said today that the freight hustlers will be given the first open date.

Father Accidentally Killed.

Oscar Erickson, the young man who recently accepted a position as druggist at the City Drug store, succeeding G. B. Upham, was called to Canby Saturday afternoon, his father having been accidentally killed. No further information was given in the telegram. The elder Mr. Erickson was a railroad man.

\$112,397 DITCHES ORDERED BUILT

Final Hearings on Judicial Drains 22, 23 and 24 Before Judge Stanton Saturday—All Are Approved.

BUT LITTLE OPPOSITION SHOWN

Will Provide 83 Miles New Road—Many Here to Urge Construction on McDougald-Myhre Ditch.

Three judicial ditches, estimated to cost approximately \$112,397, were ordered constructed by Judge C. W. Stanton late Saturday afternoon, following final hearings. The ditches ordered built are those known as No. 22, No. 23 and No. 24.

According to the records kept by O. L. Dent, district ditch referee, drain No. 22 which is to be built along the county line between Beltrami and Roseau counties, will be about 13 miles in length, providing a road the entire distance, will call for the removal of 93,682 cubic yards of dirt, and will cost approximately \$17,468. There was slight opposition to the building of this drain, but Judge Stanton, after hearing the complaints decided to grant the petition.

Took No Chances.

Residents of Myhre and McDougald townships sent twelve delegates to Bemidji to represent them at the hearing on Ditch No. 23, in order that they might testify in favor of the drain's construction should opposition develop. Their journey was not necessary for there was no demand that the petition should not be granted.

This ditch will be more than forty miles in length, nearly forty-one, will cost about \$53,829 and will necessitate the removal of 316,333 cubic yards of dirt.

Four Towns Benefited.

Four towns, Zippie, Children, Prosper and Lakewood are to be benefited by the erection of Ditch No. 24. This ditch will be 29 1-2 miles in length, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$41,100. About 206,199 cubic yards will be removed. Both 23 and 24 will include roads.

The petitioners for all three ditches were represented by Attorneys Middleton and Childgren. Among the men who were in attendance in behalf of Ditch No. 23 included J. R. Norris, candidate for the house of representatives, and the two viewers, Hans Insdahl and Herbert Sanborn.

NORRIS FEELS CONFIDENT

McDougald Man Says He Expects Nomination—Rumor Not True.

J. R. Norris of Williams, McDougald township, who is a candidate for the house of representatives, was in Bemidji Saturday attending the ditch hearings and while here did a little campaigning. Mr. Norris said he had never intended to withdraw from the race, as such action would be a desertion of his friends who influenced him to make the race. He is confident that he will be given a large vote in upper Beltrami, and believes that he will gather his share in this part of the district. That he is a competent official is demonstrated by the fact that his fellow citizens have seen fit to honor him with many public positions, among them being justice of the peace, is president of the Williams Farmers' club, treasurer of the consolidated School District No. 91, president of the Clover Leaf Creamery company and town clerk of the town of McDougald. He is at present farming his homestead near Williams.

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