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FAVOR PASSAGE OF FIRE RELIEF BILL

House Committee Recommends Appropriations of \$1,800,000 for Immediate Aid.

DECIDING VOTE UNANIMOUS

Many Farmers Must Leave in Northern Minnesota Unless Help Comes in Spring, is Declaration of Investigators.

St. Paul.—The Bendixen forest fire investigating sub-committee reported to the House Appropriations committee unanimously recommending the \$1,800,000 appropriation for immediate relief.

Chairman Bendixen related at length the itinerary of the party, describing the conditions they were able to discover in their short trip. The conclusion to which the committee unanimously came, said Mr. Bendixen, was that the entire appropriation was urgently needed, and that it would be fairly and judiciously expended by the commission now having the relief work in charge.

Asked what he thought of the quality of the people of that section, Mr. Bendixen said: "I can only say that they are wonderful people. None but that kind of people would stay there and face what they are facing."

Representative John B. Pattison of the sub-committee declared that the complaints lodged against the state fire relief commission were without foundation, the commission having sound and valid reasons for all their acts. He said the situation was especially serious in the St. Louis fire district, where it was estimated by the workers conversant with the region that from 25 to 40 per cent of the settlers will have to leave if they did not get relief in the spring.

The appropriations committee immediately and unanimously recommended Senate File No. 241, providing \$1,800,000 for immediate and temporary relief of the fire sufferers to the House to pass.

Fight Made on Motor Corps.
St. Paul.—Speaking before the house committee on military affairs in public hearing and in a chamber packed with suffocation with people, opponents of House File No. 7, known as the Motor Corps bill, gave warning of impending trouble should the legislature pass the bill in its present form.

Every speaker against the bill served warning on the committee that passage of the bill in its present form would mean further unrest.

The proponents based their argument to the committee largely on the record of the motor corps in the Tyler tornado and the forest fire disaster.

Opposition to any form of "state constabulary" was the keynote of representatives of labor. The bill was called "vicious" and "unstatesmanlike" and "reactionary."

Immediately following the adjournment of the hearing the committee went into executive session, and on motion of Representative J. P. Hompe the committee recommended the bill as amended to pass and be re-referred to the committee on appropriation.

St. Paul.—The Senate solved the George H. Sullivan-W. W. Wilcox election contest by ousting Wilcox, refusing to seat Sullivan and demanding that the voters of Washington county decide the issue at a special election.

The resolution, in a measure a compromise, was finally adopted by a unanimous vote after the senators, tired and hungry, had listened to more than six hours of debate.

For Higher Salaries.
The Wilkinson home bill, raising the salaries of the State Dairy Commissioner from \$3,000 to \$4,000 and that of his associates to amounts more nearly in proportion to the high cost of living, was recommended to pass.

Fixes Date of Special Elections.
Governor Burnquist has ordered a primary election for February 11 and a general election February 18 to fill the vacancies in the legislature caused by the recent deaths of Senator Carl L. Wallace of Minneapolis and Senator Harry F. Wels of Le Sueur.

Permits Loans on Unimproved Lands.
In anticipation of a general colonization scheme to develop unsettled lands in northern Minnesota, Senator Leonard H. Nord of International Falls introduced a bill to permit banks to extend loans on unimproved agricultural lands of the state, in amounts equal to one-third of the value of the land.

For State Insurance.
At the request of Senator Fred Besette of Orr, members of the attorney general's office have drawn a proposed constitutional amendment which will

Will Shift Indian Charges.
St. Paul.—Charges of gross waste and inefficiency in the bureau of Indian affairs' conduct in relation to the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota will be sifted as the result of action taken in the senate. Consideration of the matter was forced by Senator John D. Baldwin of Frazer, when he attempted to force the passage of his resolution to memorialize congress not to include in its Indian appropriation funds for the maintenance of an Indian agency for the Minnesota Chippewa tribe.

permit the state of Minnesota to go into the insurance business on a big scale. Refusal of the old line insurance companies to take policies covering lands in Northeastern Minnesota make it necessary for the state to go into the business before unsettled lands in that part of the state are developed.

Honor Senator Nelson.
Sunday was Senator Knute Nelson's seventy-sixth birthday, and the Minnesota house of representatives honored the senator by unanimously passing a resolution paying tribute to his worth as a soldier, citizen and statesman. A certified copy was ordered forwarded to Senator Nelson at Washington.

Want Wheat Price Kept.
Senator Charles W. Gillam of Windom, chairman of the senate grain and warehouse committee, and Representative L. O. Teigen, a member of the house committee, have gone to Washington in company with O. P. B. Jacobson, of the railroad and warehouse committee, to urge that the government price of \$2.26 on wheat be maintained until next spring. They will appear before the house committee on agriculture in Washington.

Hits Auto Thefts.
The Corning, Nimocks, Lennon, Nordlin bill, providing for the registration of automobiles with the register of deeds and the transfer and recording of titles as in real estate, has been passed by the house. It is aimed to prevent the sale of stolen cars.

Would Certify Potatoes.
As a result of the collaboration of potato growers in the house, Representative Daniel De Lury of Walker has prepared a bill authorizing a board of potato seed inspection and certification, with five members, who shall be the dean of the department of agriculture of the University of Minnesota, the president of the State Potato Growers' association, and three members to be appointed by the governor. These members shall serve without pay.

The bill calls for inspection during the growing season and after the harvest.

Certification of seed is being increasingly demanded by the southern states, said Representative De Lury, Oklahoma, and Texas will not allow seed potatoes to be shipped in without being tagged. The states of Wisconsin and Michigan already have a similar law, and the seed from these states sells for approximately \$1 per hundred more than equally good seed from Minnesota.

State Grain Grades Asked.
Re-establishment of Minnesota grain grades in intrastate commerce, in preference to the Federal grades, is asked in a joint resolution prepared by Senator John L. Wold of Twin Valley and Representative Nels T. Moen of Fergus Falls.

Federal grades, the resolution asserts, are too technical for comprehensive use by small shippers, and are far more strict than those employed by the state.

Four Motor Corps Regiments.
The new Motor Corps bill provides that the corps shall consist of not more than four regiments, with sixteen companies to the regiment, each company to consist of sixty-two enlisted men and three commissioned officers.

The new bill also adds an airplane squadron to be attached to the motor corps for administrative purposes. The flying squadron is to consist of three officers and thirty enlisted men to each airplane. Two motorcycles have been added to each motor company. The motorcycles were not provided in the original bill.

The appropriation is increased from \$100,000 provided in the original bill to \$150,000, of which \$125,000 is for uniforms and equipment.

Congress Asked to Release Wheat.
A memorial to congress, asking that means be provided immediately by the government to permit the shipment of one-third of last year's wheat crop held on northwest farms by embargo, was passed by the house with but one dissenting vote. The grain, according to Representatives O. C. Neuman, J. B. Glaslaon and O. A. Swenson, who framed the resolution, is jeopardized by the embargo because the farmers have no facilities for storing it.

Good Roads Measure.
The good roads bill, covering the Babcock plan, introduced by Senator McGarry will, if it passes the senate and house, go before the people at the next general election as a proposed amendment to the state constitution. In brief, it establishes a state trunk highway system of approximately 6,000 miles and limits the state road construction work to these trunk roads, which are to be built of hard-surfaced material. Tax on motor vehicles and, if necessary, a bond issue will furnish the \$100,000,000 appropriation necessary for the prosecution of the work.

A secondary system, approximately 7,000 miles in length, of county roads will connect the various trunk highways. Still a third system of township roads will complete the chain of highways which road experts say will give Minnesota the best highway system of any state in the Union.

State Board Sells Bonds.
St. Paul.—Carrying further its policy of converting investments of state trust funds in bonds of other states into Liberty bonds, the State Board of Investment has sold \$905,000 of Massachusetts bonds for \$837,213 and secured interest to a syndicate. The investment board ordered disbursements on loans aggregating \$30,000 and including \$45,000 to Magnolia, Rock county, for a new school, and \$30,000 to Tyler on refunding bonds. New loan applications were approved.

NEWS OF STATE TERSELY TOLD

Recent Happenings in Minnesota Given in Brief Items For Busy Readers.

Crookston.—The Crookston Association of Public Affairs put on a membership campaign last week.

Bemidji.—Lieut. Thayer C. Bailey has arrived home from service in the military of Uncle Sam and resumed his law practice.

St. Cloud.—Register of Deeds John Lang is confined to his home with a broken leg as a result of falling on the icy sidewalk.

St. Cloud.—Stearns county subscribed \$63,532.11 in the united war work campaign, according to a report issued by A. G. Whitney, Stearns county chairman.

Ortonville.—The Ortonville high school has abandoned its debate this year because the influenza epidemic made it impossible for contestants to hold meetings.

Thief River Falls.—The Soo railway has again notified its agents along the Duluth-Thief River Falls line that live stock will be picked up on Saturdays instead of Tuesdays hereafter until further notice.

Moorhead.—The croix de guerre, the coveted decoration of the French army, and the distinguished service cross of the American army were conferred upon Lieut. James H. Sharp, Jr., of Moorhead, in France on Dec. 30.

Thief River Falls.—The epidemic of influenza has so far abated that it has been deemed wise to now close the detention hospital which has been maintained for some time in the old Telemarken hotel. Dances are again permitted.

Stillwater.—A. C. Staples, brought back from Chicago on a charge of passing forged checks here, pleaded guilty before a justice of the peace and was held to the grand jury in \$1,000 bail. Staples gave checks on a Seattle bank in which he had no funds.

Minneapolis.—Appointment of Maj. Harvey B. Smith of Minneapolis, formerly in charge of the largest army reserve department of the United States at New Cumberland, Pa., as general manager of the Minneapolis war chest, is announced by John S. Pillsbury.

International Falls.—Henry Andrews, 65, an old time woodsman in this district, died recently at the local hospital of pneumonia. He left an estate consisting of \$1,100 in Liberty bonds. The body is being held at the local morgue pending word from a brother as to its disposition.

Mankato.—H. B. Paster, a shoe merchant who died a few days ago, left \$1,000 to the Jewish Board of Charities, St. Paul; \$500 to the Salvation Army, and \$500 in Liberty bonds to Miss Lydia Knaub, an employe in his store, as special bequests in his will, disposing of a \$20,000 estate.

St. Paul.—Frank J. Dunn, serving a life sentence in the Stillwater penitentiary for the murder of his wife, was in St. Paul to defend a suit for \$2,500 brought by D. W. Lawler, attorney who defended him in district court on the murder charge. He was kept in the Ramsey county jail until the trial was over.

Brainerd.—Grieving over the death of his oldest son, Judge G. W. Mantor killed himself here at his home. It is said that following the burial of his son, Guilford, the judge became inconsolable. Judge Mantor was at one time city attorney here and municipal judge. He is survived by his wife and two sons, both of whom are serving in the military forces of the country.

Aurora.—A new bank, the First National, is to be opened here soon in a new building to be erected. Those interested in the new institution are F. H. Wellcome of Minneapolis, John A. Barton, cashier of the First State Bank of Two Harbors, C. E. Moore of Aurora and Virginia, H. C. Doerr, Jr., assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Two Harbors, and several others, residents of Aurora.

Minneapolis.—Plans whereby churches may join together to "make democracy safe for the world" will be formulated as one activity of a Minnesota Ministers' council to be held in Westminster Presbyterian church, February 10, 11 and 12 under direction of the Laymen's Missionary movement. Invitations to the council have been sent to about 1,000 ministers of all communions in 53 counties of southern Minnesota.

Brainerd.—A notable array of counsel was on hand in Judge McLennan's court here when the case of George O. Russell vs. the Northern Pacific Railway company to recover \$15,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained in the local shops of the company, was called for trial. Russell's complaint recites that a machinist in the shops, cutting a cotter pin bolt, chipped a piece against a boiler and it rebounded and struck him in the eye, breaking his glasses and destroying the sight of his left eye.

Brainerd.—Thomas Wood, known all over the Northwest as "Fatty," Brainerd's well known heavyweight comedian who was Joe Bush's first sponsor and trainer, is on his way to Los Angeles to become a rival of Fatty Arbuckle and other film stars, whose chief asset is poundage. He weighs about 550 pounds and has considerable natural histrionic ability.

St. Cloud.—A committee has been appointed by the Commercial club directors to work with one appointed by the Business Men's association on the question of a new armory for this city.

Thief River Falls.—The district court convened in this city this week. There are scheduled but seventeen cases—one of the smallest calendars for some time.

Virginia.—Father John Limmer, formerly of Cloquet, has arrived to assume the duties as pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, succeeding Father W. J. Powers.

St. Paul.—Inheritance taxes of \$731 were paid the state on the estate of James T. Morris, who died Oct. 31, 1917, in Minneapolis. Property valued at \$61,238 was left to the widow.

Aitkin.—The Aitkin county Red Cross chapter has donated \$300 for relief work in this county. This does not include the amount donated to the fire sufferers or soldiers and their families.

St. Cloud.—Lawrence Notch, a pioneer of Albany, died in the St. Joseph home here. He was 87 years of age and has been a resident of Albany since his coming to this country, sixty years ago.

Winona.—The Merchants' Trust company, a new Winona organization with \$50,000 authorized capital, has filed articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state, Julius A. Schmah. The incorporators are: H. E. Blair, C. M. Morse and S. A. Steffen, all of Winona.

St. Paul.—St. Catherine's college, St. Paul, virtually is assured of a \$100,000 endowment fund from the Rockefeller foundation. It was announced, following a series of conferences between members of the board of trustees and Dr. W. Blutrick, educational director of the foundation.

Aitkin.—Mrs. Hattie Safford has received a letter from her son, Capt. Orren Safford, reported missing in France, who was captured and taken to the prison camp at Baden, Germany. With a companion, he escaped from prison, walked across the Black forest to the Rhine and arrived safely within the Allied lines.

Crosby.—The mining men of the range and the presidents of the several villages will meet at the Armory and discuss ways and means to have employment ready for the soldier and sailor boys when they come home. All the boys have found work so far and the idea is to form an organization that will look after the matter.

Mankato.—Mankato is to have a new and thoroughly modern three-story flat building of brick and concrete construction to be ready for occupancy about Oct. 1. The estimated cost is about \$150,000. Representatives of a Minneapolis building syndicate came here and secured the site and will start building operations.

Minneapolis.—J. O. Bentall, sentenced to one year in the Crow Wing county jail at Brainerd upon conviction of obstructing the draft, has begun his term. Bentall also is under sentence of five years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth for violation of the espionage act. An appeal is pending. He was convicted of draft obstruction for inducing a farm hand to neglect to register.

Gilbert.—Mrs. Maud Anderson, publisher of the Gilbert Herald, lost the end of one of her thumbs, while the weekly issue of the paper was being run, when she attempted to rub a dab of ink off one of the forms. The rag in her hand caught in the mechanism and her hand was drawn in, being badly hurt. It was found necessary to amputate the thumb about half way between the end and the first joint.

Crosby.—Crosby claims the record for families of seven children or over among the towns of its size, about 4,000. It has twenty-three such families, and counting the parents there are just 331 people in the group. Fourteen of the families have seven children each, two have eight children each, four have nine children each, one has ten children and one thirteen. The last mentioned is Charles G. Heckala.

Virginia.—The complaining witness failing to press the charge against Corporal Clarence Carlson, arrested in Moorhead recently and returned here on a charge of grand larceny and asking that prosecution be dropped, Judge Carey dismissed the case and Carlson was released. It was alleged he secured Red Cross aid through misrepresentation, but the accused disproved most of the accusations. He is a returned soldier.

Minneapolis.—A. D. Wilson, food administrator for Minnesota, told members of the State Horticultural society at their annual meeting here that the food lid was lifted and that conservation was only necessary from the standpoint of general thrift. He said that the greatest tribute to the patriotism of the farmers was found in the fact that they had brought 40,000 additional acres into cultivation since the war began.

St. Paul.—Adjutant General W. F. Rhinow announces that federal recognition has been given the Sixth Minnesota infantry, with headquarters in St. Paul. This completes federal recognition of all state guard units authorized to date. Colonel George Bookstaver commands the Sixth infantry. With the exception of one battalion, made up of men from the Iron Range, the enlisted personnel is composed of St. Paul men. Supplies and equipment have been ordered for the regiment.

Hibbing.—The town of Stuntz war relief work, \$5,000 to the Arsenian-Syrian and \$4,000 was donated to the Polish relief funds. This is the second donation for the Poles, as \$1,000 was given some months ago. Three hundred dollars was appropriated for the relief of French wounded.

Virginia.—Owing to influenza among the children of the Southside and South Park schools and fear of a spread of the disease if many children are gathered together, the regular Saturday morning story hour will be held in the home of Mrs. W. J. Powers.

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Chilling Language.
Marion, an Eastern avenue boy, heard a coal wagon driver berating his mules in language not intended for children's ears. He rushed into his mamma exclaiming: "Oh, mamma, that man is losing his temperature."—Indianapolis News.

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Doubled His Money.
A Bath (Me.) man had a cow to sell, but could get no better offer than \$75. So he chopped the cow up, and, collectively, she then amounted to \$150.

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Weekly Health Talks

The Many Mysteries of Nature

BY L. W. BOWER, M. D.

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