

TOWNLEY PARTY WINS BY 8,000 IN NORTH DAKOTA

Referendum Election
Shows Nonpartisans
Losing Ground.

Fargo, N. D., June 27.—The Nonpartisan league group of laws voted on yesterday have all been approved by majorities of approximately 8,000 on the face of returns available tonight.

A half of the state precincts reported give the league laws 35,323 affirmative votes, with 35,628 negative votes. This narrow margin will be increased as returns from the outlying precincts still unreported are received.

The industrial commission and the bank of North Dakota law have the highest vote. The newspaper publication law, governing publication of legal notices, and the educational bill, establishing a new system of educational administration, have received the low vote.

The majorities for the league as now indicated are only about half as great as were received in the last November election.

Insurgent Work Counts.

The most significant development of the election was the vote in Morton, Emmons, Logan, McIntosh, and Burleigh counties, in which the group of insurgent state officials centered their activity. All of these counties except Burleigh went against the league, and in Burleigh the league suffered a loss of 200. Morton is the home of Attorney General William Langer, and that county displaced 800 majority for the league last November and gave 200 against it this time.

Langer made a determined fight against President A. C. Townley in Morton county, and it was generally looked upon as a test between the leader of the standard nonpartisan faction and the insurgent faction.

Throughout the Red river valley, where the farmers are prosperous, the league has lost heavily; the league has retained its strength in the northwestern section of the state, where the farmers have had four successive crop failures.

German Voters Swing Back.

In connection with the turnover of the vote in Emmons, Logan, McIntosh, Morton, and Statesman counties, that have swung into the opposition column, it is significant that German voters predominate. Last June, in the state primary, and last November, in the general election, they were nearly a unit in favor of the Nonpartisan league program and candidates.

BRITAIN BLAMES HUN FLEET LOSS ON ALLIED HEADS

Washington, D. C., June 27.—No effective measures could have been taken by the British admiralty to prevent scuttling of the German fleet at Scapa Flow without violating the terms of the armistice, said a statement issued by the British embassy. The fact that the ships were merely interned and not surrendered, said the statement, prevented the placing of armed guards on board.

It was originally recommended to the allied naval council by the naval adviser of the British admiralty, the statement said, that the armistice terms provide for surrender instead of internment of the German ships, but the recommendation, it was said, was overruled by the council.

"It should be clearly understood," the embassy statement said, "that the decision for the Germans ships to be interned and not surrendered was made by the heads of the allied governments."

"The decision then taken has, of course, controlled the situation ever since and made prevention of scuttling impossible."

FOUND GUILTY

Aged Physician Who Is Convicted of Having Slain Wife After Trial at Minnola.



Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins
of Chicago and Minnola, Mo.

RELUCTANT JURY DOOMS WILKINS TO DIE IN CHAIR

Verdict After Twenty-three Hours; Appeal Expected.

Minnola, N. Y., June 27.—Counsel for Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins, found guilty by a jury in the Supreme court here today of murder in the first degree for killing his wife, Julia, at their Long Beach home on Feb. 27, announced tonight that he would carry the case to the court of Appeals and to the governor, if necessary.

The verdict carried with it a recommendation for clemency which under the law the court cannot heed. The only penalty permitted in this state for first degree murder is death in the electric chair.

Twenty Ballots Taken.
The jury that convicted the aged physician was out nearly twenty-three hours, establishing a record for Mansau county. Foreman Paries said twenty ballots were taken. On the fourteenth ballot the jury stood 11 to 1 for conviction. It took seven hours to sway the twelfth man.

When the verdict was announced, Dr. Wilkins displayed little emotion. He left the courtroom with a steady confidence in acquittal or at the worst disagreement.

Statement by Wilkins.
After he had been taken back to his cell Dr. Wilkins dictated the following statement, which was given out by his attorney, Charles N. Wyosong: "I am absolutely an innocent man. I never injured a hair in her head. I could never have injured a woman who was universally so generous to me. We never had a streak that she did not insist that I have the tenderloin."

"There was never anything but love in our house. There has been an awful mistake made. The jury could not have understood the law when they rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree and then recommended mercy. I am stunned."

Mr. Wyosong made a supplemental statement in which he said he was still convinced of his client's innocence. Dr. Wilkins will be sentenced next Tuesday.

RAILROAD DETECTIVE ACQUITTED.
La Crosse, Wis., June 27.—Louis Ruchel, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad detective, accused of murder in the shooting of John B. Schomere and Fred Zunker, was declared not guilty by the jury in Circuit court at the opening of court this morning.

BORN IN NORWAY, WOULDN'T HEAR U. S. DENOUNCED

Witness at Townley-Gilbert Trial Broke Up Meeting.

Jackson, Minn., June 27.—Men and women of national prominence are to be called by the defense at the conspiracy trial of A. C. Townley and Joseph Gilbert, in district court here. They will give their views regarding the patriotic or unpatriotic quality of addresses which Townley, president of the National Nonpartisan league, has delivered since the United States declared war on Germany.

The trial of the two men who are

charged with having conspired to advocate secession, got well under way today, with Townley present for the first time. A number of shorthand reporters testified regarding various speeches by Townley and Gilbert.

In one of Townley's addresses, delivered in St. Paul, he attacked wealth and food profiteers, and declared wealth should be conscripted to the limit. At this same meeting Senator Robert M. La Follette delivered his address on the war which later became the subject for senatorial comment, and the prosecution today made an unsuccessful attempt to have the LaFollette speech read to the jury.

Townley Willing for Issue.

Attorneys for the defense indicated that so far as Townley's St. Paul speech was concerned the issue was clean cut as to whether his attack on wealth and the alleged failure of wealth to carry its share of the war burden was disloyal.

The defense announced that the speech was heard by Senator Borah of Idaho, George Creel, Representative

Jeannette Rankin, and other well known persons, who spoke at the same Nonpartisan league convention, and that "it was probable all of these persons would be asked to testify."

Practically all of the testimony introduced today concerned speeches printed since they were delivered by the Nonpartisan league leaders.

Shocked at Disloyalty.

Andrew Finstuen, editor of the Leader at Kenyon, Minn., testified regarding a Nonpartisan league meeting at Kenyon, Aug. 18, 1917, when speeches were made by Joseph Gilbert, L. W. Martin and N. S. Randall.

"I was loyal. I did not know it was to be a disloyal meeting," testified Finstuen. "My opinion was that the meeting was rank disloyalty. I left the platform and concluded I would not have anything to do with the meeting. Gilbert was saying we were 'stamped' into this war by newspaper rot."

"I could not believe they were saying what they seemed to say," testified Finstuen. He declared this meet-

ing ended abruptly after Gilbert began to speak about the war.

Townley seemed keenly interested in the recital of the speeches of Gilbert and himself. He conferred continuously with William Lemke, one of his lieutenants.

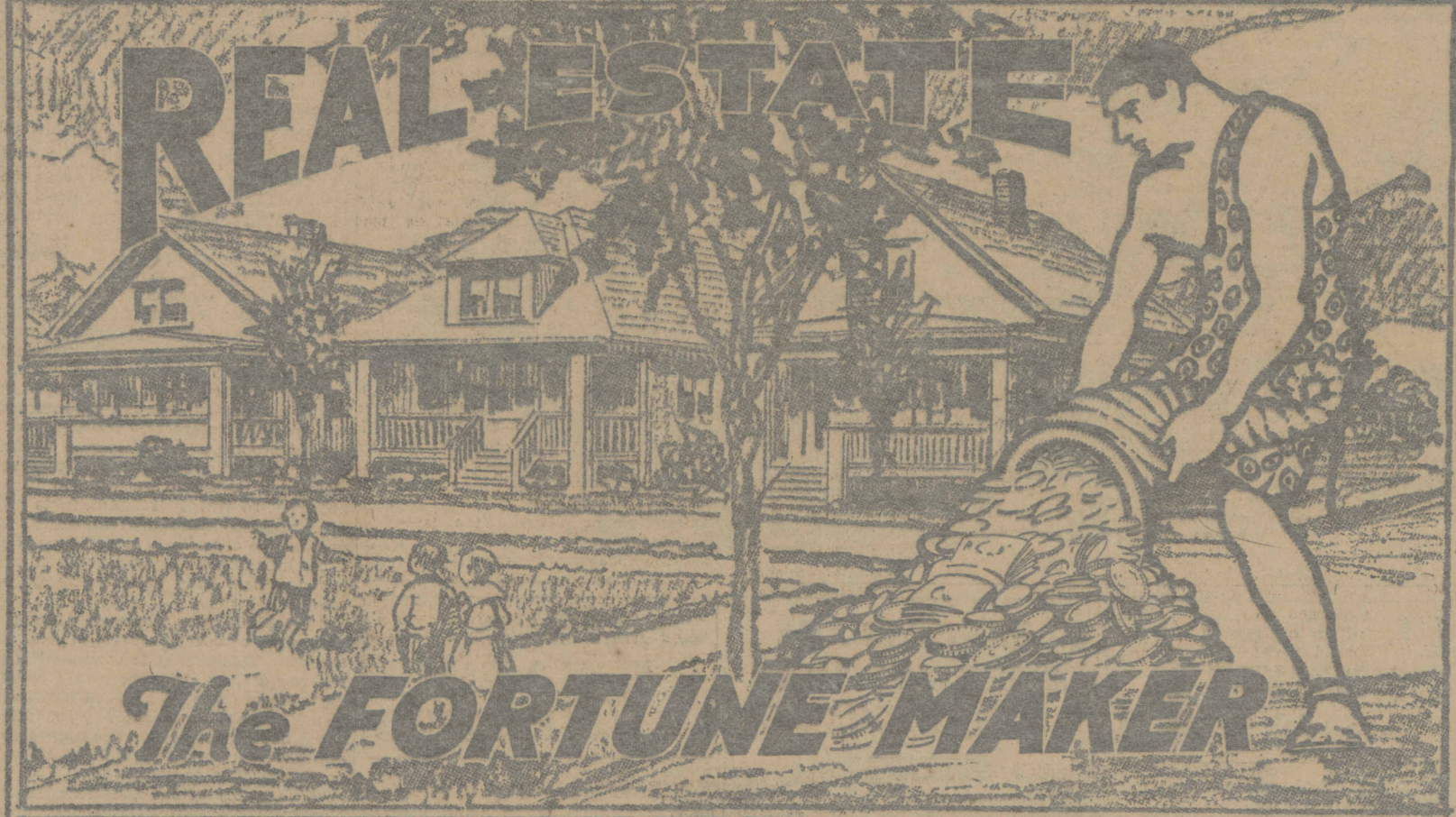
This Man Americanized.

John Wallager, a resident of Goodhue county, characterized the Kenyon meeting as disloyal.

"When Gilbert said the people had nothing to say about going to war, I told him to shut up," testified Wallager, who was born in Norway and who speaks with a strong Norwegian accent. "Gilbert asked me if I had told him to shut up. I said, 'Yes, when you speak against the government I tell you to shut up.' Then the crowd wanted to drag him down the street and the meeting broke up."

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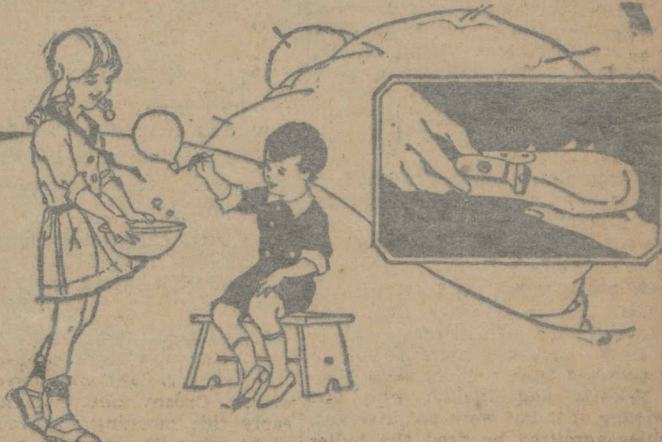
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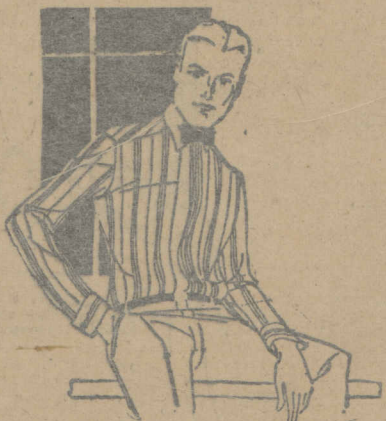
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