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COMMITTEES ON HIGHWAYS AND TAXES FACING BIG PROBLEMS

Highways Committee Begins Work on Method of Administering Good Roads Plan

BENDIXON LAW COMES BEFORE TAX COMMITTEE

Important Committees Named By Lieutenant-Governor Collins Today

St. Paul, Jan. 11.—Two house committees tackled the two biggest problems before the state legislature today.

The highways committee began work on the good roads problem and the method of administering the Babcock good roads amendment, calling for an annual expenditure of ten million dollars for improving highways.

The tax committee at the same time began consideration of the proposed tonnage tax laws. The Bendixon law, calling for an eight per cent tax on iron ore in lieu of all other taxes, came up first.

Lively battles are prompted in both committee sessions and it is likely there will be hot discussions on the questions from the floor when the bills are reported.

The senate in its session last night approved federal appointments of Governor Preus. The house is to meet at two o'clock this afternoon after a recess from last Friday.

Senator Ole Sengen of Dalton was appointed chairman of the state senate agricultural committee by Lieutenant Governor Collins. This is a combination of four old committees and considered one of the most important.

Other important committee assignments announced by Collins gave the following chairmen: Election, Senator Henry M. Benson, St. Peter; Education, Senator Joseph Jackson of St. Paul; Civil administration, Senator Arch Coleman of Minneapolis; Game and Fish, Senator George A. Turham of Long Lake (re-appointed); Labor, Senator J. G. Callahan of Minneapolis (re-appointed); Public Affairs, Senator C. W. Gilfan of Windom; Re-appointment committee, Senator N. S. Hegens of Argyle; Temperance, a new committee, Senator P. S. Gandrud, Sunberg, Towns and Counties, Senator Gustaf Widell of Mankato (re-appointed); Workman's Compensation, Senator Paul Guilford of Minneapolis.

The committee on motor vehicles was abolished. The number of committees was reduced by four.

MARRIAGES HOLD SAME RATIO FOR TWO YEARS

Fargo, Jan. 11.—Marriages and divorces in Cass county maintained the same ratio in 1920 to each other as in 1919, according to statistics from county court. Eighty-nine divorces were granted in 1920 as against 243 marriages, while in 1919 the record stood 213 marriages and 85 divorces.

ADVISES CALLING OF DISARMAMENT MEETING

Disfavors Cessation of Ship Building Already Granted By U. S. Congress

Washington, Jan. 11.—(By Ralph H. Turner.)—Secretary of the Navy Daniels before the house naval affairs committee today advised President-elect Harding to call a conference of all nations for the conclusion of an agreement on disarmament.

"Harding should strive for such an agreement," Daniels said, "if the United States is not at once to become a member of the League of Nations."

"Until that conference is well assured of a world disarmament," he said, "let there be no cessation in building ships already authorized by congress."

TOBOGGAN SLIDES ON LAKE READY FOR USE

C. N. Shannon, who is in charge of the skating rink and the present toboggan slides cared for under the direction of the recreational board of the Red Cross, announces that there are three or four slides between Eighth and Ninth streets on Lake Boulevard ready for use at any time. These slides, it is planned, will be kept available for use until the permanent slide is erected.

BEMIDJI HIGH MEETS CASS LAKE TONIGHT

Locals' Second District Game Will Be Staged Tonight at Local Armory

Bemidji High school will play its second basketball contest of the third athletic district schedule tonight when it meets Cass Lake at the Armory in what promises to be a fast game. Coach Greiner of Cass Lake, of the University of Valparaiso, has been preparing his aggregation for a hard battle tonight and will bring his men here confident that Bemidji will have to put up a real scrap in order to hold its own.

Coach Smith of the locals is confident that the Bemidji school will win tonight and maintain its big start in the district race. He has been giving his men a thorough workout each afternoon in preparation for Cass Lake tonight and Crosby Friday night.

Albert Hanson of Fosston, former captain of the North Dakota Aggies and all state center for North Dakota, will referee the contest.

The line-up tonight will be as follows:

Bemidji: Higbe (Capt.)... Jondahl Riggis or Simons... Koerner Stegman... Marshall Ford... Austin (Capt.) Lowell... Larson

CLOUET PLAYS CITY QUINT NEXT TUESDAY

Cloquet's city basketball team will journey to Bemidji next Tuesday to take on the local city team at the Armory, January 18, and from all reports received concerning the visiting quint the contest is sure to be a hard one. Final arrangements for the game were completed this morning.

It was planned that the city team travel to Crookston to play the Company I team this week but suitable arrangements could not be made at this time. It is expected that the Crookston bunch will be played later on.

A contest is also being planned with Grand Forks and it is quite likely that Bemidji will go there next week Saturday. Games for late in February and early in March are being arranged with Two Harbors and the New York Nationals, both exceptionally strong aggregations.

FABULOUS SALARIES FOR MOVIE STARS HARD HIT

Los Angeles, Jan. 11.—The day of fabulous salaries for movie stars, excess releases and motions by overpaid directors and executives is at an end, the chiefs of the great Los Angeles Film company agreed today. The last few months has seen a gradual change in the movie business as in other lines, due to the general business depression.

As a result the movie chiefs have decided that during 1921: Fewer stars will twinkle. Fewer productions will be released. Salaries of screen favorites will not be so large. Thousands of cinema actors have been thrown out of work. There has been a wholesale slashing of wages of those retained.

Decreases in attendance at moving picture houses has been one of the big causes of the upheaval. Marshal Neilan, producer and head of his own organization, expressed the opinion that the situation is only temporary. "While it is to be regretted from the viewpoint of the players, it is a healthy condition for the industry as a whole," he said.

MOONSHINERS SUFFER BIG RAID IN SOUTH ST. PAUL

St. Paul, Jan. 11.—Four men, five stills, two hundred gallons of moonshine whiskey and a large quantity of mash was the haul of federal prohibition agents in South St. Paul late yesterday.

The raids came following reports of extensive selling of moonshine whiskey in the stock yards district.

EQUITABLE CLUB WOMEN TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The women of the Equitable Farmers' club of Frohn will give an entertainment for the young folks on Friday night at the R. O. Roberts home. A good time is assured and all are cordially invited.

MURDERED FOR WINNINGS AND THROWN TO SHARKS

Havana, Cuba, Jan. 11.—Murdered for his roulette winnings. Walter Shannon, steamer ticket agent, was cast into the sea where his body was partly consumed by sharks, according to identification today. Identification was made of one leg and a shoe retrieved from the waters. Shannon formerly lived at St. Louis and was ticket seller there for the Peninsular & Occidental steamship line.

AERONAUTS ARE NEAR MATTICE ON RETURN TO SAFETY TODAY

Whereabouts of Long Missing Men Is Disclosed By Indian Runner

DESCRIPTION SENT BY LETTER

Lieutenant Describes Wandering and Distress in Frozen North

(By United Press) Mattice, Ont., Jan. 11.—(By James R. Kelly.)—All's well. Overjoyed at the prospects of speedy return.

This was the first word from the American balloonists, Lieutenants Kloor, Hinton and Farrell, since they left Moose Factory. It was delivered here by Earl Trowse, one of the three Indian runners, who brought the first word that the Americans had arrived at Skunk Island, twenty miles from here, on their trip from Moose Factory to Mattice.

Crowley, La., Jan. 11. (Copyrighted 1921 by United Press).—"God was with us and saved us from death after three days of hell and misery," Lieutenant Lewis Kloor declared in a letter to his parents here, in which he described the wanderings and distress of the American balloonists in the frozen Canadian wilderness.

The letter written by Kloor at Moose Factory, Ont., on December 21, was obtained exclusively by the United Press today. In it Kloor told a clear and vivid story of the hardships he had been thru since the aviators disappeared over the icy waters of North Ontario.

Kloor describes how their balloon, after leaving Rockaway, was struck by a storm and swept rapidly northward over fields, lakes and forest covered with snow and ice. When they landed the airmen did not know where they were. He wrote that their food was exhausted. They had no charts, only compasses. "We are here safe and sound after days of hell and misery," he stated at the close of his letter.

TURTLE RIVER FARM CLUB MET SATURDAY

The Turtle River Farmers' club met at Turtle River last Saturday with about forty persons present. Mrs. Charles Blakeley, Mrs. George Keiser, and Mrs. Frank Rohrer were in charge of the lunch, following which the meeting was called to order and a short program given.

Miss Evelyn Larkin and Anna Blakeley sang two duets, followed by a recitation by Gordon Odell and another by Harold Renico. Evelyn Larkin also sang the Marseilles hymn in French.

Three new members were added to the club and plans were made for the next meeting to be held on Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Turtle River chapel. Mrs. Peter Larbin, Mrs. Frank Lattimer and Mrs. Henry Sandes will have charge of the lunch, and Miss Edna Keiser and Miss Evelyn Larkin will have charge of the program. Everyone is invited to attend.



SAILOR BUD FRISK Who will meet L. C. Curtis at the Armory tomorrow night for two out of three falls. Frisk has a long string of victories.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Sixty-four boys are now enrolled asking for an opportunity to become Boy Scouts. This makes two full troops.

The teachers of the public schools and Normal school voted yesterday to organize a local unit and to affiliate with the National Educational association. John Elson was elected secretary. The membership in the N. E. A. is \$2 a year. A charter will be secured and a representative elected to attend the legislative meeting of the association at Des Moines, in July.

Mr. Deputy, president of the Normal school, outlined briefly the sectional meeting of the North Central Educational association to be held in Bemidji, February 17, 18, and 19.

NONPARTISANS SELECTING CONVENTION DELEGATES

(By United Press) Bismarck, Jan. 11.—Nonpartisan league members were holding county conventions today to select delegates to the state convention of the league to be held at Bismarck, January 14. The convention call was issued by President Townley, G. B. Wood and William Lemke, the executive committee.

COMMERCIAL CLUB FAVORS TAX TO ADVERTISE CITY

(By United Press) Bismarck, Jan. 11.—The local commercial club has gone on record as favoring a tax to raise funds for municipal advertising purposes. Another suggestion was made that cities could levy such a tax and pool the receipts to fight unjust rates.

BUSINESS MEN MEET TO OPEN OFFENSIVE ON CLOSED SHOPS

Will Oppose Plan of Railway Brotherhoods for Board of Labor Adjustment

FEAR THAT BOARD PLAN WILL SPREAD TO OTHERS

Immigration Problems Are to Be Aired While Talking Open Shop Plans

(By United Press) Chicago, Jan. 11.—Big business of the nation will tomorrow launch its fight on the closed shop and the plan of the railroad brotherhoods for establishment of a board of labor adjustment under the transportation act of congress.

Organized labor all over the country was watching developments as the national conference of state manufacturers associations gathered here for the purpose of "protesting the demands of the railway brotherhoods."

William Butterworth, vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and president of the national conference, has invited the following big employers to address the convention: Charles Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Co.; Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation; Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan and Co.; F. A. Selberling, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.; Charles Piez, formerly of the Emergency Fleet corporation; and many others.

Acquiescence in the railway brotherhood's plan of a national board of adjustment would mean the opening wedge for collective bargaining and the closed shop in all branches of industry, according to Butterworth.

Railway executives are opposing the plan of the brotherhoods, Butterworth said, because "it would mean the nationalization of railroads under the domination of labor unions, and the destruction of discipline, efficiency and loyalty."

Manufacturers are meeting because they fear the national adjustment board plan, if established in the railroads, would spread to other industries.

Full discussion of the open shop plan is to be had at the conference, officials said. The immigration problem, which has proved vexing to American manufacturers, is to be aired.

CATHERINE SEXTON LEADS IN TICKET SELLING RACE

Miss Catherine Sexton has secured the lead in the contest to sell tickets for the Barbers' ball to be held on Wednesday, January 19, at the Armory. Competition is very keen, however, with Miss Bernice Kirk and Miss Ellen Davis running close for second place to date. Florence Koppman is next. Each young lady has sold a large number of tickets and the outcome is very undecided.

CURTIS AND FRISK TO MEET HERE TOMORROW

L. C. Curtis, Bemidji's mat artist, will meet Sailor Bud Frisk at the Armory tomorrow night in what promises to be one of the best wrestling matches ever staged here. Since defeating Jack Mills here a few weeks ago, Curtis is confident that no man of his weight will throw him.

Both men are said to be in the best of condition and it is expected that Curtis will show exceptional ability against the former navy wrestler from Minneapolis, who claims he needs an adding machine to count his victories.

The preliminary matches which promises to be worthy of a large attendance will begin at 8:30 and Charles Lainen and William King will be seen in action again. Ladies as well as men are urged to be present. All are assured of a good clean match.

TELEPHONE COMPANY OPENS SALE OF BONDS

(By United Press) Minneapolis, Jan. 11.—Sale of thirty millions of dollars worth of Northwestern Bell Telephone company first mortgage sinking fund gold bonds with interest at the rate of seven per cent has begun. It was announced today by Minneapolis investment bankers.

The issue, dated February 1, 1921, and due February 1, 1941, is the first mortgage on the entire property of the company excepting its property in North Dakota.

ASKS DEPORTATION OF LORD MAYOR OF CORK

State Department Rules that O'Callaghan Should Be Sent From U. S.

(By United Press) Washington, Jan. 11.—Acting Secretary Davis today asked Secretary of Labor Wilson to deport Donal O'Callaghan, lord-mayor of Cork, declaring that the state department could not waive the transportation regulations in the case.

O'Callaghan came to Newport News as a stowaway in violation of the United States laws. Secretary Wilson paroled him on his own recognizance, but the state department which enforces passport regulations ruled he should be deported.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEET

The members of St. Paul's German Evangelical church held their annual business meeting at the church on Sunday, January 2. Favorable reports on the year's work were made by members of the church council, showing progressive results for the year 1920.

After reading the constitution and receiving new members, the following officers were elected by vote of the church council: President, Carl Golz; secretary, Herman Eichstadt; treasurer, Adolph Klein. J. Malakowski and George Posz were elected as elders. An auditing committee consisting of Frank Grimm, G. A. Gehrke and R. W. Koehn approved the reports as satisfactory.

Financial statements and more detailed information will be mailed to the members at a later date.

SOLWAY FARMERS' CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Solway Farmers' club held its annual meeting on Saturday afternoon at Solway and officers for the coming year were elected as follows: B. Tweeten, president; Martin Sorenson, vice president; Martin Dille, secretary; and Joseph Hallum, treasurer.

After the election of officers, Mr. Tweeten and Adolph Gustafson explained the aims and purposes of the farm bureau and much interest was manifested by all. It was decided to secure, if possible, a farmers' institute for Solway, and also a land clearing demonstration for next summer. The Solway club will be represented by an exhibit of farm products at the county fair next fall, as a result of action taken Saturday.

Nels Bye was appointed to look after this project and, as he is a great booster, a very fine exhibit is looked for.

LEGION HOLDS SOCIAL GATHERING THURSDAY

Notices are being sent to all members of the Ralph Graie post of the American Legion urging them to be present at the joint social session to be held Thursday evening at the rooms of the Bemidji Civic and Commerce association beginning at eight o'clock.

The Women's Auxiliary and the ladies who assisted in making the Armistice Day celebration a success as well as Bemidji High school football team are to be the guests of honor. A splendid program of music and other entertainment is planned and indications are that there will be a large attendance. Lunch will be served, and every member of the Legion is asked to be present.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY TO SELECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS

St. Paul, Jan. 11.—The state agricultural society was expected to endorse a new member of the state fair board today, to succeed Mike Palm who resigned to take the office of secretary of state last week. Several men from the North district are in the field for the job.

BOLSHEVISM IS FAST SPREADING IN PERSIA

London, Jan. 11.—Bolshevism is spreading over Persia so rapidly that British frontier guards have been ordered to withdraw and all British women and children have been ordered out of Teheran, according to dispatches here today.

Cabinet ministers and former cabinet ministers of Persia in extraordinary council have agreed to Russian proposals for Sovietizing Persia, the report said. All delegations to the Shah court were expected to withdraw from Teheran in the spring, according to the report.

PLANS BEING MADE FOR SIMPLE INAUGURATION

Washington, Jan. 11.—Plans were being made today for a simple inauguration of President-elect Harding, H. J. McLean, chairman of the inauguration committee announced that all plans for the big celebration have been abandoned at Harding's request.

IMPLEMENT DEALERS ARE MEETING IN MINNEAPOLIS

(By United Press) Minneapolis, Jan. 11.—Implement dealers of the state were meeting at the West hotel today to discuss agricultural problems and general business conditions, affecting their business. They will be in session three days.



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