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## SENATE TO PROBE L'FOLLETTE CHARGES

### PATRIOTISM TO ECHO IN THE PONY LAKE SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, OCT. 7

Called By the Liberty Township Public Safety Commission; Big Crowd is Expected.

TORRANCE, DYER, BROWN AND MRS. NETZER ON PROGRAM

Songs of Loyalty Will Be Sung and All Are Invited to Bring Lunches and Spend Day.

The patriotic meeting scheduled at the Pony Lake school house on Sunday afternoon is attracting considerable attention in Bemidji and surrounding country and indications are that a record crowd will be there. Visitors are requested to bring their lunches and make a regular "day" of it. The meeting is called by the Liberty Township Public Safety Commission and is being sponsored by the Beltrami County Public Safety Commission of which Dr. G. M. Palmer is president.

**Torrance On Program.** County Attorney Graham M. Torrance has been chosen orator of the day and will address the gathering on "The Duties of the American Citizen During the War."

**W. F. Dyer**, superintendent of the Bemidji schools, is on the program for an address and City Attorney M. J. Brown has been requested to give a short talk on the Liberty Loan.

**Mrs. Netzer to Speak.** Woman's part in the war and the Red Cross work will be presented by Mrs. Edward F. Netzer.

In addition to this array of talent there will be songs by choir and the entire assembly of a patriotic nature. The general public is invited to attend.

### FARMERS' BOYCOTT CITIZENS WHO STOPPED N.P. LEAGUE MEETING

(By United Press) St. Paul, Oct. 5.—Over 350 farmers at a meeting at Dumfries, Minn., declared a boycott upon Lake City merchants until they disavow and apologize for preventing the Non-partisan league meeting there.

### STATE IS SLIGHTED ON COAL, IS CHARGE

St. Paul, Oct. 5.—Judge John F. McGee, who has charge of the investigation of Minnesota's coal supply, and other members of the Public Safety commission, are convinced the Northwest is not getting its share of the coal shipped from Lake Erie ports.

To ascertain definitely whether the order to send coal to this section is being obeyed, the commission will have checkers at each of the nine Lake Erie ports, to see a proper proportion of shipments are sent to the Northwest.

The shortage of both soft and hard coal is regarded as serious, and inquiries have been advised to buy their coal now, and not delay in the hope of buying at a reduced price.

Judge McGee declared the coal situation is serious. He has gone to the coal region to superintend the situation.

### 8,000 FROM CAMP DODGE TO DEMING

(By United Press) Camp Dodge, Oct. 5.—Eight thousand drafted men from Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota will be transferred to Deming, N. M., a part of which will be taken from the conscripts to report October 30.

### ST. PAUL CAR MEN STRIKE TOMORROW

(By United Press) St. Paul, Oct. 5.—Unless something is done today, the street car strike will start tomorrow, R. F. Schroeder, state conciliator, declared, after trying to prevent the strike today.

### INTRODUCING IVORY

The Pioneer takes great pleasure today in introducing Ivory, another of the new members of its staff. He is a wash and polish specialist and will play an important part in the great automobile feature the Pioneer is going to introduce.



IVORY WHO JOYOUSLY WASHES AND POLISHES THE VARIOUS CARS

Tomorrow, the Pioneer will present a group picture of its eight new members that have joined its staff to further the progress of the paper.

### Single Ad of Four Pages In "Pioneer"

In the Bemidji Weekly Pioneer, which made its appearance this morning, was one of the largest advertisements ever printed in Bemidji or Beltrami county. In fact it was equalled only once before and it was the Pioneer which contained it at that time.

The advertisement occupied four full pages in the Pioneer and was that of the J. C. Penney company on Third street. The advertisement was the great fall announcement of the Penney store and each page was attractive in every detail, being packed full of bargains in endless variety.

The Pioneer was selected for the huge ad, indicating that the Pioneer is recognized by the discriminating merchant as the medium which delivers the goods when service and results are desired.

### SCHEURER COMPANY FIRST ON PROGRAM OF WOMAN'S CLUB

"Music of the gods!" such a statement might well apply to the combination of violin, harp and cello. Especially so in the hands of real artists like Karl Scheurer, Henry Williams and Oscar Koch, of the Karl Scheurer Concert company, which appears at the Methodist church October 9 under the auspices of the Woman's Study club.

These men all began their musical careers when little more than infants. Today they rank among the foremost players of their chosen instruments.

In order to greatly enhance and to lend color to the program Miss Martha Cook has been engaged to appear with the company as soprano soloist. Her beautiful voice will be heard to great advantage in this combination.

Every lover of melody should certainly take advantage of the opportunity to hear these artists in their forthcoming concert.

### FIRST SNOW REPORTED IN CENTRAL WEST

(By United Press) Marquette, Mich., Oct. 5.—The first snow in the Central West fell here today. It was over one-tenth of an inch at noon. The mercury registered 32 above zero.

### LOAN CAMPAIGN TO BE ORGANIZED AT BOTH ENDS OF BELTRAMI COUNTY

Telegram to "Pioneer" From Head of District Tells Plan to Be Followed Here.

ORGANIZE IN BEMIDJI OCT. 10 AND OCT. 12 AT BAUDELETTE

This Will Give North and South Portions of County Two Distinct Working Forces.

The organization of the Beltrami county Liberty Loan campaign, of which W. L. Brooks, cashier of the Northern National bank, has been chosen the head by the officials of this district, will be effected in two places in the county, one in Bemidji for the southern portion of the county and the other at Baudette, for the northern part of the county.

Last evening the Pioneer received the following telegram which is self-explanatory:

Minneapolis, Oct. 4-17. Bemidji Pioneer: Beltrami county will be organized for the Liberty Loan campaign at two separate meetings. Townships south of range 154 will be organized at 2 o'clock, October 10 at a meeting in the court house in Bemidji township.

North of range 154 will be organized October 12 at one o'clock at a meeting at Baudette.

ROGERS, Chairman. Mr. Brooks intends to make a hard campaign that Beltrami county may do her part in the second Liberty Loan even better than she did for the first one.

### LUNDEEN OUSTED BY KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

St. Paul, Oct. 5.—Congressman Ernest Lundeen has been dropped from membership in the Knights of Pythias, it was announced, by action of the Hermon lodge, of which he was a member, after inquiry into charges that he had been guilty of "continued unpatriotic utterances." One of the citations in the charge was based on a letter one of the members of the lodge produced, which he said he had received from the congressman.

In the letter Congressman Lundeen said he would rather stand with men in American history who at various times opposed wars, than with the "two by fours who are now leading us into the world chaos." The charges were investigated by a trial committee and found true, amounting to conduct "giving aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States in time of war."

In Washington, Mr. Lundeen "had nothing to say" regarding his expulsion from the lodge. He did not deny or affirm having had notice of the action taken, but said he did not care to discuss it.

### FORMER PUBLISHER HERE

Paul F. Dehnell of Minneapolis is in the city and will be here for several days while harvesting his crop of potatoes on his farm near Bemidji. Mr. Dehnell was publisher of the Bemidji Herald while a resident of Bemidji.

### DISLOYAL MINISTER INDICTED; HOPED FOR DEATH OF WILSON

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 5.—The Federal grand jury in session here yesterday, returned twenty-six indictments, thirteen of them against draft evaders or other alleged disloyalists. Among those indicted is Rev. C. L. Lehnert, former pastor of the Central German Methodist church here, who is charged with mailing a loan committee containing "language of a nature to incite arson, murder and assassination."

J. O. Bentall, one-time Socialist candidate for governor of Minnesota, also was indicted, charged with violation of the espionage act and with aiding and abetting those trying to violate the conscription act.

### HAD SLIGHT STROKE

Elizabeth Stangle had a slight stroke of paralysis yesterday and was taken to St. Anthony's hospital.

### FIRST GRIDIRON GAME TOMORROW; BEMIDJI WILL MEET FOSSTON

Bemidji closed its week of football practice for the Fosston game late yesterday with a scrimmage and long signal drill. For three-quarters of an hour or more the future gridiron greats struggled to show what they have learned in the first two weeks of drill.

Both Fosston and Bemidji are prepared for a hard battle and the game should be in doubt until the last if the Crookston-Fosston game can be taken as a criterion. Bemidji has a fast dashing backfield, but Fosston has a heavy line and these men may be stopped.

In weight there is not much in favor of either team.

Following is the line-up and weight of each man the way the game will no doubt start:

Fosston—Granum (140) left end; Visc (141) left tackle; Thompson (150) left guard; Lade (130) center; Larkin (137) right guard; Lavan (145) right tackle; R. Larson (125) right end; Brager (127) quarter; Hem (130) left half; Kringle (133) right half; Larson (145) full.

Bemidji—Phibbs (140) left end; Opsahl (146) left tackle; Koors (141) left guard; Harvey (141) center; Knapp (130) right guard; Grey, captain (152) right tackle; Simons (143) right end; Kittleson (130) quarter; Morse (132) left half; Tennstrom (139) right half; Whitney (130) full.

Eight grade students of the high school building will sell articles at the game for the Red Cross. Miss Hall will be in charge.

### New Party To Rule Congress, Says Spargo

(By United Press) Chicago, Oct. 5.—The new national party, composed of prohibitionists, socialists, single taxers, progressives and offshoots of other parties, intends to hold the balance of power in congress in 1918, according to John Spargo, socialist, chairman of the conference closing today.

There is no plan for a presidential candidate. The plan is for a nationwide convention to have a strong representation in congress in 1918, he said.

A joint committee of prohibitionists, socialists, progressives, single taxers and independents will meet to select a national committee of twenty to organize each state.

### BRITISH HOLD SAFE HARD WON TERRITORY; WILL RAID GERMANY

(By United Press) With the British armies, Oct. 5.—The British bulldog is holding fast to the big bite on which its vice-like jaws closed yesterday, close to a vital center of Lory's position in Belgium. German counter attacks failed.

**Counter Attacks Fail.** London, Oct. 5.—The British are in undisputed possession of the chunk of territory won yesterday. The counter attacks of the Germans were hopeless against the newly won positions.

**British to Retaliate.** London, Oct. 5.—The cabinet has proposed to carry out an elaborate plan of air reprisals upon Germany and will raid German cities the same as Germany has done in England. The new air fleet will act independently of the war planes on the battle fronts.

### WAR DEPARTMENT PREPARES TRANSPORTATION OF M'LLIONS

(By United Press) Washington, Oct. 5.—The war department is preparing the railways for the transportation of millions of men and billions worth of munitions and supplies. In a pinch, practically nothing would be moved except these. Complete plans are in the hands of the war department for turning all freight and cattle box car trains into troop trains and all Plumans into hospital trains.

### HAS APPENDICITIS

Joseph Loisel of Deer River underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Anthony's hospital yesterday.

## COMMITTEE OF FIVE WILL BE SELECTED TO HEAR REPORTS OF ST. PAUL SPEECH

### LARGE INTERESTS ARE INTERESTED IN MEETING TO PROMOTE SHEEP

Gathering in Bemidji Next Monday is Attracting Attention Throughout State.

CROOKSTON LUMBER COMPANY AMONG THE MANY INTERESTED

Northern Minnesota Bankers Will Be Approached to Make Loans at Satisfactory Rate.

The meeting scheduled for the Commercial club quarters next Monday and Tuesday when prominent land men, railroad representatives, sheep growers, farmers and all others interested in promoting the sheep industry in northern Minnesota, will discuss sheep raising, promises to be one of the most important in this part of the state in many ways.

The meeting is the direct outcome of the meeting held in Chicago several days ago which brought to light the fact that millions of acres of waste land in Minnesota could easily be utilized for sheep raising.

**Use of Idle Land Planned.** The plan as formulated would bring about the development of virtually all of the idle land and at the same time introduce into the north-west an industry that would eventually bring millions of dollars in profits.

"We are endeavoring to populate northern Minnesota with farmers whose presence will prove valuable to the country," said George Winter of the Crookston Lumber company in Minneapolis, "and in order to accomplish this end we must form an organization on the lines adopted by the Wisconsin Advancement association. We must exclude politics from the organization in order to achieve our point. After a thorough investigation of conditions in Wisconsin, Michigan and other states, we are convinced that proper handling and careful dealing with the bankers of northern Minnesota, we can convert this state into one of the world's greatest sheep raising territories."

**Loan of Money to Be Urged.** "Our object is not entirely unselfish. We are eager to have the millions of acres of unused land occupied by the proper class of farmers. To further this movement, we are preparing to approach the northern Minnesota bankers—who heretofore have not offered to let the land buyer have money at a satisfactory rate of interest—and it is our object to arrange for the successful launching of every prospective sheep raiser. While it is our plan to sell the different parcels of land outright, the system of leasing may be arranged in some cases. At any rate, we are determined to make Minnesota a wonderful wool state."

"At the present time the northern part of the state is more productive than the southern section. That is apparent in banking circles as most of the money flowing into Minneapolis banks comes from the north."

### BELTRAMI FORESTERS ARE SAFE IN FRANCE

Mr. and Mrs. D. Gainey received a cablegram from their son, John Gainey, this morning stating that the whole "bunch" had arrived safely in France.

### NEW RESTAURANT

Next week a new restaurant will be opened in the city, in the place formerly occupied by the Barney Erickson Toggery shop, which has been thoroughly remodeled. Frank Beach and John Larson will be the proprietors.

(By United Press) Washington, Oct. 5.—Charges of seditious utterances lodged against Senator LaFollette, are to be investigated by the senate.

A sub-committee of five will be named by Senator Pomerene, chairman of the elections committee, to investigate the correctness of reports of LaFollette's speech, September 20, at St. Paul, Minn., and inquire into the correctness of his statements.

The committee will then report to the full committee at the December session.

### IMPORTANT BRITISH VICTORY HAIG'S STROKE APPEARS

(By United Press) With the British armies, Oct. 5.—The most important victory of the war, was how General Haig's stroke appeared today. The enemy is completely disorganized. Praise is given all units engaged. English, Scots, Anzacs, New Foundlanders and Irish, all participated. Their victory appears to be one of the greatest landmarks of the war thus far.

### LET'S SEE! DIDN'T N.P. HEADS STAGE THE TREASON CHAMPION?

(By United Press) St. Paul, Oct. 5.—The Nonpartisan league today appealed to Governor Burnquist for protection at the scheduled Fergus Falls meeting October 20.

The charge is that Otter Tail county Public Safety committee is making direct indictment against the league.

Governor Burnquist declared the league will have its legal rights and will be protected if it refrains from seditious talk.

### RUSSIA ON VERGE OF CIVIL WAR, REPORT

(By United Press) Petrograd, Oct. 5.—Russia is on the verge of a civil war, leaders in affairs of the new republic declared today.

### NINE VESSELS ON PACIFIC OVERDUE; FEARS FOR SAFETY

(By United Press) San Francisco, Oct. 9.—Nine vessels long overdue in the Pacific lane may have fallen victims of German submarine raiders reported to be operating in the southern Pacific, shipping men believe. The total cargoes are worth over \$3,000,000.

### STATEWIDE PROBE FOR ALLEGED ALIEN EXEMPTION CLAIMS

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 5.—Representatives of the department of justice have announced that a statewide investigation will be started immediately to determine the status of a large number of men who are alleged to have evaded military service by claiming exemption as aliens.

"From information we have obtained it would appear that many draft subjects obtained exemption through improper alien claims," said John McGivern, special agent. "These men will be promptly rounded up and turned over to army authorities and brought before Federal grand juries."

### PROMOTION DAY

The promotion of pupils and the installation of officers of the Congregational church school will take place tonight in the Fifth ward.