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SEC. HUSTON ASKS U. S. TO JOIN LEAGUE OF NATIONS

More than 1500 of the old friends of Capt. Howard Huston, now Secretary of the League of Nations, who arrived in Minot from Geneva, Switzerland, Friday morning, gathered at the high school auditorium Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock to do him honor.

Never has a finer testimonial been given to any young man of the city on his return than the reception held for Mr. Huston.

The Minot Community band under the direction of John E. Howard occupied a place on the stage and rendered several delightful numbers, this splendid musical organization offering its services for the occasion.

The reception was in charge of the Wm. G. Carroll American Legion Post of this city, and Dr. F. J. Bruggman, the Post Commander, was chairman of the meeting. Governor R. A. Nestos, Capt. Huston and the heads of the various civic bodies and clubs of Minot occupied places on the stage.

More than 100 Boy Scouts attended the reception in a body, marching by troops headed by Bert Cole and Palmer Wood, flag bearer and drummer of Troop 3. They were under the direction of D. D. Riley, Scout Commissioner, assisted by the various Scout Masters.

Dr. E. G. DeMots, one of the Scout Masters, addressed the Boy Scouts, pointing out the lessons to be learned from Capt. Huston's own life, likening his character to the sturdy growth of the oak. Dr. DeMots placed the insignia of the First Class Boy Scout on the lapel of Mr. Huston, the highest honor the Boy Scouts of Minot can give a citizen.

J. H. Colton presented the membership of the American Legion Post to Capt. Huston, remarking that while the Captain had assisted in organizing the first American Legion Post in London, of which he is a member, he would not doubt prize membership in the Wm. G. Carroll Post of Minot, fully as much.

Supt. L. A. White of the city school spoke in behalf of Minot's educational institution. Mr. Huston graduated from the Minot high school in 1911. He saw service on the various fronts in France, was wounded and ordered to the rear but refused to leave his command until the engagement had been won. This led to the report that he had met death and for several weeks he was mourned as dead. The newspapers contained accounts of his death and preparations were being made to hold Memorial services when the glad news reached Minot that he was alive. On his recovery, he went back to his command and fought until the end of the war. He was Aide to General Booth with the Army of Occupation in Germany until he was selected as executive secretary of the League of Nations, which position he now holds.

Governor R. A. Nestos paid a fine tribute to Mr. Huston and recalled some of the incidents pertaining to his school days in Minot.

Sunday's program was in accord with the formal ritual of the American Legion, the invocation being offered by J. H. Colton, the chaplain. The audience sang a stanza of America at the opening of the exercises and closed with The Star Spangled Banner.

When Capt. Huston was introduced, the audience stood and applauded him for several minutes. He spoke for half an hour, giving a very clear, concise review of the situation in Europe. Mr. Huston is a very able speaker, uses faultless English and his training in debates in his old University days now serves him well.

He declared that the league has already averted three wars, which is argument enough for the excuse for its existence. Settlements have been brought between Serbia and Albania, Sweden and Finland and Poland and Lithuania, altho the last dispute has

not been definitely settled. "The men who are laboring in the league are putting their hearts and souls into the work because they believe that the league is an association that is necessary to the world," he said.

"There is only one country in the world that can straighten out Europe and that is the United States. I plead with you to co-operate with those countries over there. The United States needs them and must not let them try to work out their problems alone.

Mr. Huston stated that 51 nations are now in the league. The only great nations not now represented are Russia, Germany, Turkey and the United States. He named three of the most vital questions that have been taken up by the league, communication and transportation in Europe, legislation to control the production and sale of opium and the work that is being done by the health section of the league in the devastated sections of Europe. Referring to the condition in Russia, he said he did not know just what America had heard about Russia, but however bad the report may be, it cannot be serious enough.

The last budget of the league of nations was \$4,000,000 which seems a large amount, but when divided up among the 51 countries, is not large. He said the league in three years had spent far less than what it would cost to build one battleship. Mr. Huston declared that the league may not be a perfect organization, in fact he does not agree with Article Ten, but it may be altered and improved until it will be on a still better working basis and more acceptable. He declared that the league was strongly behind the disarmament conference in Washington and has drawn up proposals for land disarmament to be presented to the Genoa conference now in session.

About 450 representatives from the 51 nations are now employed by the league of nations.

Farm Training Given in 15 High Schools

More than 350 North Dakota High school students are studying vocational agriculture in 15 high schools of the state, according to E. H. Jones, professor of agricultural education at the North Dakota Agricultural College, who also is state supervisor of the Smith-Hughes schools in which the agricultural training is being given. Mr. Jones will begin inspection of the Smith-Hughes schools in the state soon.

"The vocational agriculture work not only interests the high school students in problems that they encounter at home, but also lay foundation for a more advanced course at a state agricultural college," Mr. Jones says. "This state of North Dakota is an agricultural state, and naturally there is a great demand for agricultural instruction."

"In the near future there will be at least one high school in each county giving the Smith-Hughes training."

The work in agriculture serves to instruct the parents of the pupils taking it in the Smith-Hughes schools, Mr. Jones says, as much of the work is done at home, in the form of project training, and this enables the teacher to make contact with the parents on his visits to the home.

The Smith-Hughes law establishing the vocational training high schools, provides that such schools receive federal funds to carry on the training work. The states must also provide an amount equal to the federal apportionment.

Julius Peterson, Thos. Moen and Mrs. Hugo Sparks were arrested by the police Monday night charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Summer Boarders



REPUBLICANS MAKE NO ENDORSEMENT FOR SENATOR

NESTOS GIVEN UNANIMOUS ENDORSEMENT

The Republican state convention decided to endorse no candidate for United States Senator and nominated the following ticket at the Jamestown convention today:

- U. S. Senator—No endorsement.
- Governor—R. A. Nestos, Minot.
- Lieutenant Governor—Frank Hyland, Devils Lake.
- Secretary of State—Thomas Hall, Bismarck.
- Auditor—H. C. Johnson, Sargent county.
- Treasurer—John Steen, Bismarck.
- Attorney General—Geo. Shafer, Watford City.
- Commissioner of Insurance—Harry G. Carpenter, Fargo.
- Commissioner of Agriculture & Labor—Joseph A. Kitchen, Sentinel Butte.
- Railroad Commissioners—Capt. A. D. McKinnon, Sheridan county; T. F. Gronvold, Pierce county; C. E. Knox, Oakes.
- Supt. of Public Instruction—Miss Minnie J. Nielson.
- Congress, 1st Dist.—O. B. Burtness, Grand Forks.
- Congress, 2nd Dist.—Geo. M. Young, Valley City.
- Congress, 3rd Dist.—No nomination.

The state convention of independent republicans and independent democrats opened in Jamestown Wednesday.

At 3 P. M. Wednesday the republican state convention had not been formally opened, the delay being due to conferences held between McCumber and anti-McCumber forces, relative to a chairman.

A. G. Divet of Fargo was the candidate of the McCumber forces and former Senator J. E. Davis of Goodrich, was the choice of the anti-McCumber forces. The McCumber element wanted to compromise by having Divet selected for chairman and Davis for secretary.

O'CONNOR SELECTED BY DEMOCRATS FOR U. S. SENATOR

WM. O'LEARY FOR R. R. COMMISSIONER

- Democratic State Ticket
- U. S. Senator—J. F. T. O'Connor, Grand Forks.
 - Governor—Charles Simons, New England.
 - Lieut. Gov.—W. R. Porterfield, Fargo.
 - Secretary of State—Mrs. L. W. Gammon, Fargo.
 - Treasurer—Isaac Hegge, Holton.
 - Auditor—Hans Anderson, Grand Forks.
 - Insurance Commissioner—E. E. Lillibridge, Dickinson.
 - Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor—N. M. Nelson, Emerado.
 - Attorney General—D. J. O'Connell, Towner.
 - Railroad Commissioners—William O'Leary, Minot; C. W. Pollock, Fargo, and Arthur Dixon, Rolla.
 - Congress, 1st Dist.—R. E. Smith, Michigan City.
 - Congress, 2nd Dist.—J. B. Fried, Jamestown.
 - Congress, 3rd Dist.—E. J. Hughes, Dickinson.

Jamestown, N. D. April 20.—Following the announcement that the Republican state convention would not endorse Senator Porter J. McCumber, all opposition to the fusion plan on the state ticket crumpled in the Democratic state convention here.

There was a delay in opening the convention on account of contesting delegations from Burleigh county. The matter was finally settled, each faction being permitted to seat half of its committee.

While the forces clashed at times, early in the convention, the cooler heads in each faction worked hard to bring about a compromise.

McCumber's forces claimed to have sufficient votes to control the convention. The anti-McCumber forces were just as certain that they could win. The more radical in each faction wanted to adopt the rule of ruin methods, regardless of what bearing it might have on the state election but the convention adjourned without any senatorial candidate being endorsed. This was undoubtedly the wisest plan.

Governor Nestos attended the convention and undoubtedly had a hand in bringing this about. If the governor is to be re-elected, he will need a united front and it would endanger his chances to split the Independent forces or to throw away any democratic support. The results of the Jamestown convention clarified the political atmosphere and makes Nestos certain of re-election, it is said.

McCumber is determined to win and declared prior to the convention that even if some other candidate were endorsed at the convention, he would be a candidate. The Independents could not think of endorsing Gronna after he had played so openly for the nonpartisan league support and had any candidate been endorsed, it is likely that they would have endorsed A. M. Christianson, member of the supreme bench, who is in a receptive mood. P. D. Norton, is another candidate who hoped that he might receive the endorsement of the convention for senator.

In the interests of harmony, A. G. Divet of Fargo was named chairman of the convention and Sidney Adams was elected secretary.

R. A. Nestos was unanimously endorsed for Governor. J. E. Davis of Goodrich made an eloquent nominating speech and Kara A. Dickinson of Minot in a very witty and pleasing manner seconded it.

NESTOS GIVEN STRONG ENDORSEMENT AT DISTRICT CONVENTION

Development Units Conference in Minot April 22

All local units of the Northwestern North Dakota Development Association will send at least one delegate to the conference to be held in Minot Saturday morning April 22 for the purpose of planning the immigration work for the entire district. According to the Association of Commerce, which has been handling the secretarial work for the development association, some 36 or 37 local units have been organized and close to \$10,000 either pledged or raised by these units. The money is being spent by each local unit and the work is being carried on along the plan adopted by the Minot Association of Commerce which is serving as the Minot unit of the Association. The conference Saturday will enable the members of the various units to exchange views on their work.

The campaign for the Minot district is attracting widespread attention and many inquiries are being received each day by the Association of Commerce. Many pieces of literature are being sent out each day, the effort being to secure as many prospective settlers as possible to make homeseekers trip to Minot vicinity in May, June or July. A special appeal has been made to the people in the Minot section to write letters to their friends in other states urging them to come to this territory on homeseekers excursions.

A large number of quarter sections have been listed by the Association of Commerce. Listing are being received each day.

Meeting at Williston

Williston, April 20.—Delegates from several parts of Williams county and McKenzie county came to Williston yesterday to attend the immigration meeting held last night in the armory. A large crowd greeted the speakers who were Jas. S. Milloy of Minot, D. C. Greenfield of the Great Northern immigration department and former commissioner of agriculture for Montana, E. C. Leedy of St. Paul, chief agricultural development agent for the Great Northern Ry., Dr. J. H. Worst of Bismarck, state commissioner of immigration and Frank Collins, land commissioner for the Soo Ry. in North Dakota. Ernest Bylin of Tioga presided.

The meeting was held for the purpose of creating more widespread interest in the work of the Williston and Williams county units of the Northwestern North Dakota Development Association. A similar meeting was held in Ray Tuesday evening with District Judge Geo. H. Moelling of Williston the principal speaker.

Reception for the Misses Greene

A farewell reception was held Wednesday evening at the Episcopal church basement for the Misses Margaret and Florence Greene who will leave tonight for Seattle to make their home. They were tendered a handkerchief shower, receiving dozens of exquisite presents. Cards were played, Mrs. Kemper and H. E. Shearn winning the favors. Refreshments were served.

Miss Margaret Greene, who has been the efficient librarian at the public library for years, has accepted a similar position in Seattle.

Montana Boy Died on Train

Harry David, aged 13, enroute to his home at Froid, Mont., passed away on the train shortly before reaching Minot and the body was taken to Van Fleet's undertaking parlors to be prepared for shipment to the home, April 14. The lad had gone to the hospital at Northwood, N. D., for treatment for gland trouble.

E. A. Shirley, local grocer, is spending the week in Minneapolis on business.

A son was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wenneson.

The republican convention, representing the 29th legislative district, was held at the court house in Minot Saturday afternoon and for a short time it was a rather lively affair, as the McCumber and Independent forces clashed. The differences were pretty well ironed out, however, as far as the state politics was concerned, when both factions gave Governor R. A. Nestos' administration a strong endorsement.

The Independents controlled the convention, but a compromise was made, the Independents being allowed ten delegates to the state convention and the McCumber forces, five. The delegates however were sent uninstruced.

Vic Corbett, chairman of the republican county committee, was chairman of the convention. The credentials committee was composed of John J. Lee, G. E. Mitchell, Mrs. C. B. Bach, Ed. Kelley and Wm. Dannel.

The committee on nominations was J. J. Coyle, chairman, C. D. Aaker, Mrs. E. O. Dickinson, C. H. Verry and B. H. Bradford. The committee on resolutions was Carl W. Mason, K. E. Leighton and C. B. Davis.

Eighty-four delegates were present. L. J. Palda addressed the convention regarding the senatorial and state campaigns.

The resolutions adopted follow: The State of North Dakota, under a sane, fair and business-like administration, is steadily emerging from the chaos and depression that has characterized its history during the last five years prior to December, 1921.

The paramount consideration for the citizens of North Dakota at this time is an uninterrupted and unhampered continuance of the present improvement.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the duly accredited delegates of the Republican party of the 29th legislative district in convention assembled, that we strongly endorse the administration of Gov. R. A. Nestos, recognizing the splendid work it has done and is doing in the rehabilitation of the state, politically and economically.

We urge that Gov. Nestos and a supporting ticket be endorsed and supported by the Republican convention April 19, and that all friends of good government and progress unite in laboring for the nomination of Gov. Nestos and his colleagues at the June primaries and their election in November.

Instructions for Nestos We hereby strictly instruct the delegates chosen by this convention to represent the 29th district at the Jamestown convention to vote consistently for the endorsement and re-nomination of Gov. R. A. Nestos and a supporting ticket.

We believe that the endorsement of a candidate for the United States Senate is a secondary consideration in North Dakota at present, and that no action should be taken by this convention or likely to prejudice in any way the interests of the state as represented in the Nestos administration and the desirability of its continuance in office.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the delegates chosen by this convention to represent the 29th district in the Jamestown convention be uninstruced as regards endorsement of any candidate for United States senator, and that they act and vote at Jamestown with first consideration for the success of the anti-socialist campaign in the state of North Dakota.

LABOR BUREAU FOR FARMERS TO BE OPENED HERE FRIDAY

A labor bureau for the benefit of farmers in Northwestern North Dakota, to be financed by the state department of agriculture and labor, will be opened in the Ward County Farm Bureau offices in Minot tomorrow morning with Clyde B. Nelson, secretary of the farm bureau, in charge.

Efforts to have a state and federal bureau, such as conducted in Minot last year, were unsuccessful and Mr. Nelson met with the board of directors of the Minot Association of Commerce this week and urged that some action be taken toward giving the farmers of the Minot district and the entire northwestern part of the state free labor bureau service. He pointed out that such a bureau properly conducted could co-operate with city officials and make sure that any transients either accepted work at a fair wage or were sent out of town. Exorbitant wage demands on the part of the laborers could not be tolerated this year, Mr. Nelson stated.

Following a conference between officers of the Association, the Farm Bureau and President W. M. Smart and Commissioner A. Bratsberg of the city commission, it was decided that the Association of Commerce

should make another appeal to Joseph A. Kitchen, commissioner of agriculture and labor. Mr. Kitchen was reached by telephone at Bismarck today and consented to have his department finance the labor bureau until the farmers are provided with help for the spring work.

"We have cut our expenses to the bone to carry out the policy of economy but if the establishment of the labor bureau in Minot for a few weeks will mean a saving of many hundreds of dollars to the farmers of northwestern North Dakota, the bureau must be established," Mr. Kitchen said. He is sending Mr. Nelson his oath of office blank today. Mr. Nelson will open the office tomorrow, the work being carried on by Mr. Nelson under the direction of County Agent John Huseby. Mr. Huseby stated today that the establishment of the bureau would be of great service to the farmers of northwestern North Dakota.

A part of the county agents office in the federal building will be used to house the labor bureau.

P. O. Peterson was arrested by the police Monday night charged with vagrancy.

RIVER GOES OVER BANKS IN PLACES; WATER IN BASEMENTS

Mouse river sprung a surprise on the valley dwellers this week by going completely over its banks along many of the lower spots this week. The river has been creeping up gradually for more than a week and at the time this is written, Tuesday evening, the high mark has not yet been reached, it is predicted. The river is within a foot of the high mark of two years ago and will probably reach that mark within the next day or two.

Reports from up the river say that the water is slowly receding, but it will take about four days before the water will begin to recede at this point.

In the low places along the river, some of the residences are surrounded by water and in a number of instances families have moved out. Many basements are flooded, but little or no damage has otherwise been done. Several basements in Eastwood park are flooded. Those who were fortunate to have the drains in the basements plugged will have suffered no damage, except where the water has seeped thru the basement walls.

The river rose on an average of about nine inches a day. The water has covered the street at a point on First Avenue Northeast. The water is not expected to reach as high a stage as in 1916. Twenty years ago, there was a flood that has not since been equalled. At that time, the water inundated half the valley and residents of Minot rowed boats as far up Central avenue as the corner of the Great Northern lumber yard.

The high water, this year, while doing some damage, will prove a good thing in washing out the channel of the river.

The river rose four inches more Tuesday night, and Wednesday morning it was reported it had but a foot more to go before it reaches the level of the storm sewers, when it will flood the pavements.

Hagstrom and Wife Arrested

Harold Hagstrom, a painter by trade, who was taken into custody by the city authorities, was released after serving a sentence for vagrancy. He was turned over to the Cass county authorities to answer to the charge of stealing a watch. His wife was also arrested. The couple are dope fiends.