

COUNTY "WET" BY SEVEN VOTES

WILL CONTEST ELECTION; STEENERSON ROLLS UP A DRY VOTE; BIG GRASS WET

Beltrami County Votes to Retain Its Fourteen Saloons; Unofficial Returns Give Liquor Men Small Majority; Vote to Be Contested; "Dry" Advocates Confident of the Final Outcome.

QUESTION OF INDIAN VOTE AT RED LAKE AGENCY MAY BE TAKEN TO SUPREME COURT

Beltrami county voted to retain its fourteen saloons at the county option election according to unofficial returns.

Unofficial returns received from Pioneer, Big Grass and Steenerston townships, the missing precincts, late last night give the "wets" a lead of seven votes.

Pioneer it is reported went dry by six votes. Big Grass went wet by three votes. Steenerston cast seven votes dry and four votes wet.

The totals yesterday without these precincts was 1,548 dry and 1,561 wet, a lead of 13 for the wets. Including these three precincts the complete vote would give the "wets" a lead of seven.

May Be Changes. As these figures are not official there may be several small changes. The vote is so close that it will undoubtedly be contested.

Besides contesting the votes from all precincts, a test case may be started to test the vote of the Indians at the Red Lake Indian reservation.

Both Sides Work Hard. The county option election was one of the closest had in this county for years.

One of the features of the election was the rural vote. Without including the precincts of Pioneer, Steenerston and Big Grass the rural districts went dry by 197 votes while the villages went wet by 210 votes.

Beltrami, Blackduck, Redby and Tenstrike were the only villages in the "dry" column. Spooner cast a tie vote.

Only 20 townships out of 67 cast a majority for the "wets."

The following letter was received today from Walter F. Finch of Minneapolis, official representative of the Anti-Saloon League:

August 17, 1916. Mr. F. G. Neumeier, Editor Bemidji Daily Pioneer, Bemidji, Minn. Dear Sir: We wish to congratulate you and your paper upon the heroic stand you have taken and the efficient service you have rendered in the county option campaign in your county.

It is difficult to fully estimate the value to the cause of righteousness and sobriety of our daily papers and it is this sentiment for better things courageously expressed by the press of our state and nation, which is shaping to very great extent the public sentiment for a better condition of things in the present and the future.

Wishing you ever success in your courageous efforts for a better county and state, I am in behalf of the league, Sincerely yours, WALTER F. FINCH.

WILSON VETOES ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Wilson today vetoed the army appropriation bill on account of a provision exempting retired army officers from liability to service and discipline under articles of war.

3 TO 12 BUSHELS OF WHEAT TO THE ACRE

Crookston, Minn., Aug. 18.—The first threshing reports received today from the usually productive Red River valley show from three to twelve bushels of wheat to the acre. The storms and rust are blamed.

\$25,000 LOG CABIN IS USED IN PHOTOPLAY

The summer home of George Sullivan, one of Milwaukee's wealthiest citizens, was used in Essanay's five-act feature, "The Misleading Lady."

FORMER BEMIDJI DOCTOR ATTEMPTS SUICIDE AT FORKS

Dr. R. B. Foster, Here Up to Ten Years Ago, Hangs Self to Door With Bed Sheet.

BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN MENTALLY UNBALANCED

Came to Bemidji 17 Years Ago; Had Good Practice Here; Went Later to Fosston.

Dr. R. B. Foster, dentist in Grand Forks, formerly of Bemidji, attempted to commit suicide last night by hanging himself to the door of a vallet in the office of Dr. Henry Tisdale, chiropractor, in the Security Bank building, Grand Forks, N. D.

Well Known Here.

Dr. Foster was well known in Bemidji. He came to this city about 17 years ago and practiced dentistry here. He left Bemidji about ten years ago, selling his practice to Dr. G. M. Palmer and moving to Fosston where he opened an office.

Mentally Unbalanced.

Early last evening Dr. Tisdale met Dr. Foster coming out of his office in the Security Bank building. Dr. Foster appeared to be in a state of great excitement, and told Dr. Tisdale that he "was going to the court house to deliver himself up."

Attempts to Load Rifle.

While they were talking Dr. Foster seized an opportunity when his companion's back was turned and then took a rifle from a shelf in the

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3 MORE DAYS OF HOT WEATHER PREDICTED

(By United Press) Chicago, Ill., Aug. 18.—Three more days of scorching weather was the prediction of the weather man today. The temperature here was 95 degrees above today.

WILLIAM SELZER DIES AT THE WYNNE HOME

William Selzer died Wednesday at the Jas. B. Wynne home in the northern part of the county. He was 62 years of age and was one of the pioneers of this county.

BEMIDJI MERCHANTS TO MEET TUESDAY

The Bemidji Merchants association will hold a meeting next Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. A report will be made by the committees in charge of the farm contest being conducted under the auspices of the association.

BLACKDUCK COUPLE GRANTED WEDDING LICENSE

Robert Daigh Rattigan and Miss Lavina Barbara Legler, both of Blackduck, were granted licenses to be wed at the office of the clerk of the court this morning.

COUNTIES GIVEN EXCESS UNDER SWAMP ACT

Washington, Aug. 18.—Favorable action was taken by the house public lands committee on a bill which gives to the counties in Minnesota, including Beltrami, the excess above \$1.25 an acre and drainage charges of funds realized from sales of lands under the Volstead swamp land act.

FRENCH IN BIG ATTACK CAPTURE FLUERY VILLAGE

Powerful Drive Makes Germans Retreat From Portion of Village Held.

RUSSIANS THREATEN HUNGARY INVASION

Fight Against Ambassador Gerard on Account of Utterances Reported Subsiding.

Gerard Fight Subsiding.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—The fight against Ambassador Gerard on account of the alleged utterances regarding the German censorship, appeared subsiding today.

British Make Gains.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—It was officially admitted that the British have succeeded in pressing back the German first line southwest of Mantupich on a narrow front, but the British were repulsed north of Pozieres and west of the Fourreaux woods.

Trenches Full of Dead.

London, Aug. 18.—The British last night extended gains made yesterday northwest of Bazentillepitt, entering German trenches. These trenches were filled with dead.

To Reinforce Teutons.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—(Official)—The Turks have rushed into Galicia to reinforce the Teutons on the Bothmers front.

Russian attacks have been repulsed in the Carpathians.

PRESIDENTS OF RAILWAYS DISCUSS STRIKE PROBLEM WITH PRESIDENT WILSON

Meeting Being Held This Afternoon; Reported That Proposals of Wilson are Acceptable to the Brotherhoods But are Opposed by Railway Heads; Definite Action May Be Taken Late Today.

APPEAL MAY BE MADE TO STOCKHOLDERS AND FINANCIAL LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY

Washington, Aug. 18.—The railway wage conflict is likely to reach a head before night. The brotherhoods' favorable action on President Wilson's recommendations is expected and interest is now centered on action of railway managers.

Holden is Named Spokesman.

It is understood that they suggested that the president fix some method where there could be no excessive overtime, under the eight-hour scheme.

HUGHES MAY SPEND TIME IN CALIFORNIA

(By United Press) Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 18.—On account of the Progressive-Republican friction over Governor Johnson, it seems likely today that Charles Hughes will spend the greater part of his time in California spreading "soothing balm."

Wants 8-Hour Day.

The railroad presidents sustain their managers' President Wilson will appeal finally to the financial powers which control the railroads, for it is his purpose to deal with the ultimate authorities before he gives up his efforts.

Regular pay at the eight-hour day rate for overtime.

To refer all other collateral issues to a small commission to be created by congress on which the employees, the railroads and the public would be represented.

Ready to Arbitrate.

But from such information as can be gathered it appears that the railroad presidents, if the managers' committee understands them, are unalterably opposed to conceding the eight-hour day, or anything else out of hand, but are quite ready to arbitrate anything and everything in almost any form of arbitration upon which the employees and the committee may agree.

Future Can Tell.

If the railroad presidents persist in that view and are supported by the financial powers, only the future can tell the outcome.

Future Can Tell.

With the growing seriousness of the situation, congress began paying more real attention to the crisis today and there were many indications of intervention to prevent a nationwide tie-up.

THE PRESIDENT TODAY DECLARED HE BELIEVED IN THE PRINCIPLE OF THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY AND THAT HE THOUGHT THE GREATER PART OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES HELD A SIMILAR VIEW.

He also sought to impress on the men that he knew what it meant to work for a living. He said he had learned early in life the trials of "making both ends meet."

Regarding the collateral issues, the president admitted that he was at a loss to say how they should be settled.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS INCREASES IN CHICAGO

(By United Press) Chicago, Aug. 18.—The infantile paralysis epidemic is increasing. Eighty cases were reported during the past month. Officials admit the spread, but denied today that it had reached a stage of malady.

ONE KILLED IN ST. PAUL AUTO SMASHUP

(By United Press) St. Paul, Aug. 18.—Jack Dean, 35, was instantly killed last night in a Selby avenue automobile smashup.

ST. PAUL PAPERS PLEASE COPY THIS

(By United Press) Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 18.—"I saw more drunks in Minneapolis in one day than in Kansas in ten years," Bishop Frank R. Millwippen of the Diocese of Kansas, said from the pulpit while visiting his brother here.



CARTER, in NEW YORK EVENING SUN

We Did It!