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NORTHWEST NEVER IN BETTER SHAPE, SAYS CHAIRMAN CLOUGH

Chairman of the Northern Pacific Directors Is Optimistic Over Conditions Along Line of Railroad--Heavy Expenditures Made.

New York, Dec. 5.—Colonel William P. Clough, chairman of the board of the Northern Pacific Railway company returned yesterday from a three weeks' daylight inspection trip of the lines of the entire Northern Pacific system embracing about 6,500 miles. He not only went over the main line, but also the more important branches all the way from Ashland, Wis., to the Pacific coast.

Colonel Clough did not hesitate to say that he had never seen the Northern Pacific in such good condition physically. This is the result of the heavy expenditures that have been made within the last two or three years for improvement and betterment work. It is his judgment the Northern Pacific is now in a position to do from one-third to one-half more business without increasing its facilities, except possibly in some sections and various terminal points.

Colonel Clough was enthusiastic about the condition of the country throughout the Northern Pacific territory. He said he had never seen it look so well. Never in his experience has he seen so much fall plowing done, nor the soil so well off for moisture.

Business men in the towns and cities generally are hopeful and confident. Some complaint is heard with respect

to dullness in trade, but Colonel Clough attributes this largely to the fact that a ten-year period of railroad and other construction in the northwest is just about closing. As a consequence the business which resulted from the large influx of laborers and the heavy transportation of materials is now undergoing a natural reaction, or at least slackening.

Passenger business on the Northern Pacific showed a tendency to increase in spite of this condition. The lumber business is holding up well.

Colonel Clough says that, while the gross and net earnings of the Northern Pacific for the present fiscal year may not be quite as large as they were for the last fiscal period, he is confident that the company will be able to earn sufficient to meet all its obligations and a comfortable surplus.

While a definite budget of expenditures for 1914 has not been worked out, he indicated that it would not be necessary to do nearly as much improvement work next season as has been done during the last two seasons. He said that there was no truth in the rumors during his absence that the Northern Pacific was about to sell additional securities. On the contrary, he declared, the company was well supplied with cash.

BARONESS SUES FOR MILLIONS.

St. Louis, Dec. 5.—A breach of promise suit for \$2,500,000 was filed in the federal district court against Michael J. Hurley, of St. Louis, by Baroness Ursula Barbara Van Kalinowski, of Weisbaden, Germany. The petition states the baroness met Hurley in Paris in 1912, since which time she spent hundreds of thousands of dollars preparing for a wedding set for August, 1912.

The baroness states in her petition that on her wedding day she received a cable from Hurley saying he had been called to South America on urgent business, but would marry her on his return. She tells of other occasions on which Hurley is alleged to have promised marriage and then postponed the wedding, these culminating in her trip to the United States last July.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The marriage licenses which have been issued during the past few weeks are as follows:

Nov. 25—John Sad and May Stee, both of Dazey.

Nov. 25.—W. Giles Mead and Miss Bessie B. Gourley, Valley City.

Nov. 29—Harry A. Kaufmann of Minneapolis and Florence McDonald, Valley City.

Dec. 2.—Leonard Luvorne Cosley of Nevis, Minn., and Lena Breke of Sibley Trail Township, N. D.

Scoop Inquires If Vanderbilt Knows Himself

London, Dec. 5.—W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., who is a passenger today aboard the Caronia, had an experience at the Euston station prior to going to the steamship which provided a good laugh for him.

While Mr. Vanderbilt was with his sister, the Duchess of Marlborough, several trade newspaper reporters who had been seeking interviews with prominent Americans and who were ignorant of the identity of Mr. Vanderbilt, approached him. One, acting as spokesman, said:

"I say, sir, can you tell me who is Vanderbilt? Is he anybody?"

"I know him slightly," said Mr. Vanderbilt with a smile.

The Duchess of Marlborough was convulsed with laughter.

Litchville had a home talent play on Friday evening of last week. Reports are to the effect that several are still suffering from sore sides contracted from an excess of merriment.

Eight Pardons at Bismarck Yesterday

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 5.—The state board of pardons in its semi-annual meeting is considering 133 applications for clemency from the inmates of the penitentiary sentenced for crimes ranging from blindpigging to murder in the first degree. Up to last night only eight pardons had been granted and these are to men who have nearly completed the sentence imposed by the court.

No prisoners of more than ordinary importance are being released.

The number applying is more than half the population of the prison and the present number of convicts is not sufficient to operate the manufacturing industries of the penitentiary.

Denounce Democratic Caucus Action

CUMMINGS FIRES HOT SHOT INTO THE DEMOCRATIC STRONGHOLD.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Charges by Senator Cummins that the democrats had approached "dangerously near a conspiracy against the rights of the people" in taking caucus action on the currency bill, marked the opening of the day's session in the senate.

"This bill has been considered elsewhere and passed elsewhere," declared Cummins. "There will be no real debate in this chamber; it will simply be a farce. I hesitate to participate in it, for I do not want to give it, before the country, the color of actual deliberation. I cannot believe that the American people will for a long period tolerate this legislation by caucus."

Senator Lewis of Illinois retorted that Cummins, while governor of Iowa, had sanctioned similar caucus methods. Cummins denied it.

Owens defended the democratic caucus action. He said the democrats had adopted "the most direct, effective and simple way of securing legislation."

HERE FROM KATHRYN.

Mr. Peter Unseth was an over Sunday visitor in the city from Kathryn.

BARNES COUNTY DIVORCE CASE.

Judge Coffey heard a case from Barnes county in chambers today, the parties being Agnes V. Quist vs. Enger C. Quist. The plaintiff alleged desertion by her husband, who she claimed left her only three weeks after they were married in 1911, and the derelict husband has not been seen or heard of since. Attorney Englert of Valley City appeared for the plaintiff and a divorce was granted.—James-town Alert.

"The Wardrobe" Sale Proves Success

The great removal "Whirlwind" sale held at the Wardrobe Clothing Store seems to have struck a responsive chord and Saturday the people were there in such vast numbers that it was practically impossible to gain an entrance at times. The gentlemen in charge were working like beavers wrapping goods and making change.

The sale was held to reduce the stock before moving into the new quarters which, by the way, will be one of the neatest stores of its kind in the state. Fifty feet of plate glass will furnish a display window which is unexcelled in town and the Wardrobe is showing a commendable degree of enterprise in making the change.

Times-Record Want Ads. bring results.

DECLARATION MADE IN HOUSE THAT WAR IS IN PROSPECT

Bill Passed for Enlisting Volunteers--Republican Leader Mann Comments on Mexican Situation.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—After a discussion into which Republican Leader Mann injected the Mexican situation, the house passed a pay army volunteer bill that in varying forms has been talked of at the capitol for many years. The bill going to the senate will put the volunteer forces on an equal footing with the regular army. It will provide that whenever, in the president's judgment, war is imminent or exists, he may organize volunteer regiments for war purposes. The men, instead of enlisting for a short period, will enlist "for the war." The president will appoint all the officers.

The volunteer force will supplement the national militia, with which the bill will not interfere.

Representative Mann in speaking of the Mexican situation, said of course Chairman Hay, in the military committee, the administration and all others connected with the bill, would vigorously deny the measure was presented now because the government was preparing for war with Mexico. He recited that just before the Spanish-American war the appropriations committee presented a

bill to put \$50,000,000 in President McKinley's hands.

"I took a minute then to say," added Mann, "that at least there was one man in the house who was not attempting to deceive himself, while all others had said this was not in the expectation of war but to prevent war. I fear the same situation arises now."

"I should greatly regret war with Mexico. I have no complaint to make of the president's attitude in his dealings with Mexico, although I confess I can see no end to the road which he is now pursuing. He said Tuesday that the Huerta government would fall soon. Very likely. I think any government in Mexico which does not receive the moral support of our government will not last a great length of time, and I doubt whether any government in Mexico, constituted by the so-called constitutionalists or other revolutionists, will last with or without the support of our government."

Mann commented upon the fact that Chairman Hay had pressed the bill introduced three days ago to passage immediately following the president's message on Mexico.

CLAIMED BOUILLON CUBES ARE NOT CONCENTRATED MEAT ESSENCE

Home-Made Broth More Nutritious and Economical Than the Commercial Meat Extracts.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The belief of many people that bouillon cubes are concentrated meat essence and of high nutritive value, has been shattered by a recently issued bulletin of the Department of Agriculture which says, that while they are valuable stimulants or flavoring agents they have little or no real food value and are relatively expensive in comparison with home-made broths and soups. This bulletin (No. 27) compares the contents and food value of bouillon cubes with meat extracts and home-made preparations of meat.

The ordinary commercial bouillon cubes, according to this bulletin, consist of from 1-2 to 3-4 table salt. As they range in price from 10 to 20 cents an ounce, purchasers of these cubes are buying salt at a high price. The cubes do contain a small amount of protein (muscle-building material) in addition to their stimulating properties, and the makers of most of the cubes make no advertised claim that they are concentrated beef broth or essence. However, many housewives believe that they are and that they possess high nutritive value, especially for invalids. This is not the case. The fact that the cubes sell for from 1 to 2

cents each, and each cube makes a cup of broth, misleads the housewife into believing that she is securing meat extracts cheaply when really she is buying it in an expensive form.

According to analyses of these cubes besides the common salt which constitutes from 49 to 72 per cent of the total weight, the amount of meat extract ranges from 8 per cent in the poorest brands to but 28 per cent in the very best. The third important ingredient is plant or vegetable extract which constitutes from 3 to 30 per cent. This plant extract is useful because of its flavoring properties but has slight, if any, nutritive value.

Although the cost of making the beef broth, using expensive meat, is about 4 1-3 cents per cup, the broth contains all the fat of the meat which is a valuable food and which is practically eliminated from ordinary commercial meat extracts. Also, the meat, after the soup is made is available for the preparation of hash. The cost could be greatly reduced if the meats are purchased at lower priced markets or if less expensive cuts are used and the home-made broth would still have much greater food value than the bouillon.

WOULD USE BUDGET.

New System in Suffrage Association Proposed in Constitution.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Chief interest in the second day's session of the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association was in the discussion of the new constitution for the organization. The purpose of the change in the constitution, it was explained, was to place that association on a basis with budget system. Money for carrying on the work heretofore was raised with the subscription plan.

Red Flag Floats On Mine Saloon

OWNERS IN COLORADO STRIKE DISTRICT SEVERELY CRITICIZED BY GRAND JURY.

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 5.—The federal grand jury report severely criticized the actions of mine owners in the districts where men are on strike. According to the report, the coal companies have been sufficiently influential to nominate, elect and control many county officers, and have done so with the result of complicating the industrial situation by arousing political prejudice.

In connection with the mine-owned saloons, the report says: "Many coal companies maintain camp saloons and collect from the keepers of such saloons a per capita sum of 25 to 40 cents per month for each person on the mine pay roll. The saloons are open nights and Sundays."

"Over one saloon there has floated for years the red flag of anarchy, with an open knife fastened to the flag. This saloon is a rendezvous for anarchists and many crimes are chargeable to its influence."

YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY.

The Young Peoples' Society of the Norwegian Danish Lutheran church will meet Friday evening in the church parlors. Mrs. E. S. Solheim will serve refreshments. All are welcome.

Rugby Thieves Get Rich Haul

DEPARTMENT STORE THERE LOSES \$1,000 WORTH OF SILK IN RAID.

Rugby, N. D., Dec. 4.—Burglars entered Amberson's department store by way of the rear door and took the entire stock of new silks which had only recently been placed on the shelves. All that was left was a few remnants. Evidently the parties were very familiar with the location of things in the store and they seemed to specialize in silks as absolutely nothing else had been disturbed, the cash drawers had not been molested and no other goods than silk had been taken.

In the alley back of the store was found the wrappers taken from the silk, which would indicate that it had been repacked into small trunks or suitcases, and the cartons removed as they were quite bulky. Evidently there were several persons engaged in the job of carrying out the plot, which they were able to do without emerging into the light from the streets.

The supposition is that if it were out of town parties that they had a vehicle of some sort stationed in the road near the Great Northern tracks and lugged their booty from the store and made off without being seen by anyone, or at least not attracting any particular attention.

Sheriff Tiegen is making every effort to locate the guilty parties, and while there seems to be no available clue, yet the thieves may be brought to bar.

Wimbledon News Changes Hands

MINNESOTA MAN BUYS PAPER—A. F. STEFFEN LOOKS OVER SEVERAL STATES AND DECIDED THIS BEST.

Saturday the sale of the Wimbledon News was consummated, the new proprietor taking immediate possession. Editor Carter is already looking around for another location and may decide to locate in Montana. The new man is A. F. Steffen formerly of Melrose, Minn., an old newspaper man with a splendid newspaper training and well qualified to give the Wimbledon people a first class newspaper.

Mr. Steffen after selling his Minnesota property made an extended trip over the state and several of the eastern states but after looking them all over decided that North Dakota offered the best opportunities and that the best of North Dakota was in Barnes county so came here and will make his future home with us. His excellent family will move and join him at Wimbledon at once. Mr. Steffen was induced to move to this state and locate through the efforts of the E. D. Lum Land Co., and states that every hour he is here it looks better to him and that he wonders how in the world all of the best people in the world happen to gather at Wimbledon.

Do your Christmas shopping early and get the best.

Japs After Laurels In Olympic Games

Japan is preparing to make a better showing at the Olympic games in Berlin in 1915 than she did at Stockholm. Professor Jigoro Kano, the founder of "Judo," which is an improved form of "ju-jitsu," organized after his return from Stockholm, an athletic association with a view to training athletes for the coming international contests. The new organization, which is called the Japan Athletic association, will also devote itself to the encouragement of physical education among the rising generation of Japan. Special attention will be paid to the marathon race, the 200 yard dash and the jumping contests.

Tied up 28 miles west of Stanton, and but 7 miles from the stated terminus for the winter, Golden Valley, is the situation on the track laying of the Knife River extension on the north line of the Northern Pacific. It is expected that work will be delayed about a week before track laying operations can be resumed. The delay is occasioned by set backs in receiving material encountered by the bridge contractors.

REST ROOM POPULAR.

That the Ladies' Exchange and Rest Room are very popular is evidenced by the fact that seventy-four registered their names there during the first six days of this month, and many more names have been added to this list since the 6th of December. Many of these are women, some of them farmer's wives who after their shopping has been completed, go to the rest room to rest and have a light lunch. Mrs. Chilberg who has charge of the Rest Room and Exchange serves lunches, including one or two hot things, every day at noon and a great many have taken advantage of the opportunity to get delicious home cooking at a small price. Everything that is sold with the exception of the coffee, is made by the women who cook and bake the other articles of food that are on sale at the exchange, no cooking being done at the exchange, except the coffee.

Miss Clara Tatley, of Bismarck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tatley, now a student of the Northwestern university of Evanston, Ill., is one of twelve girls selected for a university minstrel performance. There were 86 contestants for the 12 positions.

Do your Christmas shopping early.

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To Any And Every
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For Rainy Days
A BANK ACCOUNT
Makes
The Best Umbrella!

We pay 5 per cent interest on Time Deposits if left one year.
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