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The big coal strike was called off several days ago but we are still reading how Gov. Frazier protected the people of the state by keeping the coal mines open. Well, that's all right. For heaven's sake let the governor get a little glory—if it is all hollow—out of his administration. Goodness knows, there is little else in his administration to glory about.

The supreme court recently decided that the Bank of North Dakota is not a state institution, yet the tax payers are paying out of the general fund of the state some ten thousand dollars a year for the manager to say nothing of boarding Mr. Cathro at the best hotels at the modest sum of two or three hundred a month in addition to his salary. If this is not a state institution, asks the Dakota State Journal, does Mr. Townley own the Bank of North Dakota? Don't all answer at once.

Taxes are higher in North Dakota this year. But, as the state industries get their footing, taxes may entirely disappear.—Courier-News.

This is the first acknowledgment that taxes will be higher coming from this source. Then we have been telling the truth after all, have we not? The C. N. says that when the state industries that have been started get to going the taxes may entirely disappear. That's reasonable. With the sky the limit the taxes will go clear out of sight.

Federal Judge Evans, of Louisville, Ky., yesterday announced his decision from the bench that the effect that the war time prohibition bill was unconstitutional. This gives the brewers and distillers another new grip on life. The whiskey element fights hard for the retention of the saloon but they are engaged in a losing fight and might as well give up and put the money they are spending in attorney's fees into some charitable fund where it will do more good than throwing it away in hiring attorneys to fight the will of a majority of the people of the U. S.

The voters of Ohio are certainly a peculiar lot. After several days it now develops that on popular vote the prohibition amendment loses by 542 votes. Then the voters turn around and defeat the proposition to allow 2.75 per cent beer by a majority of 29,667; the proposal to defeat state prohibition was defeated by a dry majority of 41,649. It would seem from these figures that Ohio is strongly in favor of prohibition, yet the voters turn down the federal dry amendment to the constitution by about 500 votes. Evidently the voters of Ohio are mixed on this proposition and did not know how to vote as the vote on the other prohibition proposition was strong for the dries.

Notwithstanding the fact that congress with only one dissenting vote had refused to give Victor Berger, the Milwaukee socialist congressman a seat in the house of representatives, the same Milwaukee bunch of socialists have again nominated him for congress to be voted upon at a special election to be held the nineteenth day of December. We hope the people of that district will show him under at the polls, but even if he is elected to the house of representatives cannot seat him, so why keep up the farce of electing him. No disloyal man is entitled to a seat in congress or a place in this country—and he has been convicted of disloyalty.

The league forces are having petitions circulated through the state asking the legislature that is called in special session on the 25th of this month to impeach Messrs. Hall, Langer and Kositzky. Of course these petitions are being signed by the leaguers who are bound to follow the blind lead of the bosses. We just want to say that whatever the outcome is of this matter by the legislature there is one thing absolutely certain—the voters of the state will impeach the whole state administration next June when they get a chance to cast a ballot. North Dakota is in control of the socialists and red card agitators but the day of reckoning is near at hand. The present outfit in control of state affairs may be able to control the state legislature and suspend these men from office but the gang cannot control the voters of the state any longer and these will register the final decision next June and it will not be a favorable one to the league leaders.

The Peoples Opinion editor is trying to camouflage the tax proposition by saying school taxes is what makes them high. We admit that school taxes will boost our taxes in the city all right, considerably, but that does not help out the farmer whose taxes have been boosted out of sight. If Mr. Streib wants to give a real concrete example for his readers to chew on let him go to the court house and find out what the taxes on his printing office were last year and what they will be this year—leave out the school tax for both years and give the answer. Let him also go out into the country where the school tax does not come in and give the tax on Louis Nolti-

mier's farm, Kernkamp's farm and any of his own nonpartisan league friends for last year and this. The answer will be plain enough as well as substantial. Don't leave it to the Times-Record—take your own figures as gotten from the tax books.

Because congress has not gone crazy over the Plumb plan of operation of the railroads, Congressman J. H. Sinclair says that congress is a reactionary bunch of legislators and very vigorously assails that body for not falling in line for the plan of Plumb. In other words Mr. Sinclair is greatly peeved because a majority of the congressmen do not fall over themselves adopting these radical ideas that seem to run in the minds of the league officials and orators. If congress is such a reactionary body and as the gentleman from the North Dakota Third District is a member of congress why is it that he has to come back to North Dakota to meet Townley and Gov. Frazier and tell the people of the shortcomings of congress instead of remaining in Washington and doing his best to break up this bunch of reactionaries. We have noticed no eloquent efforts on Mr. Sinclair's part in congress to do things for his country. The only time we hear of him doing something is when he comes here to attend a governor's luncheon or something and then he tries to make political medicine by his talks.

Secretary Wilson, to his credit be it said, protested against government by injunction. But he can make effective protest only by resigning from the cabinet.—Fargo Courier-News.

The Courier-News is very silent about the members of the supreme court resigning from the bench on account of their action in shutting off any explanation by the Fargo bank by an injunction issued by a majority of that court. The Courier-News seems to be strongly in favor of any injunctive proceedings that will tend to shield the bunch who are looting the state treasury and wrecking the banks. Government by injunction is all right when it serves the purposes of the league and its collar ridden editorial writers, but when anybody else wants government by injunction to keep people from freezing or stopping anarchy, then the principle is all wrong. There is absolutely nothing sincere or consistent in the attitude of the Courier-News or any other league paper. Every one of them is sparring for time and in the meantime "lying like horse thieves" to the public as they were told to do.

Consistency thou art indeed a jewel, but thou dost not adorn the diadem of the nonpartisan press. Judge Anderson, who issued the injunction order to compel the withdrawal of the miners strike, to save people from freezing to death in the country is loudly condemned by the league press as compelling men to work against their will and term it industrial slavery. But Gov. Frazier issued a proclamation taking over the coal mines of the state and stating that all men between the ages of 18 and 45 would be drafted to work in the North Dakota coal mines if necessary—in other words these men would be compelled to work against their will if the governor so elected. Isn't this also industrial slavery and why doesn't the boss ridden press of the state get after the governor as well as Judge Anderson. When Grover Cleveland was president he used the army of the United States to keep the mail trains running and Theodore Roosevelt when he was president used the forces of the United States to stop strikes, yet these men were not hounded to death and abused like our officials are today for protecting the people's rights. Industrial slavery under these conditions is far preferable to the Bolshevism that the radicals of this country are trying to put over on the people. No man has a right to tell any other man who will work that he cannot. What we are up against in this country is industrial anarchy and our governor and his advisers are doing the best they can to bring it about.

The killing of several soldiers while parading in Centralia, Wash. on Armistice Day by I. W. W.'s has aroused the country greater than most any other occurrence and the outrage goes to show to what depth these radicals will go to further their ends. It is shameful to have to record the fact that one of the perpetrators of the dastardly deed was lynched by irate soldiers and citizens, but the doings of these red flag artists has aroused the ire of the patriotic citizens evidently beyond endurance. We do not favor lynching by any means—it is something all good citizens should condemn to the limit. The people who took the law into their own hands in Centralia evidently have become tired of the weak vacillating tactics employed by some of our courts and they figure that justice could be quickly meted out this way. The government of the United States has rounded up several hundred reds the past few days and we hope they will continue the good work until all are swept from the country by deportation. Every man who was disloyal to the government during the war and is still disloyal to the country of his adoption, should be deported along with the worst anarchists that ever breathed the breath of life—we see very little difference. The one goes to more extremes of violence to show his dislike while the other shows his dislike in a more smooth manner. At that they are equally bad. This country has no room for disloyal citizens. We need the room for real Americans and we want our free air kept from pollution by these reds and I. W. W.'s who are a menace to the welfare of this country and its peace loving people. Chase them out of the country.

SHOULD BEGIN WITH HIMSELF

Now that Governor Frazier has been successful in his efforts to get a coal miners strike started in North Dakota, he proposes to conscript citizens of the state between the ages of 18 and 45, to operate the mines. Martial law permits him to arrest anyone interfering with the operation of the mines or with the production of

fuel. He ought to take himself by the collar and march himself into the Bismarck penitentiary for the winter. If he would do that, the state would get along very nicely now, so far as fuel is concerned.—Forum.

The country is not at war but that does not put any stop to the multitudinous drives that the country seems to be afflicted with. It is drive, drive, drive for money for one thing or another continuously. Wouldn't it be nice if we could get along for a few weeks without some sort of a drive being thrust upon us. The country seems to have developed a mania for money drives—guess those who inured themselves believe in going to it while the going is good. There should be some sort of a drive evolved that would help the people out down the high cost of living.

Judge Robinson comes out in his Saturday night letter and says that Mr. Kositzky is an honest man and for the powers that he harken unto him. The judge is putting himself in the down and out club because any man who has the temerity to come out and say that anyone who is against the Townley program is an honest man is destined to get the ax. However, we rather like the venerable jurist's nerve, to say the least. We are convinced that the more the people look soberly into the facts that Messrs. Hall, Langer and Kositzky have been giving the tax payers the more convinced will they become that these men are telling them the truth. Figures, as we said before, don't lie when you get them from the county treasurer's office—there is no appeal from that quarter. You may abuse your local editor and say he is lying—but you cannot dodge the tax gatherer.

The Nome Tribune last week takes occasion to roast the Sheyenne Valley Light Company because Nome was without lights last week. If the editor of the Nome paper would wake up he would have found that it was not the fault of the light company and his roast would have been unnecessary. The coal situation is responsible for the matter. Valley City furnishes the power to give Nome lights and the city plant last week was short of coal, consequently the street railway here, the pool rooms, business houses, churches, etc., were without light for several days and the good people of Valley City were floundering around in the snow drifts in the residential districts in the dark because we had no light. But we didn't roast anybody for that. This war has taught us to conserve and put up with a lot of inconvenience and to look on the bright side of life in the dark as well as in the light—and we all did during those trying days of the war. Our good neighbor should cheer up, let a little sunlight into his soul, throw out his chest and take his place in the world as a booster and optimist. We are not holding the sack for the light company for any misdeeds it is responsible for up to last week, but for that period they are not to blame. If you must kick at somebody, kick like a blaze at our city administration. They are the guilty ones—and they are used to getting kicks. But, friends, they did just what any reasonable set of men would do in a coal shortage.

Frazier's friends and masters have announced that he will be a candidate for president next year, presumably on the socialist ticket, for the nonpartisan league is not a political party and Frazier is a socialist anyway, like his Boss and Master Townley. It is an interesting coincidence that twenty-five years ago another socialist who ran for the presidency three times on the socialist ticket, Eugene V. Debs by name, tried conclusions with the federal government on this same issue of interstate commerce and met his Waterloo. Debs, from his headquarters in Chicago, from his train, including mail trains, destined for points beyond the borders of Illinois, could not leave or pass through Chicago. He had the support of another socialist, John P. Altgelt by name, then governor of Illinois. But without consulting either Debs, or Altgelt, President Grover Cleveland, an old fashioned individual who if living now would be as blind to the glory and beauty of our New Day as in the present occupant of the White House, sent federal troops to Chicago with instructions to see that order prevailed so that trains in interstate commerce might move. The trains moved, with no more resistance from Debs and his associate strike leaders than certain bluffs and threats similar to those now emanating from the capitol from Bismarck and from the Courier-News at Fargo. For the benefit of Drennan and his pal The Spineless, also for Townley and Lemke, who tell their puppet at Bismarck what to say and where and what to sign, we quote the advice then given to Debs by Henry Watterson in his Louisville Courier Journal, who had had experience with federal power and authority as a colonel in the Confederate army: "Don't you try it, Mr. Debs, Don't fool with Uncle Sam, Ten thousand thousand Johnnie Rebs Will tell you that the project, Debs Ain't worth a tinker's damn."

President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers' Union heard and heeded the voice of his Uncle Samuel speaking through Judge Anderson at Indianapolis, but our spineless governor, who hears and heeds only the voice of his master Townley, has not yet announced his allegiance or his surrender to federal authority. His personally promoted strike in North Dakota was separate and distinct from the strike called by Lewis. There was no call for a strike and no thought of a strike in North Dakota until The Spineless butted in. It is characteristic of our present state government to call in somebody from the outside when anything important is to be done or attempted, usually a radical socialist like Mills or Kate "Hare. Accordingly, Frazier called in Strike Leader Drennan of Billings, or perhaps Lewis asked Drennan to go to Bismarck for a conference, after receiving Frazier's telegram asking permission to mine coal in this state,

"if not incompatible with the desires of the strikers." Anyway Drennan came to Bismarck and was closeted with The Spineless, and the strike terms, with which we are all familiar, were submitted to the owners of the mines. Just lately Drennan has been invited to return to Bismarck for another conference with The Spineless. One of the terms announced by Frazier and Drennan was that no lignite coal could be shipped out of the state. To be consistent, they should have announced also that no outside coal should be shipped into the state. This was plainly an attempt to control interstate commerce, over which the federal government has full and exclusive jurisdiction, and therefore was a strike at the authority of the Federal government. They didn't say how they were going to prevent coal from being shipped out of the state, but presumably they would leave that to Bishop Lemke.

There is to be a meeting of the non-partisans in St. Paul in the near future at which time it is hinted that a change in leadership is to be contemplated. Real Leaguers are commencing to fear that the organization is doomed to defeat if it remains in the hands of the present socialist leaders. Hundreds and thousands of the farmers of the state went into the league because they had a just grievance in the past at the treatment they had received from the various legislatures, and when Mr. Townley came along with his wonderful remedies they naturally took to it like people take to spring tonic. But instead of getting the relief they supposed they were to get they have been saddled with a Bolshevik state administration, the state resources and businesses have been placed in the hands of these socialists and today the farmers have the fact staring them in the face that their taxes have been more than doubled with prospects of still higher taxes next year. They are commencing to realize they have been properly stung and are looking around for some means to offset the dangers that now confront them. If they reorganize under a new and sane leadership, elect men to office who will honestly and truly administer the affairs of state in a conservative and sane manner, put the credit of the state back where it was four years ago, and give North Dakota a decent name in the union of states, instead of having North Dakota alluded to as the rube state of the union and the one where the red flag is allowed to fly any old time the red flag feel like parading then the people will come into their own and both farmers and business men can meet together on common ground for the good of all the people. Class hatred and dissension will never do here or anywhere else, and that is what we are getting under this socialistic regime. Let's get together along right lines.

TOWNLEYISMS IN NORTH DAKOTA

The Independent Voters Association has just published a ninety-six page book, entitled "Townleyism's Future in North Dakota." This book contains a summarized review of the development of Townleyism and an analysis of its laws and schemes. It points to what has been done in the name of the Nonpartisan League by the leaders of it as an indication of what to expect at its hands in the future. It also contains a discussion of what can and should be done about Townleyism and how to do it. The book is bound in soft covers, is liberally illustrated with appropriate cartoons. It has a subject index alphabetically arranged, so that by means of it the busy man can look up, in a few minutes, the discussion on any subject pertaining to Townleyism that may occur to his mind. The publishers of this book invite discussion in the public press on any subject touched on in the following language: "If any statement is found in this treatise with which anyone takes issue because of unsound logic or unquestionable correctness, the reader is invited to take the matter up with us in writing either direct or in the public press and we will guarantee that the reply will be as courteous and thorough-going as the original inquiry or statement." Here are a few hot shots quoted from the book.

Discussing the effects of Townleyism: "There are people in the state now who would have felt insulted if someone would have said to them a few years ago that they would abuse an old friend, or threaten to starve a man out of their neighborhood in 1918 if he happened not to agree with them on political questions, but now they have done that very thing."

In discussion of the newspaper law occurs this: "Never before in the history of the United States have a few hundred men, who have banded themselves together in a business venture for personal profit and satisfaction, been able to get a majority of the voters of a state to approve a law that would give them a monopoly on the most important sources of revenue for that particular business."

And this about the Bank of North Dakota: "The Bank of North Dakota is another middleman which it costs us from 2 to 4 per cent to 'keep going.'"

And this, speaking of the members of the legislature who served Townleyism most faithfully: "For such cowardly subservency to the order of a boss as was shown by the rubber stamp members of the sixteenth legislative assembly in North Dakota we search history in vain until we come to the weak and flabby days of Rome, when its senate elected a horse as consul at the command of a degenerate Caesar."

Also this: "Every citizen who wants to have the name of never shirking his citizenship duties must necessarily be for or against Townleyism. He cannot be for part of it and against part of it, because Townleyism has been demonstrated to stand for 'all or nothing.' Therefore, every time that we help part of it, we helping the whole of it. The lines are too tightly drawn now for fence riding." This is discussing policies to pursue with reference to Townleyism: "Too long have we applauded the destructionist on the lecture platform, in our

schools, in the movies and in the theaters and praised and patronized him in the newspapers and magazines."

"Also this: 'Or shall we do our utmost to preserve at home what our boys successfully protected and preserved for us on foreign soil?'

PROCLAMATION THANKSGIVING DAY

It is a time-honored custom, established by the Pilgrim forefathers, to set apart a day in each year whereon to express thanks to Almighty God for the blessings vouchsafed to us individually and as a state and nation. The harvest season would not be complete nor our duty performed without this expression and observance. At this time we have abundant reason for the giving of thanks, for during the past year 30,000 staunch defenders of the right of humanity have returned from field, camp and ship to again take up their abode within the borders of their beloved North Dakota. Families have been reunited, and homes re-established, thus securing these greatest bulwarks of society and insuring thrift and happiness among our citizenry. What greater reason for sincere gratitude could be desired than this fulfillment of our hopes and answer to our prayers.

Let us be glad also that there has not been a recurrence of the frightful malady that raged in our midst a year ago, and wrought such unprecedented havoc among our populace. It is not possible to enumerate the many blessings a Divine Providence has bestowed upon us within the year, nor is it of consequence that we do so. What is of prime importance is that we know and appreciate where these good things come from, and offer thanksgiving where and when it is properly due.

In conformity to custom and the statutes of the state, and in accordance with the President's proclamation, I hereby designate and appoint Thursday, November 27, 1919, as Thanksgiving Day, and call upon our people on that day to lay aside their usual duties and to gather in their accustomed places of worship, there to give thanks for the blessings we enjoy. Also throughout the Holiday season let us endeavor to bring happiness and good cheer into the lives of all the people in every part of the state.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota, at the Capitol at Bismarck, this fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen and of the commonwealth the thirtieth.

LYNN J. FRAZIER, Governor.

By the Governor: THOMAS HALL, Secretary of State.

SECOND ANNUAL BOYS' CONFERENCE

The second annual boys' conference in the Congregational church of this city, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 28 and 29. The plan is to have delegates from every boys Sunday school class and group in the county. The classes should send their delegate's names to the committee, Harley Wilds, James Griffith and Carl Allen or the Y. M. C. A. secretary Geo. B. Caley. We are depending on the hospitality of the people of the city for the entertainment of the boys who come to us as delegates. If you can take a boy or two on the Harvard plan, bed and breakfast, please notify one of the above committee. The boys will be here one night, a few will have to stay two nights. There will also be several men we would like to have entertained the same way. All are welcome to attend this conference, especially the boys. There is to be a banquet on Friday evening, Nov. 28, at 6:30 to which all boys are invited and all the men who are interested in boys. The banquet will be in the parlors of the Congregational church. If you plan on being there, you must phone Mr. Caley, not later than Thursday, Nov. 27. The ladies are willing to serve any number that

attends, but they must know the day before.

BRIMER TOWNSHIP HOME FESTIVAL

Following is the program for the Brimer Township Home Festival to be held Nov. 20, 1919:

Exhibits. Short talk by Mr. Calnan, county agent. Talk on Home Sanitation by Dr. McMahon, Agricultural College. Exhibits will be judged by Miss Clara L. Larson. The meeting will be held at the Veach school house in the afternoon. Supper served at the home of Chas. Leggee and a dance in the evening. Everyone invited.

FORMER GOVERNOR IS CHAIRMAN

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 13.—At the request of Mr. Henry Morgenthau and Mr. Nathan Strauss of New York, Former Governor L. B. Hanna of this city has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the state campaign for the Jewish War Relief Drive. Mr. Hanna's recent association with the American Red Cross in Europe has given him the opportunity of observing the effectiveness of the various relief agencies operating there. It is pleasing to note that men of Mr. Hanna's calibre are interesting themselves in behalf of Europe's 6,000,000 starving Jews. With the help of such men, North Dakota may be depended upon to contribute its share of the \$35,000,000 that is being raised in the United States.

Mr. Hanna will preside at the state conference that will be held here on Sunday, November 16th.

The Jewish people of this state will be very much pleased at Mr. Hanna's acceptance as it means much towards making this drive a success.

GETCHELL PRAIRIE

Mrs. Jay Rogers entertained a few of the young people Tuesday evening in honor of her brother, Edw. Deskins, who left for Velva, N. D., last Friday night.

Mrs. Ed. Harper spent last Wednesday with Mrs. J. H. White.

The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. J. H. Rogers Nov. 6. A quilt was tied by the ladies, which is to be sold at the sale, which will be held Saturday afternoon and evening, Nov. 15, in the basement of the church, lunch will also be served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. White and family entertained several of the young people, after a number of exciting games. Lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bond were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Whitcher and daughter Harriet spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitcher.

Mr. Longfellow is spending several days visiting, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loomis and daughter Clara, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Harper at dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitcher spent Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rogers.

Ada Smith of Steel, N. D., who is attending Normal was a week end guest of Gussie White.

Featured by the testimony of "Mustache Maud" Black, one-time member of the gang but who turned states evidence when her own herds were riddled, Jack and Ben Guver and Charles Arndt, leaders of the Standing Rock Reservation cattle rustlers, have been bound over to district court, the Guver under \$5,000 bonds each and Arndt for \$2,000. To date this money has not been furnished. This gang is alleged to have stolen upwards of \$50,000 worth of cattle in the past two years, and the arrests were made after Attorney General Langer and the states attorneys of Slope, Sioux, Morton, Grant, and two South Dakota counties combined forces to run the members down.

Advertisement for Shegried Pharmacy featuring a cartoon of two men smoking and the text: 'SMOKERS THERES ECONOMY IN BUYING OUR CIGARS. It is not extravagant to smoke the high grade Cigars we handle because you will smoke less of them and get more enjoyment from those you do smoke. And while we are speaking of cigars, we assure you that no other store in this town carries as good an assortment of all grades, both imported and domestic, as we carry. Try us for a week and you will not go elsewhere for your smokes. Shegried Pharmacy, 521 FIFTH AVE. VALLEY CITY, N. D. Phone 50