

INSTITUTIONS OF STATE BRING HEAVY EXPENSE

Cost Minnesota \$1,161,500 to Purchase Supplies During Last Fiscal Year—Control Board in Charge.

BUT LITTLE GOES OUTSIDE

Endeavor to Make Purchases From Concerns of Minnesota—System is Explained.

Minnesota, through the medium of the state board of control, expended \$1,161,500 for supplies for the maintenance of the various state institutions during the fiscal year ending recently, and it is of general interest to know that only a fraction of this amount went into the coffers of concerns outside the state.

Of the purchases made for maintenance Minnesota firms and manufacturers profited to the extent of \$379,550, outside firms having branches in the state, \$74,250, and farmers and local dealers living and having their places of business in the vicinity of the several institutions, \$389,340. The latter expenditure was largely for eggs and butter and butcher cattle.

Little Goes Outside.

All that dealers and concerns outside of the state received direct was \$55,850.

For fuel, \$262,800 was paid out, and while the product itself came from outside territory, the contract went to state agents and dealers. The wood used came from Minnesota forests.

With the exception of the State University and the Soldiers' Home, supplies for all state institutions are contracted for by the state board of control. A purchasing department, with a chief and a force of clerks is maintained, and every three months dealers in and manufacturers of needed articles and foodstuffs for maintenance are notified that bids for the supplying of the same will be entertained. In the meantime the aggregate amount of supplies to be required are ascertained through estimates from the institution heads.

Have Samples Shown.

In the basement of the capitol are maintained large sample rooms where intending bidders display their goods for inspection. If prices and quality of goods are satisfactory to the purchasing department, orders are placed for delivery as needed.

In the matter of quantity or number all supplies for maintenance are contracted for on the basis of more or less and to be shipped as needed. In order that the board may be in constant touch with such purchases and their delivery, a daily report by the purchasing agent covering the quarter for which awards were made is required. This is further supplemented by reports from the heads of the institutions showing receipts of the same, condition and other desired information. Copies of these reports as made are placed on the desk of each member of the board.

Keep Money in State.

In placing orders for supplies for maintenance purposes, and even when building operations are involved, the policy of the board has always been to patronize Minnesota concerns where possible. Occasionally there is such a wide difference in price on some staple that the board is forced to go outside the state for the article needed, but this does not occur often.

That only \$55,580 out of a total expenditure last year of more than \$1,000,000 went outside of the state speaks volumes in this respect.

Nearly \$400,000 Expended.

For instance, on January 19 last, supplies of sugar, coffee, tea, beef products, flour and feed were ordered for practically all the institutions under the jurisdiction of the board of control. The orders placed that day were among the largest of the quarter and involved a heavy expenditure. The flour and feed order alone represented an investment of \$30,278. This contract was divided among seven firms, all of them Minnesota concerns, and the majority of them having mills in institution towns.

As noted, nearly \$400,000 was expended in the institution localities last year, and part of this went for cattle slaughtered for meat purposes. Considerable of this amount was also invested in butter, eggs and provisions, all of which went into the pockets of the nearby farmers and local dealers.

Minnesota butter is another staple always insisted upon by the board. Where other states use oleomargarine, the wards of Minnesota are provided with real butter, and it is of the best. The same is the case with milk. Substitutes for the product of the cow are not permitted. Even the condensed article is not used.

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Our Slogan:
"Bemidji 25,000 Population in 1925"

BOLIVIA NOW LOOKS TO UNITED STATES

(United Press)

St. Paul, Feb. 19.—Lieut. R. K. Wright, formerly of the United States navy, is in St. Paul today in the interests of the Bolivian government, to confer with St. Paul banking institutions concerning trade relations of this government and that of Bolivia.

"Bolivia furnishes 30 per cent of the tin used in the world," Lieut. Wright said at the Saint Paul hotel today, "and the United States gets practically all of that. Before the war England controlled the shipping from Bolivia and all the tin we bought was shipped to England first."

"Since the outbreak of the war, England, France and Germany have been entirely ignoring Bolivia and she now looks to the United States for practically everything that she imports. If the proper efforts are now made we can arrange to get all of the Bolivian tin as well as copper and gold."

"Bolivia has not had a revolution in 40 years and consequently is not so well 'advertised' as some of the other South American countries, but it unusually rich in natural resources and its government is in a good solid financial condition."

FRISCO FAIR WILL OPEN TOMORROW

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Early tomorrow, five and drum corps will traverse all sections of the city playing airs and arousing the people from sleep.

The population will immediately march up Van Ness avenue and through the gates of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and the great San Francisco Fair will be on.

This is the principal ceremony that will mark the opening of the exposition. The idea was adopted by the directors of the Fair in order to "do something different."

The exposition officials confidently predict that three hundred thousand men, women and children will respond to the call and participate in the "1915 Grand March," as the parade will be known. There will be no grand marshal, no regular formation to the procession. It will be a parade of "joyful disorder," as President C. C. Moore of the exposition company expressed it. The only city official who will be in the parade is his official capacity will be Mayor James Rolph. At the request of the business men of the city, a legal holiday has been declared in this city.

BOXING BILL MAY PASS STATE LEGISLATURE

Senator John A. Healey, of Hibbing, member of the committee which drew up the bill for establishing a state athletic commission and regulating boxing and sparring in the state and repealing sections of revised laws for year 1915 prohibiting boxing matches, said yesterday that indications are favorably that the bill will be passed. "We didn't expect any opposition to the bill at all and it looks as if it will pass," he said. The bill would provide for appointment by governor a commission which will regulate and have power to issue or revoke licenses for boxing matches. It also provides for the fair matching of equal weight boxers.

Clayton C. Cross was a Wilton business visitor yesterday afternoon.

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BEMIDJI TRIMS DULUTH

Fast Rotary Club Basketball Five Defeated by "Big Bemidji" in First Game of Series—29 to 18.

TEAMS TO MEET AGAIN TONIGHT

In one of the roughest games of basketball played in Bemidji this season the "Big Bemidji" five defeated the strong Rotary club team of Duluth by a score of 29 to 18. Both teams fought hard and the players in their anxiety to win, many times resorted to tactics resembling football rather than "peach ball."

The entire game was fast and the first half brought forth some of the most exciting basketball witnessed in Bemidji in many a day. The work of Brandon, playing forward for Bemidji, was brilliant and the gritty little athlete not only tossed six field baskets but counted four times on fouls and more than once startled the crowd by his floor work. Bestul played a splendid game, his long dribbles leading to several of Bemidji's counters. His basket shooting was off-color and several chances to score were passed.

Peck at center played well and Jacobson, until injured in the last half, persistently broke up the offense of the visitors. Miller at the other forward secured four baskets and took prominent part in the team play. Trafton, playing the last few minutes of the game, featured in his defensive work.

Johnson led the Duluth team in scoring, three times securing field baskets and throwing one foul. Morrey Harris, playing during the last half, startled the crowd by his speed and perfect handling of the ball, while the Bradley boys, Zeeman and Solheim played strong basketball.

The same teams will meet again this evening and the contest is sure to be hotly contested.

The score:
Bemidji.....Duluth
Brandon (C).....F.....(C) Zeeman
Miller.....F.....D. Bradley
Peck.....C.....Johnson
Bestul.....G.....B. Bradley
Jacobson.....G.....Solheim
Trafton.....G-F.....Harris
Summary—Field baskets, Brandon 6, Miller 4, Peck 1, Bestul 1, Johnson 3, Zeeman 1, D. Bradley 1, B. Bradley 1, Solheim 2, Fouls thrown, Brandon 4, Harris 1, Johnson 1, Referee, Stanton; scorer, Tanner; time-keeper, Bell.

COUNTY OPTION BILL TO BE MADE SPECIAL ORDER

The County Option Bill recently passed by the Minnesota Senate will be made a special order in the House at 11 o'clock next Wednesday, it was decided yesterday. The Temperance Committee will meet late today and report the bill out without recommendation. Repeal of the Elwell road law also has been made a special order for next Wednesday afternoon.

EDITORS IN SESSION.

St. Paul, Feb. 19.—"The World's Journalism," by Prof. Walter Williams, of the University of Missouri, was a feature of the session today of the 49th annual convention of the Minnesota Editorial association. An informal open meeting last night at the Saint Paul hotel roof garden opened the convention. It will be in session until tomorrow.

Fire Causes Damage.

Fire late last evening seriously damaged the residence occupied by Frank Beaumont and family at 212 Tenth street. Before the firemen were able to extinguish the flames the roof had been badly burned and the loss on the building is placed at \$300. Fire, smoke and water did much damage to the furnishings. Beaumont is a fireman on the Minnesota & International railroad.

Mrs. Davison Dead.

Information announcing the death of Mrs. J. H. Davison, of Brainerd, wife of the civil engineer of the Minnesota & International, reached Bemidji this morning. Mrs. Davison has been in ill health for some time. She was well known in Bemidji and last summer spent several months at Lavinia.

GERMANY CANNOT COVER WAR ZONE

Lacks Sufficient Submarines to Blockade English Coast Line of 2,000 Miles—Impossible Task.

HAVE ONE TO EVERY 40 MILES

Most Effective Part of Under Sea Boats Value is Their Ability of Concealment.

(By J. W. T. Masoth)

New York, Feb. 19.—Fifty German submarines today begin the almost impossible task of blockading the English coast line which measures about 2,000 miles. This gives about one submarine for every 40 miles of water, but even then for a very short time, since under-sea boats must return frequently to the surface and their base for new fuel and more torpedoes. There is no evidence that any country has succeeded in establishing any such a base for submarines on the ocean bed. As far as it is known, no nation has submarines capable of being opened under water with safety. Otherwise submarine crews could rescue themselves by swimming to the surface in case of accidents.

Germany's submarines cannot keep the seas unless they remain inactive and their offensive power is thus lessened by their necessarily few returns to the surface, or to their base. If, therefore, Germany has as many as 50 submarines ready for action in the new war zone, this number must be cut in half as far as continuous activity is concerned. One-half will be refitting at Cuxhaven or some other base, while the remaining half will be making war on merchantmen.

One for Every 80 Miles.

Instead of a submarine to every 40 miles of British seacoast waters, the proportion will be reduced to about one for every 80 miles and this is upon the most favorable estimates of the strength of the Germans under sea.

Eighty miles is about the distance from New York to Atlantic City. A single submarine could not maintain a blockade between these two points on the Jersey coast. "Ten submarines might attempt it with some theoretical prospect of success. On this basis Germany in theory might hope to blockade the British Isles if they possessed 500 instead of 50 submarines.

Would Destroy Many.

But this is only theoretically true, for the more submarines there are the easier becomes the defense against them. The most effective part of a submarine blockade is their ability of concealment and surprise. Long before the number of submarines could reach the 500 mark their whereabouts would be ascertained by the defending nation and many of them destroyed.

Experience has not yet demonstrated the number of submarines that can operate in a given area without endangering its own concealment, but the number is strictly limited, and this fact coupled with the extreme vulnerability of the submarine makes it impossible that the present type of under-sea boat will ever be able to maintain a blockade effectively.

DAVID CAPLAN CAPTURED

(United Press)

Seattle, Feb. 19.—David Caplan, alleged accomplice of the McNamara brothers in the blowing up of the Times building in Los Angeles, was captured here this morning. He was arrested by detectives of the Burns agency as he was sleeping in a shack. The detectives believe that other members of the gang will be captured in New York in the near future.

Miss Leah Berman, of the Berman Real Estate & Insurance company, returned to Bemidji this morning from the twin cities where she has spent the past week as the guest of friends.

CONVENTION COMES TO CLOSE.

Crookston Show Proves Value of Northern Minnesota Lands.

After one of the most successful sessions the fourth annual Farm Crop show of the Minnesota Red River Valley Development association closed at Crookston today. Corn, alfalfa, clover and all other small grains as carried throughout the show, proved beyond a doubt the fertility of the northern part of Minnesota. There are a few men who still insist and say that northern Minnesota cannot produce, sought their holes following the show. Governor Hammond addressed the convention last night.

SHOP CHANGES OWNERSHIP

Bethel Man Purchases Barber Business of Martin Longballa—Several Important Deals Consummated.

PLACE FOLDER BEFORE PUBLIC

Morris & Longballa, real estate dealers, consummated a deal this morning whereby William F. Fleisch, of Bethel, Minnesota, becomes the owner of the First National Bank barber shop, formerly owned and operated by Martin Longballa, Fleisch having taken possession Thursday. Longballa will in the future devote his entire time to the real estate business. The Fleisch family will reside at 518 Fourth street.

Since entering into the land business last November this new real estate firm has closed several important land deals in this section. Among the most important deals were those of the John Suckert farm, sold to O. N. Covey of Tracy, Minnesota; the Frank Patterson farm was purchased by the Given Hardware company; the N. B. Nelson farm was sold to A. H. Holden of this city; J. P. Omich bought the Leighton farm and sold one to S. Sundeen; the Marquette farm was sold to W. A. Waterman of Devils Lake, North Dakota.

For themselves they have purchased the Oak Hill farm which will be used by them as a demonstration farm. This piece of valuable property was formerly owned by Judge Finehout of St. Paul.

A splendid new folder showing illustrations of farm and lake shore property has just been issued by this firm and is being distributed throughout other states and the southern part of Minnesota.

COUNCIL CANVASSES ELECTION.

New Officials Must Take Oath Before February 26.

At a special meeting of the council held last evening the vote of Tuesday's city election was canvassed and George Stein, city clerk, was instructed to issue election certificates to the successful candidates. The new officials have until February 26 to take their oath of office, and the first meeting will be held on Monday, March 1.

SWAT THE ROOSTER CAMPAIGN IN IOWA

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 19.—Iowa's legislature is considering a bill to create a state poultry department. Poultry men assert Iowa hens produced 106,000,000 eggs last year, an average of 72 per hen, and took three months' vacation, too. Carl Barrah told the house agricultural committee that 17 per cent of the egg yield is wasted in marketing through improper handling, most of which loss falls on the farmer. A campaign to "swat the rooster" and thus secure unfertilized eggs for cold storage in May and June for delivery to customers in the winter months is proposed.

HISTORY OF LIFE IN 14 WORDS.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 19.—The history of his life in 14 words is the record of G. M. Rosenberg of St. Paul, is today boasted. The record was made by the Minnesota Blue Book just issued. His biography was the shortest and that of C. A. Joman of St. Cloud was the longest.

ENGLAND AWAITS DEVELOPMENTS OF BLOCKADE; NORWEGIAN BOAT SUNK; GERMANY SHOWS FRIENDLY FEELING

VERDICT FOR DEFENDANTS

Takes Jury But One Hour to Reach Decision in Nelson Assault Case—Boss Suit Now On.

GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE

During the past several days fast progress has been made in district court and several jury cases have been disposed of. After being out but one hour yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of Lars E. Nelson, suing Swan S. Larson and Charles W. Peterson for \$5,000 for damages because of permanent injuries, alleged to have been brought about by an assault, a verdict for the defendant was returned.

The case of John Reinke against O. J. Tagley and Peter Wold, copartners, was taken up by Judge Wright at the conclusion of the damage suit. After the jury had been sequestered, Attorney Henry Funkley, attorney for the defendants, asked that the case be dismissed on the ground that the complaint failed to state a cause of action. The plaintiff's attorney, Charles Scrutchnin, asked that he be given until this morning to amend the complaint. The case was placed at the foot of the calendar.

Today the time of the court is being devoted to the trial of the case of William M. Ross against L. P. Eckstrum. The case involves the purchase of tin shop material, and it is expected to go to the jury before evening. The attorneys in the case are George W. Campbell for the plaintiff and Henry Funkley for the defendant.

The next case to be tried will probably be that of William Ohlemkamp against John W. Wilcox, Charles W. Scrutchnin and E. E. McDonald will be the opposing attorneys in this case. Two days' notice will be given the court before the criminal calendar will be moved by Graham M. Torrance, county attorney.

REPORTS CONCERNING BUKOWINA CONFLICT

(United Press)

London, Feb. 19.—Conflicting reports have been received this afternoon regarding operations in Bukovina and correspondents of the Daily Mail and Times confirm Austrian claims that the Russians have been driven from the crown land. Russians found a great force at their front and flank. The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle wires from Maranzat, a town on the Russian frontier, wires that the Russians successfully held Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, despite the Austrian claims that they have captured this city.

SIXTY TO PARTICIPATE

"The Princess Chrysanthemum" to Be Presented Next Month.

Over sixty people will participate in the home talent production, "The Princess Chrysanthemum" which will be given about the middle of next month. Rehearsals are being held daily under the direction of Miss Margaret Newton. Robert Shaw will carry the leading male role as the emperor while Miss Myrtle Neuman will take the principal lady's part as the Princess. The play will be given in the Athletic club hall.

TO PLAY WALKER FIVE.

Tom Newton, manager of the Palace basketball team, announced this morning that the Walker city team will play here next Monday evening. The teams are evenly matched. A dance will be given in the city hall this evening for the benefit of the Palace team.

A want ad will sell it for you.

(United Press)

London, Feb. 19.—With the blockade considered as having been in operation since yesterday, England still awaits messages giving information concerning the loss of ships. Channel traffic has not been molested. The admiralty claims that stories telling that ships have been sunk have not been received, and the Lloyds say that the arrival of ships have not been delayed.

It is understood that British warships are meeting all ships outside the war zone and are conveying them into British ports.

Ship is Sunk.

London, Feb. 19.—A Norwegian tank steamer, Beggrige, enroute from New Orleans to Amsterdam, struck a mine in the Straits of Dover this afternoon and sunk. The entire crew was saved.

London, Feb. 19.—A neutral victim of German submarines this morning was the Norwegian steamer Beldridge, enroute from New Orleans to Amsterdam, which was torpedoed. Another vessel sunk by a torpedo was the French steamer Dinerah.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Germany's reply to the American note of warning against any attacks on American vessels or lives in the new sea zones of war, served to increase rather than diminish the concern of officials of the American government over possible complications.

The friendly tone of the communication made a favorable impression and gave some hope that an understanding for the protection of neutrals might yet be reached.

Menace Not Removed.

Officials are apprehensive over the formal statement in the note that Germany disclaimed all responsibility for what might happen to neutral vessels venturing in the danger areas. Additional warning that mines will be laid by Germany in the waters surrounding Britain and Ireland, are regarded by them as not only menacing ships carrying legitimate cargoes, but as likely to add further to the interruptions which American commerce has suffered since the outbreak of the war.

Grave Concern Felt.

A feeling of grave concern is manifested. Other neutral countries, especially Holland and the Scandinavian countries, are also apprehensive concerning the situation and have consulted the United States, it became known today.

Washington is in accord with steps taken by other neutrals toward joint action in case any vessels are sunk.

Germany's View.

In German official quarters the possibility of complications with neutrals is not regarded as likely to occur. It is pointed out that Germany's campaign is aimed at steamers carrying cargoes of contraband and not vessels devoted to passenger service.

WOULD SUSPEND TRAVEL; SUPPORT UNITED STATES

(United Press)

Washington, Feb. 19.—The state department this afternoon advised that travel between England and the continent be suspended. Asserting that Germany is not receiving fair treatment from neutral America and from the press, Representative Barthold said in the house this afternoon that should the United States become involved in war against the Germans that German-Americans would rally to the support of the stars and stripes.

TO MAKE SELECTIONS.

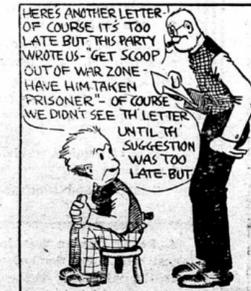
Pick Readings to Be Given at Declamatory Contest.

Under the direction of Miss Clarice Coult, the students of the high school are now selecting the readings to be given at the declamatory contest which will be held shortly before the Easter vacation. The selections are being picked carefully and will be entirely new from those given in former years. Eight students will participate in the contest which promises to be the most interesting ever held in this city.

TECH CLUBS TO MEET.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 19.—Economic and political conditions in Europe and the United States will be discussed tonight at the third annual dinner of the Technology clubs, associated, at which President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard and President Richard C. Mackauris of Massachusetts Tech, will be speakers.

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