

BIGGEST CARNIVAL EVER HELD IN CITY IS OPENED; MANY ARRESTED IN RAID

Elks' Carnival at Armory is Opened at City Hall; Booths are Excellent.

CHIEF KREATZ ORDERS DRAGNET FOR VIOLATORS

Kangaroo Court in Full Swing; Judge A. A. Andrews on Bench; Lycan is Attorney.

Headed by George Kreatz, chief of police of the Kangaroo court, five police officers this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock raided the down town section of Bemidji, arrested many prominent merchants on various charges, hustled them into the "Black Maria" and took them to the armory kangaroo court, officially opening the Elks' carnival.

The carnival is without a doubt one of the biggest affairs of its kind ever staged in Bemidji or this district. Arrangements were completed early today and when the big show was opened this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock everything was in readiness and in full swing.

Andrews on Bench. Judge A. A. Andrews occupied the bench at the kangaroo court and handed out "stiff" sentences.

"It must be understood," said the judge, "that the laws in Bemidji must be obeyed the next three days. I will not fix any big fines today, but in the future anyone appearing before me will get not get off very easily. I am going to be strict, I am."

Ralph Lycan acted as prosecuting or persecuting attorney, the Pioneer correspondent who visited the Armory this afternoon did not know which.

The armory for the next three days will be known as the "Hall of Fun."

Chief Kreatz has thrown out a dragnet and he will arrest anyone caught frowning or having the "blues" on this great occasion. Everyone is ordered to smile, or if they can't smile to grin; to laugh out loud at everything and to be sure to have a good time.

Get Bonus Money. There is a little "red tape" connected with getting into the hall. First, as you enter the hall, a fellow sticks his head out of the ticket window and asks you how much money you want. You tell him and then in exchange for Uncle Sam's money he presents you with some finely printed money. Bonus money is what he called it but it could not be because Chief Kreatz watched him hand it out. This money is in denominations of five, ten and twenty-five cents and they are worth more because on the inside everything is sold for the Best Prices on Earth. No cash will be accepted at the booths.

There are all kinds of booths. Music at the carnival tonight will be furnished by the Wandoodle Pickaninny band and orchestra. Over 400 lights are used in the armory and the hall is beautifully decorated.

At the city hall tonight will be given a dance. Admission will be ten cents a dance and the "light fantastic" will be "tripped like it never was tripped before." The hall is prettily decorated. The Bemidji orchestra will furnish the music tonight. Tomorrow night the "colored" orchestra will play at the dance and the Bemidji orchestra will play at the armory.

There was a good crowd at the armory this afternoon and indications are that the hall will be crowded tonight.

WAREHOUSE FIRE CAUSES \$300 LOSS

Fire destroying the hay warehouse of I. P. Batchelder yesterday caused \$300 loss. The warehouse is located back of the Koors Bros. Mfg. company new building. The fire department was called to the scene again early this morning, the fire having started again.

SISTER DOROTHY TO OPEN UP A STUDIO

Sister Dorothy will open up the St. Cecilia studio located on the northeast corner of the St. Anthony hospital lot in the near future. The studio will be constructed immediately. Sister Dorothy will conduct classes and give private lessons in piano, violin, vocal, harmony and counterpoint. She gave lessons in Crookston and conducted a studio there for the past ten years. She has been very successful in her work.

TELEGRAPH NEWS

Altoona, Pa., Oct. 5.—Two persons were killed and 12 were injured this morning when a fast Pennsylvania train crashed into a stock train at Lewistown.

New York, Oct. 5.—The milk famine has reached a riot stage. Desperate East Side women and children have begun violence, police reports show. One instance was that of a driver who was dragged from his milk cart and a mob of 200 drained every drop of milk.

St. Louis, Oct. 5.—The Christian Brothers college was destroyed by fire today. Early reports indicate that four persons have been killed. Brother McCarmack, 92, Brother Clement, 78, and an aged attendant are missing. The college is the oldest Catholic institution in the United States.

New York, Oct. 5.—Colonel Roosevelt today put the finishing touches on his series of "skin 'em alive" verbal broadsides that he will deliver against Woodrow Wilson. One speech will be made at Chicago the latter part of next week. Then he will deliver speeches at St. Paul, Denver, Louisville and El Paso if these spots are retained on the temporary schedule arranged.

Berthold, N. D., Oct. 5.—Fire starting in the Great Northern hotel this morning did \$40,000 damage. Four stores were burned.

Grafton, Ill., Oct. 5.—Leo Peterson, superintendent of the Illinois Powder company plant, and two laborers were killed this morning when three carloads of dynamite on a storage track exploded.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—It is predicted that there will be two dollar wheat before January prices. The United States' short crop, discouraging Argentina crops and the allies demanding the Australian and Canadian crop is bringing on the high price.

Buenos Ayres, Oct. 5.—Argentina offers little hope for relief for the high flour and bread prices in the United States. Chief Lapitte of the statistical bureau today told the United Press that the Argentina crop was below normal and that there will only be 1,000,000 tons for export.

Juarez, Oct. 5.—Communication with Chihuahua City has been cut. Passenger trains have been restricted from moving southward.

Boston, Oct. 5.—Hotel managers are predicting the greatest world's series crowds ever had. It is estimated that from 25,000 to 30,000 will attend the games.

New York, Oct. 5.—The Hughes itinerary announced today for a tour to start Oct. 9, shows 36 stops. Northwest stops will be made Oct. 17 at Yankton, Mitchell and Stoups Falls, S. D.

Bismarck, N. D., Oct. 5.—Arnold Lauserman of Alexandria, Minn., was killed and John Gaisler of New Salem, N. D., was fatally injured today when they stood too close to a blasting yard.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 5.—It has been learned that President Wilson has asked General George Goethals, Panama canal builder, and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Clark to become two of the three members of the commission to investigate the operation of the eight-hour day on railroads.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 5.—After retirement two years ago from the University of Minnesota for old age, John F. Downley, former dean of the college of literature and art, sailed from Vancouver today, to teach in China for charity. He would be unable to accept money for his work among the Chinese, under the Carnegie pension fund which gives him sufficient to live. He simply won't be shelved, he says.

Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 5.—The Alberta government has awarded the world's record for raising wheat to C. S. Noble, pioneer farmer of the Claresholm district. His 1,000 acre wheat field averages 52 bushels to the acre. This is one bushel an acre higher than the world's record, formerly held in Polouise county, Wash., in the United States. Noble's grain was No. 1 hard. This year's crop, he says, will excel last year's haul of 230,000 bushels on his farm. He credits scientific farming for the advance.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 5.—Just 292 cases were on the calendar of the Minnesota supreme court when it opened today. Frederick T. Price's appeal from the decision of the Hennipin county court finding him guilty of unbecome, was among the principal appeals.

South St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 5.—Sixty thousand packing plant workers here were today notified of a voluntary 2 1/2 cents an hour wage increase, increasing payrolls \$4,000,000 annually.

Columbus, O., Oct. 5.—Twenty years in prison because of a five-cent bet in a crap game. Lifetime in prison because a hat didn't fit.

The above are but two of the freak cases why men are spending their days in the Ohio penitentiary, according to a report made today by Bertillon Officer Robert Miles.

The Junior Commercial club will hold a meeting tomorrow night.

BEMIDJI MEN TO ATTEND DRAINAGE MEETINGS; FEDERAL INSPECTION MADE

Wedge, Warfield and Molander to Represent Bemidji Commercial Club.

ACTION FOR DEEPENING AND LOWERING OF RED LAKE

Charles S. Carter, Candidate for Representative, to Tour Flooded District.

A. G. Wedge, A. A. Warfield and A. L. Molander have been named as a committee to represent the Bemidji Commercial club at the reclamation and drainage meeting at Crookston next Monday. The meeting was called by the Red River Development association and action will be taken to prevent the flooding of lands around the Red Lakes and streams running into the lakes.

To Make Trip. Senator D. P. O'Neil of Thief River Falls, M. C. Cutter of Thief River Falls, Mr. Dugan a Federal engineer of St. Paul, and Charles S. Carter, candidate to the state legislature from this district, will leave Bemidji Friday morning to make a trip of investigation to the Red Lakes and down the Red Lake river to Thief River Falls.

They will go to the Red Lake Indian agency from Bemidji and will go from there to Highlanding where they will hold a meeting on Saturday to hear complaints and recommendations. On Sunday they will hold a meeting at Thief River Falls. It is asserted that the Red Lake is more than three feet above its normal height and that at times it is four or five feet above normal. As a consequence water is backed on the farm lands lying along tributary rivers leading to the lake and also flooding farm lands on the west side of the lake towards Thief River Falls. It is estimated that the high waters are affecting about 1,000,000 acres of land.

Favor a Dam. Some of the residents living along the Red Lake river, it is said, are in favor of building a dam at the outlet of Red Lake in the Red Lake river and raising the level of the lake even higher than it is now. In this way it is said greater power at power dams along the river between Red Lake and Grand Forks may be secured.

Residents of Beltrami and Koochiching counties want the lake lowering several feet and contend that if the Red Lake river channel from its outlet to what is known as Highlanding is straightened and deepened that a more even flow of water will be secured and that it will drain more efficiently the thousands of acres of ditch lands throughout the northern part of the state.

Does Much Damage. It is said that on account of the water being unable to get out of Red Lake through the outlet of the Red Lake river, water in the ditches and rivers tributary to Red Lake backs up many miles and floods the farms of the settlers, doing thousands of dollars damage annually.

For that reason residents of Bemidji and Beltrami county will endeavor to have the channel at the outlet deepened and widened and if necessary will attempt to have legislation passed to authorize the work. The estimated cost of the work is \$225,000 and, on account of the river being navigable, it is believed one-third of the cost will be borne by the government, one-third by the state and the other third by those whose property is affected.

NOISY LUNATIC FROM BLACKDUCK IS KILLED

Fergus Falls, Minn., Oct. 5.—Albert Cauchon of Blackduck, inmate of the state insane hospital here, had a hobby for making noise. His fellow patients made no objections until he undertook to indulge in the hobby at night. Then the man in the next bed picked up a dish and struck the noisemaker on the forehead. Cauchon's death followed. A coroner's inquest resulted in the decision that the man died of natural causes, although possibly death was hastened by the blow.

UNCLE SAM SELLS INDIANS' LAND

Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 5.—Uncle Sam, real estate dealer, has 908,000 acres of Choctaw and Chickasaw land on sale here today and will do business until the end of the month. No person will be allowed to purchase more than 160 acres classified as agricultural land nor more than 640 acres classified as grazing land.

BULGARS DESTROY RUMANIAN TROOPS WHO CROSSED THE DANUBE AT RIAHOVO

Defeat is Greatest Since the Battle of Fortress Tutrahan, South of the Danube.

RUSSIA MAKES ATTEMPT FOR A SEPARATE PEACE

Allies in Balkans Push Forward Toward Monastir; Make Some Progress.

Sofia, Oct. 5.—(Official)—The Bulgarians have enveloped and destroyed 15 or 16 Rumanian battalions, including the 15,000 men who crossed the Danube and invaded Bulgaria near Riahovo. The defeat is the greatest since 25,000 Rumanians were trapped and captured at the Fortress of Tutrahan south of the Danube.

The Hague, Oct. 5.—Despite official denials that Russia and Germany discussed separate peace, it has been learned that a peace conference was held at Kovno. The Rumanians' entrance in the war changed the situation and prevented Russia from completing separate peace plans. It is stated that Premier Sturmeier of Russia recently met the kaiser and Hindenberg at Kovno.

Paris, Oct. 5.—The allies in the Balkans have pushed toward Monastir and have occupied Buf. They have made some progress.

SCHOOL CLASSES SHOW BIG INCREASE

High school enrollment as announced today by W. P. Dyer, superintendent of schools, shows a large increase. The grade enrollment is about the same.

There are 240 registered in the high school, a gain of 38 over last year. There are 95 in the Freshman class. In the Junior high school there are 227 students enrolled, a gain of 28 over last year.

In the East school there is a gain of 24, there being 43 in the first, second and third grades and 32 in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. In the North school there is a gain of 14, there being 23 in the first grade, 36 in the second and third, 29 in the third and fourth and 39 in the fifth and sixth.

The Nymore school reports an enrollment of 48 in the first grade, 42 in the second, 49 in the third and fourth, 49 in the fourth and fifth and 33 in the sixth grade. There is a loss of 37 students in the Central school, there being fewer beginners than last year. The enrollment by classes is as follows: Ungraded room 29, first 30, first 36, first 37, second 35, second 34, third 40, third 41, fourth 40, fourth 41, fifth 41, fifth 41, sixth 45, sixth 47.

NIGHT SCHOOL TO BEGIN OCTOBER 16

Night school will begin at the high school building Monday evening, Oct. 16, at 7:30 o'clock, according to an announcement by W. P. Dyer, superintendent of schools. The school will be for foreigners or any other adult persons. Instruction will be given in reading, writing, spelling, composition, arithmetic and civics. School will be held three evenings a week from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock. Instruction will be furnished free by the board of education.

Adolph B. Jorstad and Weltha E. Streeter, both of Bemidji, were united in marriage at the residence of Rev. M. A. Soper Wednesday evening, Rev. Soper officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Jorstad will make their home at 407 Park avenue.

Attorney E. E. McDonald returned yesterday from a trip to the Twin Cities.

MUST ATTEND DANCE OR PAY BIG FINES

The Kangaroo court today passed a law providing that every one in Bemidji must attend the Elks' dance at the city hall tonight in connection with the big carnival. The penalty for not attending is arrest by Kangaroo court officials. Judge Andrews of the court has been given authority to make the fine any amount he desires. Breaking this law is a serious offense and all offenders will be arrested.

CHANCE TO DANCE WITH CARNIVAL QUEENS

All men attending the Elks' dance at the city hall tonight will be given an opportunity to dance with candidates for the job of carnival queen—that is if the candidate does not object. The candidates for the queen's job are Marie Klein, Anna McManus and Mabel Kittleson. If you have not voted for queen as yet, better do it at once or Kangaroo court officials will get you, advise leaders of the Elks' carnival.

SEVENTY IN SIGHT-SEEING EXCURSION

(By Staff Correspondent) Walker, Minn., Oct. 5.—The "adjourned session" of the Minnesota senate was begun here last night when many of the state senators and their wives and friends arrived here to be the guests of Senator P. H. McGarry at his summer home, "Glen-garry."

SENATORIAL PARTY BEGINS "ADJOURNED SESSION" AT SUMMER HOME OF M'GARRY

Thomas A. Frankson, Candidate for Lieutenant Governor, is Member of Party.

There are about seventy men and women in the party. At a meeting last night the senators passed a resolution asking that Governor Burnquist call a special session of the legislature to pass a law to allow the Minnesota National guardsmen on the border to vote.

The party left St. Paul early yesterday morning and arrived at Brainerd at two o'clock where they were served a dinner at the Ransford hotel. After the dinner they were taken on a sight-seeing trip. At Brainerd they were guests of the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce.

Governor Burnquist and his wife and Julius A. Schmahli, secretary of state and his wife, who accepted Mr. McGarry's invitation, were unable to be present on the trip.

Thomas A. Frankson, candidate for lieutenant governor, is present as is Senator George H. Sullivan of Stillwater, lieutenant governor pro tem. Among those present are S. S. Fullerton, E. E. Nelson, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, George McCrea of the Northern Pacific, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gemmell, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Ingersoll of Brainerd, Hon. and Mrs. Henry Rines of Mora, Hon. Claude H. Southwick, Hon. J. H. Ferrier, Hon. Fred C. Stevens, former congressman from the Fourth district, Hon. and Mrs. J. C. Hardy and Hon. A. A. D. Rahn.

The following senators are in the party: L. E. Potter and wife, A. E. Adams, John B. Ries, W. S. Dwinell and wife, C. L. Wallace and wife, W. D. Dunn and wife, J. D. Denegne, P. A. Hilbert and wife, John H. Baldwin and wife, E. P. Peterson and daughter, F. H. Peterson, Peter Van Hoven, F. F. Wells and wife, F. A. Duxbury and wife, J. W. Andrews and wife, Fred D. Vibert and wife, George H. Sullivan and wife, Leonard H. Nord and wife, George H. Gardner, George A. Turnham and wife, E. J. Westlake, P. A. Gandrud.

The "adjourned session" members will be guests of Senator McGarry until tomorrow when they will be taken to Cass Lake for an entertainment. They will go to Bemidji on Saturday.

The senators were taken on a fishing trip today.

3,000 GOPHER VOTERS MAY LOSE BALLOT

(By United Press) St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 5.—Unless Governor Burnquist acts quickly, 3,000 Minnesota voters at the border will be disfranchised for the coming election, Secretary of State Schmahli intimated today. The governor has taken no action towards a special legislative session, to arrange a mail vote, as during the Civil war.

AWARDED \$500 IN PERSONAL INJURY CASE

George Foley was awarded \$500 damages in a personal injury case against the Great Northern Railway Co. by a jury in the district court yesterday. Attorney Henry Funkley conducted the case for Mr. Foley.

A jury in the case of Wallace Rodney against A. A. Stonefield retired this morning. No verdict had been reached up to noon.

The district court is taking up the case of Rev. J. E. Caldwell against Harry Gunsalus this afternoon. Rev. Caldwell alleges that Gunsalus threw water on him while he was giving a county option address near Gunsalus' soft drink parlor and asks \$1,000 damages. Attorney Carl L. Heffron is presenting the case for Rev. Caldwell and Judge Marshall A. Spooner is defending Gunsalus.

PROBE IS BEGUN OF CASS COUNTY FUNDS; OFFICIALS TO RETAIN JOBS

Governor Burnquist Institutes Action on Findings of the Public Examiner.

TWENTY-THREE CHARGES OF IRREGULARITIES MADE

Bond Sales and Road Building Contracts are Questioned in Complaint.

Governor J. A. A. Burnquist yesterday instituted an investigation of irregularities in Cass county notably with regard to bond sales and contracts for a road building contracts and other transactions, principally by the county commissioners. The investigation was instituted on the findings of State Public Examiner Andrew E. Fritz in a special examination made at the governor's direction following complaints by three Cass county citizens.

Louis S. Headley, who recently resigned as clerk in the state legal department to engage in law practice in St. Paul, was appointed commissioner to take testimony for and against the county commissioners named in the allegations.

Officials Keep Jobs. Governor Burnquist announced that no suspension of county officials would be made pending the inquiry, contrary to the proceedings in progress in Koochiching county charges.

The complaint to the governor is signed by Thomas Peterson, J. R. Blackburn and E. S. Holman, as Cass county taxpayers. C. D. Bacon now is county auditor, succeeding L. P. Byhre, whose name is connected with the irregularities charged. The present board of county commissioners is made up of Fred Moulster, W. B. Jones, J. E. Krake, J. B. Spencer and A. J. Swanberg.

Twenty-three separate charges or criticisms were contained in the complaint, and each is referred to in the report by Examiner Fritz of the inquiry made by his department.

G. A. Elder Mentioned. George A. Elder, agent of the Duluth Securities company, who figured in the Koochiching county charges, is mentioned in connection with alleged excessive commissions and interest rates paid on bonds sold by Cass county.

The complainants cited sales of Ellwell road bonds between May 1, 1915, and March 1, 1916, of \$474,000 at 5 1/2 per cent interest and \$1,800 commission, and said they had every reason to believe that the bonds could have been sold at a lower rate of interest and no commission. The public examiner reports that there is no evidence that the board could have had any idea of the value of Cass county bonds.

The report, however, criticizes some of the sales for being made without advertising as required by law, and explains that a warning given at the time by the examiners' department resulted in the board rescinding certain action, but finally selling a \$60,000 issue after raising the interest to 5 1/2 per cent and agreeing to pay an agent 5 per cent for placing the bonds. The auditor refused to sign the warrants, and settlement was made when the agent agreed to take \$1,200 commission.

Other Deals Mentioned. Other bond transactions are discussed at length as are also those relating to road building contracts. Contract prices are given as \$,721.73 on state rural highway No. 45; \$1,568.14 on highway No. 81, and \$2,607.83 on highway No. 83.

The examiner fails to find that the commissioners exceeded their authority, as complained, by floating \$544,000 of road and funding bonds during the ten-month period named. The report states that although the law limits the appropriation to \$500 for a county exhibit at the state fair, the manager's report shows expenditures of \$804.54, but \$291.25 of the amount received from premiums, pictures and so forth, and the law does not state that such proceeds shall be turned into the county revenue and the balance of \$13.29 was not paid by the county. Payments of \$50 and \$20 to Commissioners Moulster and Jones, respectively, and the salary of \$150 paid Mr. Brewster also is unlawful.

Examiner Fritz declines to place values on the services of attorneys paid \$625 on highway No. 80, \$395 on No. 81 and \$360 on No. 83, while no attorneys were engaged on the two other road projects.

Rated "Unbusinesslike." Alleged evasion of the law in connection with the contract letting on the Remer-Bear river road, is complained of and the transaction is rated "unbusinesslike."

An effort to bring about a conference between the complainants and the accused, Examiner Fritz said, was abandoned when the committee for the complainants objected to the plan.

