

Death To Wheat Gambling Seen In New Movement To "Hold Wheat"

Big Mass Meeting of Grain Growers To Be Held In Devils Lake, Saturday, November 20, at 1:30 P. M.

Decrease of 22.54 Per Cent Shown In State Taxes For 1920 Over 1919

Total Levy For Year, Excluding Soldier Bonus Fund Tax Is Only 4.25 Per Cent Higher Than State Levy For 1915, Actual Statistics

ASSESSED VALUATION OF STATE MADE \$1,500,000,000

Comparison Of Figures For Five Year Period Proves League Administration Has Not Been Extravagant

The 1920 state tax levy including that for the Soldiers Bonus shows a net reduction over 1919 of 22.54 per cent, according to figures given out this week by state tax commissioner Wallace thru District Supervisor Hoghaug. It also shows that the total levy, excluding the provision for the Soldiers' bonus, amounting to \$1,722,186 is only 4.25 per cent in excess of the total general levy for the year 1915. This year's taxes are based on a total assessed valuation of \$1,500,000,000, the complete set of figures given out for the first time by the Nonpartisan league administration of state affairs has not been extravagant nor profligate with tax payers' monies paid into the state treasury.

The tax for the Soldiers' bonus fund this year will amount to \$1,125,000 compared to \$761,873 of 1919. The total levy for all purposes last year amounted to 2.4125 compared to 1.90 per cent for 1920.

A complete copy of the facts on North Dakota's taxes follows:

NAME OF FUND	STATE TAXES		DOLLARS
	MILLS		
General	1.044		\$1,566,555
Sinking	.05		71,798
Interest	.056		83,840
Returned Soldiers'	.75		1,125,000
TOTALS	1.9		\$2,847,193

Above figures based on assessed valuation of \$1,500,000,000 (Continued on page 4.)

Annual Thanksgiving Proclamation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17. — President Wilson has issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, saying that "in plenty, security and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future," and setting aside Thursday, November 25, for the usual observance. The text follows:

"The season approaches when it behooves us to turn from the distractions and preconceptions of our daily life, that we may contemplate the mercies which have been vouchsafed to us, and render heartfelt and unfeigned thanks unto God for his manifold goodness. This is an old observance of the American people, deeply imbedded in our thoughts and habit. The burdens and the stresses of life have their own insistence.

"We have abundant cause for Thanksgiving. The lessons of the war are rapidly healing. The great army of freemen, which America sent to the defense of liberty, returning to the grateful embrace of the nation, has resumed the useful pursuits of peace, as simply and as promptly as it rushed to arms in obedience to the country's call. The equal justice of our laws has received steady vindication in the support of a law-abiding people against various and sinister attacks, which have reflected only the baser agitations of war, now happily passing.

"In plenty, security and peace our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future, its duties and its opportunities. May we have vision to discern our duties, the strength, both of hands and resolve to discharge them and the soundness of heart to realize the truest opportunities are those of service. In a spirit, then, of devotion and stewardship we should give thanks in our hearts and dedicate ourselves to the service of God's merciful and loving purposes to His children.

"Therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, Nov. 25, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and call upon my countrymen to cease from the ordinary tasks and avocations upon that day, giving it up to the remembrance of God and His blessing, and their dutiful, grateful acknowledgment."

REV. MEISEL TO TAKE NEW FIELD AT ONCE

Norwegian Lutheran's Of Community Loose Pastor

Rev. S. Meisel, for eighteen years connected with the great church movement of the Norwegian Lutheran congregations of the district, has accepted a call to mission work at Mohall, this state. In the long period of time he has been identified with the work of his church here. Rev. Meisel has created an enviable reputation for himself. Thousands of Lutherans who have come and gone will recall the kindly deeds and untiring

effort of the pastor now leaving—and the same words will be spoken kindly for his family as are now being said for Rev. Meisel. In leaving the local field and county where he has done much to build up the work of the Church, particularly in Devils Lake, Rev. Meisel has issued a formal expression of thanks to his co-workers and friends. It follows:

"Having accepted a call from the Home Mission board of the Norwegian Lutheran church to another field, and as my congregations have given me permission to accept this call, I will in the near future be leaving Ramsey county, in which I have been permitted to work for nearly 18 years. Before leaving, however, I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation, to my many friends and acquaintances for the kindness and good-will shown my family and myself during that time.

"Especially do I wish to thank the members of my own congregations and also those belonging to other Lutheran bodies with which I have been connected for shorter or longer periods of time. I earnestly pray that they may ever enjoy God's rich blessings. 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.' 'As a parting word to the members of my congregations and others whom I have served; permit me to say: 'Hold that fast which thou hast, that no one take thy crown.' 'Bergen Parsonage. 'Nov. 17, 1920. 'PASTOR S. MEISEL."

POLITICIANS OF DEVILS LAKE CHARGE CRIMINAL LIBEL AGAINST OFFICIALS OF THE WORLD ALONG WITH FARMERS, LEAGUE OFFICIAL AND OTHERS--ARRESTS ORDERED

Alleged Libelous "Campaign" Circular Issued Before Election Is Used By H. G. Walker (Rev.), Fred P. Mann, W. E. Hocking and Prentiss H. Case, (Rev.), As Basis For Charges. Complaints Are Issued By States Attorney Hunt Against Fred S. Austin, Editor-Manager of The World; Halver Sanderson, William McGillis and John and Jean Stoesser, all Farmers Residing in the County, and Leonard Scharf, Court House Janitor.

Politicians of Devils Lake, some of them, were running true to form yesterday, when they fresh tinder into the smouldering flames of pre-election hostilities which have been developing here for months. Complaints were issued from States Attorney Rollo F. Hunt's offices ordering the arrest on criminal libel charges of F. S. Austin, editor-manager of the Devils Lake World, M. A. Hoghaug; Jacob Canter, foreman of the World; Leonard Scharf, the court house janitor; together with Carl Aaberg, Halver Sanderson, William McGillis, John and Jean Stoesser, farmers. The complainants are: J. H. Trimble, (employee of Bovey Shute & Jackson, Inc.) Fred P. Mann; H. G. Walker; W. E. Hocking, said to be representing E. F. Flynn and the city commission and Prentiss H. Case.

The complaints charge the defendants in the action with committing the crime of "conspiring together to maliciously publish a libel as such crime is defined" by the codes of the state. It further charges the "publishing by writing, printing and distributing of a certain hand bill or printed sheet of paper," which is the bone of contention complained of by the politicians making the complaints. The "printed sheet of paper" carrying the head, "What's Your Color" and "Here's the Color of Some Local I. V. A.'s," and which is used as a basis of a charge filed, contained

Hold Your Wheat Movement Growing

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 17.—Plans for the organization of the eastern half of North Dakota in the "hold your wheat" movement, launched by the National Wheat Growers' association, will be gotten under way at a meeting to be held in Fargo this week, following the visit to the state of W. H. McGreevy of Kansas City secretary of the national organization. It is planned to organize the states of North and South Dakota and Minnesota. From all parts of the state reports are received that the farmers are refusing to dispose of their wheat at the present price which they claim would entail a heavy loss to them. The present wheat prices to the grower are from 75 cents to 85 cents per bushel less than it costs to raise it.

School for the Deaf Observes Armistice Day

Armistice Day as celebrated at the School for the Deaf is one to be long remembered by the students and teachers of the school. The principal address was delivered by Rollo F. Hunt, who chose as his topic "Americanism." Mr. McClure, superintendent of the school, acted as interpreter to the pupils. A splendid program was rendered as follows: Invocation by Rev. S. F. Halfyard; The American's Creed, by Rolf Harmsen; poem, "In Flanders Fields," by Elsie Redman; "America," by Effie Knutson, Elsie Redman, and Ruth Reid; closing song, "The Star-Spangled Banner," by Jennie Reid. The children of the school were guests of the Grand at the matinee, "Go and Get It."

NORTH DAKOTA IS INVADED BY OKLAHOMA'S WHEAT MEN

Organization Already Covers Large Belt of Grain Country With Definite Demand For Three Dollar Wheat

Federal Loan System Gets Lacing

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Nov. 17.—The movement to organize the farmers into the National Organization of Wheat Growers is booming to all parts of the state. Meetings already held this week have been well attended with scant advertising.

Saturday, F. F. Parker of Shattuck, Oklahoma and V. L. Hughes of Drummond, the same state, will address a meeting in Devils Lake. A meeting will be held at Lakota Friday evening.

Death to wheat gambling on the world's markets is forecasted in a great movement to "hold wheat" which has already swept over Kansas, Texas and Nebraska—and is now in the midst of North Dakota. An organization known as the National Wheat Growers' association with headquarters in Wichita, Kansas, has launched a campaign in this state. Last week a corps of seven workers direct from the southern states reached Fargo to promulgate the movement to "hold your wheat" in every county.

DEMAND \$3.00 PRICE "Three dollar wheat or we don't sell" is a near slogan adopted, according to representatives of the body which now seeks to perfect a North Dakota branch of the association. The movement is declared to be sweeping the wheat growing sections of the United States like "wildfire." Farmers stung by the grain gambling combines of the Twin Cities, Chicago and other big markets and with millions of bushels of wheat in their hands see in the development of the lately projected organization a chance to even scores.

FARMERS HOLDING WHEAT It is declared that all available wheat of the nation and much of Argentina and Australia has been sold on exchanges for delivery in the next few months—but the wheat needed to make deliveries is still in the hands of the farmer—and he wants his price. Every representative here to organize, it is declared, is a real "dirt farmer"—they know conditions and know how to face them—they are up with their backs to the wall.

Big Drop Was Expected "Has the fact that the price has been dropping steadily caused you to lose faith in the value of holding?" they were asked. "Not at all," they replied. We expected that the manipulators would force the price still lower, in order to frighten us. But if all farmers hold their wheat, we are bound in the end to get our price. We don't want anything unreasonable; all we ask is cost of production, plus a small profit.

"We agree with Senator Owen of our state, who, in a recent letter to Governor General Harding of the federal reserve bank asserts that the blame for this great raid of the grain gamblers must rest with the reserve bank. Senator Owen points out that the reserve banks were founded to prevent exactly such a situation. They are supposed to prevent such fluctuations in the money market as have recently occurred. But when call money goes as high as 20 per cent, it's evident that the banks are not serving, their purpose. They are starving the farmers and giving their credit to the Wall Street speculators."

McAdoo Saved South "When McAdoo was secretary of the treasury," said Mr. Slaughter, "he had to deal with just a condition. Cotton had fallen to eight cents in 1914. Every bank in Oklahoma could have been put out of business. Thousands of farmers were on the verge of ruin. But Mr. McAdoo sent \$50,000,000 into the south, the growers were tided over, cotton rose, first to 15 cents, and eventually 30, and the situation was saved. But Secretary Houston, when farmers' representatives saw him the other day in Washington, said there was nothing he could do for the farmers."

Mr. Hoefler, who has been a banker himself, said that for the most part the banks of the southwest would gladly carry the farmers' paper, but they would have to rediscount it thru federal reserve banks, which refuse to accept it. Inasmuch as the Oklahomans have just arrived in North Dakota they have not had time to arrange an itinerary for their meetings next week. They will spend today mapping out their routings. One or more of them will attend the big meeting of wheat growers which has been called to meet in Fargo tomorrow, November 18, in Moose hall. "We're glad of this chance of seeing things in North Dakota with our own eyes," said one of the party. "We've heard much about your state, of course—and, so far as the city press goes, most of it has been unfavorable. But we know enough about farmers' movements to know that the big city press isn't always correct."

BIG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO BE ORGANIZED

Will Be Department Of Ramsey County N. P. L.

MEETING NOV. 23RD

Large Membership Has Already Been Secured

One of the largest Woman's Auxiliaries to the Nonpartisan league in North Dakota promises to become a fact in Devils Lake when a mass meeting of the wives of laborers combining with store and office workers meet in Central Labor hall Tuesday evening, November 23d to perfect organization. Already a long list of paid up members has been secured and new ones are rapidly being enrolled under the leadership of prominent women. It has been urged by the women in charge, that every lady store worker whether intending to affiliate or not, attend the meeting advertised which will take on the nature of a social event. The purpose of the body and much general information on conditions in North Dakota will be taken up for general discussion. The wives and families of railway shop workers are taking a particularly keen interest in the announcement of the meeting and are expected to turn out in force.