

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CONFIDENT STRIKE WILL BE DELAYED

FIRST STATE BANK OF LAPORTE WRECKED BY BIG EXPLOSION

Dynamite Believed to Have Been Set Off by Someone Having Grudge Against Institution.

NEARLY ALL WINDOWS IN VILLAGE BROKEN

Bank Damage Estimated at \$1,800; No Attempt Made to Get Into the Vault.

(By Special Correspondent) Laporte, Minn., Sept. 3.—Dynamite placed under the entrance of the First State bank of Laporte late Tuesday night wrecked the bank and broke nearly every window in this village.

It is not known who wrecked the bank and no arrests have been made, although investigations have been made.

No attempt was made to open the vault of the bank and no money or valuable papers were taken. It is believed that the dynamite was set off by someone who had a grudge against the bank.

The bank is located on a corner and has a corner entrance. The dynamite was placed near the door and when it was set off the explosion wrecked the entire interior of the bank.

The damage is estimated at over \$1,800.

Traveling men who were at the hotel, upon hearing the explosion, ran to the wrecked building but were unable to find any trace of the persons who committed the act. No one was seen running from the place.

A young man and young lady reported that they noticed someone light a match at the bank corner shortly before the explosion.

All strangers in towns were accounted for and the act could not be attached to any of them. It is the belief of authorities that the dynamite was placed by someone living in Laporte or near the village.

J. A. Cater is cashier of the bank.

MOTORS FROM PARK IN ONE HOUR, THREE MINUTES

Eugene and Robert Kegley of Cedar Rapids, Ia., are visiting Edwin Dean in Bemidji. They motored to this city yesterday from Detroit in their Ford car. They made record time between the state park and Bemidji, making the trip in one hour and three minutes.

WILSON SIGNS CHILD LABOR BILL; IS GLAD

Washington, Sept. 1.—President Wilson today signed the child labor bill. "I am glad," he said, as he was signing the bill.

AMMONIA FUMES KILL THREE IN KANSAS CITY

(By United Press) Kansas City, Sept. 1.—Ammonia fumes killed three in an explosion in the refrigerator plant of the Neur meat market today.

MISS SPEARS OPENS MELBA BEAUTY PARLORS

Miss Sara M. Spears today opened up the Melba Beauty Parlors in the O'Leary-Bowser building. She will make a specialty of shampooing, manicuring and chiropody.

HUGHES STARTS EAST AFTER VACATION

(By United Press) Estes Park, Colo., Sept. 1.—Refreshed by a week's vacation here, Charles E. Hughes and his campaign party left this afternoon for Topeka and Kansas City, where he is scheduled to deliver two speeches tomorrow on the last lap of his western tour.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK HOTELS CLOSED

(By United Press) St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 1.—Yellowstone National Park hotels closed today. On account of unsettled transportation conditions, H. W. Childs, president of the company that operates the hotels, decided he would not further attempt to operate the hotels. The season's close is usually made Sept. 15.

DEBATE ESTABLISHMENT OF WIRELESS STATIONS

(By United Press) Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 1.—Establishment of wireless stations to give jewelers' time, by keeping in touch with the Arlington wireless station, was debated by the American National Retail Jewelers' association today. Three of the 700 jewelers attending the annual convention here today maintain such stations. H. E. Duncan, father of the idea, said:

"Because jewelers inspect railroad men's watches free, with the company's sanction, the association favors an amendment to the federal anti-pass law, to permit these jewelers to ride free."

FORD AUTO COMPANY MAKES MILLION A WEEK

Financial Statement of Firm is Made Public; Year's Business Totals \$206,867,347.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 1.—A profit of more than \$1,000,000 a week was made by the Ford Motor Co. during the year which ended July 31, according to the financial statement made public yesterday. The year's business totaled \$206,867,347; the year's profits were \$59,994,118.

BEMIDJI RAILWAYS PLAN TO OPERATE AT LEAST ONE TRAIN

W. H. Gemmill of the Minnesota & International Road, Issues Statement.

PERISHABLE FREIGHT WILL NOT BE RECEIVED

Travelers Notified That Railway Will Not Be Responsible for Delays.

Railways operating in Bemidji plan to operate at least one train each way each day in case of the railway strike becoming effective next Monday.

W. H. Gemmill, general manager of the Minnesota & International railway, yesterday issued the following statement to agents:

Brainerd, Aug. 31, 1916.

All Agents: In view of the announcement of certain employees of this company to engage in a strike effective seven o'clock a. m., Monday, Sept. 4, the widest publicity should be given the following:

First—Intending travelers should be notified that the company will not be responsible for delays after the time above mentioned.

Second—All shippers should be notified that non-perishable freight only will be received and that subject to delay.

Third—It will be the purpose of this company so far as it may be possible to do so, to provide the necessary transportation for the health and subsistence of the communities it serves.

Fourth—It is the intention of the company to move at least one train each way daily over its main lines for the transportation of passengers, mail and express.

Fifth—The company will gradually expand these activities so far as may be practicable. The officers of all municipalities along our lines should be advised that our ability to carry out this program will be largely dependent upon the effective protection to the company and its property which they afford. Agents will give papers copy and post copy in their stations.

—W. H. Gemmill, General Manager.

PROHIBITION LEADER DIES IN KANSAS

(By United Press) Olathe, Kan., Sept. 1.—John P. St. John, candidate for the presidency on the Prohibition ticket in 1884, twice governor of Kansas and one of the most widely known temperance advocates, is dead. He was 83 years of age.

NINE GUARDS OUSTED FROM DAKOTA PRISON

Investigation is Made of the Escape of 22 Convicts in Past Six Weeks.

(By United Press) Bismarck, Sept. 1.—Nine guards have been ousted from the North Dakota state penitentiary as a result of an investigation of the escape of 22 convicts during the past sixty days.

Among the guards are the men who had charge of the milk crew, two of whom escaped; the man who had charge of the men butchering when two escaped; a guard who was supposed to be a close friend of Neavles, a man who was stationed near a convict who reported that he had heard the clash of the crowbar against the brick on the day that the holes were made, but the guard did not hear it, or if he did, did not investigate.

Eight employees who are no longer connected with the prison are: Joe Myers, T. C. Farman, T. E. Gibson, J. E. Burke, S. W. Callahan, Roy Riggs and E. S. Hilgrum.

HALF OF BRUNO, SASK. DESTROYED BY FIRE

Winnipeg, Sept. 1.—Half of Bruno, Saskatchewan, was burned last night.



"Great Scott, Woodrow! I've Been Up in the Air Almost Four Years!"

SEASON TICKETS FREE IN PIONEER MOVIE CONTEST

Merchants and Theater Men Co-operate in Contest to Open Tomorrow.

WHY PAY TO SEE MOVIES WHEN TICKETS ARE FREE?

Valuable Gifts to Be Given; Contest to Come to a Close Next Week.

Hello, Mary! Everybody knows Mary Pickford. At least everybody should recognize her picture when seen. Mary will be among the movie stars whose pictures tomorrow in the biggest moving picture contest ever held in Bemidji. Many prizes, valuable prizes, will be given to the persons who can name the pictures. Two season tickets to each the Grand and Rex theaters will be awarded to the ones giving the nearest perfect score. The following business men will give prizes to the successful contestants: Northern National bank, Grand theater, Rex theater, George T. Baker & Co., Netzer's Pharmacy, Abercrombie & McCready and the Pioneer Publishing company. Watch the Pioneer tomorrow.

BEMIDJI LAKE FISH TRIP NEAR TRAGEDY

Woman Correspondent of Pioneer Submits Work of Art on Fishing Excursion.

(Note—The following article was written by a woman. It was sent to the editor of the Pioneer with the following quotation: "Clip, if you must, these old word heads, but spare this work of art," he said. Bless your heart, we would not clip a word of the masterpiece which follows.—Editor.)

A. A. Buckman and Louis Brechet returned Thursday from a fishing excursion to Wolf Lake. The trip was made over balmey waters in a little green canoe. Arriving at Wolf Lake, the old time fishermen fished all day and by nightfall, "48 shiny" pike were the result. It was time to go home, but sad to relate, the waters were not so balmey. The waves dashed high. But hope came in the form of a launch, which rescued the stranded fishermen and offered them a tow home. They were happy once more, but not for long. The rough, angry waves of Big Bemidji lake broke all the shiny pike and the little green canoe away from the launch and when the happy fishermen reached home, everything was lost. In the meantime, the ill-fated canoe had floated over to Lakeside, where great consternation and sorrow was felt for the drowned unfortunates. The excitement was so great that all the 40 shiny pike remained untouched. The following morning five old time fishermen heard of the tragedy and immediately rowed over and claimed their prize.

RUMANIANS INVADE BULGARIA AND TAKE CITY OF RUSTCHUK

Salonika Official Reports That Bulgaria Has Declared War on Rumania.

TRANSYLVANIA ADVANCE CONTINUES WITH SUCCESS

Germans Repulsed in Counter Attack Against British Lines on the Somme.

(By United Press) Geneva, Sept. 1.—Newspapers report that the Rumanians have invaded Bulgaria and have captured Rustchuk. The reports lack confirmation. London, Sept. 1.—Reuters has a Salonika dispatch stating that the crown prince has been appointed regent, following King Constantine's reported abdication. This is unconfirmed. A general mobilization of the Greek army is reported ordered. Venizelos, ex-minister, who favors war, is reported heading the Zaimis ministry. Bucharest, Sept. 1.—(Official)—The Rumanians are continuing their advance through Transylvania with successes in all directions. They have occupied the Tarlunge valley and the industrial center of Petrosham. London, Sept. 1.—Using the German nutcracker style the Rumanians are pressing forward with both wings seizing Austrians from Southeastern Transylvania. The Austrians have abandoned 400,000 square miles of Transylvanian territory. Salonika, Sept. 1.—(Official)—Bulgaria has declared war on Rumania. Berlin, Sept. 1.—The Bulgarian legation has been dispatched that Bulgaria has merely severed diplomatic relations with Bulgaria. London, Sept. 1.—(Official)—The Germans in a counter attack on the British Somme lines last night were repulsed.

TO CONFIRM GLASS AT HINES SUNDAY

A class of nine of the Swedish Lutheran church will be confirmed at the Hines school house Sunday. Rev. J. H. Randahl of the Swedish Lutheran church of Bemidji, Rev. W. Erickson of McIntosh and August Westland will assist in the services. Services will be held in the morning beginning at ten o'clock. Afternoon services will begin immediately after lunch.

MISS KATHLEEN HAWKINS DIES IN MINNEAPOLIS

Word has been received in Bemidji of the death of Miss Kathleen Hawkins in Minneapolis, Tuesday night. Miss Hawkins was formerly of this city and had many friends here. She was a student at the University of Minnesota and was a charming young girl.

SLIDE BLOCKS PANAMA CANAL AT CUCARACHA

No Vessels Have Passed Since Wednesday, Panama Canal Commission Learns.

(By United Press) Washington, Sept. 1.—The Panama Canal commission today learned that a slide has blocked 200 feet of the canal at Cucaracha, south of Gold Hill. No vessels have passed since Wednesday.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ELKS BUILDING

Edward Jackson Given Contract for \$30,000; Work to Be Started Immediately.

REX THEATER TO BE LOCATED IN BUILDING

Old Theater to Be Closed; Building Will Be Completed About December First.

Contracts were let late yesterday afternoon to Edward Jackson for the Bemidji Elks' home to be located at the corner of Fourth street and Beltrami avenue. The new building will be a two-story structure and will cost about \$30,000. It is planned to have the building completed by December first.

The structure will be 50x140 feet, the front being on Beltrami avenue. On the first floor, besides two store rooms, will be located a theater, which has been leased by the Harding-Whaley company for the Rex theater. The old Rex theater will be very complete and entrance will be through a 50-foot arcade. The seating capacity of the theater will be more than the present Grand. An exit will be on the Fourth street side of the building.

Oliver Whaley will be in charge of the theater. "Plans at present are to close the old Rex theater as soon as the new building is completed," said Mr. Whaley today. "Every effort will be made to have the building ready by December first. We have been assured by the contractors that we will have a very up-to-date house and that it will be very beautiful. Besides an office in the building, we have made special arrangements for a woman's rest room. The room will be equipped with glass so that mothers with crying children can go to the room and still see the pictures. The stage will be small and will not be equipped at present. We plan to feature both the Grand and the new theater, giving the Bemidji people the best pictures that the world produces." On the second floor of the building will be located the Elks' lodge rooms.

SENATE ADOPTS EMBARGO BILL

Senator James' Amendment Prohibiting Importation Where Embargoes are in Force, Passed.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Senator James' amendment to the revenue bill authorizing President Wilson to prohibit importation into the United States of certain articles from countries where embargoes are in force against American products was unanimously passed by the senate late yesterday. Explaining the purpose of the amendment, Senator James said Great Britain had placed an embargo on American tobacco products which eliminated Holland; the Scandinavian countries and the Central powers from the market heretofore open to tobacco producers.

300 GUESTS AT REST ROOM DURING AUGUST

Three hundred persons registered at the Rest Room during the month of August, according to a report made by Mrs. A. Thompson. This number includes shoppers and travelers.

STATE DEPUTY TO ENFORCE SCHOOL LAW

(By United Press) Brainerd, Minn., Sept. 1.—School opens in Brainerd Sept. 5. The state department of labor notified the superintendent that the department will furnish a state deputy if necessary to enforce the attendance law.

EIGHT HOUR DAY LEGISLATION MAY BE PASSED TODAY

Heads Adopt Special Rule Permitting Passage of Adamson Act at 4:30 o'Clock.

RAILWAYS PLAN TO TAKE LEGISLATION TO COURTS

Bills May Postpone Strike But Will Not Settle Railway Trouble, is Report.

RULED THAT CONGRESS HAS NO WAGE POWER

(By United Press) Washington, Sept. 1.—President Wilson worked at the capitol all day today on the rail strike situation. He conferred with congressmen, asking that they speed through the Adamson bill. He left for Long Branch at three o'clock this afternoon.

Wilson Confident

President Wilson told the cabinet today that he firmly believed that the eight-hour legislation would be passed by tonight.

Leaders are today confident that strike legislation will be passed before Saturday night. They believe that the legislation will be sufficient to delay the strike.

The house adopted by a special rule today permitting the passage of the Adamson eight-hour bill at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

It was conceded today by Democratic leaders that the bill finally passed would provide only for an eight-hour day for trainmen in interstate commerce, effective December 1 or January 1, with the present 10-hour rate of pay and pro rata overtime and a small commission appointed by the president to investigate the working of the law from six to nine months and report to congress.

The Adamson Bill

This, with the date December 1, is in substance the Adamson bill, revised by Representative Adamson and Democratic Leader Kitchin, after conferring with President Wilson and which A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the brotherhoods, stated formally, would be considered a "satisfactory settlement" and would prevent the walkout. The interstate commerce commission has agreed to report out a similar bill with the date January 1, and roads under 200 miles in length exempted.

Speaker Clark has remarked that enactment of the strike legislation by Saturday night would mean final adjournment of congress next Wednesday.

To Supreme Court

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Western railway executives state that they will carry the congressional railway legislation pending to the supreme court. They stated that such a bill might postpone the strike but it would not settle the trouble.

STRIKE MAY TIE UP BASEBALL LEAGUES

(By United Press) St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 1.—American association officials are today exchanging by wires, their views of averting tying up baseball simultaneously with a railroad strike. President J. W. Norton of the St. Paul club is quoted as favoring tying up St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Kansas City in the Twin Cities, to play an emergency schedule until the strike ends. Toledo and Indianapolis he would pair at either Columbus or Louisville.

BILLPOSTERS' TRUST IS DISSOLVED BY LANDIS

(By United Press) Chicago, Sept. 1.—By formal decree of Federal Judge Landis today the associational billposters and distributors of the United States and Canada, called the billposters' trust, was dissolved, and now every man with a bucket of paste and some posters is at liberty to splatter art all over the landscape. The men charged that the "trust" controlled practically every billboard in the country.

FIVE MORE DIE AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION

(By United Press) Washington, Sept. 1.—Five more men have died as a result of the explosion of the cruiser Memphis, when it struck rocks at Santo Domingo, it was reported here today.