

# BOARD MAKES RECORD WHEAT PURCHASE

## Resignations of 200 State Employees Demanded

### AGRICULTURE, OIL INSPECTION, DAIRY DEPARTMENTS HIT

TROVATTEN CLAIMS ACTION DOES NOT MEAN ALL WILL BE OUSTED.

Olson's Campaign For "Efficiency and Honesty" Believed To Have Prompted Act.

St. Paul, May 1 (UP)—Governor Floyd B. Olson, campaign for "efficiency and honesty in state government," had resulted indirectly today in a request for the resignation of 200 employees of the state departments of agriculture, oil inspection, dairy and food.

The action was taken by R. A. Trovatten, recently appointed commissioner of the departments involved by Governor Olson. Trovatten said in a letter to the employees that the resignations were sought "to allow a fair, full and impartial equity in adjustment of positions."

"The request for resignations does not mean, however, that any large number of persons will lose their positions," Trovatten said. "I do not know how many employees will be let out and how many retained."

He said that the resignation requests were no reflection on the work of the employees and did not imply that they were to be discharged.

Among the departments which Trovatten is believed to be contemplating is placing the department of oil inspection under civil service regulations. The department of agriculture has been so regulated for more than 2 years.

It was recalled today that among the promises made by Olson in his 1920 campaign was that the agricultural department be reorganized along lines which would provide greater aid for farmers. His first action was the removal of N. J. Holmberg as commissioner and appointment of Trovatten.

Among the 200 employees whose resignations were requested are J. H. Day, deputy commissioner of agriculture; A. D. Sibbald, deputy commissioner of dairy and food; and Hyalmar A. Nilsson, chief oil inspector.

### JURY COMPLETES ACCOUNTS SURVEY

"SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS" DEPOSITED IN BANKS BY OFFICIALS.

Minneapolis, May 1 (UP)—Members of a special grand jury investigating charges of graft and corruption in the Minneapolis police department completed today a survey of accounts maintained in five banks by police and city officials.

"Substantial amounts" were found deposited under the names of two officials, it was said. Additional bank records were brought into court today and an investigation was begun into whether the officials kept more than one bank account.

It was announced that all accounts of persons under suspicion of furnishing protection to liquor, gambling and vice resorts will have been checked within a few days. The jurors then will attempt to learn the source of incomes which they consider excessive.

Accounts of 54 Hennepin county banks will be brought into the jury room by officials and cashiers before the inquiry is concluded.

Two Fishermen Get 30 Day Sentences

Two Fargo men, one known as a river character for many years, were sent to the Clay county jail for 30 days yesterday when they pleaded guilty to illegal fishing in the Red river.

Charles "Cattish" Charley, 41, and John Stelt were charged with fishing on the Minnesota side of the river with bamboo poles. This method of fishing will not be permitted until May 15. They were arrested by R. E. Struch, district game warden.

### Girl Attacked by Lion Shows Progress Today

Cincinnati, O., May 1 (UP)—Vivian Leischner, 6, who was attacked by a lion during a natural history lecture at Whitlaker school yesterday showed steady improvement today and physicians predicted her ultimate recovery.

It had been feared the child would die. Her scalp, neck, and arm were badly clawed, and she was weak from loss of blood. It has not been determined whether or not her skull was fractured.

### 200 CIVIL CASES MAY BE TRIED AT COMING MAY TERM

TWO DAMAGE SUITS TOTALING MORE THAN \$4,000 PLACED ON FILE THURSDAY.

96 Cases Were Left Over From the Previous Term; More New Ones Expected.

Two damage suits totaling \$4,000, resulting from automobile accidents, have been added to a large number of civil matters that will be set for trial at the May term of Clay county district court which opens May 11.

It is probable that more than 200 civil cases will be scheduled for trial at this term, 96 having been carried over from previous terms. The calendar will be sent to the printer Saturday night.

Asks \$2,990 Damages

The two new suits were filed yesterday with B. B. Rusness, clerk of court. Bessie Peterson, Fargo, asks \$2,990 damages from M. A. Nelson, Moorhead, and Walter Saunweber. She charges that she was injured when two cars, driven by Nelson and Sam Zora, employee of Saunweber, collided in Fargo. She claims her skull was fractured and that she has been kept in the hospital since December 1, 1930.

Luther Barnard, Dilworth, is suing in behalf of his son, Jimmy, five, for \$1,045 damages against Walter Langley, Moorhead township farmer. He charges that the boy was struck by Langley's car on highway No. 2 at Dilworth March 16.

Others Scheduled

Several other civil actions seeking to recover on promissory notes were filed yesterday and it is expected that other important suits will come up for trial.

The final date for filing cases to be tried at the May term will be Saturday, according to Mr. Rusness. Total cases entered so far was brought to 55 yesterday.

### MANIAC CONTROLS FREIGHTER AT SEA

ARMED MAD MAN BELIEVED TO BE RUNNING RAMPANT ON BOARD SHIP.

San Diego, Calif., May 1 (UP)—The picture of a mad-man controlling a ship, the crew barricaded in cabins to escape his maniacal fury, was visualized by shipping men today as hours passed with no word from the freighter Santa Cecilia, which early yesterday issued a call for help.

The drama of the sea was being enacted off Cape San Lucas, Mexico, it was believed, as the ship steamed towards Panama from Honolulu.

Efforts of radio stations to contact the ship failed. Operators sat at their keys for hours at a stretch, failing to get a response to their calls.

First information of the crew's plight was contained in a radio dispatch to the eleventh naval district here.

We need aid. Are there any naval vessels near us? Maniac armed, dangerously and violently insane, impossible to subdue.

Contract for operating star mail route from Crookston to Naves awarded to Berger A. Smith at bid price of \$4,040.

### KILLER OF CHICAGO OFFICER CONFESSES TO MAYOR CERMAK

"HE'S A SQUARE GUY," SAYS SLAYER IN SPURNING OTHER AUTHORITIES.

Patrolman Ruthy, "Man of Vision" in Lingle Murder Case, Victim of Bandit.

Chicago, May 1 (UP)—Frank Jordan, 33 year old doughnut vendor, who turned bank robber, confessed to Mayor Anton J. Cermak today, after stubbornly denying other authorities, that he fired the shot which killed one patrolman, wounded two others, and terrorized Michigan Boulevard crowds last night.

With the explanation that "Cermak's a square guy and will see that I get a fair deal," Jordan repeated his confession before a coroner jury this morning, admitting a Neponset, Ill., bank robbery, and hinting at manifold other crimes in his eight month's career.

Jordan killed Patrolman Anthony Ruthy, the "man of vision" in the Alfred J. Lingle murder, and wounded two other officers in an attempt to shoot his way out of a trap sprung at the Chicago library through an appointment made by his wife's niece, Mary Jackson.

"The fugitive backed away when two policemen and two private detectives appeared instead of Miss Jackson. While his wife sat in an automobile near by too frightened to use the pistol 'she always carried,' he emptied his .25 calibre automatic at the officers and ran until brought down by the flying tackle of township clerk, Ernest F. Chaeublin.

Jordan's bullets killed Patrolman Ruthy while the mid-manned officer stood near the subway above which Lingle was slain, and wounded Patrick Durkin and Pat Enright, both patrolmen.

Barber Electrocuted For Murder of Family

Columbus, Ohio, May 1 (UP)—A last minute appeal to the governor having failed, Charles King, 39 year old barber, went to death in the electric chair last night for the murder of his wife and four of his five children.

Residents of Coldwater, Ohio, requested the governor to intervene because of King's excellent reputation there, but the governor announced he would not interfere.

King was charged with asphyxiating his wife and children while they slept on the night of October 23, 1929. A fifth child, asleep in another room, was not affected by the gas. King disappeared and was caught about a year later.

STATE AUDITOR ANNOUNCES DATES SET FOR LAND SALES

St. Paul, May 1 (UP)—Stafford King, state auditor, today announced 24 land sales of state owned land, the money to go to the permanent trust fund. The sales will be held at the following places: Little Falls, June 5; Brainerd, May 15; Fergus Falls, June 6; Crookston, May 14.

### Daily Column to Tell History of Old-Timers

Series Begins Today In Daily News; Brief Biographies of Early Settlers In Clay County Residing Here Forty Years Or More, To Be Told.

A daily series that will be of great interest to readers of The Daily News, begins today in the column of this newspaper.

A brief biography of some Clay county early resident who has lived in the county 40 years or more, will be found each day under the heading, "Introducing Old-Timers."

The early settlers who have registered for Moorhead's 50th anniversary celebration are being asked to fill out a questionnaire, giving a brief history of his or her life. One will be selected each day at random to be introduced to the readers of the Daily News. The series will continue until every pioneer who sends in a questionnaire is accounted for.

Clay county has hundred of persons who have resided here 40 years or more and other residents would like to know more about them. Some of the settlers came overland by ox teams. Others traveled in the old covered wagons. Incidents in the lives of these colorful characters will be related. Watch for the column, "Introducing Old-Timers" on page five each day.

The first in the series is Lars Bernhardson of Comstock who has resided in Clay county 61 years. Turn to page five and read his biography.

### INSANE HOSPITAL INMATES MURDER NIGHT WATCHMAN

Lima, Ohio, May 1 (UP)—Louis Kiel, 48, a night watchman at the Lima State hospital for the criminally insane, was strangled to death early today by two inmates, one of whom escaped from the hospital.

Kiel's slayers were John Powell, 24, of Columbus, and Samuel Nelson, 19, Negro, of Cleveland, according to Dr. W. H. Vorbeau, superintendent of the institution.

Powell was caught by other guards as he attempted to escape through a high window. Nelson managed to get through the window, however, and was being hunted by posss today.

Kiel was attacked as he was making his rounds of the wards in which the two prisoners were confined. He was suddenly pounced upon, dragged into a laboratory where his assailants strangled him with their hands.

Dr. Vorbeau intimated the slaying was caused by the crowded conditions at the institution.

### RED RIVER VALLEY CHURCH GROUP HAS MEMBERSHIP GAIN

TOTAL OVER 10,000 PRESIDENT O. GUSTAFSON TELLS PASTORS.

Rev. O. G. Berg, Moorhead, Is the Speaker At Lutheran Conference At Alexandria.

(Special to Daily News)

Alexandria, May 1—Increases in membership during the last year of congregations in the Red River Valley conference of the Augustana synod have brought the total over the 10,000 mark, according to the report of Rev. Oscar Gustafson of Alexandria given at the 19th annual convention in session here.

The conference opened Wednesday and will continue through Sunday.

Among the speakers at the opening sessions was Rev. O. G. Berg, pastor of Bethesda Lutheran church, Moorhead. Rev. O. E. Clauson of Fargo will deliver the sermon Sunday at services to be held in the high school auditorium.

Pastors from all sections of western Minnesota and eastern North Dakota are meeting to discuss problems of the church, future activities and methods of religious instruction.

May Organize League

Need for organization of a conference Luther league to improve the work among young people was cited in President Gustafson's report. During the year, he said, the following new pastors have been added to the conference: Rev. Gustaf Anderson, Pelican Rapids; Rev. A. M. Swanson, McIntosh; Rev. Robert Ericson, England pastorate. Others who have accepted calls and are expected to arrive soon are: Rev. S. L. Swanson, Clearbrook; Rev. Harry Shogren, Thief River Falls, and Rev. Roger Anderson, Lake Park.

Flair for celebration at the next annual convention, which will be the 20th, are being made and it is proposed to publish a history of the founding of the conference. The conference will be host to the Augustana synod national convention at Fargo in 1932 if the invitation extended is accepted.

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NEW PRESIDENT INSTALLED AT ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Urbana, May 1 (UP)—Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, president of University of North Carolina for 10 years, was installed as president of the University of Illinois, largest institution of higher learning in the midwest, today. Dr. Lotus D. Coffman, president of the University of Minnesota, was one of the principal speakers.

### PRESIDENT, BOY BECOMING PALS

HOOPER THINKS LAD HAS A GOOD HEAD, LOGICAL MIND; MAY FISH TOGETHER.

Washington, May 1 (UP)—President Hoover liked young Bryan Untied so well that he has asked the 13 year old Colorado school boy to remain at the white house a few days more.

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### LABOR'S MAY DAY CELEBRATED WITH USUAL BLOODSHED

50,000 RED ARMY SOLDIERS PARADE IN MOSCOW WITH WAR EQUIPMENT.

Hundreds of Arrests Made As Precaution Against Violence Throughout World.

By UNITED PRESS

The international labor day, Moscow's great holiday, was observed today with the usual manifestations of violence in many parts of the world.

Bloodshed occurred in a few places and in others hundreds of arrests were made to prevent demonstrations. As usual the day was quiet in the United States. Dispatches from various parts to the United Press disclosed the following incidents:

London—Rioting in Hyde Park as demonstrators attacked police. Paris—About 30 arrested and others deported. Strikes held in Paris and elsewhere in France.

Moscow—Universal holiday in Russia. Moscow sees demonstrations of 1,500,000 persons. Fifty thousand communist soldiers parade with modern war equipment and tanks.

Berlin—One demonstration, about 12 arrested; 100,000 demonstrate in Lustgarten, seven wounded in Mettmann, Germany.

Madrid—Demonstrations by 150,000. Day observed throughout the new republic with sporadic violence.

Barcelona—One dead, 11 injured, in rioting.

Beilbag—One policeman and 15 communists injured.

Vienna—Seventy thousand parade.

Tokio—Approximately 1,600 reported arrested as precaution against violence.

Capetown—Several hundred in rioting.

Melbourne—Six arrested in riots.

Harlan, Ky., May 1 (UP)—Sixteen houses owned by the Ellis-Knob Coal company burned to the ground today under suspicious circumstances, leading authorities to question striking coal miners.

All the houses were empty. They were among those rented to employees of the coal company. Sheriff J. H. Blair believed the blazes were a May day demonstration by the striking miners.

The fire was said to have started simultaneously at several places. None of the structures were close together and were valued at \$100,000.

Moscow, May 1 (UP)—Fifty thousand Red army soldiers and the latest improved mechanized units including tanks paraded today in Soviet Russia's chief May day celebration that required two hours for the parade to pass the historic Kremlin square where the body of Lenin lies. A special air show featured the program.

Duluth, May 1 (UP)—Striking longshoremen in the twin harbors of Duluth and Superior have called a May day meeting at Duluth court house for 5 p. m. today.

All freight handlers, including breakers in loading ships were asked to attend the demonstration. Strikers on picket duty at the docks were distributing handbills inviting all to attend the mass meeting.

Dock officials reported no violence although attempts have been made to prevent men from going to work on the boats. Last night several workers were pursued as they left the docks in cabs but they escaped.

### Flaming Oil Well Still Spouts Fire

Gladiewater, Texas, May 1 (UP)—Final preparation was made today for the initial attempt to blast out the flame spouting from the 8th claim company's Cole No. 1 gas well.

A heavy charge of nitrocellulose will be set off tomorrow, at the mouth of the well, where eight men were fatally burned. If the effort is a success, the oil and gas pressure will be forced back into the well and the 300-foot pillar of fire will die before the fuel again gushes upward.

### Slain with Rock



Emily W. Kirk, 21 year old Hamden, Conn., girl whose body, with skull crushed with a heavy boulder, shot four times, and beaten with a baton, was found in a thicket. The suicide of her suitor is said by police to have solved the mysterious and brutal slaying.

### SEVERAL CRIMINAL CASES FIXED FOR NEXT COURT TERM

THREE MATTERS DISPOSED OF: KNOWLES PAYS TWO \$100 FINES ON CHARGES.

Al Sherwood, Charged With Polyan Robbery, Is Scheduled For Grand Jury Probe.

Disposition of three criminal cases which were scheduled for trial at the May term of district court was announced today by Henry C. Stiening, county attorney, but a number of other criminal matters remain to be placed on the calendar.

William G. Knowles, who was indicted by a grand jury some time ago and scheduled for trial on charges of assault in the second degree and attempted robbery against R. F. Hall, director of markets for the Minnesota department of agriculture, appeared in court yesterday and requested that he be allowed to plead guilty to third degree assault and attempted robbery. The state consented at the request of Mr. Hall, Stiening said, and Knowles entered his plea. He was fined \$100 and costs in each case by Judge C. A. Nye, with the alternative of 60 days in jail. He chose to pay the fine.

William Mies, 36, of Christine, (Continued on Page 8)

### U. S. INCREASING NO SALARIES NOW

RAISE IN WAGE SCALE NOTED ONLY WHERE REQUIRED BY LAW, REPORTED.

Washington, May 1 (UP)—The government is increasing wages of employees only where required by law, it was stated officially at the white house today.

The usual practice of increasing salaries voluntarily when funds were available was abandoned some weeks ago, it was said.

At the same time the white house said much was being done to carry out President Hoover's policy against curtailment of unemployment or general wage scales. A number of employees for whom work has slackened are being kept in service, it was pointed out.

### German Plane DO-X Starts Atlantic Hop

Palmas, Canary Islands, May 1 (UP)—The giant German flying boat DO-X started today for Rio de Janeiro, the coast of Africa en route to Brazil and New York.

The distance from Las Palmas to Rio de Janeiro is 248 miles. From the latter point the DO-X will fly down to Portuguese Guiana and then start its Atlantic crossing to South America.

## FARM GROUP BUYS OVER 23 MILLION BUSHELS OF GRAIN

MINNEAPOLIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAKES RECORD GRAIN TRANSACTION.

\$18,000,000 Cash Paid For Commodity Stored In Minnesota Terminal Elevators.

Minneapolis, May 1 (UP)—The federal farm board today took control of 23,000,000 bushels of wheat stored in terminal elevators at Minneapolis and Duluth, completing purchase of grain bought in recent months for May delivery.

Officials of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, which handled the transaction, said it was probably the largest exchange of grain ever completed in one day in any world market.

The Chamber of Commerce clearing house turned the grain, most of which was owned by elevators, over to the Grain Stabilization corporation, a subsidiary of the farm board. The transaction was for cash.

Payment was made on the basis of wheat prices at the time each individual purchase of wheat for May delivery was made. The payment totaled about \$18,000,000.

Today's transaction brought the amount of wheat which the farm board is expected to hold on July 1 when the 1930 crop becomes available to approximately 200,000,000 bushels.

In commenting on the magnitude of the transaction, Chamber of Commerce officials said that the wheat would fill enough box cars to make a train 150 miles long and enough one pound loaves of bread to encircle the globe eight and one-half times.

Officials of the Chamber of Commerce said they had not been advised what the farm board will do with the wheat. It was believed, however, that the strike of dock workers at Duluth and Superior Great Lakes harbors would hamper movement of the grain eastward.

### BRIDGES BEATEN BY DULUTH MAN

DR. E. L. TUOHY NAMED ROTARY GOVERNOR BY 56 TO 23 AT ROCHESTER.

Samuel G. Bridges, the Moorhead Rotary club's candidate for governor of the ninth Rotary district, was defeated by Dr. E. L. Tuohy of Duluth by a vote of 56 to 23, according to information wired to the Daily News today by the Moorhead delegation.

The election of Dr. Tuohy will be submitted to the convention of Rotary International in June for approval.

The convention, held at Rochester, Minn., adjourned today after an attendance of more than 500 Rotarians and their wives had been recorded. They came from Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

### Two Farm Tracts Sold At Receiver's Auction

Frank P. Peterson and Thor M. Hegland were successful bidders for two tracts of farm land sold in receiver's sale in the Clay county district court chambers yesterday.

Peterson bought a quarter section of the P. L. Lamb farm, north of Moorhead, for \$2,500, while Hegland purchased a quarter section on the Verne D. Leaman farm north of Dilworth for \$3,840.

The land was held by O. M. Westlin, receiver for the First and Moorhead National bank.

### Gallagher Takes Office As Industrial Executive

St. Paul, May 1 (UP)—Henry M. Gallagher, Waecca, today took office as industrial commissioner to succeed P. A. Duxbury, Minneapolis, whose confirmation was refused by the state senate.

Henry McColl, St. Paul, becomes chairman of the group. Duxbury had been chairman since 1921.

Samuel Y. Gordon today quit his position as state printer. He had held the job since 1917.

Pipestone—Carl P. Allen purchased Ham's cafe on East Olive street.

Golf Nickers

Striking Patterns in Plus's \$3.95

SPORT SHOES—NEW STYLES, NEW SHADES \$5.00

Palace

Time in on PALACE Feature Program. Friday Evening, 6:15—KGFY—Moorhead, "The Voice of Quality." Every Such a Clothing Store.