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Lansing Calls Big Convention

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Lansing has suggested to all nations which, with the United States, comprise the Pan-American union, that they join in a convention for the arbitration of all boundary line disputes and for the prohibition of shipments of war munitions to revolutionaries.

Lansing's proposal, which has the full support of President Wilson, is being forwarded by Latin-American ambassadors and ministers here to their home and foreign offices for consideration.

It is regarded as one of the steps in a wide plan in which the Pan-American Scientific Congress, now in session here, is a part, for preservation of peace in the western hemisphere and a closer union of all the Americas.

The status of the negotiations and details of Lansing's proposal so far are being held as confidential between the state department and the Latin-American chancelleries here. Lansing **LANSTING CALLS BIG CONVENTION** declined to discuss it and the diplomats uniformly declared they could not discuss the matter which is in its preliminary stage and under consideration by their home and foreign officers.

It became known, however, that soon after Lansing delivered his Pan-American unity speech before the Scientific Congress in which he advocated Pan-American "one for all and all for one" he began inviting the Latin-American representatives to the state department two at a time, outlining to them, his proposal. At the same time, it is understood, the various details were discussed and approved.

The Gist of It.

"Last December I had a very severe cold and was nearly down sick in bed. I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a very few days until I was completely restored to health," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. If you would know the value of this remedy, ask any one who has used it. Obtainable everywhere.

Business End of Farming

"The Business End of Farming" by Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, will be one of the addresses at the Tri-State Grain Growers' convention, which meets in Fargo, Jan. 18 to 21. Mr. Vrooman has given this subject much study, having spent several years investigating it in Europe as well as in the United States. He also farms 2,000 acres in Illinois and Iowa. His investigations have included big business. In 1900 he wrote the book, "Taming the Trusts," and in 1910 a book on "American Railway Problems." His intimate knowledge of agriculture and the other business interests of the nation makes this address a most valuable and timely one. Opportunity will be given for asking questions. This is but one of the 30 addresses that will be delivered and many of them by men of national reputation. The play, "Back to the Farm," will be one of the evening features.

Mr. and Mrs. August Erickson motored in from the farm Thursday evening to attend the benefit concert given at the M. E. church.

WANTS

WANTED—A good responsible man and wife want place on farm by month or year. Address Leo Duffy, R 2, care H. H. Pray farm, Valley City.

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North Dakota Land Prices Are Going Up

Grand Forks, Dec. 30.—Unless we keep closely in touch with the situation it is likely that even residents of the state will not realize how land values in North Dakota are advancing. Gradually the last of the big "bonanza" farms are being broken up and diversified farming is coming into its own. As this process goes on lands must necessarily increase in value.

One of the latest instances of this fact is reported from Portland. A portion of the big Grandin farm has lately sold at \$75 an acre and it will be devoted in the future to development along diversified farming lines. Co-incident with the announcement of this sale the Portland Republican tells of the prosperity of its creamery, which has just closed a successful year with over three hundred farmers furnishing cream for its operation. The Republican further remarks:

"Dairying has been taken up on a larger basis at more progressive farms in this vicinity the past year. Blooded stock is being shipped in at all times from large eastern stock farms and consigned to many of our most prominent farmers. Silos have popped up like mushrooms here and there evincing proof of the prosperity and tendency toward diversified farming in the community around Portland.

Farmers of State Buy 116 Elevators; Co-operation Gains

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 1.—No better evidence of the growth of the spirit of co-operation in North Dakota this year can be shown than by the fact that 116 more co-operative grain elevators were added during the season. A few of these are new houses, but the majority were obtained by absorption and purchases by organized farmers of independent and old-line elevators.

This is regarded as indicative of the temper of the farmers toward the problems of marketing their own crops themselves. They may differ as to the relative merits of the terminal commission houses, agencies and even as to the location of the terminal markets, but there is a striking unanimity as to the method of handling and shipping grain.

The great increase in the number of these co-operative elevators is due to several agencies. The Equity Co-operative exchange is responsible for some, the Farmers' union for others, but in many sections the farmers got together themselves and effected local organizations without the incentive or the assistance of any state-wide associations.

Those who have for years advocated this system now believe the situation is ripe for a more aggressive and far-reaching campaign along terminal marketing lines and further efforts are being planned for the first of the year.

It is predicted there will be more old-line and independent elevators converted into co-operatives the coming year than this.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY.

Nella Halverson and Dora Glestia entertained a party of young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Halverson on New Year's day. Theresa Wherley and Helen Pederson entertained the company with music. After light refreshments had been served the Xmas tree was lighted and New Year's gifts distributed among the guests. After a dance around the tree the guests took their departure.

EDITOR'S MOTHER DIES

Bismarck, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Frederick R. Mann, mother of the editor of the Bismarck Tribune, passed away at her home in St. Paul yesterday. Editor Mann was at her bedside.

Robert Baillie was down from Courtenay over Sunday.

Fire Discovered Before Any Damage Was Done

A few nights ago fire was discovered on the front porch of Miss Lura Perrine's home, by a lady rooming there, and at the same time some young men in passing saw the blaze. Hurrying to the scene, it was discovered that a roll of matting or rugs had been set on fire and then placed on the wooden porch where a short time only was needed to create a serious fire. Suspicion pointed to Reuben Thoreen, who had been seen in the vicinity, and he was hunted out, and kept in security for a day, when he finally owned up. At first he said he didn't know why he did it and later confessed that he was sore at the faculty of the Normal, with whom he had had some trouble, but with which Miss Perrine had no connection. He is being kept under surveillance and doubtless some action will be taken in the matter soon. He has acted suspiciously for some time and there are some doubts as to his sanity. Had the fire not been discovered just as it was there might have been a terrible catastrophe as Miss Perrine's mother, who is quite an elderly lady, is seriously ill with a cold and threatened with pneumonia and a removal to a place of safety might have gone hard with her, had it been possible to effect the removal at all.



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Weaver Speaks at Valley City for Navy League

Washington, Jan. 2.—The program of the Navy League of the United States for adequate national defense will be placed before the citizens of Valley City, N. D., on Jan. 18, 1916, by the Reverend W. K. Weaver, vice chairman of the Wyoming state committee, who will start early in January on a speech making tour that will cover five states in the great central northwest.

Bad Cold Quickly Broken Up.

Mrs. Martha Wilcox, Gowanda, N. C., writes: "I first used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy about eight years ago. At that time I had a hard cold and coughed most of the time. It proved to be just what I needed. It broke up the cold in a few days, and the cough entirely disappeared. I have told many of my friends of the good I received through using this medicine, and all who have used it speak of it in the highest terms." Obtainable everywhere.

C. W. Pollock, the hustling merchant of Fingal, was in the city Thursday arranging for the advertising of his big sale which is to take place Jan. 5. He is accompanied by Mr. Stedman, sales-manager from Minneapolis, who will have charge of the big affair.

Phone it to the Times-Record, No. 4.

Bonding Concerns Fight State Law

Bismarck, Dec. 30.—Whether North Dakota goes into the bonding business will depend upon the supreme court decision in the injunctive proceedings brought against the measure by representatives of Fargo bonding concerns. The arguments were made Dec. 6 and an early decision is expected. It will be impossible to start the business on Jan. 1, 1916, as contemplated under the act of the last legislative session.

Considerable difficulty has been encountered by the advocates of the measure. The thirteenth legislative session put over a bill for a state bonding department but the constitutionality of the measure was attacked and the supreme court by a vote of four to one held it invalid. It has always been claimed the prominence taken by Chief Justice Spalding in declaring the act unconstitutional was one of the main causes for his defeat for re-election.

The last legislature re-enacted the law with some modifications in which they thought the defects of the former measure had been cured, but it is claimed that one of the great weaknesses of the present measure is that it makes it compulsory for elective officers to take out bonds with the state department instead of with independent concerns. It is contended that if the law left it optional there would be no question as to the validity of the measure, but the compulsory features to creating a monopoly, are authorizing the state to enter into an exclusive business against established firms, and that it is in violation of both the state and the federal constitutions.

The law provides that the bonding department be conducted under the direction of the insurance commissioner. That official had outlined his blanks and was getting things in readiness for putting the measure into effect Jan. 1, when the injunction proceedings were started.

Even if the law is sustained by the court it will be some time after the decision before it can become operative.

District Court Started Calendar Monday Morning

The January term of the district court for Barnes county opened Monday morning with Judge Coffey presiding.

The first business transacted was the granting of citizen papers to seven petitioners as follows: Sigard L. Severson, Paul Bakken, Daniel Olson, William Mankowsky, John M. Caldwell, Frank Norbert Preis, Bengt Thied Olson.

Three cases were called and dismissed, namely: Tillie Lenneng vs. Hans Lenneng, C. E. Batcheller vs. Frank Glowac, Rogers-Jeffrey Lumber Co. vs. Ed. Wyttenbach.

George McElroy entered a plea of guilty to the charge of stealing and was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary.

Andrew Nelson, who was charged with bootlegging, also plead guilty and received a sentence of 90 days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$200.

The case of the state vs. Amos Schuman was set for trial at 2 o'clock. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Weather Conditions for December, 1915

The following summary of the weather conditions for December, 1915, has been furnished us by J. E. Switzer, who has charge of the weather bureau at the Normal and is an interesting item:

The highest temperature for the month was 42 degrees on the 8th. Nearest to this maximum was 40 degrees on the 23d and 28 degrees on the 22nd. The lowest maximum was 4 degrees on the 17th. Next lowest was 6 degrees on the 13th. The lowest temperature was 14 below zero on the 14th, 17th and 27th. The thermometer dropped below zero on seven different days of the month.

Precipitation occurred on eight days. Total amount .57 inch.

To compare the above with December 1914, it might be noted that for December, 1914, the highest temperature was 41 degrees on the 5th, and the lowest maximum was 7 below on the 25th. The lowest temperature for the month was 37 degrees below zero on the 25th. The thermometer dropped below zero every day after the 8th or 23 days in all. Precipitation occurred on 11 days giving a total of .36 inch.

Ptomaine Poisoning Kills Governor of Minnesota

Clinton, La., Dec. 30.—Gov. Winfield Scott Hammond of Minnesota, died suddenly in a hotel here from a stroke of apoplexy, which physicians stated had apparently been superinduced by a recent attack of ptomaine poisoning. He died before physicians could arrive.

Hammond, accompanied by his private secretary, J. A. Nowell, arrived here three days ago to inspect his extensive land and lumber interests at East Feliciana Parish. He was not well for several days but was able to go about and did not consider his condition sufficiently serious to consult a physician.

Shortly after breakfast, about 9:30, Hammond went into the wash room, and a moment later Nowell and others heard him groaning. Rushing in, they found Hammond on the floor. He was carried to his room and physicians summoned, but he expired within a few minutes. Immediately arrangements were made to take the body to St. Paul. Accompanied by Nowell and an escort from the Masonic lodge of Clinton, the body will be started northward late today. The Masons will go as far as Vicksburg, Miss. Governor Hall, of Louisiana, sent word that he and several members of his staff would accompany the body to Vicksburg.

No Inking of Illness

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—Governor Hammond, who died in Louisiana, departed from St. Paul for the south just a week ago to inspect farm lands which he owns in the vicinity of Clinton. At the state house it was said that he was expected to return tomorrow.

No intimation of illness has been received here and members of the governor's personal and official staff were greatly shocked by the news which came without any warning. The governor's brother, Milton Hammond, at St. James, also had no intimation that the governor was ill.

Lieut. Gov. J. A. A. Burnquist, who becomes governor as the result of Hammond's death, was ill at his home here when given the news. Burnquist, a republican, was re-elected a year ago at the time the head of the democratic ticket was named governor. Hammond was the second Minnesota democratic governor to die in office, Johnson dying in 1909 after entering a third term.

Winfield S. Hammond, (democrat) was born in Southborough, Worcester county, Massachusetts, Nov. 17, 1863. He attended the public schools of his native town, graduating from the Peters' high school in June, 1880. That year he entered Dartmouth College, and graduated therefrom in June, 1884. Shortly after graduation he came to Minnesota, and for one year was employed as principal of the high school at Mankato, Minn., and thereafter for five years as superintendent in Madelia, Minn. In 1891 he was admitted to the bar, and began the practice of his profession in Madelia, Minn. Mr. Hammond moved to St. James, Minn., May, 1895, and has since been engaged in the practice of law there.

He served as county attorney of Watonwan county during the years 1895 and 1896, and again from the year

1900 to the end of 1904. In 1898 he was appointed by Governor Lind a member of the board of directors for state normal schools of Minnesota and re-appointed by Governor Van Sant, succeeded by a recent attack of ptomaine poisoning. He died before physicians could arrive. Hammond, accompanied by his private secretary, J. A. Nowell, arrived here three days ago to inspect his extensive land and lumber interests at East Feliciana Parish. He was not well for several days but was able to go about and did not consider his condition sufficiently serious to consult a physician. Shortly after breakfast, about 9:30, Hammond went into the wash room, and a moment later Nowell and others heard him groaning. Rushing in, they found Hammond on the floor. He was carried to his room and physicians summoned, but he expired within a few minutes. Immediately arrangements were made to take the body to St. Paul. Accompanied by Nowell and an escort from the Masonic lodge of Clinton, the body will be started northward late today. The Masons will go as far as Vicksburg, Miss. Governor Hall, of Louisiana, sent word that he and several members of his staff would accompany the body to Vicksburg.

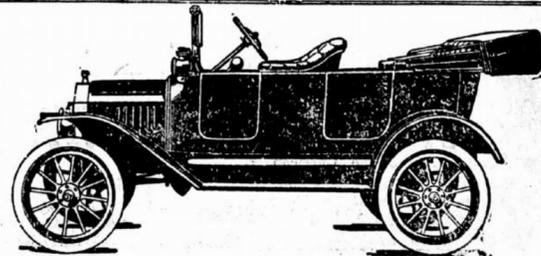
Has Two Good Contracts

One of the institutions of Valley City that brings in considerable money to the city is Lew Whitson's tinning and ventilating business. One of his big jobs of the summer was the school house at Courtenay. Lately he has annexed two more good contracts. One is the roofing and ventilating system for the addition to the asylum at Jamestown, which amounts to \$1,800. The other is the same line on the new school building at Nome, amounting to \$850.

Miss Winsted Hostess at Dinner Party Thursday

Miss Hilda Winsted was hostess on Thursday afternoon at one of the most enjoyable parties of the season at the dormitory. About 85 ladies responded to her invitation. The west dining room was beautifully decorated with red and green, while a splendid Christmas tree, lighted with numberless candles, added beauty and Yuletide spirit to the occasion. The game of "grippe," so appropriate at the present time, was played, Mrs. McMullen playing the role of doctor, assisted by a corps of efficient Red Cross nurses. The patients were brought into the wards and their cases diagnosed, treatment given and they were promoted to the various wards, until they were finally pronounced cured, which fact was later proven in the dining room. The rugs were pushed aside, the Victrola was brought forward and dancing was enjoyed for a while. The guests were then asked to form in line, four abreast, and pass around the room and into the east dining room, where a sumptuous dinner was served. The tables were arranged around three sides of the room and were beautiful to behold with the trailing smilax, poinsettias and little Christmas trees. Here the lights were all shaded with beautiful crimson shades which cast a warm glow over the pleasant scene. After a most delicious dinner the guests departed for their homes, having thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

A jolly party of young folks enjoyed themselves at the home of Theodore Danielson, of Cuba, Thursday afternoon.



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