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RULES THAT BOOKS MUST BE PRODUCED

JUDGE AMIDON HOLDS THAT TRUSTEE CAN INQUIRE INTO FINANCES OF LEADER

Fargo, Sept. 11.—Judge C. F. Amidon, in the United States federal court, ruled late Tuesday afternoon against A. C. Townley in his demand that the trustee in bankruptcy, investigating Townley's financial affairs, be restrained from making an examination of the records of the Nonpartisan league and auxiliary enterprises managed by Mr. Townley.

The question of whether or not such investigation shall be made by a master in chancery, or be under the direct supervision of the judge himself, was taken under advisement. Some time ago, just a few days before the North Dakota primary election, after the Nonpartisan chief's counsel, James Manahan and Wm. Lemke, had promised to produce the records of the Nonpartisan league, they appeared in the federal court of North Dakota, attempting to obtain from Judge Amidon an order abandoning his previous order by which inquiry was being prosecuted in Minnesota of Mr. Townley's affairs. They contended that Mr. Townley was being "politically prosecuted."

Can Study Townley's Finances
Judge Amidon's holding that the records must be opened to the trustee, disposes of that contention of Mr. Townley's attorneys, and an inquiry will be made to determine whether or not the Nonpartisan chief has converted to his own use sums in excess of the \$300 a month which he has said is the salary he accepts from the league and its newspapers.—The Nonpartisan Leader and The Courier-News, getting \$100 a month from the newspapers for directing their editorial policies.

Francis Murphy, attorney for the creditors who hold claims of approximately \$80,000, against which Mr. Townley balances assets of about \$500, all claimed exempt, presented to the federal court a statement showing the steps taken to date, and indicating that Mr. Townley's own admissions relative to his conduct of the league's finances warranted a probe of the records as a means of protecting the interests of Mr. Townley's host of creditors.

Trustee E. B. McCutcheon was in the city this morning and stated that he would leave for St. Paul this week. He said that the investigation would take about two months.

A. F. Burk Buys Lumber Yard

A transaction took place the first of this month by which A. F. Burk of this city who has been local manager of the Roger's Lumber Co. here for a number of years, became sole owner of the yard here.

While Mr. Burk has been manager of the yard he has run the yard in a very business like and up-to-date manner and has been an ardent worker for the development of Williston and the surrounding country and we feel assured that he will make a success as owner of the yard.

The Graphic and Mr. Burk's many friends wish him the best of luck and success at his new enterprise.

Senechal Ferry Started Monday

The new ferry boat owned and controlled by Mr. Senechal and son Fred commenced the carrying of passengers across the Missouri on Monday morning. The new boat named "Wolf" is a beauty and capable of carrying nine autos across at a time. It is equipped with one of the latest and best 40 horse power engines which will pull the boat across safely in all kinds of weather. The road to the ferry can be reached by taking the first road that runs southwest of the G. N. R. viaduct. The road is in good shape and a fine road is to be found on the other side of the river leading to Indian Hill.

262 Hunting Licenses Issued

Up to this morning County Auditor Aaen had issued 262 hunting licenses for the season which opens next Monday. This number is below last year but Mr. Aaen expects a grand rush for licenses at the last minute. No doubt there will not be as many licenses issued this year as in former years as many of the Williams county sportsmen are now hunting the Huns.

Well Known Fairview Woman Is Killed

A pallor of gloom was cast upon the city of Fairview last Wednesday afternoon when the sad news reached there that Mrs. Walter Kruckeberg had been killed.

About 11:30 Wednesday forenoon Mrs. Warren Jennison and sister, Mrs. Con Sannan of Rugby, N. D., accompanied by Mrs. Walter Kruckeberg, Mrs. Robert Casey and Mrs. W. M. Newell started on an auto trip to Glendive. About two hours later word was received that an accident had occurred near Intake and the husbands of the ladies hurriedly left for the scene of the accident.

Some gravel and small stones that were lodged in the road caused their car to slip and fall over an embankment about seventy-five feet high. The car rolled over several times on the way down and Mrs. Kruckeberg was instantly killed. The others in the car were more or less injured. Mrs. Jennison fractured both jaws and has been in a critical condition since, but reports of late state that she is thought out of danger.

Mrs. Walter Kruckeberg was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lebeck, who reside about one mile east of Fairview. She was married to Walter Kruckeberg in 1910, one of Fairview's most promising business men. To this union one child, a son, was born who is now about 5 years of age.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at Fairview and was the largest funeral ever seen there. Several friends and relatives went from Williston to attend the funeral. Among those to attend the funeral from here were, Mr. George Kruckeberg, Mr. Ben Kruckeberg, Miss Loretta Kruckeberg, Mrs. Stedem, Mrs. A. H. Vohs and Alfred Vohs.

Canadian Soldier Visits This City

Olaf Bjelde formerly of McKenzie county and well known in Williston arrived here yesterday from Canada. Olaf has been in active service overseas for twenty-six months and was in the famous battle of Passendale where he received a wound in the arm. After spending ten months in a hospital he returned to Canada where he received his discharge from active service. Mr. Bjelde expects to leave for Canada soon where he will take up a commercial course that is offered him by the Canadian Government to returned and wounded soldiers. Mr. Bjelde proved up on a homestead north of Arnegard.

Thresher Reports Not Very Good

Several of the threshers have handed in their reports so far to the County Agent and from these reports we find that the grain is running very light. One threshing rig west of town only averaged 1.11 bushels per acre while the highest report received so far was 5.68 bushels per acre. Much better reports than this are expected as the harvest progresses and we should not take these reports serious as all those received so far have been from sections of the county where the crop was very poor.

INSTALLED FINE X-RAY MACHINE

DR. HAGAN HAS FINEST X-RAY MACHINE IN NORTHWEST COSTING ABOUT \$3500—INSTALLED BY CARL YOUNG

Dr. Hagan has installed a new X-Ray machine in his office which will be of great benefit to the people of this section of the northwest. The machine is manufactured by Wm. Myer Co. of Chicago and is being installed by Carl Young of that city.

The machine is the latest and most up-to-date made and costs the doctor about thirty five hundred dollars. There is nothing like it between Grand Forks and Great Falls. With this equipment the doctor can examine all parts of the body, locate fractures, stomach trouble, lung trouble and in fact almost any old kind of trouble. The only thing I didn't hear them claim for the machine was that it could tell what you were thinking about—and after watching several examinations we are half of the opinion that it could almost read a person's mind. At any rate it is a great addition to the city and will be of wonderful value to the public and especially those suffering with fractures or broken bones. By taking pictures lung trouble can be located or proven.

ALL REMOVED FROM TORPEDOED VESSEL

VESSEL WITH 2800 SOLDIERS ON BOARD TORPEDOED BUT ALL ARE SAVED

London, Tuesday, Sept. 10. — A troop ship with 2,800 American soldiers on board has been torpedoed. All hands were saved. The troop ship was beached.

In order to save time instead of launching the boats the men clambered down ropes to destroyers which swarmed around the stricken vessel and came close alongside.

This operation was greatly facilitated by the fact that the sea was not rough.

The troopship was a member of a large convoy approaching the English coast. The vessel was torpedoed 200 miles from shore at a o'clock on Friday afternoon.

The transfer of the American soldiers from the stricken vessel to escorting British and American torpedo boat destroyers was made without injury to any one.

They all escaped injury when the torpedo exploded and they were soon on their way to a British port.

No Sign of Panic
There was no sign of panic on board and the admirable behavior of the men was especially gratifying to the officers.

Submarine Destroyed
Several soldiers told the Associated Press that they saw the German submarine lifted clear out of the water after one of the depth bombs exploded and then entirely disappear.

Something had gone wrong with the troopship's engines which compelled her a time to lag behind the rest of the convoy but the trouble had been fixed up and she was fast catching up with the other transports when a torpedo hit her just forward of the engine room.

The vessel at once began to sink in at such a rate that it was thought the steamer would quickly founder.

Ship Did Not Sink
To the surprise of most of the soldiers the troopship did not sink. Some means apparently were found to check the inrush of water and she got near enough to the shore to be beached.

Red Sox Winners For Season Of 1918

Fenway Park, Boston, Mass., Sept. 11.—The Boston Red Sox, champions of the American league, won the world's baseball champion for 1918 by defeating the Chicago Cubs, National league champions, 2 to 1, at Boston this afternoon.

The Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs hooked up again today in the sixth game of the world's series, before several thousand spectators, who shivered and shook in an arctic blast that reached every corner of the field and stands. Murmurs of another strike over the division of the money of the series faded out during the morning when the club owners held a conference, for afterward it was given out that the contest would be played and reports were that Boston and Chicago owners had met the situation.

Fine Program Tomorrow Night

The committee in charge of the Community Club supper to be given at the I. O. O. F. Hall tomorrow evening at 6:30 have arranged a splendid program for the event. The ticket sale for the occasion has been very successful and a large crowd is expected. Much interest has been aroused by the work that the War Resource Board has started by the development of this territory and this is one of the points that will be discussed at the meeting.

Every business man in the city as well as the farmers of this territory should make it a point to be there tomorrow evening as the development of this country depends a great deal on the work that can be done by the Community Club.

The program as arranged by the committee is as follows:

Opening Remarks—John Bruegger.
1st Speaker—Wm. Owens—"Community Co-operation and what it means to the business men"

2nd Speaker—W. W. Keltner—"Community Co-operation and what it means to the farmer."

3rd Speaker—W. B. Overson—"The need of Co-operation between town and country to improve roads."

4th Speaker—County Agent Scholander—"Farm Bureau Club."

5th Speaker—W. S. Arthur—"Government Co-operation."

6th Speaker—Thos. F. Craven—"Possibilities for Army to serve best interests of the community."

7th Speaker—Supt. C. E. Blume—"Community Club."

Hospital Management Expresses Thanks

The Wittenberg Hospital wish to express their thanks and appreciation to those kind friends who have brought flowers to the hospital to cheer the sick. Such little deeds of charity means so much to those who are confined to the sick room, sometimes far away from relatives and friends. These kind friends of the sick help to make people feel that Williston is a community whose people are kind and unselfish, whose people like to help and see everybody get along well. A community whose people are selfish will never prosper "Give and it shall be given unto you." (J).

Alex Karr To Be Here Tomorrow

Word was received by the Community Club here that Mr. Alex Karr of Jamestown, secretary of the state Community Development Association, will be here tomorrow to attend the meeting of the Williston Community Club which is to be held tomorrow evening.

A North Dakota Re-union "Over There"

Former Governor Hanna of North Dakota, who is in France in an executive position for the Red Cross, heard his friend, Earl Tostevin, formerly editor of the Mandan Pioneer, was in a hospital, and made a 200-mile trip to see him. Several other boys from the state were rounded up and there was a regular Flickertail reunion "over there."

BRITISH DRIVE AHEAD IN NORTH, FIRE AND MASSACRE IN PETROGRAD

ENGLISH CLOSING IN ON ST. QUENTIN AND FRENCH ON LA FERRE — FIRES REPORTED IN RUSSIAN CAPITOL— JAPANESE SUCCESSFUL

War Resource Com. Starts Work

The War Resource Committee of this district comprised of T. C. Hutchinson, N. B. Ludowese and John Murphy started the work of the organization here in Williston last week by taking up with the proper authorities at Washington, D. C., the use of the unused power that can be produced here at the government power house for the manufacture of some of the much needed war materials. Several telegrams were sent explaining our proposition here and replies have been received that are very favorable and show that the government is interested in what we are trying to do and no doubt will take some action soon to use the available power here. A bulletin was received by the local board yesterday from the state headquarters at Fargo, N. D., which is as follows:

September 9th, 1918.

The following inquiries have been sent out by Regional Advisor and should have your immediate attention and response. If you find any concerns that handle any of the items referred to advise this office at once.

1. What concerns in your territory can produce Army cots, advise names and quantities?

2. Can any concerns in your sub-region make Number 5 1 G Steel Oil Barrels?

3. Our Washington office informs us that the Signal Corps is buying large quantities of Pole Climbers, from time to time, in lots of 100 to 10,000 pair at a time. These articles are the ordinary commercial pole climbers and are purchased complete with the straps at a price around \$3.50 or \$4.00 per pair.

If any concerns within your Sub-Region are interested in supplying these articles, it is suggested that they make up samples and forward them here, together with a written statement covering their price, deliveries, and statement as to what suitable material they have on hand, if any, and if not, where they expect to get it. We will then place the matter in the hands of our Washington representatives to take up with the proper purchasing department.

If any of the localities in McKenzie or Divide counties are in a position to handle any of the above work we would like to have them report to the officers of this district: N. B. Ludowese or T. C. Hutchinson at Williston.

James Haskett who for some time past has acted as assistant cashier at the Williams County State Bank of this city left Sunday for Grenora where he will assume the cashiership of one of the banks there.

THE NEW ORDER MAY EFFECT SOFT DRINKS

FEDERAL FOOD DEPARTMENT RULING ON BEER MAY STOP USE OF NEAR BEERIS

Fargo, Sept. 10.—North Dakota, having been a Sahara of dryness for 30 years, is not so deeply concerned as many other states in the new order from Washington prohibiting the manufacture of beer after December 1 next but there is much interest in the possible effect that the new order will have on soft drinks and near-beers and substitutes which have been a part of the refreshment of the people of the state for some time past.

It is generally thought that the order will affect the manufacture of the soft drinks and substitutes for the order carries in it a warning that all may see when it says there will be a "further great curtailment in the near-manufacture of glass containers, of tin plate for caps, of transportation and of food products in such beverages."

Dr. E. F. Ladd, food administrator, said this morning, "The inclusion of the near-beers and substitutes in the order was being considered when I was in Washington. They are all now being produced on reduced supplies of fuel and food materials and the order issued Saturday holds a warning that he who runs may read."

The British were again moving forward today toward the Hindenburg line in the one sector where they are still some distance from it, near the center of the allied battle-front.

Some progress was made during the night in the Verdun region where Field Marshal Haig's forces are closing in upon St. Quentin from the north while the French are pushing up from the south.

Further north the British were reported today having gained a foothold in the twin towns of Peziere and Epehy, two and a half miles from the Hindenburg line opposite Le Catelet. The Germans are resisting strongly here as this section of the line forms part of the defenses of Cambrai on the south.

Their resistance in this sector also is taking the form of strong counter attacks at Fouzeaucourt, just to the north.

The defense of Cambrai is likewise being carried to the aggressive side by the Germans along the Canal Du Nord, where the British stand far inside the Hindenburg line after having broken the Queant-Drocourt switch. In this aggressive movement the enemy last night sharply counter-attacked near Moeuvres just to the east of Queant and at Ecourt-St. Quentin, north of the Arras-Cambrai road. In both cases the British held their ground, repulsing the Germans in stiff engagements.

The French drive in upon La Fere a northerly defense of the St. Gobain bastion, is reported today to have made notable progress with the capture of the town of Travecy, on the Hindenburg line two miles directly north of La Fere. The holding of this ground would result in the outflanking of La Fere on the northerly side.

The Germans also have been attacking desperately on the French front where the line runs north from the Aisne toward the St. Gobain massif. They are attempting to drive the Franco-American forces there off the Mont Rouge plateau, the allied occupation of which is threatening the flank of the line far to the east. All their efforts, however, have been fruitless.

Washington, Sept. 11.—A dispatch from the American legation at Christiana today said reliable information had reached there that Petrograd was burning in twelve different places and that there was indiscriminate massacre of people in the streets.

Secretary Lansing, in announcing the message said it did not indicate whether the massacre was organized or merely was a result of a general state of anarchy. There was nothing to show what part of the Bolshevik authorities were playing in the situation.

Stockholm, Sept. 9.—Vologda, a town on the Volga river, 110 miles north of Yaroslav, is reported in dispatches from Moscow, to have been captured by Russian White Guards, consisting chiefly of peasants who approached the place from Perm. Before leaving Vologda, the Russian red army is said to have burned the town.

Tokio, Wednesday, Sept. 4.—An official statement issued today by the Japanese war office reporting military operations on the Ussuri front, in Siberia, says:

"Our cavalry reached Bolchatovo, Sept. 2. Bikin, 150 miles north of Vladivostok, was reached August 31, and our vanguards entered Iman, 40 miles south of Bikin, Sept. 1. The railway bridges at Iman and Bikin were not damaged by the enemy.

"Many Austro-Hungarians and Germans participated in the engagement at Kraefsky, between Aug. 23 and 25."

Silver Cup Offered For Grain

The Northern Pacific Railroad is offering a \$500 silver trophy at the International Soil Products Exposition which will be held at Kansas City October 16 to 26 for the best half bushel of hard spring wheat.

It is a known fact that this territory through here raises the best hard wheat in the country and in spite of the fact that our crop is not as abundant this year a might be the grade of the grain is excellent and there is no reason on earth why this community cannot capture the prize.

Gunner Depew

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