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RUSSIAN AND RUMANIAN FORCES RETREAT BEFORE TEUTONS

BULGARIA AND GERMAN FORCES CONTINUE BIG RUMANIA DRIVE

Rumanians and Russians Lose Heavily in the Dobrudja Region. Say Reports.

BATTLE FOR GINCHY CONTINUES IN WEST

Russians Make Gains on Carpathian Front: Attempt at Lemberg Lines Fail.

The following is the summary of the European war today:

Rumania Front.
Berlin reports that over one-third of the territory that the Rumanians took from Bulgaria at the close of the second Balkan war has been reconquered by the German-Bulgarian forces. The Rumanians and the Russians are retreating toward the Danube and are abandoning more positions south and east of Silistra. In a little over a week the Germans and Bulgarians have captured far more Rumanian territory than the Allies have been able to take of the German territory since the starting of the war. The Germans and Bulgarians have recaptured the old Bulgarian fortress of Silistra on the Rumanian territory. This is on the second line of defenses along the Rumanian border and is 60 miles east of Bucharest. The Russians and Rumanians lost heavily in the Dobrudja region.

Carpathian Front.
The Russians have gained west of Shypot. Everywhere else the Russians have been repulsed. Russian attempts to break through Austrian lines near Lemberg failed. The Russians have occupied Benan on the Caucasus front, according to the Petrograd official statement.

Western Front.
The heavy allied bombardment of German counter attacks is continuing. The Berlin official statement states that the Germans lost advanced trenches between Ginchy and Comblès to the British. Fighting for Ginchy continues. The London statement says that two German counter attacks against the village of Ginchy which the Irish captured Saturday have been repulsed.

The official Paris statement says that the Germans have launched five attacks against the French lines south of Somme between Berny and a point south of Chaulne. Germans are reported to be losing heavily. The second anniversary of the battle of Marne was marked by impressive ceremonies in Paris yesterday.

PROHI CANDIDATE DON'T EXPECT TO WIN

(By United Press)
Fargo, N. D., Sept. 11.—"I have no chance to be elected president of the United States but I hope to get enough votes to show the other parties the growing of prohibition sentiment and to force them to adopt prohibition planks in their 1920 platforms." J. Frank Henley, prohibition presidential candidate told crowds of persons at several points in North Dakota today.

DR. ROWLAND GILMORE IMPROVES IN HEALTH

It is reported today that Dr. Rowland Gilmore who recently underwent an operation in Baltimore is improving rapidly in health.

PROTEST AGAINST BRITISH BLACKLIST

(By United Press)
Buenos Aires, Sept. 11.—Immense crowds attended a huge mass meeting here today, demonstrating against the British blacklist.

A. J. Naugle left yesterday for El Paso, Tex., where he was called on business.

QUEBEC BRIDGE FALLS; MANY WORKMEN KILLED

Bridge to Link Up Transcontinental System Falls Into Water; Chains Slip.

(By United Press)
Montreal, Sept. 11.—The central span of the Quebec bridge, under construction for many months, fell this morning, killing many workmen. The bridge would link up the transcontinental system from Halifax to Vancouver. The span, weighing 500 tons, was towed to the British side this morning and was being hoisted 150 feet when chains slipped and the span fell into the water, taking along many workmen.

EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS FOR THE OPENING OF COUNTY FAIR

Fair Board Makes Arrangements for Ten Cent Jitney Fares to the Fair Grounds.

PUSHMOBILE RACE TO BE STAGED

Boys Busy Constructing Cars; Special Prizes to Be Awarded to Contestants.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the Beltrami county fair Wednesday. Exhibits are being received and officials are of the opinion that this fair will surpass any fair Beltrami county has ever had.

As a special feature a pushmobile race has been scheduled for Thursday and Friday afternoons. A pushmobile is constructed of a coaster wagon and is operated by boy power. All boys sixteen years or under may enter this contest. The boys must furnish their own cars. All boys wishing to enter should leave their names at the Pioneer office. Two prizes will be awarded: first prize five dollars and second prize three dollars. The boys winning the race Thursday will not be permitted to race Friday. The race will be run in the early part of the afternoon's program and the distance will be 200 yards.

Arrangements have been made by fair officials for the charging of a ten cent jitney fair to the fair grounds.

The Bemidji band will give concerts Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Huron, S. D., Sept. 11.—The South Dakota state fair was opened here today with a large attendance.

PINCHOT FLAYS WILSON POLICIES; ENDORSES HUGHES FOR PRESIDENT

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 11.—Gifford Pinchot in a statement today announces his intention to support Charles E. Hughes for president.

He said in part: "I am neither a Democrat, nor a Republican, but a Progressive.

"The one thing that Wilson's record shows is that he stands for long. I do not care what his platform or his declarations may be, because the common experience of us all has taught us that to him they are simply molasses to catch flies."

"Hughes, on the other hand, is a man of his word. His record as governor of New York proves that. It shows him to be honest, fearless and free from the domination of special

BROWN TO ST. PAUL TO BEGIN INQUIRY OF GRAFT CHARGES IN KOOCHICHING

Bemidji Attorney Named Commissioner to Hold Conference With the Governor.

THREE COMMISSIONERS NAMED FOR COUNTY

Charges are Made of Brewery Activity in Connection With Inquiry.

Attorney M. J. Brown of Bemidji, who has been named commissioner to take testimony in the cases against Koochiching county officials, will leave tonight for St. Paul where he will hold a conference with Governor J. A. A. Burnquist tomorrow.

Witnesses will be summoned at the conference for both sides. It is reported that friends of L. H. Slocum, former county auditor, and of R. S. McDonald, William Harrington and Harold Royem, county commissioners, who were temporarily removed by Governor Burnquist following charges filed by other citizens of International Falls, will be on hand to present a defense.

It is alleged that the auditor and the three commissioners participated in the alleged illegal expenditure of more than \$100,000 in road contracts and in the payment of \$95,000 in commissions for floating county road and ditch funds.

Governor Burnquist has named the following men to act temporarily in place of the commissioners who were removed: Burt Colburn, Thomas Watson and Hugh McIntosh.

It has been reported in St. Paul that the entire affair resulted from dissatisfaction over the county option election in Koochiching county, when the county went dry by less than 20 votes.

Friends of Slocum, it is said, assert that he refused to line up with the wets and the charges now brought are the result.

STAMP TAX IS OFF; NEW REVENUE BILL

Telegrams, Express Packages, Etc., No Longer Require a Revenue Stamp.

Telegrams, express packages, negotiable instruments, etc., no longer require a revenue stamp. The reason is the new revenue bill passed just before congress adjourned, automatically repealed all the various stamp tax items that harried everyone because of the 1914 emergency revenue measure.

interests and corrupt politicians. So far as the conservation policies are concerned, both what he said and what he did could hardly have been better. I am confident that under him these policies will be safe. He is a strong man who will dodge no moral issues, and he will give us an honest and efficient administration.

"As a Progressive I believe in Nationalism. So does Hughes. I am certain that under Hughes the progressive policies will fare better than under Wilson; and that the safety, honor and welfare of the country will be immeasurably surer hands.

"I can not vote for Wilson because I can not trust him. He does not do what he says. Hughes does. Therefore my choice is Hughes, and I shall work and vote for him."

BELTRAMI COUNTY GRAND JURY TO BEGIN TIMBER FRAUD INQUIRY

Several Prosecutions are Promised in Trespass on State Timber Lands.

THREE MEN AWAIT ACTION OF JURY

Body to Be Called Wednesday Morning; State Auditor Preus Makes Statement.

Wholesale prosecutions resulting from disclosures of alleged frauds and trespass on state lands in Northern Minnesota will start Wednesday in an investigation by the Beltrami county grand jury, according to an announcement made Saturday by J. A. O. Preus, state auditor.

This investigation, he said, will be a sequel to the chase of the "Flying Dutchman," a portable sawmill, apprehended by the state officials over Northern Minnesota early last spring, following reports of alleged trespass charged to the mill and its crew. The mill seized at Kelliher was the property of Miller brothers of Bemidji. The inquiry resulted in three arrests in June, the charges being unlawfully entering state lands and cutting state timber.

John G. Miller and Mike Haley were arrested at Bagley and bound over to the grand jury, which is to meet Wednesday.

The third arrest was that of Leonard Ferritann, who was captured in Minneapolis and has been in jail at Bemidji, having failed to secure bail, the officers said.

RECORD VOTE IN MAINE ELECTION

Nation Watches the Way State Votes; Fair Weather Brings Out Voters.

(By United Press)
Boston, Mass., Sept. 11.—Fair weather today indicated that there will be a record vote cast in the Maine state and national primary being held today. Politicians over the entire country are watching to see what Maine does on account of the saying, "Maine will indicate the way, the presidential election is going."

MISS BLANCH DOOR IS ENGLISH TEACHER

Miss Laura Michener, who was called to her home at Preston, Minn., on account of the sudden death of her mother, has resigned her position as instructor in the English department of the high school. Miss Blanch Door of Mankato has been appointed to the position. She began her duties today.

FREE CONCERT AT CITY HALL FRIDAY

The Bemidji band will give a free concert at the city hall Friday evening beginning at eight o'clock. After the concert a dance will be given at which the admission price will be 75 cents per couple.

U. S. STEEL COMMON GOES TO HIGH RECORD

(By United Press)
New York, Sept. 11.—U. S. Steel, common, went to 103 3/4 today, a high record.

MEXICANS OUTLINE PLAN TO DIVIDE LAND

Large Mexican Holding to Be Broken Up; Legalista Party Protests Against Loan.

(By United Press)
New London, Sept. 11.—Mexican commissioners today outlined to the American commissioners plans for the redistribution of lands through taxation. The scheme is to break up the large Mexican holdings as a possible solution to Mexico's problems.

Washington, Sept. 11.—General Funston today reported officially discrediting the reports of Villa's activity.

El Paso, Sept. 11.—Representatives of the Legalista party have forwarded to Washington a protest against the United States loaning Carranza money, declaring that that was the real object of the present New London conference.

RED RIVER VALLEY MINISTERS' LEAGUE TO HOLD BIBLE CONFERENCE HERE

Swedish Mission Friends Ministers' Association to Meet Here Wednesday to Sunday.

MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Interesting Programs to Be Given; Many Ministers Expected to Be Present.

The Red River Valley Swedish Mission Friends Ministers' association will hold a Bible conference in Bemidji Sept. 13-17, inclusive. The meetings will be held at the Presbyterian church and it is expected that a large number of out-of-town ministers and laymen will be present.

The conference will begin Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Sessions will be held daily at nine o'clock in the morning, at two o'clock p. m., and evangelical services will be held at eight o'clock.

On Sunday three meetings will be held: 10:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m., and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Interesting programs will be given at all sessions of the conference. Bible readings, discussions and papers on different questions will be presented. Special programs of music will also be given.

A welcome is extended to Bemidji people to attend the meetings.

UNIONS TO GO ON SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

Stage Employees, Longshore Men, Brewery Workers, Machinists to Aid Car Men.

New York, Sept. 11.—Heads of the unions have decided to call a strike of 250,000 union stage employees, longshoremen, brewery workers, machinists, bartenders and molders as a sympathetic strike with the carmen, who are losing their strike. Union leaders must get a strike vote from their members.

Wilkes Barre, Pa., Sept. 11.—Seventy-five thousand workers of all crafts will strike unless the city council passes an ordinance forcing jitney drivers out of business. This is on account of the street car strike that has been on since October, 1915.

Kansas City, Sept. 11.—Southwest miners will perhaps go on a strike late this afternoon. A strike order will follow refusal to accede to demands at a conference today.

EXAMINER REPORTS \$62,000 ILLEGALLY USED IN HIBBING IN PAST 5 YEARS

Public Examiner Fritz Reports Finding of Discrepancies, Shortages and Overpayments.

MAYOR POWER'S NAME NOT CONNECTED IN ACTS

1,710 Votes Cast at Election in March and 1,296 Persons on Village Payroll.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 11.—After almost a year of investigation of the records of Hibbing, Minn., "the world's richest village," A. E. Fritz, state public examiner, made public his report Saturday.

He alleges discrepancies, shortages and overpayments totaling nearly \$62,000.

None of the alleged illegal acts is laid at the door of Victor Power, the fighting mayor of Hibbing.

The investigation covered the village records from Jan. 1, 1910, to Jan. 31, 1916. It was begun at the request of "ten citizens of Hibbing" whose names have never been divulged.

1,296 on Payroll.
How the village receipts ran up from \$333,850 in 1910 to more than \$900,000 in 1914, is shown, also an increase in village expenditures from \$303,000 in 1910 to \$1,233,700 in 1914. Another comparison discloses that in March, 1915, 1,296 persons were on the village payroll and 1,710 voters cast ballots for candidates for mayor of the village.

Will Try to Recover.
Governor Burnquist, commenting on the Fritz report, said it would be filed with the county attorney of St. Louis county and an effort would be made to recover by legal process some of the money alleged to have been spent illegally.

The report states that Dennis Haley, village treasurer from April, 1911, to April, 1913, is alleged to have been short in his accounts \$4,838. The statute of limitations prevents criminal prosecution, according to the report.

The Hibbing Ore, a newspaper, is charged with accepting \$13,484 more for printing for the village than it was entitled to during 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915.

Another Paper Named.
The Hibbing Daily Tribune also is charged with accepting \$11,218 more than it was entitled to in the same period.

J. O. Davis, deputy public examiner, who submitted the report, alleges these sums make up the differences between the sums paid and the amounts that should have been paid for the printing done. Most of the money was paid for publication of council proceedings.

The balance of the \$50,000 alleged illegal payments is represented by the following items in the report: Hughes Printing Co., alleged overcharges for printing, \$704.65.

First National bank of Hibbing, \$1,223.51, alleged overcharge for interest.

Merchants and Mintors State bank of Hibbing, \$421.11, alleged overcharge for interest.

The interest was fixed at 7 per cent, it was alleged, when 6 per cent was the legal rate.

Two Orders Cashed.
Joseph Wemmerg, payment on a village order, \$108.50. It was alleged that the original order was lost by Wemmerg, and he was given another one, but that both had been cashed.

E. W. Coons Contracting Co., \$3,910.72, which, it is alleged, had been illegally charged against the village for work done under the force account on which the contracting company is alleged to have collected 10 per cent when village orders were discounted at 10 per cent during the time the mining companies refused to pay their taxes.

No Work Performed.
E. W. Coons Contracting Co., alleged illegal charges of \$1,179.20, claimed by the examiner to have been collected from the village for day labor on election day when no work was performed.

E. W. Coons Contracting Co., alleged overcharge of \$2,936.21 on sewer and other public works materials. Of this item the examiner says, "Hibbing may be entitled to refundment on some of these purchases."

Other items which the public examiner says should be considered by the county prosecuting officials are: An alleged payment of \$50.00 to C. A. Remington while a member of the water and light commission for a car of poles. Mr. Davis was unable, he reported, to find any record of this transaction in Mr. Remington's ledger.

Mine Chief Named.
W. J. West, superintendent Oliver
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SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER

Some Folks Think Anyone Can Play A Ukulele

By "HOP"

