

NORTH DAKOTA MADE FOREMOST IN BELGIAN RELIEF OFFERING

Governor Expresses Gratitude for the Contributions Given by His Citizens to Suffering Europe.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 23.—That the state of North Dakota has again made good to a greater degree than almost any other state in the union is shown in the report from R. S. Adams of Lisbon who has been acting as treasurer of the Belgium Relief Fund for the state. Over twelve thousand dollars have passed directly through his hands and a good deal more than double that amount has been sent from the state, as many of the contributions did not go to Mr. Adams before being sent on its mission of mercy. Organizations and private parties have sent thousands and thousands of dollars across the sea where it has been used for the bettering of the conditions of the most unfortunate of the European nations.

While the report of the treasurer does not itemize the contributions still it is a well known fact that many of the money contributions, in fact most of them were from small donors, in amount of from one dollar up to as high as fifty.

Following is the treasurer's report accompanied by a letter from Governor Hanna upon whom fell a great deal of the work as most of the money was sent to him before going to Mr. Adams and the governor wrote a personal letter of appreciation to each one who addressed him with a contribution:

To the People of the State of North Dakota:

On behalf of the committee who have had charge of raising money, wheat and flour for the relief of the Belgium people, I desire to express our appreciation for the generosity and kindness shown by the citizens of North Dakota, who have responded so nobly and have done so much to help those who are suffering by reason of the terrible war.

The cause has been and is a most worthy one and has been one that has appealed to the sympathy and kindness of our people. When we consider our population and wealth as compared with that of other states, I believe it can be truthfully said that North Dakota has done more, all things considered, than any other state in the union.

I take great pleasure in adding the report of Hon. R. S. Adams of Lisbon, North Dakota, who has been treasurer of the Belgium Relief fund.

Sincerely,
(Signed) L. B. HANNA

Hon. L. B. Hanna,
Governor of North Dakota,
Bismarck, N. D.

My Dear Sir:

As treasurer of the Belgium relief fund for North Dakota, I have the honor to report as follows as to the receipts and disbursements of funds which have come to my hand, namely:

Receipts	Disbursements
.....	\$12,330.80
Bemmels Milling Co. for 500 barrels of flour	\$ 2,50.00
Russell-Miller Milling Co., Jamestown to complete car of flour from Stutsman Co	354.28
E. S. Person, Minot to complete car of flour from Ward county	300.00
G. W. Wolbert, New Rockford, to complete car of flour from Eddy county ..	113.89
Car of flour from Ramsey county	1,040.00
O. T. Peterson to complete car of flour from Hettinger county	300.00
E. P. Wells, Minneapolis 1000 barrels flour purchased on our account	5,350.00
Car of flour from Fargo	1,000.00
For clothing donated at Fargo	150.00
For printing at Fargo	4.00
Transfer to Jos. Chapman treasurer, Minneapolis	1,325.63
Total disbursements	\$12,330.80

Much flour and many donations of cash have been sent from this state directly to the committee at Minneapolis and through churches, lodges and other organizations to similar organizations abroad, which have not passed through my hands and of which I have no account. The Northwestern Miller of Minneapolis, through whom all the flour has been shipped, credits North Dakota with 4,174 barrels, this at an average price of \$4.50 per barrel amounts to \$20,086.50. In my judgment we may safely add to this \$5,000 which has been sent through various organizations direct, thus placing North Dakota's contributions to this state at \$25,000 or more.

Should you desire further information in my possession, I shall be pleased

to furnish it.
Very respectfully yours,
R. S. ADAMS,
Treasurer Belgium Relief Fund of North Dakota.

The question always comes up: What is a gentleman? Some say he is a man with a silk hat, and others a man with a smooth tongue. But men connected with the newspaper trade have made a canon of their own, says the London Mail.
"Mr. Editor," said a patron one day, "how is it you never call on me to pay for your paper?"
"On," said the man of types, "we never ask a gentleman for money."
"Indeed!" the patron replied. "How do you manage to get along when they don't pay?"
"Why," said Mr. Editor, "after a certain time we conclude he is not a gentleman, and we ask him."

The Ladies' Aid of St. Catherine's church will hold their meeting at the home of Mrs. George Holzman, next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

An old dutch farmer had a horse stolen from his barn recently and wrote the following advertisement for publication: "Von nit de oder day ven I was awake in my sleep, I hears somethings vat I tink was not just right in my barn, and out I jumps de bed and runs mit the barn out, and ven I was dere com I seez dat my gray iron mare he was been tied loose and run mit de stable off, and whoever vill him back bring I just so much pay his as vas been kustomary."

SENATE OPPOSED

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H. B. No. 114, Smith of Kidder—Changing law regarding bootlegging, giving judge more discretion in sentence and making conviction easier. Recommended to pass.

H. B. No. 109, Blanchard—Relating to teachers insurance and retirement fund. Action deferred at request of member of state affairs committee who was unable to be present.

Homan resolution providing for the location of terminal elevator at Bismarck was recommended for indefinite postponement.

Nels Hedalen was called to the chair when the house went into the committee of the whole but was relieved later when he stated that he was compelled to attend an important meeting of the house committee on state affairs and Mr. Dean of Grand Forks was called to the chair for the balance of the committee work.

New House Bills Wednesday.
H. B. No. 145, Bartley—Removing state capitol to New Rockford. Referred to committee on public buildings.

H. B. No. 146, Homan—Permitting cities to vote second time on commission plan of government after expiration of one year. Referred to committee on municipal corporations.

H. B. No. 147, Hjort—Exempting officers applying for indemnity bonds for employes in bank, or corporation, from liability to bonding company, and amending Section 4904, of Compiled Laws, to that effect.

H. B. No. 148, Myhre—Providing a method of appeal to the courts from decisions of county drainage boards in connection with establishment of new drains, assessments, etc. Referred to drainage committee.

H. B. No. 149, Committee on Judiciary—Providing that courts of the state shall take judicial notice of the Revised Code of 1905 and the Compiled Laws of 1913, and amendments applying to such laws shall be deemed to refer to laws thus printed. Referred to judiciary committee.

H. B. No. 150, Kelly—Providing for state aid for rural, graded and consolidated schools. Committee on appropriations.

H. B. No. 151, Dickinson—Constitutional amendment by which counties elect board of commissioners, commissioners naming the other county officials. Referred to committee on elections.

H. B. No. 152, Dickinson—Providing for election of county commissioners, state's attorney and county judge, and giving commissioners power to name other county officers. Referred to committee on elections.

H. B. No. 153, Gunthorpe—Providing that townships may make survey to locate permanent monuments at section corners. Referred to committee on counties and county boundaries.

H. B. No. 154, Gunthorpe—Relating to when railroads must fence right of way. Committee on railroads.

H. B. No. 135, Converse—Relating to when judges may order change in place of trial. Referred to committee on judiciary.

second asylum for the insane. Referred to the committee on state affairs.

S. B. No. 78, Ellingson—Providing for the establishment of a state bonding department under the direction of the commissioner of insurance. Referred to the committee on judiciary.

House Committee Reports.

H. B. No. 107, Hohaug—Relating to the designation of depositories. Indefinite postponement.

S. B. No. 43, Martin—Providing that the state may trade one section of land for two sections of government land, the latter to be used in connection with the Great Plains experiment station at Mandan. Do pass.

H. B. No. 163, Hjelmstad—Providing that the county auditor shall forward election returns to state canvassing board within 20 days after the holding of any general or primary election. Do pass.

H. B. No. 66, Everson—Providing for the inspection of sectarian schools, hospitals and convents by the county board of health in which such institution may be located. Indefinite postponement.

S. B. No. 19, Paulson—Relating to the sale, management and removal of county asylums for the poor. Do pass.

Monday, January 25.

S. B. No. 142, Paulson—For an act to repeal section 720 Compiled Laws of 1913 relating to the expenses of the Supreme Court judges. Committee on judiciary.

S. B. No. 143, Mr. Steele—For an act appropriating \$356,200 for new buildings, equipments, improvements and repairs, etc., for the hospital for the insane at Jamestown. Committee on Appropriations.

S. B. No. 144, Mr. Nelson of Rolette—For an act appropriating \$5060.84 to take care of a deficit existing at the Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Dunseith, which was created prior to the institution's being turned over to the management of the board of control. Committee on Appropriations.

Senate Bill No. 145, Mr. Kirkside—For an act appropriating \$5000 annually for the maintenance, etc., of the Ransom County Agricultural Training school at Maddock. Committee on Appropriations.

S. B. No. 146, Loftsgaard—For an act appropriating \$5000 annually for the maintenance of the Walsh County Agricultural and Training School at Park River. Committee on Appropriations.

S. B. No. 147, Mr. Loftsgaard—For an act to amend Article 1, Chapter 34, Political Code of North Dakota as amended by Chapter 121, Session Laws of 1913 relating to support and relief of poor persons, and providing for county or township system of supervision at the option of the county. Committee on Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 148, Mr. Putnam—For an act providing for the appointment of a state business agent to be appointed by the governor, also appropriating \$6000 annually for carrying out provisions of the act. Committee on State Affairs.

S. B. No. 149, Mr. Englund—For an act to amend and re-enact section 2836-44-53 and 54 Compiled Laws of 1913, relating to the Dairy Department of the Department of Agriculture and Labor. Committee on Agriculture.

S. B. No. 150, Mr. Hughes—For an act to provide an appropriation of \$48,000 to provide for lack of sufficient appropriation to cover necessary expenditures and emergencies of the penitentiary from March 20, 1913, to April 1, 1915. Committee on Appropriations.

S. B. No. 151, Mr. Hughes—For an act appropriating \$180,710 for the maintenance, etc., of the state penitentiary. Committee on Appropriations.

S. B. No. 153, Mr. Hughes—For an act amending and re-enacting Section 376 Compiled Laws of 1913 relating to the powers of the Board of Trustees of Public Property. Committee on State Affairs.

S. B. No. 153, Mr. Steele—For an act appropriating \$24,645 for the North Dakota Public Library Commission for the biennial period ending July 1, 1917. Committee on Appropriations.

Senate Bills passed—S. B. No. 12. Senate Bills indefinitely postponed—S. B. No. 18 and No. 111.

House Bills received and referred—H. B. No. 33, Committee on Judiciary. H. B. No. 75, Committee on Ways and Means. H. B. No. 108, Committee on Banks and Banking. H. B. No. 114, Committee on Temperance.

House Bills passed—H. B. No. 56 and No. 78.

House Bills indefinitely postponed—H. B. No. 45 and No. 57.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 26.—After a long and heated debate in the senate the Gronvold bill providing for the establishment and location of a second asylum for the insane passed the upper house by a vote of 31 in favor of the bill and 16 against it.

The debate for the opposition was

left to senator Steel of Jamestown and he opposed the bill on the grounds that the state will be able to get along for many years with one institution. He held that the one overhead charge and expense could be made to care for the insane population of the state in as good a manner as if there were two institutions located at different points and under two different heads. Those in favor of the new institution contended that when a certain population was reached in an institution of that kind that the efficiency of the management went backwards. There were a good many new points brought out in the debate and it is expected that there will be another warm fight when the bill reaches the house.

Bills Passed by the Senate.

H. B. No. 56, L. L. Twichell—Rights of purchasers when lands are redeemed.

H. B. No. 78, Stinger—Exceptions to laws prohibiting stallions running at large.

Bills Killed in the Senate.

S. B. No. 19—Providing half rates for farm machinery shipped by express.

S. B. No. 111, Martin—Creating legislature of a single body.

H. B. No. 45, Rott—Laying gopher tax against railroads.

H. B. No. 57—Extending the power of removing officers.

New House Bills Monday.

H. B. No. 183, Steenson—Relating to the form of service of summons in county court actions. Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. No. 184, Hjelmstad—Creating state commission for the censoring of moving pictures. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 185—Committee on elections and election privileges, requiring county canvassing boards to meet ten days after election instead of 15. Referred to Committee on Elections.

H. B. No. 186, Dean—Abolishing the office of township road overseer and giving the board of supervisors complete supervision. Committee on Highways.

H. B. No. 187, Lindahl and Hedalen—Providing that the state pay one-half of the actual cost of maintaining county agricultural and training schools. Committee on Education.

H. B. No. 188, Burnett—Fixing Homestead exemptions at \$5,000. Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 189, Steenson—Permitting townships to adopt a contract plan of road building. Committee on Highways.

H. B. No. 190, Jahr—Limiting terms of state and county officers not already limited to two terms, to three terms. Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 191, Husband—Creating state text book commission. Committee on education.

H. B. No. 192, McClellan—Abolishing the publication of the treasurer's and auditor's annual statement. Committee on counties.

H. B. No. 193, Kringsen—Abolishing game board and office of game wardens; making sheriff's ex-officio game wardens and permitting the appointment of five deputies in each county. Committee on Game and Fish.

H. B. No. 194, Wiley—Amending law relative to salaries of county treasurers so that county treasurer of Sioux County, recently created, may receive salary during first year of office. Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 195, Moore—Relating to powers of city commissions. Committee on Municipal Corporations.

H. B. No. 196, L. L. Twichell—Bonds of city commissioners. Committee on Municipal Corporations.

H. B. No. 197, L. L. Twichell—Condemnation of property by city commissioners. Committee on Municipal Corporations.

H. B. No. 198, L. L. Twichell—Exempting municipalities from liability for injuries received by the accumulation of ice and snow on sidewalks when notice is given property owners to clean up. Committee on Municipal Corporations.

H. B. No. 199, Purcell—Basing salaries of city commissioners on population. Committee on Municipal Corporations.

H. B. No. 200, Moore—Relating to the procedure to install special systems of lighting, etc., in cities governed by commissions. Committee on Municipal Corporations.

H. B. No. 201, Purcell—Bonds from contractors on public improvements. Committee on Municipal Corporations.

H. B. No. 202, Aker, by request—Fixing the salaries of assistant state attorneys. Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 203, Ployhar—Designation of depositories by cities, school districts, etc. Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 04, Smith of Kidder—Relating to the taxation of automobiles under registry laws. Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 205, Cooper—Authorizing civil townships to form an association for the furtherance of the common interests of townships. Committee on counties.

BISMARCK PRESS CLUB HOLDS UNIQUE GATHERING

Funny Stunts Enliven Occasion--House Not Agreeable to the Adjournment Proposed by the Senate-- Other Legislative News.

AN ADJOURNMENT VOTED.

A message from Bismarck Monday announces that the legislature voted to adjourn from Tuesday of this week until Tuesday of next week. There was a considerable opposition but so many of the members had important business that the motion finally carried.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 25.—Probably one of the most unique social events ever staged in the state was given Saturday night in the dining room of the McKenzie hotel when the Bismarck Press Club entertained nearly two hundred guests at the first annual Gridiron dinner. One unique feature was that every state official who has his office in Bismarck was present.

Gov. Hanna, Lieut. Gov. Fraine, Secretary of State Thomas Hall, State Auditor Carlos Jorgenson, Attorney General Henry J. Linde, State Treasurer John Steen, Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor R. F. Flint, Railroad Commissioner W. H. Stutsman, Superintendent of Public Instruction E. J. Taylor and the five judges of the supreme court, Fisk, Bruce, Goss, Burke and Christiansen. There were also a large number of the deputies and clerks from the various offices and a generous sprinkling of the members of the house and senate of the legislature.

Many Stunts Pulled Off.

The meeting was called to order by Director W. F. Cushing who then read a contribution which was a sort of a booster for the feelings of the real newspaper men present. There were a number of hot shots fired during the evening but everything was in the best of nature and there were no sore spots. Governor Hanna was served with a long legal looking document which purported to be an injunction issued on complaint of F. O. Hellstrom restraining Hanna from the further use of the pancake or the homestead story in campaign arguments. The governor responded by stating that the fix he was in at the banquet reminded him of the story of the fellow who thought the end of the world was coming and while waiting for the expected event went to sleep upon a hay stack. Some boys discovered him there and set fire to the hay, and when the hay had secured a little start the watcher awoke and seeing the fire around him exclaimed "Well the end of the world has surely come and I am in—, just where I thought I would be." The governor said he had been handed just about the size package he had expected.

New Rockford Knocked Out.

When it was announced that there would be a debate between two parties, one representing New Rockford and the other Bismarck, and that on the result of the debate depended the permanent location of the state capital there was extreme interest, and the laugh was on the crowd when two small boxers were produced and went to it for three rounds, New Rockford receiving the knockout blow at the end of the third round. The referee was a Bismarck man however and it was claimed by members of the Eddy county delegation and some of the members from Fargo that the result would have been different had Charlie Brewer been given a chance to decide.

Abolish Capital Punishment.

There was considerable surprise in the house when it was found that there was considerable opposition to Torson's bill providing for the abolishment of capital punishment and there were 28 votes cast against the measure. If the bill becomes a law it will mean that Milo will not be executed next August as is now planned. The bill provides for the ones who have been sentenced in the past as well as for those who may be convicted of first degree murder in the past.

Pay Day Today.

The members of the house received their mileage money Saturday and the members and employes of both branches will be given their pay checks for the first twenty days today.

Shaving Postponed.

E. T. Guild about whose presence in the city there is considerable mystery was called upon to explain the reason for the peculiar adornment he wears on his chin and the judge not falling for Guild's explanation ordered the hirsute appendage removed but upon a plea from one of the fair sex judgment was finally suspended. Guild came here advertised as a correspondent for the Courier-News, which set forth in double column measure the great things he was going to do in the way of covering the session, but since that time he has been attached to the tax commission pay roll and is not doing much in the line of newspaper work.

Professional Provide Entertainment

There were a number of vaudeville stunts put on during the evening by talent that is playing the vaudeville houses in the city. They were all of a high class and received much merited applause. Peculiarly appropriate for the occasion was the presence in the city of Mr. Vanduler formerly car-

toonist on the New York Herald and he gave a very clever talk and made some funny pictures.

Axvig Finally Repents.

Ole Axvig, member of the house from Cavalier county, presented a communication through his secretary Stalle Hendrickson, in which he told of his many years experience as squatter governor and set forth what had been done in that time and closed by turning over to Dennis Hannifin the governorship for all time to come. Dennis accepted the honor with a few brief remarks which were strictly to the point.

Fine Menu Served.

The McKenzie hotel served a fine seven course banquet and the serving was directly under the management of Mr. Patterson, himself. When it is considered that over three hundred people were served for the regular dinner from 5:30 to 8:15 and that this elaborate banquet was served at 9:15 and there are over three hundred guests regularly registered at the hotel it will be seen that Mr. Patterson has a system for running the big hotel that is about perfect.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 25.—That the house will not always follow the example set by the senate was shown Saturday afternoon when the senate resolution calling for an adjournment from Tuesday until the following Tuesday was voted down in the house. When the resolution was first brought up it was sought to amend it to read from Thursday to Tuesday. This proposed amendment was voted down by a narrow margin and then when the vote was taken on the original adjournment motion the adjournment lost by a very narrow margin. There was quite an outburst of oratory over the adjournment question. T. Twichell stated that the legislature had made the best start it ever had in the history of the state and he was for sticking on the job until it was cleaned up. It is probably that the matter will come up again late this afternoon. There are a great many members who state there will surely be an adjournment for a time at least as there are private matters of business which demand their attention. One who is in favor of the adjournment stated: "It is a mighty poor man who can come here and stay for two months and not need to go home once or twice to look after his private interests. The fellow who can get away for that length of time would make a mighty poor representative. As for the \$5.00 per day there are few of us who figure we are making our expenses when attending the legislature in Bismarck. I am for the recess as I am needed at home for a few days."

On Monday afternoon Miss Frances Foote, who is the Dean of Women at the State Normal school, was hostess to a group of friends at a tea, at her home on Normal Avenue. The affair was given complimentary to Miss Foote's guest, Mrs. Kimbrough, and Miss Kate Kimbrough, of Chicago who are visiting here this winter. The hours were from three until five o'clock and those who were present report a most delightful afternoon.

On Monday afternoon, Feb. 1st, at 3 o'clock, there will be an open meeting at the City hall, under the auspices of the Sorosis and Shyenne Clubs. Professor Ladd of the Agricultural College of Fargo, will speak at the meeting, and the general public are invited.