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ASSININE BRAGGADOCIO.

I am an official of the government and I shall report you to the Indian office, requesting for an order to have you removed from the agency office and grounds for obstructing the affairs of this office. Sah-tie-waugh! nosay, you heep foolish talk like crazy man!

The above effusive outburst of pedantic arrogance and conceited assumption of bull-dozing tactics is generally employed (or resorted to) by the subservient minions of the Indian bureau as a pitiable subterfuge especially when brought to bay by the chaste arguments of truth, nude and positive, and after the foul endeavors of contemptible procrastination have proved vain and futile.

Such a scene was enacted at the agency office on Monday, the 24th inst. Mr. F. D. Beaulieu, the popular Chippewa attorney, accompanied by Mr. Louis Martin, of Callaway, a progressive member of the reservation, a law-abiding citizen and tax payer, proceeded to the agency office to interview J. H. Hinton, Supt., as to why that official insisted in denying Mr. Martin's request for the payment of his (Martin) minor children's money. Mr. Martin having previously complied with all proper requirements of the Becker county probate court in the matter of making application for appointment as guardian, furnishing qualified bondsmen, etc. Mr. Martin had previously called on Mr. Hinton and had asked that official for his children's money but Mr. Hinton informed him that he "was very busy" and that he could not consider the application at that time and it was probable that he (Hinton) could not be able to give the matter attention before the month of August. Mr. Martin then came down to Mr. Beaulieu's office and related what had taken place and of his interview with the Supt. Mr. Beaulieu then went to the office accompanied by Mr. Martin and, in a gentlemanly manner, asked Mr. Hinton "what particular reasons, if any there were, why Mr. Martin was not paid his minor children's money, especially since Mr. Martin had furnished qualified requirements in the premises?" At this interrogatory the superintendent became very much incensed and in an angry mood informed Mr. Beaulieu something after this manner: "I am an official of the Government and I don't propose to have to ask any one how to run the affairs of this agency and it is my business if I don't see fit to tell the reasons for my official acts and if you or any one else come around here interrupting or obstructing the affairs of this office I shall have you removed from the agency office grounds."

Conditions have certainly come to a most interesting pass when a member of this reservation cannot go to the agency office to make inquiry into tribal affairs, especially concerning family interests,

without being subjected to coarse reprimand, and otherwise insulted by the arrogance and despicable discourtesy of the servile minions of the Indian bureau—servants of the Indians. The people are getting heartily tired and disgusted with this kind of contemptible Kaiserism and are wondering whether or not the White Earth reservation is a part or portion of the United States of America and whether or not the people thereof are entitled to the rights of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness," or are they expected to humbly submit to "slavery day humiliation and castigation?" we think not and, what's more, they WILL NOT.

Mr. Martin is an industrious blacksmith, doing business in the village of Callaway; he has several children and with one son in the U. S. military service, fighting in the trenches on the French front and is certainly entitled to all the "rights, immunities and privileges" becoming a worthy and honorable citizen. THE TOMAHAWK only wishes it could say as much of the despicable minions who would fain depress Mr. Martin's commendable efforts to better the conditions of his family and evincing his noble loyalty to his country by giving a beloved son to fight for the principles of "liberty, humanity and world democracy."

Winnebago Visitors.

Among the many visitors at the June 14th celebration was a party of eight Winnebagos and three women and two children. These people came from the Winnebago agency, Nebraska. They were under the leadership of James Black Hawk, chief; with F. T. Thunder as interpreter. These people expressed themselves as well pleased with the courtesy extended to them by their Chippewa hosts and in return have tendered a like invitation to their Chippewa friends to come and join them in their annual feast of good cheer which will take place near the Winnebago agency, Nebraska, some time in the coming month of July. The invitation reads as follows:

White Earth, Minn.,
June 16th, 1918.

The Winnebago Indians, Winnebago Agency, Nebraska, to our Friends and Kindreds, the Minnesota Chippewas, Greeting:

Brothers and Sisters:

As Chief of the Winnebago Indians, located at the agency above mentioned, I take great pleasure in extending to you the hand of cordial brotherly friendship, furthermore an earnest invitation to come and attend our Annual Council Fire and Celebration, which will take place near our agency sometime during the month of July, 1918, of which date we will inform you. Yourself and friends are assured of a warm and generous welcome. And we wish also to say that if any of you, who may come, should become short of funds for your return home we will be pleased to supply you your needs in the premises. In conclusion we wish to tender you our hearty appreciation for the very cordial welcome you have so generously extended to us, we beg to remain in all sincerity,

Your friends and kindreds,
William Thunder,
Howard McKee,
John Snake,
Charles Walking Day,
Henry French,
Soloman Long Tail,
F. T. Thunder,
Interpreter.

Indian Files Unique Exemption From the Draft.

The Dalles, Ore.—One thing certain this Indian didn't want to fight. Just look at his unique exemption plea. It was written by Jake Culps of the Warren Springs reservation:

"I am Indian, and I am Indian who they made a reservation for, and for what kind of Indian. And I am just the seem (same) as long ago. I cannot become a citizen. Because we are unfit to become citizens. I see myself yet as long ago. I am speaking my own language yet.

"I see myself not fit to become a citizen. There for I should be exempted. I am sure I have no law of any kind, just you white people have law. I am in the reservation, and I am Indian who have not yet join in anything of citizenship. We may or we may not.

"You are getting the young men of our race. And you are getting the young men who are full blooded Indians, who are not citizens. The father, mother or grandfather or grandmother are unable to work. And now these young men are taking care of their people because they got the strength to work. There for the law of the house of Washington, D. C., is finding us non-citizens are not to go to war. That for I know myself. Therefor I am tell you. The race of my tribe is valuable. There for I think I should not taken it to war.

"My people never joined with any kind of a thing with your white or they never had white people way. You know our tribe has no flag which they carried in war. Just you white people has flag which you carried in war. There for I say I am entirely exempted from war.

"I never asked no time for citizenship. There for I do not know myself as a citizen. I am in a reservation of Warm Springs reservation of Oregon. I do not know of my chiefs ask for citizenship. Now, as the law says all Indians that are full blooded are not citizens. These are the kind of citizens we are full blooded, non-citizens.

"There for we say us Indians keep still for a while, let us explain to you our thoughts.

"From where did a wonderful light from here over to you. The light of this earth and my humanity. Therefor your brother sent some person to come and gave our peoplesome good speech and ask our people for land. There they completed there speech. They completed it with peace. Therefore, Indians do not want to step on the bloody ground of war. The creation of this earth was not created to go and have war on, or war purposes."

WASSAJA wrote to the Department of Justice in regard to the Indian status relative to the war, but never did get an answer. WASSAJA understands that no Indian ward of the Government can be drafted into the army or navy. Any Indian ward of a proper age, physically qualified and of his own free will and accord, can volunteer into the army or navy, but no Indian can be forced into the army or navy against his will. Some people may ask why these exceptions. It is just this: Indians are not free; they are wards, another word for SLAVES. They are not real citizens; they have spurious citizenship to ease their minds. Equal rights in their own country is un-

known to them. Indians are RESERVED on reservations where they are corrupted, ruined and treated as helpless creatures. The public is taxed and the Indian Office is kept up to do this hellish business. This is far from being humane. If Indians are not citizens, do they not come under the alien class? No, An alien in the United States is a non citizen who has a country somewhere on the globe, but the Indian is a non-citizen of his own country having not the rights and privileges thereof. It makes one's heart go mad to think of such injustice.—WAS SAJA.

IN PROBATE COURT.

Citation for Hearing on Petition for Determination of Descent of Land.

State of Minnesota, County of Becker. In Probate Court,

In the matter of the Estate of Charlotte Grandelmeyer, Decedent.

The State of Minnesota to Caroline Grandelmeyer and all persons interested in the determination of the descent of the real estate of said decedent: The petition of Caroline Grandelmeyer having been filed in this Court, representing that said decedent died more than five years prior to the filing thereof, leaving certain real estate in said petition described, and that no will of decedent has been proved nor administration of her estate granted in this State, and praying that the descent of said real estate be determined by this Court.

THEREFORE, You, and each of You, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have, before this Court, at the Probate Court Room in the Court House in the City of Detroit, in the County of Becker, State of Minnesota, on the 8th day of July, 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M., why said petition should not be granted.

WITNESS, The Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, this 10th day of June, 1918.

E. O. HANSON,
Probate Judge.

(COURT SEAL)

FRANK D. BEAULIEU,
Attorney for Petitioner.

Get Busy!

In connection with the "Work or Fight" order issued by the Public Safety Commission, Mr. M. LaChappelle, chairman of the Town Board of White Earth, has received the following communication from County Attorney H. N. Jenson, of Detroit:

"Office of County Attorney
Detroit, Minn.

June 20th, 1918.

M. LaChappelle, Esq.,
Chairman, Town Board,
White Earth, Minn.

Dear Sir:—

I have a letter before me written by a citizen of your town who states that there are a number of men sitting around loafing and who do not seem to be engaged in any useful occupation.

Will you have your constable look into this matter and if he finds that to be the condition, have him give such persons a reasonable time within which to find work.

The State Safety Commission has issued an order making it a misdemeanor for able bodied persons over the age of 16 years not to be engaged in some useful work.

Yours very truly,
H. N. Jenson,
County Attorney.

Be sure and attend the big MASS MEETING at the White Earth Hall next Monday, July 1.

Advertise in The Tomahawk—it brings results.

Notice of the Sixth Annual Session of the General Council of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota.

Pursuant to provisions in the Constitution of the General Council of Minnesota Chippewa Indians which was adopted at Cass Lake, Minn., on the 8th day of May, 1913, and amended by the General Council at its fourth annual session held at Bemidji, Minn., July 11th, 1916, the annual meeting of said General Council of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota will be held at Bemidji, Minn., beginning the 9th day of July, 1918.

Your attention is invited to Article 6 of the Constitution which reads as follows: "The basis of representation to the Councils of this organization shall be one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof, of the White Earth and Red Lake reservations, and reservations ceded under the provisions of the Act of Congress of January fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine (22 U. S. Stats. 642). Such delegates shall be elected on the first Tuesday in June of each year; 1 ;

Notices shall be posted and given by the proper officers of said local councils and said notices shall be given and posted in each and every settlement and burg within said reservation or ceded reservation for a period of not less than twenty days, specifying the time and place of the election of such delegates."

Where there is no properly organized local council it shall devolve upon the Executive Committee of the reservation to call a council for the purpose of electing delegates.

In respect to Article referred to above, delegates to the General Council must be selected on the first Tuesday in June, which will be June 4th, 1918.

Careful attention and good judgment must be exercised by each and every Chippewa Indian interested, to fully observe the above Article and by so doing avoid any dispute that may arise from irregular appointment which in councils prior to the coming council has so manifestly caused considerable annoyance.

Dated at Red Lake, Minnesota, May 1, 1918.

JOHN G. MORRISON, JR.,
President of General Council of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota.

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