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THE PRODUCERS NEWS

As We See It
by Tom O'Flaherty

Cleveland.—One of the most damning indictments of the capitalist system in the United States is the crime committed against Tom Mooney, who was railroaded to prison fifteen years ago on framed-up evidence and who is still in jail despite the fact that almost the entire nation is convinced of his innocence. The movement to secure an unconditional pardon for Mooney is now spreading like wildfire throughout the country. His case should serve as a rallying point around which to unite the efforts of all workers, farmers and others who see in the Mooney case a challenge to the entire nation is convinced of his innocence. The movement to secure an unconditional pardon for Mooney is now spreading like wildfire throughout the country. His case should serve as a rallying point around which to unite the efforts of all workers, farmers and others who see in the Mooney case a challenge to the entire nation is convinced of his innocence.

Governor James I. Rolph, Jr., Sacramento, California, Your Excellency:

I take the liberty of writing you in behalf of Thomas J. Mooney for fifteen years in an inmate of San Quentin prison, who was tried, convicted and sentenced to a living death on what I, as well as tens of millions of other Americans, believe implicitly to be framed-up evidence.

Believing in Tom Mooney's innocence of the crime for which he was railroaded to prison, I sincerely urge you to atone in part for the crime committed against him by the State of California by granting him an unconditional pardon.

Tom Mooney was saved from death at the hands of a state executioner by a demonstration of Russian workers before the American embassy in St. Petersburg in 1917. The intervention of President Wilson, who feared that the growing worldwide agitation against his threatened execution might put in a bad light the noble motives that we allegedly entered the war for on the side of the British Empire, the government of the state of California commuted Mooney's death sentence to penal servitude for life. Since then there has been no let up in the campaign to free Tom Mooney. This campaign is world-wide and as a result of it the State of California is even in worse odor than the State of Massachusetts that sanctioned the legal lynching of Sacco and Vanzetti by the labor-hating capitalists of New England.

The general opinion of Governor Rolph in which I share is that Tom Mooney was "framed" by the open shoppers of California because of his militant activities for the betterment of the economic conditions of the workers thru organized labor. Not only was Mooney a thorn in the side of the open-shoppers but he was not less a menace to the corrupt labor officials who were cheek by jowl with ex-Governor Young, the tool of the employers, Mooney's sworn foes. These labor officials knew Mooney as a man who sincerely devoted his talents to organizing the workers into trade unions; a man who would not be swayed from that purpose by monetary bribes or well-paying public offices. A united front of corrupt labor leaders and capitalists kept Mooney in jail for fifteen years. How long more is this innocent man, this champion of the workers going to eat out his heart behind the grey walls of San Quentin? How long are you, Governor Rolph—elected at least partly in the hope that you would undo as much of the wrong committed against an innocent man as can be now undone—going to leave Mooney in San Quentin, while millions in America, including the State of California and many millions throughout the world are anxiously awaiting the day when you sign the document that will open the jail gates for Tom Mooney and return him to the bosom of his family.

Your Excellency, the people of the United States expect, because of your professions of interest in the welfare of the masses, that one of your first acts as Governor would be to grant Tom Mooney an unconditional pardon. To date that expectation has not been fulfilled.

Mooney was convicted on perjured testimony. Judge Griffin, the trial judge, Brennan, an assistant prosecutor, Matheson the police officer who helped convict him, eleven of the jurors who found him guilty, and practically all the witnesses against him, now believe that they helped send an innocent man to jail for life. In addition, thousands of leading men and women throughout the country have voiced their belief in his innocence. The powerful Scripps-Howard papers are carrying on an intermittent campaign to organize public opinion for his release. Men like Frank P. Walsh, the late Bourke Cockran, labor officials like John Fitzpatrick and Edward Nockels of the Chicago Federation of Labor, George Gordon Battle, noted New York attorney and thousands of others have expressed belief in Mooney's innocence and went to great personal expense and gave their time without stint trying to secure his liberty. In addition the rank and file of the American Federation of Labor, the International Brotherhood of Discredited Bureaucrats—be-

Alfonso Quits Spanish Throne

Voters Aroused Over Six Million Dollar Bond Issue Measure Conceived in Sin and Broth Forth in Fraud

Millions in Profits for Foreign Road Contractors—\$2,550,000 Interest for Bond Investors—Thousands in Extra Funds for Highway Department—Men on State Payroll Campaign for Measure—Supporters of Measure Avoid Issue and Publish Garbled Propaganda.

PRODUCERS NEWS HAS RECEIVED MANY LETTERS FROM TAXPAYERS

The voters of Montana are becoming aroused over the dishonest efforts of interested parties to put over on the confused taxpayers of Montana the \$6,000,000 debenture bond issue provided for in referendum measure No. 35, and reports of opposition to the proposition come to the Producers News from all parts of the state.

The people are disgusted over the plainly deceptive activities resorted to by the sponsors of the measure to put this bond issue over by positive and actual fraud and shenanigan, the likes of which are unparalleled in a state where such methods are the usual procedure. They are growing angry at the propaganda put out in behalf of the referendum composed mostly of wilfully false assertions, and the garbled and twisted statements of state officials and politicians, which make it appear that those quoted say what they do not say and alleging with all of the assurance of truth that which is palpably false.

As a result of this policy the sentiment against the debenture is growing rapidly and is taking on organizational forms, so that it is now no sure thing that the bond issue will carry at the special election on May 5th.

The apologetics of the measure persist that the bill does not provide for another and special five cent gas tax—or that they do not think that it does. These pleaders for the debenture bonds quote Gov. Erickson to the effect that he is in favor of the act and that he is going to vote for it which he surely would not do if he thought the law provided for another gas tax, which he is sure that it does. They print a letter from Attorney General Foote to the president of the Montana Automobile Association, a private letter and not an official opinion, about the referendum, and then proceed to assert that Foote says the proposed measure does not provide for an extra tax when as a matter of plain fact in the Post letter printed, he did not say any such thing, but did say that he did not believe that the legislature could possibly have had a ten cent gas tax in mind, and something to the effect that the supreme court interprets a law in view of the intentions of the legislature, and then they infer that the supreme court must hold that the measure does not provide for an extra special tax, which is done for the sole and only purpose of assuring the voters, knowing full well that the supreme court must interpret the law as it plainly reads. They quote Lt. Gov. Hazelbacker to the effect that he does not think for referendum measure provides for an extra and separate gas tax and that he was sure it is all a great mistake for which he is so sorry. And after each quoted, the publicity man goes on to great length to tell the purpose of the bond issue (Continued on Page Two)

WORK ON ROADS IS COMMENCED NEAR RAYMOND

The county road crew of the third commissioner's district, Anker's territory, took the road grading and other machinery to Raymond last Saturday preparatory to starting work east from Raymond Monday morning. The crew consists of Louis Goodale, engineer, Ole Johnson and Albert Hanson, road machinery operators. Goodale worked last year in Iverson's district. The crew is camping a short distance east of Raymond and is working on the section line at the intersection of the railroad east to Dooley, now being engaged in filling the many pot holes, preparatory to grading the line to Dooley later in the summer. The crew will shortly work the north road to the Canadian line to connect up with No. 6 to Regina. Considerable work will be done on that portion of the road.

RAYMOND PORT of Entry from Canada OPENED TUESDAY

Good Will Tour Is Planned to Regina

The port of entry from Canada at Raymond was officially opened last Tuesday. A. E. Schupp, the Dooley customs officer and his family have moved into the new government customs office and residence and the port of entry is ready for official business.

Customs officer Schupp will attend to both customs and immigration routine until the regular emigration officer arrives. The Dooley customs office has been closed and vacated. Now people desiring to cross the line into Canada will report at the Canadian port of entry six miles straight north of Raymond for permit and upon return there as well as the U. S. port of entry at Raymond.

This change is a great convenience to people wishing to enter Canada who before had to go east to Dooley to enter His Majesty's realm.

A committee composed of Wm. Stahl and R. D. McHugh of Culbertson, Sen. Schmitzer of Froid and Carl Bull and Jack Bennett of Plentywood went to Regina Wednesday morning to make arrangements for a good will tour which is contemplated to go in the near future to Regina to thank the Saskatchewan officials for building the highway from Regina to the boundary north of Raymond, the Canadian part of the Canadian-Mexican highway which will pass thru Plentywood, Culbertson, Sidney and on south to the Mexican border, which road the commercial clubs of eastern Montana have been working on for some time.

The date for the proposed demonstration has not yet been set.

J. C. Penney's Chain Store Broken Into Sunday Night

The Penney store, local unit of the far flung Penney chain, dealers in non-union, prison and sweat shop merchandise, was broken into, so it is claimed, last Sunday night in spite of the vigilance of the police and the total absence of crooks and burglars in this section of the country since the republican regime took over the power. The burglars are reported to have gone to some trouble to break into the store, but did not take anything, when they left. It seems that after they got into the place and looked the junk over, they could not find anything that they could use, being particular about labels and the sort of wares they deal in, so they left things as they found them. Last year the store had considerable trouble as the result of knock-downs.

Small Blaze Frightens and Angers the Herald Editor

Thursday noon, while Editor Olsen and the force were out to lunch, the Herald office caught fire from the outside, the fire originating in a mess of rubbish that had accumulated about the place during the past several months. Wm. Hagen, the linotype operator, returned just as the fire was getting a toe hold and put it out without calling the fire department. Editor Olsen had left for home but a short time before. The editor is reported to have been quite upset over the affair, and told a friend with considerable emphasis that he intended to turn on the rear light again, by God. The fire occurred at noon.

SOO LINE CHANGES SCHEDULE OF TRAINS

The Soo Line has published notice of change of train schedule due to go into effect Monday next, April 20. The west bound passenger and mail will arrive at Raymond at 8:15 p. m. and the east bound train which lays over all night at Whitetail will arrive at Raymond at 6 a. m. This arrangement will afford better connections and will shorten the time to the Twin Cities to 24 hours, which will secure the eastern passenger business from this section for the Soo Line.

OIL STATION COMPLETED

The work of erecting the new Standard Oil bulk station on the south side of the track between the elevators was completed Thursday of this week. Only some of the pipe work still remains to be done when the station will be ready for business. It is understood work will be commenced in the near future on a filling station for the company.

VISITS PRODUCERS NEWS

Several children of the Archer public school were in the city during the latter part of the week. They called at the Producers News and watched the workings of the presses and other machinery to be found in that modernly equipped printing office. It was the first time some of the children had seen printing machinery in operation and were greatly interested.

BIG DAILY TAKES NOTICE OF "THE WASP," O'FLAHERTY'S MAGAZINE

The Cleveland (Ohio) Press, Great Daily of Wide Circulation Takes Immediate Notice of New Publication in Article by the Literary Editor.

The great daily, the Cleveland Press, published in that city and circulated there and throughout northern Ohio, printed in the issue of April 2nd, a special article by Elrick B. Davis, its literary editor, the following story with the picture of O'Flaherty:

"TOM O'FLAHERTY PUBLISHES NEW MAGAZINE HERE"

"The Wasp, a Monthly for the Masses, Is Edited as Radical Journal."

"Tom O'Flaherty, brother of Liam O'Flaherty, the Irish novelist, presents Cleveland's latest addition to the magazine field."

"His Journal is the Wasp, subtitled 'A Monthly for the Masses.' No. 1, Vol. 1, is dated April 1. It is published from 300 Fidelity Building."

"Tom O'Flaherty is that brother who is always finding after separation of years, a member of a group of Irish radicals in Boston in 1919. Thereafter the two adventured together for a while, getting Redder and Redder. Liam O'Flaherty tells the story in his last book, the notable record of his wanderjahre, 'Two Years.'"

"Tom O'Flaherty has been in this country for 20 years and in radical journalism for 13 of them. He came to Cleveland three months ago to found the Wasp. He has been here long enough to feel like a home town boy, he says."

"Before Cleveland, he spent a time in Chicago, and before that for two years edited the Producers' News, radical Plentywood (Mont.) weekly. That was while Charles E. Taylor, the papers manager, was in the Montana senate on an anti-Anaconda Copper Co. platform."

"Since then Taylor has been muckraking Montana bank failures with such effect that his old colleagues in the Montana legislature are aiming a bill against him. It would prohibit newspapers from publishing stories about bank failures in Montana. Taylor is daring his former colleagues to pass it. Fighting libel actions brought under such laws, he calls his duck soup."

"It is that kind of willingness that Tom O'Flaherty brings to

NEW YORK LETS 24,000 FAMILIES GO WITHOUT FOOD

New York.—FP—Tammany Hall delivered a blow against the unemployed in New York City April 10 which will cause untold suffering among 24,000 families, according to observers. For several weeks 24,000 jobless heads of families have been employed by the Prosser committee paid \$15 for three days a week. Their pay came from a fund of \$8,000,000 raised by donations last fall. The fund is exhausted and 900 charity agencies of the city had asked the city board of estimate to appropriate \$10,000,000 to continue hiring these men. Socialists had demanded that 25 million dollars be appropriated. The Prosser committee has been spending \$2,000,000 a month, hiring a third of the jobless heads of families, so 10 million dollars would help little, they pointed out.

Mayor Walker, already under charges for graft and incompetence rushed thru an appropriation of \$2,000,000 instead of the \$10,000,000 deemed the smallest possible fund. Part of this \$2,000,000 will go for materials, to be bought from Tammany supply men and no one of the jobless hungry family heads can be put to work on the entire civil service list of Tammany hangers-on has been hired. The result is that the 24,000 head of families must see their families go hungry. The Prosser committee discharged 5,000 workers, mostly women, on April 8. The remaining 11,500 on their list will be discharged on April 15 and 22.

Bakewell in New Office

County Attorney Bakewell moved out of the Wagner building Monday into the new office secured by the county on north main street one door south of the Montana Inn, for much less rent. The building was remodeled by its owner and affords a very convenient office of three rooms.

This terminates the Wagner drain on the county treasury.

RED CROSS "MAY" PROBE HUNGER

Washington.—FP—John Barton Payne, chairman of the American Red Cross, in a personal interview with Benj. C. Marsh, executive secretary of the People's Lobby, has stated that he "may" and a special investigator to the coal fields of West Virginia to report on starvation conditions which were called to the attention of Vice Chairman Pieser by Vice Pres. Scott, of the West Virginia Miners' Union.

RUST BUSTER CLUBS TO BE FORMED IN THE SCHOOLS OF COUNTY

Miss Marjorie Markuson, county superintendent of schools announced Monday the beginning of a drive to enroll Sheridan county's 3,000 school children in the National Rust Buster clubs. To secure new members in this student organization that is aiding the government in its fight to control black stem rust, Ivar Twilide and Gibson Zeidler, agents of the U. S. department of agriculture, today began a school-to-school campaign. During the next three weeks they will visit every school in Sheridan county.

Club Aids Agriculture. The National Rust Busters club is an organization of school children in the 13 north central wheat states who are aiding the federal government to control black stem rust, a disease of small grains, through "berry eradication." To this end the board of education common to the State Agricultural College. Each student is given a free membership button when he enrolls. Any school child reporting common barberries will receive a handsome bronze badge awarded by the national office of the club. Active in State.

The first Rust Busters clubs in Montana were organized last fall in Dawson county, where children have been active in their search for the spreaders of black stem rust. Just across the state line in North Dakota other clubs of the organization are also active. Despite the fact that the Rust Busters have been active in the past year, the members in Montana and North Dakota alone have accounted for more than a hundred barberry bushes.

In each case where a school pupil has found barberries a medal badge bearing the student's name has been awarded. Additional information concerning the campaign may be secured thru the superintendent of schools or through box 2, Fargo, N. D.

Lees Celebrate 30th Wedding Anniversary Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee who reside on a farm about nine miles west of Plentywood, were surprised by a crowd of their friends and neighbors last Sunday on the occasion of their thirtieth wedding anniversary, which is designated the pearl wedding. Nearly 200 in all gathered in honor of the Lees, who are very hospitable people. A supper was served after which a purse packed with cash was presented to the couple as a token of esteem. The guests spent the afternoon at the farm.

SHARKS' JAWS ON DISPLAY IN LOCAL SHOP

L. E. Hein has a unique display in the window of his meat market. While spending the winter in Florida a brother-in-law of Mr. Hein caught a huge shark which is reported to have weighed 800 pounds and which it took four hours to land. The jaws were mounted and sent, together with the jaws of another man-eating shark are now on display in the meat market window. There is also the head of a baracuda in the display. The jaws of a vicious creature and while not nearly so large as the shark causes a great amount of the loss of human life accredited to the shark.

MUST GO TO JAIL

Washington.—FP—Albert M. Fall, one time senator from New Mexico and then secretary of the interior in the Harding cabinet, must serve one year in the District of Columbia jail and pay a fine of \$100,000 for accepting a bribe from Edw. L. Doheny in the naval oil frauds case, according to a ruling handed down April 6 by the court of appeals in the District of Columbia. Fall was convicted and sentenced in the District Supreme Court, which corresponds to an ordinary federal district court. The bribe was the \$100,000 he received in a black bag, brought to him from New York by Doheny's son, now dead.

Republic Is Proclaimed; Provisional Government Is Headed by N. Zamora

Puts Hand to Abdication after Receiving Ultimatum Giving Hours to Act—Embraces Ministers and Leaves Cabinet Room—Will be Allowed to Depart with Full Military Honors—New Ministers Come out of Jail and Assume Office.

Madrid, Spain, April 14.—King Alfonso XIII last of the Bourbon Kings abdicated the Spanish throne at six o'clock this evening. The resignation was announced by Premier Juan B. Aznar.

The king who was born to the throne, his father having died before his birth, and had ruled in the ancient Spanish capital for more than a quarter of a century finally bowed to the overwhelming demands of the country for a republic as indicated by the municipal elections held in Spain on Sunday, when the republicans defeated the royalists, or monarchists, by a tremendous majority, and took off his crown and vacated the throne.

And so Spain, one of the few remaining strongholds of monarchy becomes a republic.

Zamora Provisional President

Niceto Alcalá Zamora, republican leader, who but a couple weeks ago was released from prison by orders of the king, where he had been sent for his seditious activities, heads the provisional government.

Zamora seems to be the popular choice for president. Together with his aids in Madrid he immediately drafted a republican government and a new cabinet was immediately formed with Zamora at its head, which immediately took over the government as Alfonso and his ministers retired.

Other staunch republicans, some of whom have been in hiding during the troublesome days of the rebellion are also members of the provisional government. They are: Manuel Garcia Prieta, minister of finance; Alejandro Lerroux, foreign affairs; Fernando de los Rios, justice; Alvarez Albornoz, public works; Manuel Azana, war; Casares Quiro, marine; Miguel Maura, interior; Largo Caballero, labor; and Diego Barrios, communication.

Dr. Gregorio Marañon, one of the republican leaders, revealed that the king agreed to quit on the following conditions: That he be permitted to leave Spain with appropriate honors, be permitted time to arrange his personal belongings and be given full military honors on his departure. Official sources understood the royal family would proceed to Paris tonight by special train.

Abdication Was Inevitable. Although the king's abdication has been an unquestioned outcome of the political crisis for the last few days it was not until the last moment that he stepped from power.

Zamora Sent Ultimatum

At 4:45 p. m. Alcalá Zamora had found it necessary to send an ultimatum to the king's ministers saying that unless a republic were formally accepted within an hour, the republicans would not be responsible for the consequences.

The hour went by and then just 15 minutes after the ultimatum had expired the abdication of the king became a reality.

The announcement was made at 6:00 p. m. (Page Four)

EX-KING AL LEAVES Spain on Gunboat Under REPUBLICAN GUARD

Madrid, April 15.—King Alfonso XIII and the Infante Alfonso, the Spanish crown prince, left Spain before dawn today aboard the cruiser Principe Alfonso, bound for port unknown.

Alfonso ON WAY TO PARIS. QUEEN HAS CROWN JEWELS. Marseilles, France, April 16.—"Believe me, it takes more courage to act as I have than to charge at the head of a squadron," King Alfonso told the Havas News agency correspondent today before entering training for Paris where he says he will make his home until after the June 5th elections.

Queen Victoria is on her way to Paris by train. She has with her 75 pieces of baggage in which is packed the gold plate and the crown jewels valued at \$10,000,000. The other members of the royal family have left Spain one way or another. The royalists are fleeing.

EVICT POOR AT PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh.—FP—"Deputy sheriffs, forced to act by eviction proceedings, came to the tenement at 1317 East St. and carried the furniture to the street. Mrs. Bessie McCord, 46 and ill, her husband, George McCord, their two children, Loretta and Carl, 10 and 9; Mrs. Varina Monday, deserted by her husband, and her two children, Elmer, 4, and Loreta, 2, were left in the street with their furniture." A Pittsburgh paper gives as one example of many evictions.

STEWARTS BARN WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE THURSDAY

The fire department was called out Thursday afternoon to quench a fire that destroyed Pete Stewart's cow barn and modern chicken coop. The fire had gained much headway because of the hay and other inflammable material around the structure and was fast consuming the buildings when the department arrived. Water and chemicals were used in combating the blaze. There were two cows in the barn and quite a number of fancy fighting chickens in the coop and surrounding pens. The cows were removed from the stable in time but a number of prize winning hens and some baby chicks were lost. In addition to the buildings and poultry destroyed there was a load of meadow hay, two loads of oat hay and considerable chicken feed consumed by the flames. No insurance was carried. Mr. Stewart estimates the loss at \$2,000. The loss was considerable. There was no insurance. It is reported that the fire was started by small boys playing with matches, who that the new stack of hay next to the barn would make a great bonfire.

thousands of times in many years of practice, and proved safe and reliable for men, women and children. It is made of pure and other pure ingredients, so it is pleasant-tasting, and can form no habit. You can buy this popular

Antelope Schools Present Plays Saturday, April 18

Saturday evening, April 18, the Junior High School of Antelope will present a series of one act plays, entitled: "The Whole Truth," "My Medical Aunt," "The Dividing Line," and "Crime Conscious," all comedies. Between the plays there will be a "hobo drill," several readings and a number of song selections rendered by a trio of good singers.

There will be a matinee Friday afternoon.

AS WE SEE IT

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lieve in his innocence and are now again mobilizing their forces for a renewal of the campaign to secure his release. The confidence of the ranks of labor in the Paul Scharranberg type has been as weakly weakened by their action in the Mooney case as by all their other acts of treachery to labor combined. These labor leaders have lost most of their influence over the organized workers. It would be incorrect to assume that the voice of a Scharranberg, a Matthew Woll or a William Green is the voice of labor, organized or unorganized.

It is not necessary for me to go into the Mooney case in detail. I am sure that you are acquainted with it. I am asking you as chief executive of the State of California to grant an unconditional pardon to Mooney, I am not doing so on sentimental grounds. Mooney is not a criminal or of the criminal type. He is a lion-hearted, clear-headed and constructively minded militant champion of labor. His name will be enshrined in the pages of Labor History when the names of those who stand for the crushing of those who would fix the eyes of mankind on a future where peace, prosperity and happiness would be the lot of the human race. Mooney is only one of the many victims of that system. His case is the most spectacular because it is the most glaring example of what depths the exploiters will descend to in crushing those who stand for a new social order. The ideal society that Mooney stands for and to which he has stood steadfast thru fifteen terrible years of confinement would abolish poverty and in so doing would lift the fear of war and man-made disasters from the hearts of humankind.

The world is standing today at a juncture in human history where two eternities meet. The present is the battle ground of the struggle between two social ideas. With its roots in the past, the system of exploitation that Mooney fought against is holding on like grim death to its privileges. It strangles human liberty and persecutes those who would fix the eyes of mankind on a future where peace, prosperity and happiness would be the lot of the human race. Mooney is only one of the many victims of that system. His case is the most spectacular because it is the most glaring example of what depths the exploiters will descend to in crushing those who stand for a new social order. The ideal society that Mooney stands for and to which he has stood steadfast thru fifteen terrible years of confinement would abolish poverty and in so doing would lift the fear of war and man-made disasters from the hearts of humankind.

Governor Ralph, you have it within your power to make a decision in this case that will give you a niche in the gallery of history with the great Governor Altgeld of Illinois who pardoned what was left of the group framed up in the notorious Haymarket Case. The eyes of all liberty-loving people are on you today. Will you respond to the wishes of that large body of public opinion which hopes that you will open the jail gates to Mooney? Or will you heed the counsel of the greedy exploiters who would keep him in jail until death and whose only regret is that he did not drop thru a scaffold at the end of a hangman's noose? The people await your decision with hopeful.

Yours respectfully and hopefully,
TOM O'FLAHERTY,
Editor, The Wasp.

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26 FAST ROUNDS On Legion Fight Card AT WILLISTON

Williston, April 17.—A fighting Irishman from South Dakota will invade Williston next week with the intention of stopping Alex Knaub, Billings fighter, at the armory, Friday, April 24. Mike O'Day and Knaub will headline the American Legion fight card of 36 rounds.

O'Day is recognized middle-weight champion of South Dakota with over 100 battles to his credit. Rugged of frame, he can slug with the best of them or step around like a dancing master.

Knaub needs no introduction to fans in this section and he will enter the ring a decided favorite of the fans. The Montana boy is as hard to hit as a shadow, and a fine sportsman with a love for the game.

A big portion of the crowd will be seated around the ring the night of the fight for the express purpose of watching Kayo Don Foster of Minot be worried by Lee Cavanaugh of Glendive. Cavanaugh's brother was knocked out by Foster on the last fight card here.

This Foster is a mean customer to mix with and has gotten into the publicity of the big boy, the customers are not inclined to give him credit for being as good as he is. Cavanaugh will be outweighed by about 8 pounds but fights with the pugnaciousness of a bulldog. The Cavanaugh-Foster fight is going to be equally as good as the main go.

Two rangy boys over six feet tall, Goar and Langsdorf, will unwind for four rounds. Langsdorf has not appeared on a card here before. Goar in his last fight handed lilies to the eccentric Alkali Pete who has helped make Plentywood renown.

Johnnie Sikes a lesson. Claude found the going tough on his last appearance but he intends to make up for it this time. Badly out of training before, Wegley has been in systematic training since the fight. Fighting in their own class Sikes and Wegley will put on a good show.

The other ten rounds will be plain fighting. On those preliminaries Promoter Charles Haugre has made three matches that offer no grounds for do'ne out before hand. What those boys don't know about boxing will more than make up for by their liking for slurfests. Those preliminaries are the kind that a fan wouldn't miss.

RUSSIA PLANS REPRISALS FOR BAN ON LUMBER

Moscow, U. S. S. R., Threats of reprisals on United States plans to exclude soviet lumber exports were made today as the government intensified its efforts to solve mounting economic difficulties, particularly in transportation.

The Russian paper Izvestia referring to scandals in which American officials have been allegedly linked to gangsters and bootleggers, hinted that the anonymous informant, "if he exists," perhaps was an agent of business concerns attempting to kill the soviet lumber competition.

The press charges that the outcry against soviet labor usage was hypocritical in "view of peonage" in the southern states, and said "the soviet masses will answer" and will intensify their efforts to complete the five year industrial plan in nine years.

Meanwhile the government was intensifying its economic reorganization efforts. A total of 2,400 former railroad workers have been mobilized in accordance with the recent official order for the purpose of reviving the transportation system. The average of cars loaded daily, for instance, has been only 36,000 as compared to 57,000 daily required by the national and industry officials.

The extent of the reprisals the government intends to take was as yet undetermined, but rising indignation was apparent in the attitude of the leaders here. Their determination to reduce drastically the purchases in the United States was indicated in semi-official announcements.

Dakota Man Doesn't Think Much of South America

Williston, N. D. April 16.—Oliver Elison, brother of Ben Elison, who lost his life in the arctic a year ago was in Williston on business and told of his experiences in South America where he has been for several years as the sales representative of a large American concern. "Too much is said of the better things about South America," said Mr. Elison, "and too few of the unpleasant side of life in that country described. I enjoyed my work there, but I know the country well enough to want to discount the glamorous pictures that have been painted of South American conditions.

"There are better chances of getting rich quickly in North Dakota than there are in most of the South American countries, and in the meantime you can live like a white man. Living conditions are so backward in the territory along the west coast that one feels that he has gone back about 150 years in civilization, according to our present standards."

WEDDING BELLS
Earnest Dionne and Thea Storaa were married at the Lutheran parsonage by the Rev. St. mudson on Tuesday, April 14.

On Monday, April 13th Eugene Drasz and Miss Ethel Robke, sprung a surprise on their friends when they were quietly married by Justice Belanski.

197 BANKS WENT HAYWIRE IN JAN'Y

Washington, D. C.—All the capitalist newspapers are suppressing the significant news just issued by the federal reserve bank, showing that 197 banks failed in January, 1931. More than \$91,000,000 was involved.

January 1931 broke all January records in the history of the United States for bank failures. From all indications February will be worse than January, and it seems that the failures will probably increase as spring advances and the depression worsens.

While banks were crashing every day all over the country, and especially in the important sections of the country not one line of this news has gotten into the capitalist papers. It shows that financial situation is so bad the capitalist press is deliberately hiding the facts.

The Producers News is the only paper in Montana that is reporting the bank failures.

The bankers cause the newspapers to suppress the news of the nation-wide bank debacle in order that people may not know the risk they take when they deposit their money in a bank with absolutely no security.

Many workers over the country are depositing their savings in the post office savings banks, where Uncle Sam guarantees them that they will get it back.

Failed Banks
The number of banks crashing in the leading federal reserve districts are as follows, including the amounts involved:
New York, 2, \$6,693,000; Philadelphia, 3, \$3, 486,000; Cleveland, 7, \$6,391,000; Richmond, 18, \$7, 183,000; Atlanta, 36, \$24,196,000; Chicago, 48, \$16,988,000; St. Louis, 47, \$16,501,000; Minneapolis, 13, \$3,946,000; Kansas City, 16, \$3, 585,000; Dallas, 4, \$629,000 and San Francisco, 3, \$1,402,000.

This shows that the process of bank crashes has by no means ended.

Wage of Shoe Workers Set at \$20.77 Per Week

Washington—FP—The average wages of the 202,191 wage earners employed in 1,329 American factories producing boots and shoes, other than rubber, in 1929, were \$20.77 per week, according to statistics published by the Census Bureau on Dec. 30. The total wages paid in 1929 were \$218,342,882—a drop of 3 percent since 1927, although the number of workers decreased only 0.5 percent.

Value added by manufacture, in 1929, was \$443,055,999—a drop of 1.6 percent since 1927. Value added by manufacture was more than double the total of wages paid.

ALFONSO

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6 o'clock after a final session with the cabinet in the royal palace. The king's cabinet also handed Alfonso their resignations effective immediately.

The king signed his abdication at 6 o'clock sharp.

As he left the cabinet room he embraced his ministers with considerable emotion.

He said that he left the throne with his conscience tranquil having always worked for the welfare of the country.

Elections Decisive
The election Sunday sealed the king's fate.

In the national election for municipal councilmen, the first election in eight years of dictatorships the country apparently voted overwhelmingly for republican candidates.

Even in the district around Alfonso's own palace republicans were elected. In some towns pa-

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rades and fireworks exhibitions followed news of the republican success. Republican flags were unfurled everywhere and the people celebrated when the results of the poll were disclosed.

So disturbed were cabinet ministers at the news early Sunday night that they stopped issuing election returns. Mayor Ruiz Jimenez of Madrid left the city hall and went home, saying, "I don't want to hear any more."

Early election returns from the large cities indicated that the monarch had been repudiated. The union day was the issue. The government at first refused to believe that the entire country had gone against the throne, and were paralyzed when the facts were realized.

The election was very orderly—only a few arrests in Madrid and other large cities.

Municipal Elections
The result left little doubt of the outcome of proposed provincial and general elections for parliament, scheduled to be held later under the government's promise to return constitutional rights to them after dictatorship since 1923. Political leaders admitted that the country was no longer in a mood to permit rule by dictatorship and that the calmness of the elections was as significant a proof of that as any effort to overthrow the throne by violence.

As soon as the results of the election were known the republicans became active. The leaders met Sunday night and consulted. Monday the wires were hot with communications between the large cities. Monday night conventions were held in all of the industrial cities and Tuesday morning republicans were proclaimed in all of those places, as the republican municipal officers took over the power in those cities.

The king and his cabinet were in a panic. They considered declaring martial law and re-establishing the dictatorship and annulling the provincial and congressional elections to be held in May and June. But odds against them were tremen-

Five Montana High Schools Accredited by N. W. Board

Helena, April 14.—Five Montana high schools were accredited by the northwest association of secondary and high schools which met in Spokane last week in conjunction with the sessions of the Inland Empire Education association, said M. P. Moe, state high school supervisor, who has returned from the meeting.

The schools were Denton, Baker, Scooby, Three Forks and Thompson Falls. Helena high school and Intermountain Union college in Helena were re-accredited.

Finally the republicans came out in Madrid and Zamora issued his republican ultimatum giving the king an hour to abdicate, in which hour he did.

The provincial and congressional elections will occur under the writs sent out by Alfonso. The congress to be elected June 5th, is a sort of a constitutional convention with authority to reconstruct the Spanish government.

The struggle at the June election will be between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat—business and workers.

The workers are led by the communists.

MARTIAL LAW

Madrid, April 14.—Martial law was proclaimed thruout Spain to night to assure maintenance of order.

Admiral Juan Bautista Aznar, until today premier of Spain, announced the proclamation as he left the royal palace at 6.35 p. m.

The decree affected monarchists and republicans alike.

HOLIDAY

Madrid, April 14.—The telegraph workers in Madrid have just ceased work and have raised the republican flag atop the ministry of communications was communicated to the American press by the United Press correspondent by trans-Atlantic cable today.

WHEELER PREDICTS POLITICAL REVOLT

Senator Foresees Disaster for Old Parties If Reactionary Forces Dominate.

Chicago, April 14.—Senator B. K. Wheeler today predicted political and economic upheavals as a result of current distress and said there would be a third party if the two major parties are to be dominated by "reactionary forces."

The Montana democrat, before the Open Forum, proposed a progressive program for the new congress embracing a five day week, recognition of Russia and withdrawal from the courts of the injunction right in labor disputes.

"Certain progressive leaders," he said, "may issue statements saying there will be no third party in 1932, but the people and not the leaders will determine whether there will be a third party in the event the two old parties do not courageously and honestly offer and apply remedies to meet the deplorable economic situation which exists in this country today."

Wheeler was one of the five signers of the call for the recent progressive conference. The others have all disclaimed third party plans.

The industrial leaders of the country, he said, have been seeking special advantages for themselves "at the cost of the breakdown of the very system which they to a large extent dominate."

Sneaking of the depression, Sen. Wheeler said:

"The effect on the people is to shake to their very foundations our political and economic institutions and to throw off their political leaders."

Wheeler charged financial leaders had re-empted the republican party. "It is theirs," he added. "They will, if the people of this country are not careful, take over

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the democratic party and force it to adopt as reactionary a program as that of their opponents."

Seed Loan Applications Must Be Filed Not Later Than Midnight April 30th

The county committee who has been assisting in the Federal Seed Loan work received word from the farmers seed loan office at Grand Forks to the effect that applications for the purchase of seed, feed, gas or oil must be on file at the office at Grand Forks before midnight, April 30. Any farmer in Sheridan county who plans on making an application for federal aid should have his application filled out at once and forwarded to the county committee at Plentywood on or before April 25. This will enable the county committee

to act on all applications and get them to the seed loan office at Grand Forks before the final date, April 30.

Up to date there has been over two hundred farmers in this county who have received aid through the federal seed loan office. Altogether this is a small percentage of those who filed seed loan applications, it will be a big help to those who have received aid.

1,360,000 CATTLE ON THE FARMS OF NO. DAKOTA

All cattle on farms in North Dakota have increased from 1,270,000 on Feb. 1, 1930 to 1,360,000 on Feb. 1, 1931, an increase of 7 per cent. Sheep on farms of the state now number 814,000 head, compared with 720,000 head a year ago.

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