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The Fargo Courier-News, which is the mouthpiece of the state administration in an article published Sunday morning says that the board of regents were unanimous in again asking the resignation of President McFarland. Of course the league paper should be authority on these matters but we do not believe that. The board is divided three to two—the league members of the board voting to oust the president. It is also stated that the board has offered Mr. McFarland a lump sum to step out or they will make him president emeritus with a salary of \$100 per month. The Times-Record is sorry indeed to see these things coming about. For twenty-six or seven years Mr. McFarland has given the best years of his life to building up this school and we can say with him without any desire to be egotistical, that he has done it—and done it well. From a little four room school up to its present magnificent proportions the Valley City Normal school has grown to be one of the leading educational institutions in the northwest and this is due to the untiring work and efficient work of the present executive. He has a record that he may well feel proud of. Today he is physically fit to continue that work for many years—other men much older are doing it all over the country and the powers that be in these institutions are only too glad to have him continue in service. Why shouldn't Mr. McFarland be let alone. The same article intimates he is unpopular. That is another camouflage to whitewash the action of the board. There may be some of the faculty that have been bawling the hatchet in the back of the president—the man to whom they owe their job—ingratitude is the composite element of some people's make-up—but outside of that Mr. McFarland is a man well liked and highly respected. Why all these lame excuses. If the board of regents want to get rid of him they have the right, but why don't they come out flat-footed without a lot of camouflage and tell the truth. Tell the people that it is politics pure and simple and they want to put some one in of their own political faith. The people like to have things handed to them on the square and above board. Of course we know that politics have dominated these jobs all through the history of the state and probably always will, so we have no particular kick coming, but we do protest on the flimsy excuses put forth to oust President McFarland without any charges of any kind. If the party in power is going on the spoils to the victor belongs the theory let it say so and the public will give it credit for being honest, but the way they are going at this thing leads one to suspect that there is a nigger in the woodpile somewhere.

McPeck, who shot and killed his poor wife in cold blood in this city four years ago, has been paroled. He was lucky to escape the hangman's noose at the time and he undoubtedly considers himself very fortunate that he received a sentence of but twenty years. He must now be shaking hands with himself over his success in inducing the board of pardons to parole him. The Independent remembers well the story of the killing of poor Mrs. McPeck. The couple had had some trouble and McPeck went to the Shaw residence where Mrs. McPeck was living, and not succeeding in effecting a reconciliation, shot the defenseless woman down in cold blood, then like the coward he was, sneaked through the back alleys to the jail, where he begged for protection. A man of his calibre has no business running at large, and the board of pardons certainly could not have been correctly informed in his case or he never would have been paroled. The governor and other members of the board of pardons should look into the case further. The Independent understands that John Steff, the Ward county farmer, who shot and killed his wife, after she had hidden in a barrel, has too got off mighty easy, his sentence being but ten years. The man should have been retained in the penitentiary until the very last day of his term. Being easy with murderers only encourages crime. Perhaps the murder of Officers Pat Devaney and Kersey Gowin near Minot Friday night can be charged up to just such methods with criminals. The man who steals a few automobile tires, if convicted, might have to serve almost as long a term as Murderer Steff did for instance, and rather than suffer himself to be captured, he did not hesitate to commit murder. Capital punishment has been dispensed with in North Dakota and since such is the case, no murderer should be particularly favored.—Minot Independent.

If the league leaders and organizers are such patriots why is it that they are all the time being arrested for seditious utterances. In every paper you pick up, in every day's telegraphic news, you see the same old story—league organizers either arrested or convicted for harassing the government or making seditious utterances? You don't notice any other speakers doing this? Must we infer from this that the league leaders as a rule are against the government in this great war? It strikes us with considerable force that something is

radically wrong. Our people should give this matter a little careful consideration before they cast their vote in the coming primaries, and if they are loyal Americans they should ask themselves whether or not they want to remain in power men who are throwing broadcast all over the country seeds of sedition and unrest or whether they want to elect men who are loyal to their government, loyal to the men in the trenches, and represent true Americanism. There are no fancied wrongs to be settled this year. There is one great wrong that must be settled—that is this war. It must be settled right and in order to settle it we must have a people back of the government and the boys who are fighting for the government who are 100 per cent right. Sedition and socialism do not go in these times. Think this over, Mr. Voter. North Dakota is a loyal state and it should be controlled and governed by loyal men.

The state board of regents has unanimously decided to stand by its demand that President George McFarland of the Valley City Normal resign. It was announced by members of the board yesterday. This decision was reaffirmed at the session held by the board at Valley City Thursday. At that time most of the members of the faculty were called before the board and it developed that they are pretty evenly divided in their opinion concerning the administration of the school's affairs, according to George A. Totten, Sr., member of the board. "There is no truth in the reports that any politics enters into this action by the board," said Mr. Totten to the Courier-News yesterday. "The fact that the board is unanimous in its demand that President McFarland resign is proof of that. His resignation has been asked only with the best interest of the institution in view. He has not the unanimous support of the faculty, but he has surrounded himself with a certain faction there and his administration is one sided and autocratic. The board is not throwing President McFarland out of a position without any thought of his interests but has offered to make him president emeritus, with a salary of \$1,200 per annum or the board is willing to offer him a lump sum. Besides, the resignation is not to take effect at once but he is to be in charge until his successor steps into the position. There is absolutely no truth to the story printed that Dr. C. E. Vermilya, member of the board of regents, is being considered for the presidency of the Valley City normal. He would not accept the place if it were offered him, I am sure. The board has no one in view at present for the place and it is not likely anyone can be secured before the opening of the next school year."

The Times-Record has more than once remarked about reckless driving by automobile drivers and we are going once more to call their attention to this matter. There are two or three fellows driving delivery wagons that are going to get into trouble some day by the way they cut around corners at street crossings. We are not going to mention names this time but if the practice is not stopped we are not only going to give the names but we are going to call the attention of the police department to them. This reckless driving is more noticeable on side streets where children are playing in the streets. These drivers may say that the children have no business in the streets. To this we are going to say that they have a right to the streets just as much as the automobile. Of course it is their business to look out and keep out of the way of automobile traffic, but that gives no man a right to break the speed limit and endanger the lives of anyone. We have speed laws and no man has a right to drive a car above that limit. He should be running his car UNDER PERFECT CONTROL that he could stop it within a few feet. We are not trying to stir up any fuss for anyone but we are trying to impress on the minds of drivers the terrible responsibility they have with their cars. It is very easy to take human life but no human power can give back that life taken. Let us all practice safety and have a regard for other people.

John Steen, nominated for governor on the Lincoln Loyalty ticket, when called on to respond after his nomination, remarked that he was not an orator, then made the best speech possible. Here it is: "I want you to know where I stand. I stand absolutely behind the government in this great crisis. If elected governor, I pledged every man, every dollar, every acre and every other resource of the state to the national government so that we may win the war. I have not made, nor will I make any promises to any man, but will be governor for all the people." That is some speech and has a decided punch of sincerity and truth about it that must appeal to every patriotic voter in this state. There is no camouflage about it, but it is a clean cut stand of a loyal, patriotic man. Some of our eloquent politicians who talk for three hours at a stretch and say nothing, might take a few lessons from Mr. Steen or speech making. Standing up before several hundred people waving a red flag, and abusing people right and left, camouflaging the people by yells of "kept press" and "big business" while they put their hands into the voter's pockets and draw out \$16 per, is not like Mr. Steen, and his speech is in striking contrast to those of the clan who have been putting this state in bad for the past two years.

The election of Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, to the chairmanship of the foreign affairs committee of the United States senate by the democrats, is not calculated, to make the dems feel very proud of their act of partisanship. Mr. Hitchcock has been against the administration strongly when war was declared and if he is totting square now it is before it has become a force of habit brought on by public pressure. The allies will be doubting our sincerity considerably when they learn of his election. Just a word to well meaning people.

Postmaster General Burleson has challenged Col. Roosevelt to give names in proof of his published assertion that the administration "has shown itself anxious to punish newspapers which upheld the war, but which told the truth about the administration's failure to conduct the war effectively; whereas it has failed to proceed against various powerful newspapers which opposed the war or attacked our allies or directly or indirectly aided Germany against this country as those papers upheld the administration and defended the inefficiency." "It is either true or false," said a statement by Mr. Burleson. "If true, I am utterly unworthy of trust and should be scourged from office in disgrace. If false, right thinking men and women will form their own opinion of the man who uttered it. Its truth or falsity is easily demonstrable."

The people of Tower City should appreciate their newspaper. Editor Heinze is giving them some real editorials these days seldom seen in a newspaper in a town the size of Tower City. He has a way of hitting the bull's eye with a punch that rings true, and apparently has no fear of the consequences when he thinks he is in right. It is mighty refreshing to see some more of the newspapers of the state coming out squarely against I. W. W.ism and saying what is what without fear or favor. We like to read the editorial columns of the Tower City Topics.

Representative J. M. Baer has introduced a bill in congress to mobilize farm help. It seems to meet with favor in both the senate and house and may become a law. We have not seen the bill so cannot say much about it, but it listens good. At the rate they are taking out the country we shall need all the farm help that it will be possible to get and the way to get it is through government aid. Every able bodied man out of a job will no doubt be conscripted to help garner the crops this year.

If a woman wears high-heeled shoes and slips upon the sidewalk, she has contributed to her own disaster and is not entitled to any damages. Such is the ruling of the state supreme court of Washington, in the case of Ruth K. Taylor, of Spokane. Miss Taylor sought bail for her injuries alleging that a city ordinance requires that sidewalks shall be kept free from ice and snow. Because the ordinance was not enforced she took a tumble. But the city sent up the claim of contributory negligence in the high-heeled shoes and won out.

It tickles our risibles considerably every time some Townley organ refers to any paper who is not supporting that gentleman as "the kept press." It is to laugh. The only "kept press" we know are those supported by Townley with money squeezed from the farmers while the rest of us who have a conviction and independence all our own are kept busy trying to make a living in a legitimate way.

At a late hour Thursday night the State Board of Regents concluded a two days meeting at the Normal school behind closed and guarded doors. Dr. E. A. Pray and Hugh McDonald went over to pay their respects as former presidents of the Normal school board and incidentally protest on the closing of President McFarland's career as president, but they were curtly refused admission or a hearing. It is the impression about town that it was a sort of inquisition for any data that might help to get Mr. McFarland. Many members of the faculty were called in but only those who had a grievance seemed to be kept long.

Nothing has been given out but putting things together that we are able to gather a second demand was made for the President's resignation. This time it is understood a bonus of the state's money is offered if he will quietly withdraw. Mr. McFarland has nothing to say but thinks a statement may be made in a few days. It is also reported that the faculty was in part returned but that quite a number will resign or be let out, we were unable to find out which.

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REVERSING THE SITUATION

Everyone knows the avidity with which political news or news of war activities in the Central Empires, is consumed by American newspaper readers. It is interesting to reverse the positions, and try to calculate the effect of the news the German people have been getting from America this week providing, of course, they are allowed to read it.

Here are some samples: "The Third American Liberty Loan was more than a billion dollars oversubscribed." "The American secretary of war has asked for permission to send an unlimited number of men to France, and will get it." "The United States plans to have an army of 3,000,000 men in France this year with enough men in training to replace all losses." "The American wheat crop may be a billion bushels, or enough to feed all the Allied nations without skimping." "The President has been given full blanket authority to reorganize the government in any way he sees fit, in order to prosecute the war in the most vigorous way possible." "Congress is considering an appropriation of one billion dollars for more airplanes, quantity production of which is just being achieved." "The American shipbuilding program has taken a most decided spurt, and a recent investigator reported 'the most amazing progress.'" "American troops are being sent to France at three times the rate contemplated six months ago."

The draft law has been amended to include all youths coming of age, and these are expected to supply all the men needed without raising the age limit. "American labor has proved so loyal that the Socialist party has been threatened with extinction, and is forced to consider changing its stand against the war." If such a gist of news came from Germany within the course of one or two weeks, the American "defeatists" would lie down and expire from sheer fright.—Fargo Forum.

ANY MAN TO ANY MAN

I do not know how other men feel about it but I find it hard with all that is happening to the world today, to look a small boy in the face.

When a small boy looks trustingly up to me and I see his world—the world he thinks he is going to have, in his eyes, I am afraid. The look in his eyes of the world he thinks he is going to have cuts me to the quick.

I have always felt I had an understanding with a small boy before. But the last four years when he looks at me in that old way and I think of this world—the one I see in his eyes—the one I had myself—the one every small boy has a right to, I see suddenly instead the one that is being left over for him by me, by all of us, the one he will try to put up with, have to live in, have to be a man in, when you and I have stopped trying.

Then when I face the small boy I want to put off in a wide high place alone and think and ask God. I want to go down into the city and fight—fight with my money and with my hope, go over the top with my religion and then come back and face the small boy. There are days during this struggle when my soul is spent and all the world seems made of iron and glass and all these crowds of people flocking through the streets who do not seem to care.

It seems as if I would not turn over my head to save a world to live in myself. . . . It does not matter about me—and some days the people I see go by almost make me think it does not matter about them. . . .

Then suddenly I go by troops of school children at 4 o'clock pouring into the streets, . . . pouring like like fire, pouring like sunshine out into the streets!

It is as the roll of drums for the Liberty loan! I want to ring great church bells to call people to the Red Cross! My rule for a man's finding out just how much he should subscribe to the Red Cross is this: Put down your name and address on the blank and leave the amount open to think. Then try going past a schoolhouse about 4 o'clock when the children are pouring out.

Or in the evening when the house is quiet, put down your name and the best figure you dare on the white paper. Then go upstairs a minute and look into the crib. Then look at your blank when you come down once more.—Gerald Stanley Lee.

UNSKILLED LABORER WANTED

An open competitive examination for the position of unskilled laborer will be held in Valley City, N. D., from May 11th to May 25th, inclusive, to secure eligibles for which to make certification to fill a vacancy in the Custodian Service at the Valley City postoffice. Applications will not be accepted from persons who are not citizens of the United States, or who will be less than 20 or more than 50 years of age on May 25th except honorably discharged veterans of the Civil War or persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service for disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty. Salary \$660 per annum. Further information and application blanks may be secured from Vernon T. Gale local secretary civil service board at the Valley City postoffice building.

The turn to the right sign post in the middle of the square on the four corners of Fourth street and Fifth avenue was knocked from its base Saturday night by reckless driving. Booze is said to have been the chauffeur doing the driving. In the language of Puck: "What fools ye mortals be." LOST—Nine calves. Please notify Davidson farm. 9-1tw

Third Liberty Loan Coupon Bonds Received
Subscribers are requested to call immediately for their Bonds.
First National Bank Valley City, N. D.

PROCLAMATION
"THE CHILDREN'S YEAR"
While concerted efforts are being put forth to conserve our national resources it is gratifying to note the increasing public interest in the welfare of children, as a result of surveys that have been made for the purpose of determining the strength and effectiveness of the various units essential to the successful prosecution of the war many facts pertaining to the well being of the younger generation, and ultimately to the nation as a whole, have been brought to light.
A matter of particular consequence is the showing that fully one-third of the men rejected as physically unfit for military service were rendered so because of ailments resulting from preventable causes during the first five years of life. It has also been found that twenty-five percent of the deaths in our own state are of children under five years, and that the mortality among the children of this age throughout the United States exceeds 300,000 annually. Ninety per cent of these deaths might have been prevented. Society needs the children and they have a right to expect of society the protection due every citizen, regardless of age or rank.
Under federal authority the Children's Bureau has undertaken the task of registering all children under the age of five years, with their weights and measurements, ascertaining what children are in need of special care, and taking steps to safeguard the health of these little ones. Local committees will have charge of this work, and they should be accorded the utmost co-operation in securing the data needed to carry out the program of conservation of childhood. It is expected that this beginning will pave the way to improve methods of combatting the diseases that attack children in bettering conditions under which they are reared.
For the purpose of encouraging this work on behalf of our future citizens the period beginning May 18, 1918, and ending May 18, 1919, has been designated "The Children's Year" and I urge that throughout this year a systematic and continuous campaign may be waged that will result in healthier children and happier homes within our borders.
Done at the Capitol at Bismarck this seventh day of May, 1918.
By the Governor:
LYNN J. FRAZIER, Governor.
THOMAS HALL, Secretary of State.

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DEVIL DOGS
Paris, May 11.—U. S. Marines in France are rapidly acquiring new sobriquets.
The Germans, terrorized by their maniacal fighting, have dubbed these Americans "Devil Dogs."
But the French who have come in contact with the Marines refer to them as "the millionaire soldiers," due to the fact that Marines are constantly dividing their pay with the French women and children who need help. In many instances Marines have been known to give up their entire month's pay to purchase food for destitute French families.
And the Marines are proud of both titles.

FOUND—Black bull calf. Came to my place last Thursday. Owner can have same by paying all charges. John Winkler, call 924F. 5-4-3tw
Old newspapers for sale at Times-Record office.

POLITICAL NOTICES
TO BARNES COUNTY VOTERS
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of sheriff, on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primaries on June 26, 1918. I was born in Barnes county in 1878 and have always lived in the county. At the present time, and during the past 15 years I have been engaged in farming on my farm in Cuba township. Prior to that time I was with my father, P. O. King, on his farm six miles south of Valley City in Marsh township.
During the eight years that H. C. Stenshoel was sheriff, I assisted him with his work several times, especially during the fall and winter months and I am not a stranger to the duties in the office which I seek.
If elected I will endeavor to perform the duties of the office properly and enforce the laws without fear or favor.
Pol. Ad. CARL KING.
TO THE ELECTORS OF BARNES COUNTY
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Schools, and respectfully solicit your support on the nonpartisan school ballot at the primary election in June, 1918. E. J. WHALLAN, Pol. Ad. 11tdt Fingal, N. D.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of County Commissioner of the First District and respectfully solicit your support.
9wtf H. R. BRUNS. (Pol. Ad.)
ANNOUNCEMENT
I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination for the office of superintendent of schools of Barnes county, and respectfully solicit your support at the primary election in June 26, 1918. Pol. Ad NELLIE B. WHITCHER.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff of Barnes county on the Republican ticket, and earnestly solicit your support at the primary election to be held June 26, 1918. Pol. Ad. ENGBRET LARSON.
ANNOUNCEMENT
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff of Barnes county on the Republican ticket, and earnestly solicit your support at the primary election to be held June 26, 1918. A. J. PASSMEL, Pol. Ad. 11-4dt