

MODERN HOMES TO BE ERECTED; BUSINESS MEN DISCUSS TOPIC

Bemidji Association President
Names Committee of
Financiers.

HOME BUILDING ASSN.
WILL BE LAUNCHED

Low Rate of Interest One of
Chief Features; Would
Relieve Shortage.

Construction of a series of modern residences in Bemidji will in all probability be in progress before the weeks of another month pass, in consequence of action taken at the regular meeting of the Bemidji Association, which followed the noon-day luncheon yesterday, the seriousness of the housing conditions in Bemidji ushering forth plans for the formation of a Home Building association, the organization of which has begun.

More Houses, Problem
The question of providing added homes in Bemidji, the need of boarding and rooming accommodations and the shortage of summer cottages was thoroughly discussed at the meeting.

M. W. Deputy, president of the normal school opened this important subject when he appealed to the members of the association and all other residents of the city to assist in every manner possible to care for the boys and girls who are to enroll at the fall term of the state institution in September. President Deputy urged that immediate action be taken in opening the homes of the city that comfortable rooms may be provided for the one hundred students who are to attend the session.

Met Ready Response.
Mr. Deputy's remarks met immediate response, and he was assured that the united support of club members will be granted in an effort to provide accommodations for the pupils, until the new \$100,000 dormitory is ready for occupancy, which will be convenient and comfortable.

Houses Badly Needed.
So great was the interest manifested that the absolute necessity of immediate action, not only in the opening of homes now available but in the construction of new residences, was quickly recognized and enthusiastic talks by J. P. Lahr, G. W. Harnwell, George T. Baker, J. J. Opsahl, R. H. Schumaker, D. S. Mitchell and Frank Koors led to the suggestion that Bemidji organize a Home Building association for the purpose of providing modern and attractive residences at a low rate of interest.

Committee Named.
R. L. Given, association president, was authorized to appoint a committee the duties of which will be to take immediate action in the formation of a Home Building association. He named the following men, who will hold a meeting this week at which the preliminary steps will be taken and definite plans decided: R. H. Schumaker, chairman; H. C. Baer, W. L. Brooks, J. LeRoy Elliott, F. S. Lyeon, T. J. Burke, A. A. Warfield and C. M. Bacon.

To Purchase Tax Title
Action was taken at the meeting whereby a company of Bemidji business men will be formed for the purpose of purchasing certain property in the city on which the taxes have remained delinquent since 1912. A representative of the company, which is to be incorporated, will attend the sale to be early next month and will bid in all the desired lots. R. H. Schumaker explained the plans, which had been approved for the carrying on of the tax title purchases and a large number at the meeting expressed their desire to become associated with the company. All men of the city interested in the project are urged to so notify Secretary Stanton of the Bemidji Association.

All Merchants Invited.
Next Wednesday, an interesting special meeting of the Association will follow the noonday luncheon, and it is urged that every merchant in Bemidji, the invitation being extended to those who are not members, attend. F. P. Mann, president of the Federated Community association of North Dakota, will speak and he has a message which will be of benefit and interest to every man so fortunate as to hear him.

DRY ACT CALLED VALID.

New York, July 24.—Constitutionality of the war-time prohibition act was upheld in an opinion here by Federal Judge Thomas I. Chatfield, Brooklyn, in a test case against Stephen A. Minervy, a saloonkeeper, brought by the Liquor Dealers' association of Connecticut. Judge Chatfield's decision was based on testimony he heard recently in New Haven where he sat in the place of Federal Judge E. S. Thomas of Connecticut.

BELTRAMI SETTLERS INTERESTED IN FLOOD CONTROL ORGANIZATION

Adjoining County Settlers To
Take Part; Big Loss
Has Resulted.

Enormous damage from recent floods in the northwestern part of the state has prompted the organization of the Red Lake river basin drainage system. J. H. Hay, assistant commissioner of the state agricultural department was present at the meeting held in Thief River Falls. The association will sponsor the first undertaking authorized by the Cliff law in 1915.

During the heavy rains of a few days ago, crops in West Beltrami county were flooded, roads were covered with water, bridges washed out and hundreds of thousands of dollars damage resulted.

Townships in east Marshall county were under water, and it is said crops along the Roseau river in Roseau county are a total loss. The settlers affected will be placed on lands where they may take care of their dairy herds and cut hay for the winter feed.

TENNIS TOURNAY IS NEARING HOT FINISH

The tourney of the Bemidji tennis club has reached the end of the first round and the results were as follows: Whitby, 6-4, 6-3; Hinkley, 6-2, 6-3; Barker, 6-2, 6-0; Brooks, 6-1, 6-1; McAninch, by default; Feir, 6-3, 6-2; Pfeifer, 6-2, 6-1; Eberline, by default; Thompson, 6-1, 6-4; R. Riggs, by default; Nelle, by default; Hoselton, 6-2, 6-4.

In the second round played last night, Hinkley defeated Whitby, Barker defeated Brooks, and Feir beat McAninch.

Tonight P. Riggs will play Hoselton, R. Riggs will play Ohm, and Graham will meet McGee.

Tomorrow night Barker and Hinkley will oppose each other.

SAYS MOONEY DIDN'T RECEIVE JUSTICE

Washington, July 24.—Thomas J. Mooney did not receive full justice in his trial at San Francisco for alleged connection with the Preparedness day bomb explosion, according to a report by John B. Densmore, former special agent of the department of justice, who investigated the case for the government. The report, dated November 1, 1918 was submitted to the house in response to a resolution.

"The plain truth is," the report said, "that there is nothing about the case to produce a feeling of confidence that the dignity and majesty of the law have been upheld."

"There is nowhere anything resembling consistency, the effort being a patchwork of incongruous makeshift and often of desperate expediency."

PLOT TO RESCUE HEIR TO MONTENEGRO'S THRONE

(By United Press.)
Triest, July 24.—Reports from Agram declared today that at a recent meeting of the council of state, Great Britain and Italy were accused of plotting to rescue Nicholas, heir to the Montenegrin throne. Nicholas was deposed during the war by pro-Yugo-Slav factions.

STATE PHONE COMPANIES WANT TO KEEP RATES

St. Paul, Minn., July 24.—The Minnesota railroad and warehouse commission late next fall will begin public hearings on applications by the Northwestern, Tri-State and other telephone companies operating in Minnesota, for authority to continue in effect after December 1 the higher rates inaugurated last month under war-time emergency orders of the federal director of telephone and telegraph lines.

ATTEMPT TO LOCATE DEAD SOLDIERS TRUNK

City Clerk Stein today received a letter from Mrs. Hilda Gustafson, 1529 Seventieth street, Cleveland, O., in which she inquires as to the whereabouts of a trunk, in Bemidji, the trunk being the property of Andrew Ostlund, drafted by the Beltrami county draft board in June, 1918. He was killed in France after being trained at Camp Grant and sent overseas.

He had written to Mrs. Gustafson several times, says the letter, and told of the trunk being left in Bemidji, but the address was omitted. Perhaps his trunk is in Walker, as he was there before coming to Bemidji.

If any one knows anything about the dead soldiers trunk that he left behind to go to war and make the supreme sacrifice, they should notify City Clerk Stein.

ARMY AVIATOR TO TOUR U. S. BOUNDARY

(By United Press.)
Washington, July 24.—Col. R. F. Hartz, army air service, hopped off today for Augusta, Me., on the first leg of a flight around the United States, the trip to cover 8,000 miles.

TAFT SUGGESTS PEACE TREATY BE DIAGNOSED IN THE SENATE

Blames President For Many
Of Bad Features of
League Covenant.

EX-PRESIDENT HOPES
TO UNITE DEMOCRATS

Also Republicans To Defeat
Any Radical Amendment
Being Made.

Washington, July 24.—A plan for "interpretations" in senate acceptance of the league of nations has been suggested by Former President Taft in the hope of uniting on a middle ground enough democratic and republican senators to defeat any radical amendment of the covenant and in the end obtain its ratification.

The suggestion has been received with earnest consideration by the group of republicans who favor the league idea and who already are at work on a definite program of interpretive reservations which they declare they have reason to believe will be accepted by the administration. The administration leaders, however, unwilling to concede that any reservations will be necessary, still insist they will have the votes when the time comes to ratify the covenant as it is.

Believe Wilson Will Accept.
So confident are the league republicans of the success of their plan that some of them believe President Wilson will publicly accept it to smooth the way to acceptance of the league. Some republican senators, who have seen with the impression that Mr. Wilson might not be adverse to such interpretations as would leave the league fabric unimpaired. They say, however, that this impression is not based on any direct statement of the president.

Mr. Taft's suggestion, which created a sensation in the senate because of his well-known advocacy of ratification, was embodied in two letters to Wm. H. Hays, the republican national chairman, copies of which reached some republican senators. They touched upon many features of the treaty controversy and emphasized the former president's belief that only by acceptance of some reservations could the treaty be ratified.

Six Interpretation Proposals.
Six specific interpretation proposals are outlined which Mr. Taft says he is convinced will meet the objections of a large group of republicans who favor the league. He counts 45 democratic senators as supporting the president in the treaty fight and says that should three republicans be committed to vote against material amendments no such proposals could receive a senate majority.

K. K. ROE, OIL INSPECTOR, GIVEN BROADER FIELD; STATED SALARY FIXED

Recognition for Good Work
During First Term
For Department.

When K. K. Roe, deputy oil inspector of Beltrami county, received official notification of his re-appointment today his territory was largely extended, and instead of a fee basis his salary set at \$1,500 per year, with from \$250 to \$500 allowed for expenses, depending on the size of the district.

The following tank stations are located in the district: Bemidji, Blackduck, Bagley, Clearbrook, Foston, McIntosh and Erskine.

Mr. Roe's duties will take him through south Beltrami county and the northern part of Clearwater. He is ordered to report July 28, at the chemistry building, University of Minnesota, for three days instruction.

Mr. Roe has served one term of two years as inspector in Beltrami and his re-appointment ties comes as recognition of duties well performed.

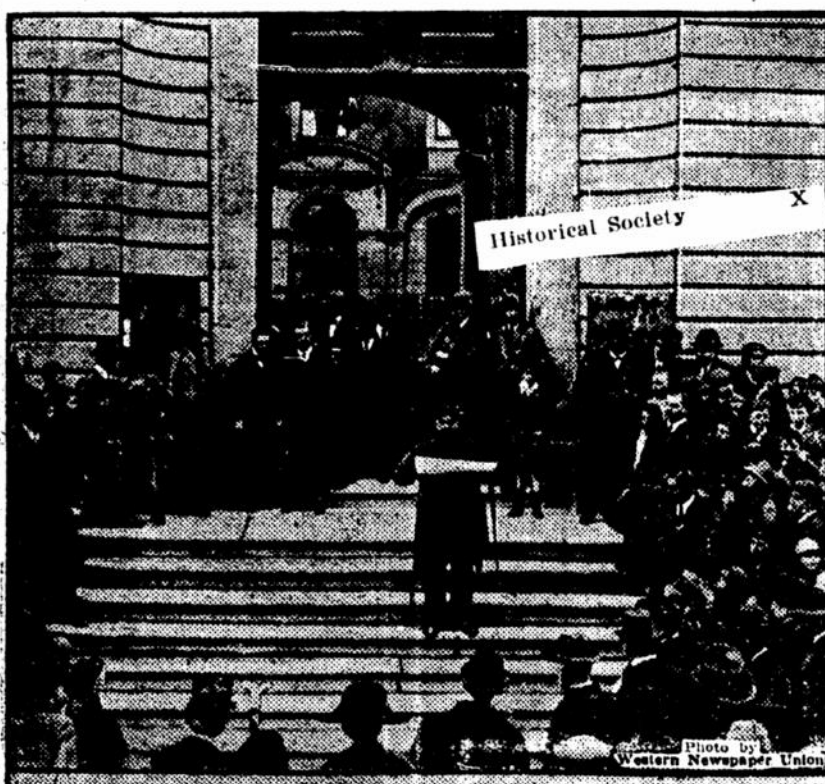
"AG." BILL IS PASSED.

Washington, July 24.—The senate passed the \$34,000,000 agricultural appropriation bill, which recently was vetoed by President Wilson because of the rider for repeal of the daylight saving law. No effort to restore the rider was made in the senate.

GERMANS TO RAISE BIG SUM FOR RELIEF

(By United Press.)
New York, July 24.—A campaign will be launched soon by German-Americans to raise \$35,000,000 for the relief of war sufferers in Germany and German-Austria, according to a decision reached at a meeting here last night, attended by 600 citizens of German ancestry.

BEAUTIFUL GENEVA, CAPITAL OF THE WORLD



The proclamation announcing the selection of Geneva as the seat of the League of Nations is being read before the palace of justice in Geneva. The council of state and the state officials are in attendance.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT LIBRARY PARK. AFTER WHICH PAVEMENT DANCE

Band Will Furnish Music
For Dancing; No Charge
For Public.

The Bemidji military band, directed by Band Master Riggs, will play its weekly concert tonight in Library park, after which the band will play for an open air pavement dance at the intersection of Bemidji avenue and Third street. This will be under the auspices of the recreation committee of the Woman's Civic association and there will be absolutely no charge for dancing.

Band program at park:
March—"Sons of Uncle Sam," McCoy.

Selection—"Fiddlers Three," Johnston.

March—"From the West," Woods.

Overture—"Encouragement" Boettger.

March—"Our National Honor," Brooks.

Spanish Intermezzo—"Pearl of the Pyrenees," Frank.

March—"Pozieres," Lithgow.

"The Star Spangled Banner."

RAIL BODY TO KEEP REGULATORY POWERS

St. Paul, Minn., July 24.—The Minnesota railroad and warehouse commission probably will retain regulatory powers over railroads, except for those relating to consolidation of lines and to co-ordination of intra- and inter-state rates, when congress finally adopts new rail laws and ends federal control of railroads.

This is in accord with the general belief among members of congress. Henry C. Flannery, assistant attorney general, said on his return from an official business trip to Washington.

"The constant and tremendous deficits in the guaranteed return to the railroads under government operation," said Mr. Flannery, "makes the railroad problem a matter of first importance. Both branches of congress are industriously seeking a solution and more than thirty distinct plans, ranging from government ownership to substantially the old form of private operation have been submitted."

WORMS DESTROY CROPS.

(By United Press.)
Valley City, July 24.—Agriculturists are studying the strange action of the worms which threatened to destroy the hemp fields in Barnes county. It was feared at one time that the entire crop would be eaten, but when apprehension was at its greatest height the pests disappeared as suddenly as they came.

STANDARD OIL STARTS NONPARTY LEAGUE FIGHT

St. Paul, July 24.—Application for a temporary injunction against state officials of North Dakota was sought in United States district court here by the Standard Oil company of Indiana. The company asked that the state be restrained from collecting a tax of from 1/4 to a cent to 1 cent per gallon on gasoline sold in North Dakota.

OIL PLANT EXPLODES.

(By United Press.)
Bayonne, N. J., July 24.—Following an explosion early today, fire broke out in the huge plant of an oil company here. All Bayonne fire fighting apparatus was rushed to the scene and several injured were taken to the hospitals. Some, it was said, were badly burned while others had broken bones.

ARMY LOSSES IN RUSSIA TOTAL 307

Washington, July 24.—Casualties among the American troops in Russia to date total 307 dead, 304 wounded and 19 prisoners, of whom 14 are listed as "released," and one died while a prisoner. Final reports on the Archangel expedition, now officially closed, show total deaths to have been 189, wounded 300, and missing in action 28. The Vladivostok forces from August 13, 1918 to July 8, 1919, and reported 90—s-s-u-m-u-o-n-p-u-n-p-o-p-u-m-u-21-p-u-n-g.

Bodies of all those who died in Russia will be removed to a cemetery in France, the war department announced, as will the bodies of two soldiers who died in Germany and Luxembourg.

AMERICAN LEGION TO HEAR ROOSEVELT

(By United Press.)
Minneapolis, July 24.—Minnesota's American Legion will meet during the Minnesota state fair—September 3 and 4—According to latest arrangements for the state convention.

Harrison Fuller, state chairman and other officials found it advisable to hold the convention during the state fair in order to secure the greatest attendance. The state fair begins Labor Day.

The state organization will be completed before the national convention of the American Legion to be held in Minneapolis November 10, 11 and 12.

Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt will speak at the state convention.

ARCTIC COUNTRY MAY BE STOCK PRODUCING

(By United Press.)
Winnipeg, July 24.—What are the possibilities of arctic and sub-arctic Canada for grazing and food producing country?

A commission composed by J. G. Rutherford, Dominion Railways; J. S. McLean, Toronto; J. B. Harkin, dominion park commissioner, and Viljalundur Stefansson has been appointed by the government to answer this question.

The explorer, Stefansson, recently advised the government that the possibilities of developing this country into a great meat producing area, particularly, were great. Thousands of caribou and musk-ox are to be found in the region and with conservation and care could be made to go far toward reducing food prices in not only Canada but the states and foreign countries. The caribou are practically identical with reindeer. Stefansson pointed out. He declared the musk-ox is practically indistinguishable from beef. The musk-ox herds would also produce great amounts of wool, he said.

RADICALS LOSE WHEN LABOR ELECTS OFFICERS

Nw Ulm, Minn., July 24.—President E. G. Hall of Minneapolis, and Secretary George W. Lawson of St. Paul were unanimously re-elected at the closing session of the annual convention of the Minnesota Federation of Labor. Rochester was chosen for the 1920 convention, defeating Mankato, 224 and 148.

Delegates who have been classed in the radical faction had planned to nominate candidates in opposition to the old officers, but they changed their minds earlier in the day, when a test of strength showed they had lost ground since Tuesday's spectacular session and were in the minority. The conservatives won every test of strength. Minneapolis delegates submitted a resolution endorsing the One Big Union idea. It was beaten.

CHINA NOT TO ACCEPT PEACE TREATY WITH SHANTUNG LOST

So Asserts Peace Delegates
Who Arrive in Washing-
ton for Conference.

STATES JAP PROMISES
"EMPTY" OF MEANING

Desire to Secure Modification
of Treaty to Prevent
Japan's Retention.

Washington, July 24.—Dr. Chao-tzu Wu, one of the Chinese delegates to the peace conference, arrived in Washington to discuss the Chantung settlement with senators and officials. Reiterating that China planned to submit the Shantung question to the league of nations immediately upon its formation, Dr. Wu paid a tribute to the American mission to the peace conference declaring that the Chinese delegation deeply appreciated the work the mission had done on behalf of China.

"China," said Dr. Wu, "will not sign the peace treaty because she wants to be free to take whatever action may be necessary in the future. The league of nations undoubtedly will offer the best avenue to approach the situation."

Jap Promise "Empty."
Japan's promises in regard to Shantung were described by Dr. Wu as being "empty" of any real meaning.

"Japan promises to restore political rights," he said, "in China that means nothing. Look at South Manchuria. There the Japanese have only economic rights, but everybody knows the Japanese are in complete control economically, politically and every other way."

Generous Offer.
"It is true that the Japanese expressed their willingness to give up a large part of the 190 square miles in Kiao Chau, but they made sure that they retained Tsingtau with its docks and fortifications. The rest of the ground in Kiao Chau was no use to them. The best thing on it is a bathing beach."

"This is China's case in brief. Japan has something to which she is not entitled and the possession is bound to result in difficulties."

T. H. Hau and H. K. Kung, other Chinese delegates to the peace conference, who have been here several days, were presented to Acting Secretary Phillips at the state department by Counselor Kwai of the Chinese legation.

China's purpose, the delegates declared in a statement, is to secure some modification of the German peace treaty that will prevent the retention of Shantung by Japan.

PLANS ARE DELAYED FOR NEW DORMITORY STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

A. P. White Going to St. Paul
To Hasten Work For
Fall Opening

The reason why the new \$100,000 dormitory for the Bemidji normal has not assumed a tangible shape is given by the state architect, who says the last legislature allowed so much educational construction, the office has been swamped with work.

This was the information given to A. P. White of Bemidji, member of the state normal board, and when he asked how far along the plans for the new dormitory were, was informed about 60 per cent. That was sometime ago and, he fully expected the plans would be ready about the first of July. He hopes they will be ready about August 1 and is going to St. Paul next week to hasten the plans.

Bids for the work must take two weeks to be advertised and if fall students are taken proper care of there will have to be rush work on the new structure.

OPSAHL GETS INQUIRY FOR STOCK PASTURAGE

J. H. Hay, state grazing commissioner, St. Paul, who is at the head of the movement to secure pasturage for starving cattle and sheep of Montana, last night wired J. J. Opsahl, asking what he had to offer in the way of pasturage.

It seems that three Montana stockmen wanted to bring to Minnesota a large number of cattle and sheep, hence the inquiry. The men who wanted the grazing land are William Gerard of Great Falls, an extensive horse and cattle raiser; W. E. Barnard of Carterville, and Richard A. Dean of Clemons, all in Montana.

Mr. Opsahl wired a reply that he could furnish the required pasturage near the Soo, Great Northern or Northern Pacific, easy of access to shipping and free of all cost for the year 1919.