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## BANDITS ROB U. S. MAILS IN CHICAGO

### Twelve Pouches Taken By Gang At Union Station

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Five youthful bandits held up a United States mail train at the Union station here early yesterday morning in an automobile with 12 sacks of mail, 10 of which contained registered mail. Police say that the pouches contained part of a Federal Reserve bank note, amounting which was to have been placed on a train leaving for St. Paul, Minn., at 2:30 a. m. The mail was waiting at the station to be placed on a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train No. 55. The bandits surprised three postal employees guarding the pouches, forcing them at the point of guns back into the train, while the bandits ran down alongside and the 12 mail bags were transferred to it. The bandits worked swiftly and the robbery was accomplished in a few minutes.

## FRED TRAYNOR MAKES SHOWING AT RUGBY TRIAL

### Defends Young Man In Serious Charge Of Murder

Attorney Fred J. Traynor yesterday opened his fight before Judge Barr in the District Court at Rugby for the life of Sylvester Snyder, being tried there on the charge of having murdered his two chums, Archie and Earl Fletcher, near the Lakeview school house. The bodies of the Fletcher boys were found September 30, 1920, a few days after the alleged murder and Snyder was arrested in Minneapolis in company with a half breed Indian girl named Nancy Lorme, with whom he had eloped. The trial has been in progress for nearly a week and is expected to go to the jury soon.

## SHOP WORKERS WILL BE LAID OFF OR HOURS CUT IS REPORT

### Fifteen Per Cent Off Or Seven Hour Day

Great Northern railway shop workers were notified here this morning that an immediate lay-off of 15 per cent of the present force, already much reduced from the early fall, or a reduction of working hours to seven instead of eight as being worked at is general. It is generally believed the men will vote against their choice, which the railroads have agreed to accept, will decline for shortened hours to avoid putting many men entirely out of work under the present financial stringency. The report, however, is authentic, caused some conversation at the noon hour among the men who endeavored to get a vote on the question at once. Many shop workers have been out of employment for some time with other work practically impossible to secure. No relief appears to be in sight to alleviate conditions until business conditions generally take a turn for the better.

## GREECE GETS A BIG U. S. LOAN

Athens, Jan. 19.—The United States government has agreed to loan Greece \$50,000,000. The loan is for five years at 6 per cent interest. The money will be used for the reconstruction of Greece after the war.

## Paving Injunction, Dismissed By Judge Buttz In District Court, Will Be Appealed Now

Petitioners Determined No Paving Shall Be Done Under Present High Costs. Exception Is Taken To The Charges Of Politics In Suit.

Attorney Blood Makes Statement

The dismissal by Judge C. W. Buttz in District court here Thursday of a petition for a restraining order against the board of city commissioners to prevent further expenditures or activities leading to further pavements in Devils Lake at least at this time, has not daunted the instigators of the suit. Attorney H. S. Blood, representing E. E. Hufford and other tax payers, has announced an appeal from Judge Buttz's decision will be made to the state supreme court. He declares the petitioners are determined to make certain they will not be called upon for some time at least to be forced into additional paving expenses more than already incurred by the city in the work done here last season at a cost approximating \$450,000.

Blood Replies To Publicity An article addressed to the Devils Lake Journal with a request that it be published: "To begin with, I will say that the case, decided by Judge Buttz, will be appealed to the supreme court. That court will decide the case on what the record of the proceedings of the city commissioners show their intention to be, and not upon the announcement made in newspaper of their proposed change of heart after they learned that funds are being subscribed to oppose them."

Questions Commission Methods Continuing his letter to the Journal, the attorney added: "It may or may not be true that the commissioners deemed it wise to make an announcement as to their intentions, in manner as it became public property that funds were being subscribed by property owners to join them in a very unusual and extraordinary form proceeding further, and it matters but little because the announcement amounts to nothing in the case and is likely to soon be forgotten by the commissioners themselves."

Charges Hypocrisy "The expression of regret made in your editorial wherein you claimed that the property owners had needlessly expended their money to institute this suit on my incompetent advice, borders on hypocrisy, in my opinion, in view of the indebtedness of \$450,000 placed upon them by the city commission for the small amount of paving already done, and an attempt to saddle upon the property holders approximately twice as much more indebtedness for an extension of this costly pavement, when we are just at the apex of prices, that will go down in history as the highest that ever have been or likely ever will be known."

Political Motive Lacking. "In your editorial you impute political motives to the property holders who would defend themselves against unbearable taxation, and you make a vigorous defense of the commission's action against the charge of graft, in spite of the fact that no charge of graft, or reference thereto in the remotest degree, is to be found in any papers or files in the case."

Public Bears Burden. "Before the case is finished I predict that the commissioners will discover that the only motive behind the action on the part of the property owners, or anyone else, is to stop the commissioners from extending the pavement or placing any further burden upon the property owners until such a time as prices return to normal, and at least a majority of those who must bear the cost signify a desire and willingness to do so."

Justifies The Petition "In the light of the manner in which the paving already done has been carried out, are not the property owners somewhat justified in assuming that the claim that the commissioners are now making that they do not intend to proceed further is made for the purpose of lulling them into a sense of security, and that there is danger that an attempt may be made to put over another paving deal when the people are not on their guard?—I think so."

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## FARMER CONTROL OF NONPARTISAN LEAGUE IS SURE

### Convention For Townley But Will Run Down Machine

## LAIRD A DELEGATE Will Support Newspaper Organization, Says Resolution

Bismarck, N. D.—The State Convention of the National Nonpartisan League assembled here last week with every county in North Dakota represented.

The convention elected R. H. Walker of Oliver county as chairman and G. P. Nye of Griggs as secretary. In the evening just before going into business session the delegates and visitors gave a great ovation to Governor Franklin, who spoke briefly of the "ultimatum" recently issued to the Industrial commission by the eastern bankers.

Unbounded enthusiasm and a determination to put the Industrial program over all costs was evident all thru the session.

The committee on resolutions, C. C. Talbot of Disney, Stephen Terhorst of Ward, P. E. Jurgens of Morton, Geo. D. Lait of Emmons, and W. E. Eves of Lakota county, submitted four resolutions, all of which were adopted.

The first resolution asserts absolute confidence in the National executive committee, A. C. Townley, F. B. Wood and Wm. Leake, and pledges the undivided support of the League in their great work.

The second, President A. C. Townley and his corps of organizers the united support of all Leaguers in the splendid struggle they are making in Nebraska, Kansas and other agricultural states to organize the farmers despite the vicious fight being made on them by reactionaries.

The third, okay from top to bottom the reply of the Industrial commission to the Bankers committee. The fourth, commends League senators and representatives who, "One and all, stood like a stone wall for the rights of the people and the Industrial program", endorses that stand and pledges full support of the League.

The last work of the night session was the nomination of ten men from which the League membership will elect (5) to serve as the State Executive committee. The ballot will be printed in the next issue of the North Dakota Leader.

The nominees The candidates for the executive committee nominated are: Walter Maddock, Mountrail; E. H. Walker, Oliver; A. A. Lederbach, Dunn; W. J. Church, Benson; S. W. Johnson, Steele; Walter Welford, Pembina; Thomas Pendray, Sully; Ole Kallos, Traill; Christ Levang, Walsh and Stephen Terhorst, Ward.

The canvassing board elected is composed of W. E. Eves, Lakota; Otto Simonson, Rolette; C. P. Peterson, Towner; D. A. Cross, Ransom; and G. F. Hunt, Golden Valley.

Resolutions were also adopted declaring that if any of the nominees should refuse to serve, the candidate receiving the next highest vote would become a member of the committee; that the president of the Women's Nonpartisan Clubs of the state be declared an ex officio member of the committee in an advisory capacity.

The delegates also adopted a resolution pledging support to the Publishers National Service bureau and the farmer owned papers in the state.

## Rare Opportunity Is Offered Farmers Here For January 28th

Dr. W. J. Spillman, Scientific Agriculturist From Department Of Agriculture At Washington Will Speak At Court House Under Auspices of Ramsey Co. Farm Bureau

Dr. W. J. Spillman from Washington, D. C., will lecture on January 28th, 1921, at the court house.

Dr. Spillman is recognized as an authority on agricultural subjects throughout the world. He has edited and published a number of scientific educational bulletins relating to plants and plant breeding, American grasses and other topics which are used as authoritative references in all countries.

He also has memberships in the leading agricultural and scientific societies of America. Has been agriculturist in the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., since 1905 and Chief of the Bureau of Farm Management since 1916. He is now a member of the editorial staff of the Farm Journal of Philadelphia, one of the best and fairest farm journals in the United States.

## RALPH MAYER GETS HONORS

### Named Head Of Hotel Association Of State

Ralph M. Mayer, manager of Great Northern hotel at Devils Lake, was named president of the North Dakota Hotel and Restaurant Keepers association at the closing session of the annual gathering of the hotelmen held in Fargo last week. Theodore Kaheljek of Kenmare was named vice-president and Dee Beside, manager of the Annex hotel of Fargo, was elected secretary. Members of the new executive committee are: W. T. Rathman, Oakes; H. H. Hall, Rugby; L. B. Molander, Harvey; Matt Schram, Hankinson, and Earl W. Byer, Lakota.

Forty-five hotel and restaurant men were in attendance at the session and enjoyed a dinner given by A. H. Leimbacher, retiring president of the organization. The organization endorses the 48-hour week law for women but were in favor of extending the time to seven days a week.

## INCOME TAX REPORTS NOW

### Should Not Be Skipped If Penalties Not Wanted

This is the open season for the collection of income taxes, and all people who do not intend to give the matter their attention are reminded of the fact that more than 70,000 persons were penalized last year for failing to file an income tax report, even though their incomes were non-taxable.

Every single person whose net income was \$1,000 or more, and every married person whose income was \$2,000 or more, during the year 1920, must file a report before March 15. If the income happens to be exactly equal to the above figure, the filing of the report is the only obligation, but if it is greater than \$1,000 in the case of a single person, and \$2,000 in the case of a married person, then the tax must be paid on the sum representing the difference, except in cases where there are dependent children under 18 years of age or other dependents unable to support themselves, in which case a further exemption of \$200 for each such dependent is allowed.

No distinction is made between man and woman, in so far as income taxes are concerned. If a single woman's income reaches \$1,000 she must file a report. Where an exemption is claimed because of a wife or other dependents, the combined incomes of all must be taken as the figures from which the exemptions are to be deducted.

## W. E. Hocking Attends State Dental's Board

Fargo, N. D.—Only two dentists took the examination at the first day's meeting of the state dental board. The board was organized at the state capitol building, Fargo, N. D., Monday, Jan. 18, 1921.

## LABOR MEN ARE TASTING FRUIT OF THE I. V. A

### Independents Knife Two Labor Measures In Legislature

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 19.—That the I. V. A. contingent of the legislature has its knife out for labor legislation was demonstrated Monday night when the house state affairs committee voted to kill the first two labor bills presented to it.

After lobbyists for the State Employers' association and the Master Plumbers' association had been heard the committee voted to recommend indefinite postponement of action on house bill 13, which would make the eight hour day legal for all public construction work and for house bill 15 which provides for the examination of and licensing of plumbers. Both bills are two of the nine offered by Representative George Laskie of Williston at the request of the State Federation of Labor. Nonpartisan League members of the state affairs committee submitted a minority report on the bills yesterday.

## SCHOOL FOR DEAF PLAY BASKETBALL

### Going After Egeland's High School Quint Saturday

The Devils Lake High school basketball quint defeated the lighter weight and less experienced team of the School for the Deaf in a game played here last night by the decisive score of 34 to 12. The High lads had a clear way with the game thruout. Smooth work and few fouls marked the entire contest.

To Egeland Saturday. Saturday afternoon the team from the School for the Deaf will journey to Egeland where they will meet the quintet of that village on the squared court for a contest. Coach Henry Morris will lead his men to the fray confident that if the local deaf men can't trim home talent, they will be more than a match for the ruralites of Egeland.

## NEW SCHOOL IS PLANNED BOARD PURCHASED PLOT

### Board Proposes Erection Of Modern High School

The purchase of a block of city property, located on Missouri avenue between Third and Fourth street, by the board of education this week, preposes a new high school building for Devils Lake, according to A. E. Parrshall, secretary. Altho no definite plans have been formulated, Mr. Parrshall declared it was considered likely that when building materials have reached a lower cost level along with other essentials of construction, the school board will erect one of the most modern high school buildings in this section of the state on the new site. In that event, he pointed out, the present high school building would be converted to uses of the Junior high grades and their present quarters occupied by the lower grades.

## G. A. York Enters Electric Company

George A. York, of Jamestown, has purchased an interest in the Lake Region electrical shop. Mr. York is a former resident of this city having been employed six years ago as wire chief for the General Utilities corporation. M. and Mrs. York moved to New Rockford where he was engaged in electrical work for the telephone company of that place and where they made their home until last August when they moved to Jamestown. Mrs. York and son will not move here until spring. Mrs. York is a sister of Mrs. Ole Peterson of this city.

## FIRE RACKING SHELDON N. D

Sheldon, N. D.—The First National bank, Ransom County Trust Co., the Northwestern Telephone exchange, postoffice, Masonic temple, and the Shiloh Drug store, are in ruins as a result of a fire which started in the basement of the Trust company building at 11 p. m. last night. The fire was still burning and the firemen were desperately trying to save the rest of the building when it 2:30 a. m. the flames had spread to the main building.

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