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BEMIDJI WILL SUFFER WHEN PHONE RATES ARE DOUBLED

Outrageous Order Issued by Texas Politician to Add Burden to People

LONG DISTANCE SERVICE IS NEARLY TREBLED

State to File Protest to Automatic Mandate of Wire Executive

Long distance telephone rates, promulgated by Postmaster General A. S. Burleson, to become effective January 21, and announced as reducing the charges, really will mean increases ranging from 100 to 300 per cent over the prevailing rates in Minnesota. While the distance is more than thirty-two miles, according to James W. Howatt, telephone supervisor for the state railroad and warehouse commission.

Bemidji "Soaked."
Bemidji and vicinity will be "soaked" good and proper when the new Burleson edict becomes operative, for the present long distance phone call to the twin cities is 65 cents and will be jumped to \$1.60, more than double, and nearly three times as much.

State to File Protest.
Comparison of the proposed schedule with the prevailing rates made by Supervisor Howatt, showing the inequality of the new schedule, was placed before the commissioners. It is understood the state commission will file a protest and make an effort to have the proposed long distance rate schedule withdrawn.

LOGGING FIRMS ARE IN NEED OF LABOR

St. Paul, Dec. 31.—Lumber producers of the northwest are in need of labor and they plan to increase production this winter 30 per cent above the prewar normal production in order to meet the increased volume of business expected in 1919. Hugo V. Koch, state director of employment, states. The reconstruction period promises enormous business for lumber producers and dealers, it was said. Abnormal conditions and restrictions during the war greatly depleted lumber stocks throughout the country.

The United States employment service in Minnesota alone needs 1,200 men, while Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan need 4,000 men, according to Mr. Koch. "This demand is being rapidly filled," said Mr. Koch. "There is more than a normal supply of labor in the building trades and these men are going into the timber. In addition, a large number of men are being released from munition plants who will return to the forests."

TO HONOR DEAD HEROES IN WALLS OF CATHEDRAL

(By United Press.)
New York, Dec. 31.—Work on construction of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, which had been in progress about twenty-five years when it was interrupted by the war, will be resumed immediately.

This cathedral, situated on Morningside Heights, on almost the highest ground in Manhattan, is designed by the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York to be much the largest church edifice in the western hemisphere, and it is estimated that at least one hundred years will be required for its completion.

As soon as the treaty of peace is signed Bishop David H. Greer and Dean Howard Chandler Robins will announce a plan for incorporating in the walls of the cathedral war memorials for Americans who died in the world war. Memorial tablets of stone or metal will be placed on the walls of the nave. Relatives of soldiers who desire such memorials will contribute certain sums, and these contributions will be used to finance a large part of the construction.

ROWLAND-PLATT.
Judge J. E. Harris wound up the old year by uniting in marriage Victor Rowland of Travers county and Veda Platt of Turtle River.

ACTION TAKEN TOWARD STRAIGHTENING THE RED LAKE RIVER CHANNEL

At the Red River Flood Control association meeting held at Crookston Monday evening, J. J. Opsahl of Bemidji was present and it was decided to appoint a committee of five, one from each of the counties of Polk, Red Lake, Pennington, Clearwater, and Beltrami, authorized to proceed without delay to obtain needed improvements, which in part covers the dredging of the Red Lake river channel from the lake to High Landing, with a controlling dam at the outlet as well as harbor for small boats at the outlet just above the dam.

Full authority to proceed to procure needed state and federal legislation and co-operation between private, state, federal and Indian land owners was also authorized.

Senator D. P. O'Neill of Thief River Falls was selected as chairman of the committee and will proceed at once, together with other members of committee, to St. Paul to obtain needed state legislative co-operation. Representative-elect E. A. Rako was selected to represent Beltrami county on the committee, provided he will accept, each county to provide finances for their committeemen, either by public subscription of county board under the Cliff law of 1917. It is stated there are several year's work before the committee.

DEHNEL TAKEN TO INTERNMENT CAMP

Paul F. Dehnel, formerly publisher of the St. Paul and Minneapolis American, a weekly, will be taken to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., within a few days by United States Marshal Joseph Wessel.

Instructions to this effect were received by the marshal from Attorney General T. W. Gregory.

Dehnel has been in the Hennepin county jail ever since a jury disagreed at his trial under the espionage act last October.

During the trial it was discovered that Dehnel was an alien enemy and orders for his internment for the duration of the war were issued.

James A. Peterson, candidate for the United States senate to succeed Senator Knute Nelson at the same time as Dehnel under the espionage act on account of signed articles published in the St. Paul and Minneapolis American, and convicted at Minneapolis last October. He was sentenced to four years' imprisonment and afterward took an appeal to the supreme court which may be heard January 6. He is at liberty on \$10,000 bonds.

Dehnel was at one time the publisher of a newspaper in Bemidji and is known to many here.

VAN LEAR OUT MONDAY

Minneapolis, Dec. 31.—There will be nineteen new faces in the Minneapolis city and county offices after the first of next year, due to the recent election.

The first Monday in January is the day of the changes. Mayor Thomas Van Lear will then give his farewell message to the city council. Mayor-elect J. E. Meyers, it is expected, will present his inaugural address the same day the new council organizes.

NO TEA, NO PEACE.

(By United Press.)
London, Dec. 14. (By Mail.)—Great Britain's official colony—between 400 and 900 strong—at the peace conference, is going to have home British cooking, cooked from British food by British cooks at the government's expense.

The famous British tea hour falls in a period during which French food restrictions forbid the serving of milk. Alarmed at the prospect of "no tea," several prospective delegates appealed to the British food ministry to see if "something couldn't be done."

The result was it was discovered that owing to high prices in Paris, the government could save about 50 per cent by providing the food itself, cooking it and serving it independently of Parisian caterers, in the three hotels requisitioned by the French governments for the British staffs.

The army and navy canteen board will have charge.

SWEDISH PASTOR ILL: NO SERVICES TOMORROW

There will be no services in the Swedish Lutheran church tomorrow, on account of the pastor's illness.

VOTE CONTEST OUSTED

Preststone, Dec. 30.—Because it is claimed that C. F. Norwood, Nonpartisan candidate for state senator for this district, was too late in serving notice of contest upon Floyd Lindsay, Judge L. S. Nelson in the district court has thrown out the contest proceedings, and Norwood is thus unable to secure a recount of the ballots.

FRENCH HEAD TO MAKE VISIT AT THE CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

Says Allies Ready to Enter Conference Agreed On Peace Basis

PRESIDENT IS EN ROUTE TO VISIT ITALIANS

Poles Now Control Posen and Disarm Huns; Crisis Is Expected Soon

By William Philip Simms (United Press Correspondent.)

Paris, Dec. 31.—(Copyright by United Press, 1918.)—President Poincare of France is planning to visit the United States after the peace conference. He revealed this today during an interview with the United Press, in which he forecast that France, the United States and their allies in general will enter the peace conference already agreed on the basis for peace.

WILSON GOING TO ITALY.

London, Dec. 31.—President Wilson has left London on his return to France. Late tomorrow he will leave Paris for Italy and return to Paris early next week.

TO PROTECT KAISERIN.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—A league for safeguarding the life and freedom of the former kaiserin has been formed under the auspices of the Tages Zeitung.

POLES CONTROL POSEN.

London, Dec. 31.—Polish forces now control Posen and have executed several German officers, disarming many others. Communication with Berlin has been cut.

SIX MONTHS TO DECIDE.

By Edwin G. Hallinger
London, Dec. 31.—"The coming six months will decide whether the Polish question will be settled peacefully or bloodily," Edward Shortt, chief secretary for Ireland, today told the United Press.

BIG BOMBING PLANES FOR BUSSES, DRAYAGE

(By United Press.)
London, Dec. 16. (By Mail.)—The large bombing machine, which was America's specialty in aircraft production during war, is the type from which the general purpose commercial aerial truck will be evolved, according to Englishmen who have been active in the work of the Royal Air Force.

The light, fast, "unstable" machine, favorite of the Royal Air Force, was excellent for fighting, but its development in peace is likely to be more for sport than for commerce, students of the air believe.

Already the United States navy has a flying machine that seats more passengers than almost any surface street car, and designers on both sides of the Atlantic are busy with plans for air busses. Danger of travel through the air in peace times is considered negligible already, and statesmen and royal personages have not hesitated to trust themselves to wings rather than to waves in crossing the English channel even during war.

Increase of carrying capacity and decrease in the size of the field needed for starting and landing are important projects now occupying attention of inventors.

FEB. 1 IS LIMIT SET FOR RED CROSS WORK

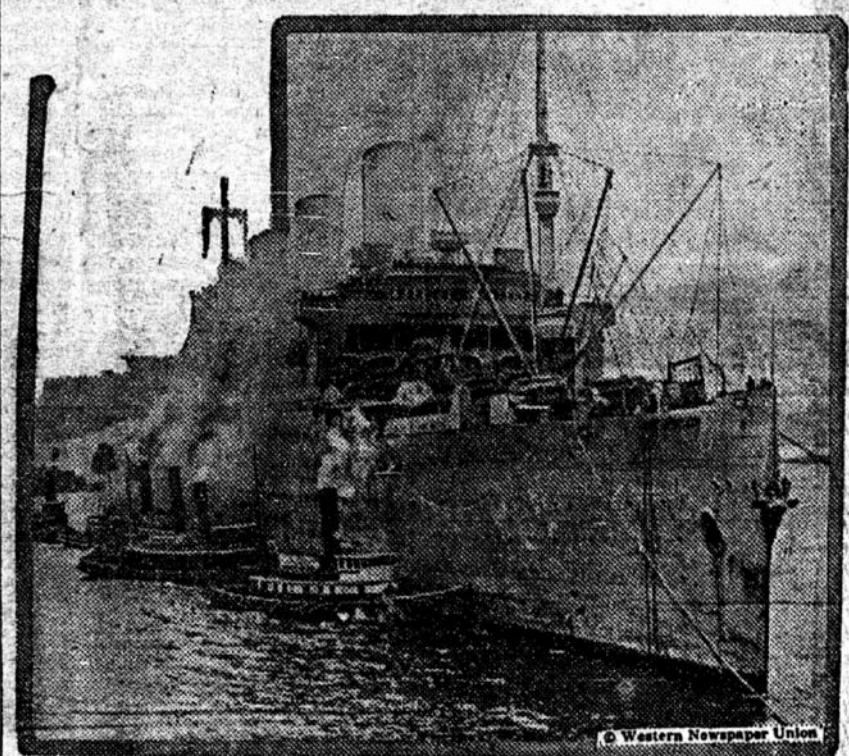
To meet present needs, all Bemidji Red Cross work should be finished and handed in not later than February 1, after which no further allotments of either garments or knitted articles will be received by the chapter.

This is the advice given to the various chapters of the state. Every member of the South Beltrami county chapter should feel obligated to complete the work started, that unfinished articles may not be returned to headquarters unfinished.

TOWNLEY FREED FROM DEBT BY U. S. COURT

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 31.—A. C. Townley, president of the Nonpartisan league, was discharged from bankruptcy by Judge C. F. Amidon of the United States district court. The order frees Mr. Townley from obligations aggregating nearly \$80,000, against which he balanced assets of less than \$500.

LEVIATHAN BRINGS 8,500 YANKS BACK HOME



The Leviathan being towed to her dock by tugs, after her first voyage since the signing of the armistice. The Leviathan brought back 8,500 soldiers, sailors and civilians, most prominent among them being Lord Decies and Maj. Gen. George A. Barnett, chief of the United States marines, and wife.

PORTUGAL WAS TRUE TO HER OLD ALLIANCE WITH GREAT BRITAIN

(By United Press.)

London, Dec. 16. (By Mail.)—The oldest existing alliance in the world was demonstrated during the war on the Western front.

It is the British-Portuguese compact, which dates from early in the fourteenth century.

It only, of all the scores of leagues of nations and ententes which have bound the various parts of Europe more or less closely in varying combinations, has withstood the erosion of centuries and changing conditions.

When the original formal protective alliance between the two countries was not signed until the first part of the fourteenth century, British and Portuguese troops acted together in an informal entente as early as 1148, in the expulsion of the Moors from Portugal.

A British fleet, carrying crusaders to Palestine, happened to put in at a Portuguese port while the king of Portugal was trying to dislodge the Moors from Lisbon. He asked the British if they didn't want to co-operate in the common cause against Islam. The entente was successful.

Portugal had a rather unique part to play in the European war.

When the war began in August, 1914, Portugal, true to her treaty, inquired of England what military assistance was needed. England replied none in France, but requested Portugal to send troops to Africa.

So during the first period of the war Portugal, by an odd turn of international law occupied the dual position of an official neutral in Europe and an official belligerent in Africa. German ships were putting in freely the ports of Portugal, while in Africa Portuguese and German troops were shooting each other.

In 1915 England asked her ancient ally for a broader activity. Portugal immediately seized all German vessels in her harbors and began sending troops to the Western front. This brought a declaration of war from Germany.

By placing her forces under British command, Portugal was the first European nation voluntarily to hand over command of her army to another nation, and she thereby became the first practical exponent of the great conception of allied unity of command.

Portugal kept several divisions on the West front, a small navy in the Mediterranean, scattered detachments in Africa, and seamen fighting on scores of American and British armed merchant ships.

ST. CLOUD INDORSES ROADS.

St. Cloud, Dec. 31.—The Commercial club of St. Cloud, at its regular meeting, indorsed measures providing for co-operation in establishing a system of national, state and county highways.

NO PAPER TOMORROW: FIRST OF YEAR 1919

Following its annual custom, The Pioneer will not be issued tomorrow, that the employees of the publishing company may have ample opportunity to make new resolutions.

The day is New Year and the time when all mankind resolves to make changes in his daily conduct with the big idea of improving his ethics in certain directions.

The Pioneer wishes all its many friends a most happy and prosperous year in 1919.

COUNTY OFFICIALS TO ASSUME DUTIES NEXT WEEK, NOT NEW YEAR'S

The Pioneer seemingly endeavored to hasten the induction of recently elected county officials into office ahead of time, when it said the new officials would take their seats New Year's day. What it should have said next Monday, January 6.

The board of county commissioners will meet in Bemidji next Monday and take up the matter of approving the bonds of the new officials, after which the new officers will take their oath.

COMMUNITY HOUSE SUGGESTED IN BEMIDJI

In a letter from Secretary Lamson of the Marshfield chamber of commerce, he says he had noted the achievements of the Bemidji Commercial club the past year and called attention to a general movement now in vogue, that of establishing what is known as a Community house.

This is a structure or permanent quarters for meetings of civic organizations, such as commercial clubs, rest room and meeting place for all civic improvement clubs, the building to be in the nature of a memorial to the boys in the service. It also mentioned the surroundings as a designated place for farmers to hitch their teams when in the city on business.

FAREWELL PARTY.

Members of the Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church and other friends, twenty-five in number, surprised Mrs. A. Flatner last evening, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. P. Warford. The evening was passed in conversation and lunch was served. Mrs. Flatner was presented with a pretty remembrance gift by those present. Mrs. Flatner and daughter, Lillian, will leave tomorrow morning for their new home in Morris, Minn. Mrs. Flatner has been a member of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid and active in church work, and will be greatly missed.

TELEGRAPHERS GET RAISE.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Railroad telegraphers and station agents have been given a further wage increase by Director General McAdoo, retroactive to October 1.

STATE NATIONAL GUARD WILL LOSE ITS STATUS, SECRETARY WAR ORDER

Washington, Dec. 31.—Requests of National guard organizations now overseas to be mustered out on their return to this country instead of discharged, so their National guard character may be immediately resumed instead of returning to their civilian status, will not be granted by Secretary of War Baker, it was authoritatively declared at the war department.

The recent ruling of the judge advocate general declaring that National guard troops now in the federal service will revert to their civilian status upon their discharge has been adopted by the general staff as an irrevocable decision with reference to the former troops.

It is known that many of the forces now with Pershing's army, upon their return home, will desire to immediately revert to their national guard status instead of being discharged and becoming plain citizens. Many organizations notwithstanding that in some cases only a small portion of their original personnel remains, have been organized for many years and have become historical.

POTATO FLOUR PLANT BEING 'TUNED UP' FOR INITIAL START

Officials of Machinery Company Here; Full Operation in Another Week

EQUIPMENT INSTALLED; LARGE BUSINESS SEEN

Operation Is Interesting; Plant Location Ideal; Public Inspection Soon

The Bemidji Potato Products plant, occupying the site of the former Bemidji brewery, presents a scene of unusual activity, the new equipment being "tuned up" preparatory to its opening for business, which is expected in about a week. When in full running order, General Manager Kaplan will hold a reception for the Bemidji public for inspection of the new industry, which is believed will become one of the city's most important business institutions.

The plant is ideal in every respect. It consists of the large brick building which is one of the most substantial in the city. Not a change had to be made in its layout for the new industry, and it has a storage capacity of forty cars of potatoes.

The machinery has all arrived and is so installed that the capacity can easily be doubled.

Experts Are Here.

Officials of the Potato Machinery Manufacturing company of Minneapolis are here superintending the machinery in its adjustment. F. H. Douthitt, president of the machinery company, is personally in charge, the machinery being from the John B. Aut company of Baltimore, Md. With him is Carl Feldhusen, who represents the machinery company also, and he was the man who installed the first potato flour plant in the United States, at Idaho Falls, Idaho. There are now about eight of these plants in the country.

Mr. Douthitt is also the secretary of the Potato Association of America.

Wagon To Sack.

From the sliding built by the Red Lake railroad, or from the wagon of the farmers, the potatoes are unloaded into conveyors, sorted as to size as they travel to their bins, dusted enroute. From the bin they may be carried by machinery to the huge washer where they are cleaned thoroughly, every particle of dirt being removed. Again they take up their journey to the big cooker where they are made into a fine pulp and run out on a large cylinder termed the flaker, which discharges into an endless driver contrivance, which conveys the flake on and up to the flour mill where it is made into flour, sent to the sacker, all fine flour dust being drawn away enroute, and deposited in a special receptacle.

Continuous Process.

It is a continuous process from the unloading to the sack all ready for shipment and is intensely interesting.

There is a large quantity of potatoes ready for turning into flour. The potato flour has many sources of patronage, one of them being large manufacturers of sausage, which use the potato flour for sausage stock, while large paste factories also prefer the potato flour. Large quantities are used in homes throughout the country and as the plant gets under full swing potato chips will be made. There are several other lines the plant is capable of producing and these will receive attention later.

Several inquiries have been and are being received with reference to shipments and the outlook for success seems rosy.

DOCTORS HOLD MEET.

Crookston, Dec. 31.—The quarterly meeting of the Red River Valley Medical society was held in this city. On account of so much illness, many doctors could not leave home to attend.

The present influenza epidemic was the main feature of the discussions. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Dr. F. M. Dryden; vice-president, Dr. Ed. Bratrud; secretary and treasurer, Dr. A. H. Kahala.

ALL WANT HIGHWAY.

St. Paul, Dec. 31.—Representative R. W. Hitchcock, who is writing a weekly letter to the Hibbing Daily Tribune, of which he is editor, is authority for the statement that over eighty members of the house have asked the speaker-elect to place them on the roads and bridges committee, which will handle bills relating to good roads, and that twelve members want to be chairman.