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Commenting on the desecration of the American flag the Minneapolis Journal has this to say:

During the present year several Canadians have jumped on American flags which were waved rather defiantly by foolish persons too far away from home and with no good sense of the general fitness of things. These incidents caused not a ripple on either side of the line, for the militant Jingo is now pretty well understood everywhere and is put down for what he is, namely, nothing.

But if you wish for a flag-trampling episode it is not necessary to go to Canada for it. We have such things in this country. For example, Judge R. B. Tappen of Alameda, Cal., recently spoke as follows from the bench in a wife-beating case:

"If more wives would shoot their husbands instead of enduring their abuse, it would be good for society."

The flag, if it stands for anything, stands for law and order and for order is a judge who, if he is correctly quoted, advocates lynching. Here is some genuine trampling on the flag that merits notice, and particularly so because it is done in our own country and by a person chosen for the very purpose of upholding law and order.

No great harm may be done in this case because as a rule the people are intelligent enough to make the proper separation between the judicial office and one man's personal foolishness. But it is bad business for a judge and it merits, if not the recall, then certainly the calling down.

Governor Hanna has again been dragged into that "\$10 to the veterans" affair. Apparently it is necessary for the chief executive of the state to break into print with pomp and circumstance every time a country news-

paper publishes an attack upon him, and his actions.

So far as it is possible to find out, Governor Hanna's chief offense in this \$10 affair, is that he did not answer the charges of a few political opponents among the newspapers, and gratify them by making a formal denial.

Had the entire press of the state taken this matter up, the governor might well answer the charges, but the pitiful piffle of a few editors inspired by an overweening sense of their own importance, is,—praise be—unworthy an answer from the state's chief executive officer who, contrary to some of his predecessors, is going about the business of the state rather than playing politics to please a disgruntled few.

Governor Hanna's enemies, including those who have milked him dry for political favors, and are now looking for a likely band wagon on which to light, are like most political harpies. They mock the food on which they have been fed, and hope for a turn in the political wheel which will put them into power.

The workings of the interstate law or the law covering the transportation of passengers, as well as freight and express works out some peculiar conditions, which strange as it may seem always result to the benefit of the transportation companies. For instance Minnesota now has a 2 cent rate, and travelers in that state can travel for 2 cents per mile but here is where the interstate law helps out the railroad, a ticket to Minneapolis bought here will cost the same old rate as the law permits the transportation companies, apparently to charge whatever they wish if a ticket is bought to carry one across the line into another state, for instance a ticket bought here for Minneapolis will cost \$8.15 whereas if one bought a ticket for Fargo or Moorhead and then bought a ticket the balance of the distance they would get the benefit of the Minnesota 2 cent rate and transportation to Minneapolis could thus be procured for \$6.00 or a saving well worth looking after. This is calculating a passage over the Northern Pacific, the cost of the Soo lines would be approximately the same and works out about the same. It seems that here is a real chance for a reform, that might be of real benefit to the general public, this interstate law has been the worst stumbling block in the way of

good legislation and law enforcement that the state has had to contend with and people generally are rather tired of the INTER STATE LAW, which appears to be about the best corporation tool yet discovered.

The impeachment of Governor Sulzer of New York is likely to have a bad effect in that it will strengthen the Tammany organization in that state, giving them reflected virtue through the probable conviction of a so-called "reformer."

It should be remembered, however, that Sulzer did not proclaim his independence of Tammany until he had used the organization to secure his election. It was then that he broke away from Murphy, raised his own standard, and as a result, Tammany punished him.

Had Sulzer "been good" after election as he was before, the story of his stock market speculations would have been buried deep, as it has doubtless been in cases a hundred times before.

From the Progressive News service we gather the following:

President Wilson is receiving deserving credit generally throughout the country for the skill and determination with which he is foregoing Congress to action upon his legislative program, but he would deserve, and get, much more credit if he would extend his line of pressure upon his democratic followers in the House and senate to the point of making them give somewhere near decent and adequate attention to the absolutely necessary business of the government.

In one extremely important respect the record of the democrats from the time they took charge of the house in the 62nd Congress down to date is one of scandalous inefficiency and incompetency. The long session of the 62nd Congress met in December, 1911. The fiscal year expired on June 30, 1912; but in those seven months the democrats had displayed such inefficiency and incompetency that they had not passed the annual appropriation bills absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the government. Repeatedly charged with this gross inefficiency, the only explanation they have ever made was that they were busy making a political record on the tariff, and other things. In other words, their explanation is a confession of guilt of the precise charge.

The United States government is the greatest corporation in the world. Congress is its finance committee. There is not a corporation, partnership, firm or individual doing business in the world that could exist from one week's end to another with such scandalous inefficiency in its financial management.

In 1912 it was not until September that all the appropriation bills were passed. On two or three occasions it had been necessary to pass special resolutions continuing the old appropriation temporarily—a make-shift device of procrastination and inefficiency.

Now this special session of the 63rd congress, with the democrats in control of the house, the senate and the administration, gives another exhibition of the absolute disregard of the Democrats for the financial obligation and honor of the government. The democrats did not pass all their appropriation bills during the regular session, and two or three of them have had to be put through at this special session. Now it has been found that even in these belated bills sufficient provision was not made for some of the humblest of the government employees, who work at the lowest wages. There is no money now to pay the charwomen who scrub out the capitol and the offices of members, and the page boys are still waiting for the wages they earned last June.

Yet, these democrats, whose incompetency is thus proved by repeated evidence, are cheerfully sitting themselves to the business of reforming the currency and banking systems of the United States, and brag that they know how to control corporations.

E. A. Tostevin of the Mandan Pioneer Publishing company was appointed by the state public printing commission the fore part of the week to audit all the bills for the state's printing which is done under contract. The state printing, which also includes all the legislative printing, has amounted so far this year to between sixty and seventy thousand dollars. The bills have practically all been audited by the state printer, but in order to guard against any possible errors the printing commission deemed it wise to secure the services of an expert to go over the work and verify the bills. Mr. Tostevin entered upon his duties this week and it will be some little time before the work is completed.

NEWS OF THE STATE

Gov. Sulzer of New York was impeached.

The chief of police at Beach has been discharged by the mayor of the town, the trouble arising out of an assault committed upon the editor of The Chronicle.

It is expected that the usual prices for threshing of 10 cents for wheat, 7 for oats and barley and 20 for flax will prevail. These prices include the delivery of the threshed grain to the wagons.

Postoffice inspectors has informed State's Attorney Converse of McKenzie county that rural mail carriers must not carry intoxicating liquors while on service on their routes, or while they have mail matter in their custody for delivery or dispatch.

Frank Vohjeda of Hettinger was recently drowned in a shallow hole. It is supposed that he was overcome with the heat and fell into the water where he was found in only two feet of water.

Hereafter able bodied men who fail to properly support their families will receive stiff jail sentences at Grand Forks, a system that might be emulated in other towns with benefit to the towns as well as to the families of loafers.

One of the best rains or the season visited Hettinger Aug. 6. It rained steadily for several hours and gave the country considerable much needed moisture. The weather had been extremely dry and hot for several days and a change was needed, corn, garden stuff and late crops having begun to show the effects of the unfavorable conditions that had prevailed.

Napoleon, N. D.—Roy Bryant was badly injured in a runaway accident near this city yesterday. Accompanied by John Busch and W. E. Kugel, he was driving rather fast and Kugel, believing that the buggy would tip over, jumped, falling on his head. Busch and Bryant landed in a pile of stones, Bryant being rendered unconscious, a condition in which he remained for several hours. His nervous system was paralyzed and he has a hemorrhage of the right lung. It is believed that he will recover.

A young wild duck, fully feathered except its wings, was found by John Peterson of Edinburg in his barnyard one day last week. Mr. Peterson placed it in the chicken yard, where it appears contented.

Adams County Record: Chas. S. Coppock had a field of corn practically matured Aug. 7. In fact he expects to begin picking seed corn within a week now. Quick maturing corn is what is needed in this country.

F. L. Watkins of the State Enforcement league, is author of the statement that more than 5,000 slot machines have been shipped out of the state in the past few months. This is owing to the fact that the gambling law passed at the last session of the legislature made it a misdemeanor to have any kind of gambling device in the state.

Blanchard was threatened by complete destruction when fire destroyed the Blanchard Mercantile store and the Great Western elevator shortly after midnight Saturday night. The Blanchard hotel was badly scorched by the heat and considerable glass in the windows of that structure was destroyed. The heroic efforts of the bucket brigade saved the building.

Beach, N. D.—A petition asking that the present form of city government be changed to the commission type was presented at the last meeting of the city council. A large number of business men have signed the petition and the movement is meeting with support on every side. Under the present condition of affairs there is no doubt but what the commission form will easily carry of the citizens are given an opportunity to express their choice.

Reversed rules were used on the front page of The Souris Messenger out of respect to the paper's late editor, H. B. Halldorson, who passed away last week. He was an Icelder and settled in Pembina county with his parents in 1884. After leaving the public school he attended the state university. He succumbed to heart failure and was writing a check at his desk when the end came very suddenly.

STATEMENT

OF

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

at Valley City in the State of North Dakota, at the close of business, August 9, 1913

TOTAL RESOURCES
\$1,044,988.02

RESOURCES	Dollars
Loans and Discounts	\$772,386.49
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,917.17
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Other bonds to secure Postal Saving	5,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	None
Bonds, Securities, etc.	1,615.49
Banking House, Furniture, Fixtures	17,215.00
Other Real Estate owned	13,635.02
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	\$ 5,697.36
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	104.47
Due from approved Reserve Agents	144,919.53
Checks and other Cash Items	543.96
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickles, and Cents	173.28
Specie	36,126.25
Legal-tender notes	17,800.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5 p. c. circu.)	1,250.00
Total cash on hand, due from banks and U. S. Treasurer	\$208,218.85
TOTAL	\$1,044,988.02

LIABILITIES	Dollars
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expences and Taxes paid	44,554.88
National Bank Notes outstanding	23,800.00
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	\$21,968.46
Individual deposits subject to check	380,654.05
Demand certificate of deposit	422,086.69
Certified checks	806.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	55.00
Postal Savings deposits	1062.94
Total Deposits	826,633.14
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
TOTAL	\$1,044,988.02

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\$1,044,988.02

State of North Dakota County of Barnes, ss:

I, John Tracy, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN TRACY, Cashier.

[SEAL]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August, 1913.

R. W. BASSETT,
Notary Public of Barnes Co., N. D.

My Commission expires April 11th, 1916.

Correct—Attest:

HERMAN WINTERER

DARBY O'MALLEY

CHAS. F. MUDGETT

Directors.