

JUNE EXCURSION AROUSES ENTHUSIASM THROUGHOUT STATE; PLANS COMPLETE

Bemidji Plans Enjoyable Day for Legislators—Senators Nord and McGarry Enthusiastic Over Outlook

"THE AWAKENING," TRIP'S TITLE

Affords Northern Minnesota Excellent Opportunity to Illustrate Value of Proper Development.

"The Awakening," said Senator P. H. McGarry while in Bemidji Monday evening, "is the proper manner in which to refer to the legislative excursion which is to be made over the principal sections of Northern Minnesota next month by a party of senators with state officials and representatives as their guests.

"I refer to it in this manner because there will be many in the party who have never visited Northern Minnesota; many to regard it simply as a wilderness; some to believe proper development here impossible and others who have scoffed at the claims of there being inexhaustible resources here. These are the people who are to receive an 'Awakening' and will be made to realize that Northern Minnesota is in reality a country of opportunity."

Plan for Trip. Senator McGarry came to Bemidji for the purpose of meeting Senator Leonard H. Nord of International Falls that arrangements might be completed for the entertainment of the visitors while in Bemidji. With R. H. Schumaker, president of the Commercial club, E. A. Barker, president of the Merchants' association, F. S. Lyeon and E. H. Denu, they talked of plans. It was suggested that a boat trip to the hatchery and on the lake, an automobile tour, with dinner at the new Birchmont Beach summer hotel be part of the entertainment to be provided. Both senators were enthusiastic over the idea.

Committees have been selected to care for the party in each of the cities to be visited, senators and representatives to be in charge. It is expected that at least six newspaper men will make the trip and they will wire every step of the journey to the metropolitan papers. At least 150 are expected to make the trip. Among those who have made reservations are the following:

Have Made Reservations. Judge and Mrs. J. B. Gillilan of Minneapolis; I. H. Caswell, Anoka, clerk of supreme court; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schmah, St. Paul, secretary of state; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Duxbury, Caledonia, state senator, attorney; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dunn, St. Paul, state senator, attorney; James T. Hale, Deerwood, state tax commissioner; J. H. Baldwin and friend, Frazee state senator, attorney; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Peterson, Litchfield, state senator, attorney; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Andrews, Mankato, state senator, doctor; Frank L. Palmer, Minneapolis, state senator, real estate; John Steffin, Pipestone, state senator, farmer; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Westlake, Minneapolis, state senator, insurance; F. C. Stevens, St. Paul, ex-congressman; Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Benson, St. Peter, state senator, attorney; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Nelson, Luverne, state senator, general store; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Linde, Canby, state senator, attorney; Mr. and Mrs. Levi Davis, Long Prairie, state representative, attorney; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. A. Jackson, St. Paul, state senator, attorney; J. M. Millett, Hastings, state senator, attorney; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Carley, Plainview, state senator, attorney; Mr. and Mrs. T. Greene, St. Paul, state representative, insurance; Geo. H. Gardner, Brainerd, state senator, attorney; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. A. Burquist, St. Paul, lieutenant governor, attorney; Miss Johnston, Minneapolis, stenographer; A. I. Mellen, St. Paul, cashier people's bank; C. W. Gillam, Windom, state senator, banker; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dwinell, Minneapolis, state senator, attorney; Elias Nordgren, Sunrise, state representative, newspaper; George C. Sudheimer, St. Paul, state representative, attorney; J. A. Rystrom, North Branch, state senator, miller; Mr. and Mrs. Nels Hegnes, Argyle, state senator, banker; C. E. Adams, Duluth, state senator, attorney; Patrick H. McGarry, Walker, state senator; Mr. and Mrs. Albin E. Bjorklund, St. Paul, state representative; Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Minneapolis, state representative; Mrs. Cunningham, Tiffin, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schuster, Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Putnam, Blue Earth, state senator, attorney; W. J. Kuntz, Waconia, Carver county, state representative; Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Smith, state treasurer; Miss Marcella Smith; Olaf Gjerstad, Montevideo, state senator; Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Vibert, Cloquet, state senator; O. H. Griggs, Virginia, state senator; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Bjornson, Minnesota, state representative, and numerous other senators and representatives.

AND WHEN BELLIGERENTS ENTERED EUROPEAN WAR

1914.

July 28.—Austria declared war against Serbia, because of Serbia's refusal to accept Austrian international control, following assassination by Serb of Archduke Charles Ferdinand.

July 30.—Germany gave Russia 24 hours in which to explain Russian army mobilization.

Aug. 1.—Germany declared war against Russia.

Aug. 2.—Germany invaded Luxembourg and violated Belgian neutrality.

Aug. 3.—Germany offered Belgium entente if Belgium would facilitate movement of German troops across her borders. Belgium refused; appealed to England.

Aug. 3.—England, through Sir Edward Grey, announced she would fight if the Kaiser's fleet attacked the French coast.

Aug. 4.—Germany declared war against France.

Aug. 4.—Germany declared war against Belgium.

Aug. 4.—England declared war against Germany. Latter retaliated by similar declaration.

Aug. 6.—Austria declared war on Russia; Russia declared war on Austria.

Aug. 7.—Montenegro declared war against Austria.

Aug. 9.—Austria declared war against Montenegro.

Aug. 10.—France declared war against Austria.

Aug. 12.—Montenegro declared war against Germany.

Aug. 12.—(Midnight)—England declared war against Austria.

Aug. 23.—Japan declared war against Germany.

Aug. 25.—Austria declared war against Japan.

Nov. 5.—England declared war against Turkey.

1915.

May 23.—Italy declared war against Austria.

May 24.—Germany announced state of war with Italy.

GERMANY'S REPLY TO BE DELAYED ANOTHER WEEK

(United Press)

Berlin, May 25.—Because of the Italian situation it is now almost certain that Germany's reply to the note of President Wilson will be delayed at least another week.

Private advices say that Germany will instruct its submarine commanders to do everything possible to avoid trouble with neutrals in the future. It is explained that Germany is not able to abandon its submarine warfare.

BECKER REFUSED TRIAL

(United Press)

Albany, N. Y., May 25.—Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, twice convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, has been denied a third trial and must go to the same electric chair that snuffed out the lives of the actual slayers.

SHOW "OUTCAST" TONIGHT

Manager Whaley of the Rex Theater announced late this afternoon that "The Outcast," one of the Mutual master pictures, billed to be exhibited last night, did not reach Bemidji until today and will be shown this evening. The regular admission charge will be made.

Essler Secures Large Trout.

One of the largest speckled trout brought to Bemidji this spring was secured at Kabekona Creek yesterday by Jack Essler. The fish tipped the scale at 2 pounds two ounces. Four other trout were secured by the party. A trout weighing three pounds seven ounces was caught in the same creek Sunday.

Prominent New York women have subscribed \$6,000 to provide medical treatment for drug users.

NEW OFFICERS NAMED

Bemidji Woman's Study Club Holds Annual Business Meeting.

Mrs. E. H. Denu was elected president of the Woman's Study club at the annual business meeting of that organization held Monday afternoon. Other officers elected follow: Vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Battles; recording secretary, Mrs. E. F. Netzer; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. A. Johnson; treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Palmer. Instead of the usual annual banquet given at the Markham hotel each year, a 6 o'clock supper will be given at the Birchmont Beach hotel, at the head of lake Bemidji, about June 10, to which the gentlemen will be invited.

Attorney Carl Heffron returned to Bemidji this morning from Grand Rapids where he spent yesterday on legal business.

GUY EATON HERE TONIGHT

Commander of State Naval Militia Will Address Bemidji Young Men Who Would Join Division Here.

LARGE ATTENDANCE IS URGED

Definite plans will be made at a meeting which will be held in the Commercial club rooms this evening concerning the establishment of a Bemidji division of the State Naval Militia. Guy A. Eaton of Duluth, commander, who addressed the Merchants' association this afternoon, will speak, giving a complete outline of the work and requirements.

Mr. Eaton comes to Bemidji on the invitation of Ralph E. Lyeon, one of the committee appointed by R. H. Schumaker, president of the Commercial club, to ascertain whether the establishment of a division of the militia would be supported here.

Much enthusiasm has been shown and a large number of young men have announced their desire to enlist.

It is important that a large number attend the meeting this evening and a good attendance is urged by the officers of the Commercial club and the committee.

STRANGE FARM PRODUCTS EXHIBITED AT FAIR

San Francisco, May 25.—Historians today were interested in the queer crops from James Bellwood's farm in Virginia which was on exhibition at the Panama-Pacific exposition. The products of this farm included several score Indian flint arrowheads, a round shot fired from the guns of the Merrimac, a three-inch soft nosed shell hurled by a Confederate cannon and imbedded in an oak tree, and several bayonets, sabres and bullets. Before General Washington was born Indians and settlers fought a battle on the site of Bellwood's farm—hence the arrowheads, and in 1864 the battle of Brewer's Bluff, waged there, caused the deposit of other missiles. Numerous skulls and bones were also turned up by Bellwood's plow, but these were buried again in deeper graves than the shallow trenches in which they first reposed.

Itasca Sheriff Here.

Charles Gunderson, sheriff of Itasca county, arrived in Bemidji this morning for the purpose of taking two men, who were held here for a stealing a harness and camping outfit, to Grand Rapids. The men were arrested at Orth and brought here by the constable. Sheriff Gunderson returned with his prisoners this noon.

Is Adjudged Insane.

Michael Hogan, of Kelliher, was taken to the Fergus Falls asylum this morning by Deputy Sheriff Skinvick and Marshal John Brady of Kelliher. Hogan was examined before Judge D. H. Fisk, court commissioner, yesterday and found to be insane.

Mrs. A. A. Andrews went to Crookston yesterday where she will join her husband and return with him to Bemidji by auto.

Read Pioneer Want Ads.

OPTIONISTS WIN IN POLK

Saloons Voted Out of East Grand Forks and Crookston by Majority of 800—Carlton and Lincoln Dry.

WAS STRONG LIQUOR CENTER

By a majority of 800 the saloons of Polk county, one of the state's strongest liquor centers, were voted closed as a result of a county option election. As had been expected, East Grand Forks and Crookston, the only saloon towns, gave the "wets" a majority of 784, but this was not sufficient to overcome the vote of county precincts, all strong for prohibition. Two other counties, Carlton and Lincoln, (the latter dry by 35 votes) also went dry.

Thirty-two saloons and twelve brewery distributing depots in East Grand Forks; twenty-one saloons and two brewery distributing depots in Crookston, and one brewery in each city, are affected by the vote. The brewery stations must close immediately—the saloons in six months. Both breweries probably will be closed.

In East Grand Forks, the wets won by a vote of about four to one, the wet vote being 554, while the drys polled but 124.

In Crookston, the wets assumed a lead of 364, the total vote being on a basis of two to one.

With the elimination of the saloon interests now a certainty, instead of a possibility, business men of both East Grand Forks and Crookston are studying more seriously the probable effect.

For East Grand Forks the elimination of the saloon is regarded with more concern than at Crookston. Its liquor interests really caused the establishment of the city of East Grand Forks, nearly thirty years ago, and during the many years of its existence the city's saloons have retailed between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 worth of liquor across the bars annually. In addition to this, there was the tremendous shipments of liquor into the dry state of North Dakota.

ITALIAN CAVALRY CROSSES FRONTIER; EMMANUEL AT FRONT

(United Press)

Rome, May 25.—Italian cavalry have crossed the Italian frontier and attacked a strong outpost of the enemy and forced the Austrians to retire after a sharp engagement. An Italian destroyer has shelled the Portorosso, an Austrian harbor at the head of the Adriatic, sinking Austrian torpedo flotilla and destroying a landing stage quay and military and naval barracks. The Italians captured 47 prisoners and killed two. The invaders lost one. King Emmanuel of Italy is now at the front.

SEE VALUE IN HATCHERIES

Senators Nord and McGarry Will Introduce Bill Providing Institutions Similar to One Here.

WOULD BE WISE INVESTMENT

After inspecting the Bemidji fish hatchery located at the Minnesota Electric Light and Power company dam, Monday, Senator Leonard H. Nord became so enthusiastic over the results accomplished that with Senator P. H. McGarry, he will introduce a bill during the next legislature for the establishment of like institutions near all the large lakes in the state, the same to be constructed and maintained by the state.

"The Lyeon idea, such as has been inaugurated in Bemidji is one of the best I have ever seen," said Mr. Nord, "and I am of the opinion that the state would consider it a most profitable investment."

Messrs. Nord, Archer of Duluth, H. E. Reynolds, S. C. Bailey, E. A. Barker and E. H. Denu made a trip to the dam Monday afternoon, inspecting the hatchery.

ITALY WILL REMAIN ON DEFENSE-MASON

Critic Believes Last Country to Enter War Will Not Chance Early Reverses—Mobilization Important.

LENGTH OF PERIOD NOT KNOWN

Train Service to Interfere With Progress—Every Delay Means Postponement of Forward Movement.

By J. W. T. MASON.

New York, May 25.—How soon after her declaration of war Italy will be ready to begin her main offensive depends on the rapidity of her mobilization. During the last few months, only Italy's first line troops have been maintained on a war footing. To concentrate most of these corps as a single operative army and move them forward in a selected direction before mobilization has been completed would be perilously unguarded important frontier points.

Unless the Italian general staff hopes to duplicate the initiative of the Germans last August and risk everything on the success of a sudden blow, there will be much delay before Italy's offense is uncovered. Italy, in fact, is not in the military position which Germany occupied at the outbreak of hostilities last year. Germany knew at that time that she could mobilize more quickly than could France, and so was able to move forward without waiting for the full concentration of her troops. But German and Austrian troops are now guarding all the possible lines of march which the Italian armies can follow. A quick, surprise rush, therefore, while possible, is extremely dangerous and might lead to an initial defeat, seriously affecting the Italian morale.

Hold to Defense

To risk the consequences of an early reverse, with the possibility of the enemy securing a strong foothold on Italian territory, would seem to be too daring a policy for the military strategists at Rome to countenance. They will probably decide to hold strictly to the defensive, at least until mobilization is so far advanced as to ensure proper support for the first line defense.

How many days must pass before mobilization approaches completion cannot be known in advance. The German plans for mobilizing, drawn up during peace times, were the only ones that stood the strain of last August's concentrations. Whether Italy can do better, for instance, than France was able to do is not probable. France was thought, theoretically, to be almost as perfect as Germany in mobilizing, but actual experience proved otherwise.

Train Service Slow

If Italy has her mobilization so far advanced as to support her main offensive within a fortnight, she will have displayed marvelous ability for organization and transportation. Train service in Italy is very slow. The fastest running time between Rome and Genoa, 309 miles in 9 1-2 hours, is less than 33 miles an hour. But one train a day makes the journey at that speed, and a supplementary fare is charged on this above the regular rate. This circumstance alone raises serious doubts about the ability of Italy's railway system to bear the strain of mobilization without any breakdowns. Every delay will further postpone the forward movement of the army, and of course, will increase the possibility that the first blow may not be delivered by the Italians at all, but by the Teutonic lines.

ST. PAUL BOXER DIES FOLLOWING SECRET MATCH

(United Press)

St. Paul, May 25.—Kid Simmers, a local boxer, died this afternoon following a secret boxing exhibition when he met Johnny Noyes last night. No arrests have been made. Police had called the fight. Simmers whipped Noyes several weeks ago and animosity over this was accompanied by a return engagement.

D. D. Miller left this noon for Deer River where he will spend the day on insurance matters.

ONE MORE SALOON CLOSED

Message From Detroit Tells That Treaty Law Enforced at Bluffton.

In a message received from Detroit this afternoon it is stated that L. W. Carson, special officer of the Indian department, this afternoon closed the saloon at Bluffton. This action closes every saloon on the Northern Pacific railroad line between Moorhead and Staples. Two barrels of whisky, labeled "laundry compound," were brought to Bemidji yesterday by the Indian agents from Cass Lake. The barrels were addressed to a party in Wilkinson. A five-gallon can of alcohol, labeled "Perfume spirits," was also secured by the agents at Cass Lake. One of the agents in an effort to show his authority, is reported to have stopped four fishermen at Cass Lake, searched their baggage and confiscated four quart bottles of beer.

CREDITORS ARE PROTECTED

Judge Wright in Decision Filed Today Holds That Transfer of Property in Brant Case Fraudulent.

JUDGMENT SECURED IN IDAHO

Judge Wright today filed his decision in the case of Villetta Brant against Lowengart & company, in which the court holds that a deed, given by Jennie J. Gable, formerly a resident of this city, to Villetta Brant, her daughter, was not made in good faith, but for the purpose of placing the property beyond the reach of the creditors of Mrs. Gable, and that Lowengart & company, of Portland, Oregon, properly attached the property and sold it as the property of Jennie J. Gable.

The property involved is 415 Minnesota avenue, the former home of Mrs. Gable. Mrs. Gable removed to Lewiston, Idaho, in 1907, where she engaged in the millinery business, operating a number of stores in that state. In 1913 she became financially involved, and Lowengart & company, a creditor, obtained a judgment against her in Idaho. They brought suit here upon that judgment, attached the property and sold it on May 29, 1914, the year to redeem, expiring on May 29 of this year.

After the indebtedness to Lowengart & company was incurred by Mrs. Gable she decided the property to her daughter, Villetta Brant. It is this deed that the court holds to be of no effect as against the claim of Lowengart & company.

Graham M. Torrance acted as attorney for Lowengart & company, and Henry Prunkley represented Villetta Brant in the matter.

M. & I. HALTS ROAD PLAN

Railroad Company Requests That Taxes Be Abated Before Lease for River Shore Drive is Granted.

COUNCIL REJECTS PROPOSITION

Plans for the establishment of a road along the river from Third street to the Nymore bridge were halted at Monday evening's session of the council when a letter was read by P. J. Russell, city attorney, from the Minnesota & International railroad company demanding that a tax abatement be granted before a lease to the property would be given.

The taxes cover the cost of paving Bemidji avenue, abutting the railroad property, and amount to about \$1,700. The offer was rejected.

At the present crossing there is great danger of accidents and it was believed that a new road would reduce the hazard. Several accidents have been narrowly averted. It is likely that the railroad will be asked to place a day and night switchman at the crossing in order that pedestrians might be protected.

Roy Graham of St. Paul, who has been the guest of Fred Cutter for the past several days, returned to the cities last evening.

COUNCIL DISCUSSES WIRING PROBLEM

Committee of State Inspection Bureau Criticizes Methods Used Here and Comments on Fire Danger.

PURCHASE STRIP AT LUND FARM

Connects State Road—North End Residents Ask for Sewerage—Jitney Buses to Be Licensed.

Electric wiring in the Bemidji business district was condemned by a committee of the state inspection bureau before the council at its Monday evening session. The auditors were addressed by W. O. Chamberlain, R. L. Daniel, J. L. King and S. H. Sabin, Minneapolis insurance men, who had inspected the wiring of various business houses in the city. Each member of the committee urged that the ordinance which had been drawn by P. J. Russell, city attorney, be passed.

"In one business house in this city," said a member of the committee, "we inspected the wiring and found the poorest condition prevailing we have ever met with. The basement extension was connected in a rude manner and instead of using the regular devices for fastening the wires to the beams, cross-nails had been used. Upon investigation we discovered that a clerk had installed the wire and thereby endangering the entire block. Such instances as this are usually the cause of the fires of unknown origin and it should be made a criminal offense for inexperienced men to attempt any alteration of wiring."

"What would be the result if the present conditions were permitted to exist?" was asked by President Lyeon.

Favors Ordinance.

"I am sure that Bemidji is too lively a city and is looking forward to better advertising than to have its wiring condemned and insurance rates increased. The matter would be turned over to the state fire marshal who would undoubtedly use police power to turn off the current. However, I do not believe that the citizens of Bemidji will carry the matter that far and will prefer to have the ordinance passed."

The councilmen promised the committee that they would do all in their power to improve conditions. The ordinance, if passed, will compel the inspection of all electrical work by a city employee who shall have charge of this department and who shall have the power to condemn any improperly installed wires. It was the first reading of the ordinance.

Arrangements were made whereby the city will come into possession of a forty-foot strip of land through the Lund farm, north of Bemidji. This stretch will be used to connect the state road to a shorter route to Doud avenue. The deal was closed for a consideration of \$250. Work commenced this morning cutting the road through which will complete the entire stretch.

Advertise for Bids.

The bid of Goodman & Loitved was accepted for the repairing of a road and turnpike east of the city. This was the only bid presented and was considered reasonable. City Clerk George Stein was instructed to advertise for the cement and concrete work to be done by the city during the coming year.

Members of the Minnesota Avenue Improvement association called the attention of the council to the petition that had been presented to the council last year for the installation of sewerage in the north end of the city. No step was taken to put the proposition through but the petitioners were promised that some action would be taken in the near future.

Mayor William McQuig, chairman of the committee appointed by the Merchants' association to aid in repairing the road west of the city over the swamp, addressed the council and asked that some step be taken to improve this highway. The matter was laid on the table and the city engineer was instructed to estimate the cost of paving and report at the next meeting.

Reports of several of committees in charge of various branches of the city's improvement department, reported. In the report of the health officer, conditions about the city were declared to be in excellent shape with the exception of the old Samaritan Hospital ruins and a few points along the lake shore where old boat houses have not been cared for. Action will be taken immediately to improve these conditions.

Must Have License.

The third reading of the "Jitney" ordinance was read and passed which will compel all car drivers running a street service to have a license.

Mrs. S. A. Smith of Renville and Mrs. Clara Korghon of Minneapolis are spending several days in the city as the guests of Mrs. R. E. Miller.

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