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HISTORICAL

FORTY-FIVE CENTS PER MONTH

## DELEGATES IN LARGE NUMBER ARRIVING FOR CONVENTION

Nearly 400 Registered Up to  
Noon Today; Many Ex-  
pected Tonight.

ELECTION TOMORROW;  
SEE SIGHTS IN AFTERNOON

This Evening's Program One  
of Interest; Two Speakers  
of Note On Program.

Delegates to the sixtieth annual  
convention of the Minnesota Sunday  
School convention continued to ar-  
rive today, and tonight it is expected  
the number will be largely increased.  
Nearly 400 delegates had registered



R. A. WAITE

up to noon today, of which 300 were  
from outside of Bemidji. Autos are  
also bringing in large numbers of  
delegates and visitors.

There will be two features on to-  
night's program at the army, when  
Prof. M. A. Honline of Dayton, O.,  
will speak on "The Place of a Reli-  
gious Education" and Prof. W. S. Ath-  
earn of Boston will talk on "Making  
Democracy Safe for the World."

At the close of tomorrow's pro-  
gram at noon, the delegates will be  
entertained in various ways, auto  
rides to different points of interest  
being included.

One of the prominent numbers on  
Sunday's program will be an address  
by R. A. Waite of Chicago who will  
speak on "The Adolescents and the  
Kingdom Program."

Elect Officers Tomorrow.  
The program for tomorrow morn-  
ing is as follows:

8:30—Song service, led by Prof.  
Augustine Smith, Boston.

9:00—"The Bible, What It Is, and  
What It Is Not," Prof. M. A. Hon-  
line, Dayton, Ohio.

9:30—Business—Reports of com-  
mittees and election of officers.

9:45—"The Minnesota Sunday  
School Association," Vice President  
Dr. Joseph Nicholson, Brainerd.

Introducing the state force.

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## CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BEMIDJI'S FRIEND

At the Primary election next Mon-  
day an opportunity is presented to  
every voter of Bemidji and Beltrami  
county to vote for A. D. Stephens of  
Crookston for lieutenant governor,  
and a vote for Mr. Stephens is an  
endorsement of a man who has done  
much for Beltrami county farmers  
and farmers of the entire state of  
Minnesota, as well as the schools of  
the state, townships, villages and ag-  
riculture throughout the northwest.

Mr. Stephens was at one time a  
state senator from Polk county. It  
was he who fathered the bill that  
went through for the reduction of  
the rate of interest from four per cent  
to three per cent on all state loans,  
which included schools, school dis-  
tricts, townships and villages and also  
ditch loans.

He was also the man whose efforts  
resulted in establishing the agricul-  
tural college at Crookston, which has  
been of untold benefit to agricultural  
interests of this part of the state and  
the northwest. When efforts were  
being made to secure the Bemidji  
Normal school and appropriation for  
its erection, Mr. Stephens made a  
special trip to St. Paul to urge his  
friends in the legislature to support  
the project for Bemidji and his work  
and influence were fruitful.

Mr. Stephens may also be said to  
belong to Bemidji. He is the vice  
president of the Northern National

## CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT IS APPLICABLE TO PRIMARY ELECTION

In some past elections held in Be-  
midji there has been tendency to vi-  
olate the election laws of Minnesota,  
such as hauling voters to the polls,  
allowing intoxicated men to vote, af-  
ter marking ballots for them, also a  
violation of the laws, running in  
"floaters" and allowing them to vote  
without proper questioning and also  
other violations, but there seems to  
be no good reason for such violations  
in the coming primaries, except, per-  
haps, it might be well to keep tabs on  
voters' citizenship status, for it has  
been discovered not only in Bemidji,  
but in other parts of the state, that  
aliens have been voting regularly,  
posting as political "bosses," holding  
elective offices and exercising the  
right of franchise when they had  
not the slightest claim to do so.

The corrupt practices act makes it  
unlawful on primary election day—  
To distribute campaign literature.  
To display political banners on ve-  
hicles.

To publish political advertising in  
newspapers.

To solicit votes within 100 feet of  
a polling place.

To use force or threaten to change  
votes.

To carry voters to or from the  
polls.

Offenses against the corrupt prac-  
tices act are punishable both by fine  
and imprisonment and it is made the  
duty of every citizen to aid the sher-  
iff and other officials in the enforce-  
ment of the law.

—Pledge W.S.S. Year—

## BRICK WORK COMMENCED ON NEW HARDWARE BUILDING

The work of building the new brick  
front for the C. E. Battles hardware  
store on the site of the old Challenge  
hotel, has commenced, and will be  
pushed as rapidly as possible. The  
trimming will be of stone.

—Pledge W.S.S. Year—

## 300 Are Killed In Explosion of Teuton Plant

(By United Press)

Paris, June 14.—The Journal to-  
day prints that an explosion in the  
Skoda gun works, near Pilsen, Ger-  
many, killed 300 and injured 700.  
The explosion was heard 150 miles  
away.

—Pledge W.S.S. Year—

## FEAR "WIRE DISEASE"

(By United Press)

London, June 14.—During the ne-  
gotiations between Turkey and the  
British foreign office for the exchange  
of prisoners of war, Turkey sent a  
demand that all barbed wire fences  
be removed from the camps where  
Turks were being held. The Turk  
foreign minister had been told of  
"wire disease" among prisoners and  
wanted them spared from further in-  
fection.

The enemy representatives were  
willing to agree to smooth wire bar-  
ricades because the new disease seem-  
ed to come only from barbed wire.

The point held up negotiations mo-  
mentarily while the British com-  
municated the Turks that "wire disease"  
is a slang term meaning a nervous  
collapse and not a new communicable  
disease suffered by persons who hap-  
pened to touch barbed wire.

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## KAISER PLANS BLOCKADE OF COAST, TEUTON ANNOUNCEMENT

Admiralty Declares U-Boats  
Will Cover From Canada  
South to Mexico.

VIENNA TORN WITH FOOD  
RIOTS; POLICE POWERLESS

Dutch Incensed Over Shelling  
of Ship Survivors After  
Craft Is Torpedoed.

(By United Press)  
Amsterdam, June 14.—The Ger-  
man admiralty intends to declare a  
blockade on the Atlantic coast of the  
United States from Canada to Mex-  
ico.

Austrian Food Riots.

Zurich, June 14.—Serious food  
riots broke loose in Vienna Saturday  
and Monday, say dispatches today.  
Mobs plundered lorries enroute to  
the Italian front and the police were  
powerless. Numerous arrests were  
made. Martial law has been pro-  
claimed in Rostov.

Dutch Mob Incensed.

Ymuiden, Holland, June 14.—A  
mob attacked a German airman, in-  
tended here in camp, when word reach-  
ed here that a German submarine  
had fired on the boats of the Dutch  
lubber Helena, after that vessel had  
been torpedoed and sunk. The sail-  
ors made land after rowing for  
twelve hours.

Submarine Lessons.

Paris, June 14.—It is semi-official-  
ly stated that submarine lessons have  
decreased in the English channel since  
the bases at Zebrugge and Ostend  
have been blocked.

Premier Would Resign.

Amsterdam, June 14.—Premier  
Zeller, in an audience with Emperor  
Karl on Wednesday, offered to re-  
sign, says a Vienna dispatch. The  
emperor postponed action until he  
has consulted parliamentary leaders.

Spain to Carry Supplies.

Madrid, June 14.—The Spanish  
ambassador to the United States has  
been instructed to authorize all  
Spanish ships in American waters to  
bring back to Spain whatever goods  
the United States authorizes.

—Pledge W.S.S. Year—

## CHEAP POLITICAL TRICK. SAYS STEPHENS WITH REFERENCE TO LETTER

Crookston, June 14.—Senator A. D.  
Stephens, candidate for the Republi-  
can nomination for lieutenant gov-  
ernor, has issued a statement de-  
nouncing as a "cheap political trick"  
mail propaganda issued in behalf of  
certain candidates. The statement in  
part says:

"John J. Furlong of Austin,  
Minn., signing himself 'President  
Minnesota Loyalty' is mailing nu-  
merous letters enclosing a sample  
ballot on which he says appears the  
names of candidates for office in-  
dorsed by the Minnesota Loyalty  
league, and I wish to deny emphat-  
ically that any such indorsement has  
been made by the league, as a  
league.

"Elias Warner, treasurer of the  
league, denies any knowledge of any  
such indorsement and denies having  
been present at any time when such  
action was taken. Vance Chapman  
is sending out to the newspapers  
propaganda concerning the purport-  
ed indorsement, and one excuse he  
makes for doing so is that negotia-  
tions were pending for the withdraw-  
al of three candidates, including my-  
self. I deny emphatically that any  
such negotiations were ever in progress.

"O. K. On Loyalty.  
"I cannot, in any sense, be charged  
with disloyalty, for the year last past  
I have spent three-fourths of my  
time in war activities, food adminis-  
tration; fuel administration, Liberty  
loans and Red Cross work. I never  
flirted with the Nonpartisan league,  
have always been Republican and  
worked for Republican principles,  
and certainly on a question of loy-  
alty, my record, since the war began  
in Europe, compares more than fa-  
vorably with my opponents.

"I denounce the purported indorse-  
ment as a cheap political trick."

—Pledge W.S.S. Year—

## BEANS TO BUY STAMPS

(By United Press)  
Collingswood, N. J., June 14.—Boys  
and girls here are going to buy war  
saving stamps with beans.

In order to encourage bean grow-  
ing, the conservation committee has  
offered a series of prizes in W. S. S.,  
for the best bean records. Each con-  
testant must have at least 100 square  
feet of beans.

## PREUS SHOULD RECEIVE SUPPORT FOR AUDITOR: HAS SPLENDID RECORD

There is one of the most important  
offices in the state to be filled at the  
coming primary election, and it is  
that of auditor of state, at present  
held by J. A. O. Preus, one of the  
best known men in affairs of Minne-  
sota.

Mr. Preus owes his success to hav-  
ing been efficient in every position  
entrusted to his care and the people



J. A. O. PREUS

of the state know that his steward-  
ship as been all desired and expected.  
Mr. Preus first came into prominence  
when appointed insurance commis-  
sioner of the state and so well did he  
perform his duties that when his  
name was first broached for state au-  
ditor his election was a foregone con-  
clusion.

He has filled this difficult position  
with exceptional merit and is again  
a candidate on the Republican ticket  
for re-election. He will draw a heavy  
vote in the primary for he has re-  
frained from injecting himself into  
what he regarded as none of his per-  
sonal or business affairs and he is  
a staunch supporter of the govern-  
ment, its war work and in behalf of  
the people of the state of Minnesota  
and their interests. Beltrami county  
should throw its support to Mr. Preus  
regardless of party affiliation, for he  
is the right man in the right place.

—Pledge W.S.S. Year—

## PHONY WAR REVENUE MEN FLEECE FARMERS

There are persons making the  
rounds of the farmers representing  
themselves as federal representatives  
and selling "farmer's account books,"  
using the title of "war income tax  
agent," and in some instances claim-  
ing to be federal revenue officers.  
The account book sells for several  
dollars or what can be gotten out  
of the farmer, many of whom are said  
to have been fleeced, believing it is a  
government affair.

L. C. Roberts of St. Paul, repre-  
senting the treasury department of  
internal revenue, has been looking  
over this vicinity and to the Pioneer  
stated that farmers should be warned  
of this new fake game, and in any  
event the farmer approached should  
demand credentials and see that they  
are genuine.

One of these fake agents was ar-  
rested at Minot, N. D., according to  
newspaper dispatches.

—Pledge W.S.S. Year—

## FRESH YOUTH FINED FOR ANNOYING BATHERS AT DIAMOND POINT PARK

For some unknown reason there  
seems to be a new practice in vogue  
on the part of hair brained individ-  
uals, that of annoying or outright  
insulting women who may have a  
desire to visit the lake shore or go  
in bathing at the city park at Di-  
amond Point, which is provided for  
recreation purposes, and there's go-  
ing to be an end to this right off the  
reel.

The first arrest for being a gen-  
eral nuisance and offensive along  
these lines is that of Chester Mc-  
Griff, an 18-year-old jitney driver,  
who got "funny" yesterday at Di-  
amond Point and attempted to kiss  
two girl bathers. He was promptly  
arrested by C. L. Arnold, park po-  
liceman, and this morning fined \$5  
in municipal court upon a plea of  
guilty to disorderly conduct.

Park Officer Arnold says he will  
arrest any one found to be annoy-  
ing others in like manner and in this  
he will have the support of the peo-  
ple, and some of those "wise birds"  
will be lucky if they escape one of  
the worst beatings they ever received  
from the hands of some member of  
the male persuasion. Chief Ripple  
also says he will take a hand in sup-  
pressing the practice and that he  
will give offenders all there is com-  
ing to 'em.

—Pledge W.S.S. Year—

## PASSES EXAMINATION

Thomas Johnson, architect, re-  
ceived a report from Washington, D.  
C., this morning that he had passed  
the civil service examination as el-  
igible for ship draftsman for the gov-  
ernment.

## PRESIDENT UPHOLDS RIGHT OF KEY MEN TO ORGANIZE; COMES OUT IN STATEMENT

CITIZENSHIP NO VALUE.  
ACCORDING TO THE I.W.W.

Chicago, June 14.—A resolution  
drawn up in 1915 and signed by cer-  
tain residents of Rockford, Ill., de-  
claring the rights of American citi-  
zenship are no longer of any value  
and that they would forswear alle-  
giance to the United States, was in-  
troduced as evidence at the trial of  
110 I. W. W. on a charge of violat-  
ing the espionage laws.

Correspondence passing between  
Charles R. Griffin of Seattle and  
other I. W. W. leaders was then read.  
In one letter Griffin said:

"We are preparing for some big do-  
ings here over the Xmas holidays. I  
am posting a high school lad so he  
can lecture on the I. W. W. in school.  
The teachers in charge are going to  
have their pupils discuss the sub-  
ject, 'What is the I. W. W.?'"

William D. Haywood, writing to  
Griffin, informed him of the strike in  
the lumber district. "There is a big  
strike on now among the lumber  
workers. Wish it could be made gen-  
eral and that every lumberjack in the  
country would quit work until their  
demands for better conditions in the  
lumber camps are assured, the hours  
shortened and their wages in-  
creased."

—Pledge W.S.S. Year—

## Another Ship Wires S.O.S. Off Virginia Coast

(By United Press)

An Atlantic Port, June 14.—At-  
tacked by a German submarine last  
night at 9 o'clock, the British steam-  
er Kemon is believed sunk. The at-  
tack was made off the Virginia coast.

A steamer arriving here from a  
European port today, reported hear-  
ing the Kemon wireless call for help,  
but the call was heard off Nantucket,  
although the Kemon's operator gave  
the ship's position as off Virginia.

—Pledge W.S.S. Year—

## BEMIDJI ESCORTS LATE LATE REPRESENTATIVE TO FINAL RESTING PLACE

To the tolling of the bell on the  
city hall, the body of the late Repre-  
sentative Lloyd G. Pendergast, who  
died in the west soon after the close  
of the last session of the state legis-  
lature, was borne to Greenwood this  
afternoon and interred in its final  
resting place.

Heading the cortege was the Four-  
teenth battalion band and the Home  
Guards without arms, a detachment  
forming the firing squad for the hon-  
ored Civil war veteran. In line were  
the members of the Grand Army of  
the Republic, while the G. A. R. drum  
corps sounded the cadence for their  
comrade who had answered "taps."

City officials and prominent citi-  
zens were largely represented and the  
services at the cemetery were simple,  
the feature being the eulogy to the  
dead legislator by Attorney P. J.  
Russell, for years a close friend of  
Mr. Pendergast.

And it was a sad commentary that  
as the cortege passed to the ceme-  
tery, work on the Normal school, the  
monument to Mr. Pendergast which  
he had never seen, was progressing.

—Pledge W.S.S. Year—

## FRACTIOUS HORSE KILLS SELF IN MAD DASH

Another fractious horse killed it-  
self this afternoon when a team owned  
by Clark Vincent, agent at the  
Red Lake depot, broke a hitch strap  
when tied near the Beltrami elevator  
and made a wild dash.

The team ran at a dead pace and  
crashed into a corner of the Duluth  
Brewing company's cold storage  
house, the pole of the wagon being  
shoved through the side of the build-  
ing with fearful force. One of the  
animals was hardly scratched, but  
the other struck the corner of the  
building when the pole was driven  
through the side wall and was killed  
where he stood.

(By United Press)

President Wilson today came out flat footed in  
support of the national war board's  
decision of the rights of unionizing  
by employes of both the Postal and  
Western Union Telegraph companies,  
and stated the companies must ad-  
here to this principle.

In a letter to Newcomb Carlton and  
Clarence Mackay, presidents of these  
companies, the president urged that  
they abide by the decision of the war  
labor board in the report of the  
threatened strike of the telegraphers.

Mackay wired acceptance of the  
principles, supplementing his previ-  
ous wire that he would waive the  
policy of discharging all union men  
for the present. Carlton has not an-  
swered.

—Pledge W.S.S. Year—

## YOUNG MEN WANTED FOR SPECIAL TRAINING AS NAVAL MECHANICS

Young men of the northwest who  
have been waiting for an opportunity  
to enlist in the navy and train at  
Minneapolis, will welcome the news  
from Lieut. George A. Treadwell,  
navy recruiting officer for this dis-  
trict, that 150 men are urgently  
needed for enrollment in the naval  
reserve force as mechanics. Train-  
ing will be of eight months duration  
and will be at the Dunwoody Naval  
Training schools and the University  
of Minnesota, at Minneapolis.

Men enrolled for training in this  
branch will be a part of 300 auth-  
orized by the navy department. The  
other 150 will be sent to Minneap-