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*The Centennial Celebration and Opportunity
to Advertise Attractions of Minnesota*

The Norse-American Centennial.

To the Editor of The Tribune:

In re the Norse-American celebration, it seems that in June there is going to be a history-making celebration at the fair grounds for the Twin Cities and the rest of the state in general. But why tell us and the rest of the world at all, when it is heralded in such a half-way manner. The St. Paul Association and Minneapolis Civic & Commerce association ought to grasp more at the meaning of this exposition and continental celebration. I don't recall one celebration, during my 24 years of Minneapolis residence, that bids to come anywhere near the size and importance of the coming affair. All the more reason why we should sit up and take notice. This is going to prove a splendid way to advertise the advantages and beauty of our cities and lakes if we only take advantage of the opportunity. What is more beautiful than our state dressed up in her June frock. Why not get the railroads interested? We probably all have noticed how they advertise other states in the leading magazines. If the Civic & Commerce association, the Greater Minneapolis committee, the Greater St. Paul committee, and, even this newspaper would wake up and take notice of the many opportunities offered in the coming celebration, we might make a national as well as a local success out of it.—
Carl Berg.

Renville (Minn.) Farmer

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925

One of the big things as an advertising stunt for Minnesota is the coming Norse-American Centennial which will be pulled off at the State Fair grounds next month. Celebrants are coming from all parts of the world, and are leaving home already to have an opportunity to take in the advantages and modes of living in the great west. Minnesota should put her best foot foremost and extend the glad hand to all who come. We are sure it will tax all the resources of the two cities to accommodate their guests but like true western hospitality every one will have the time of their life. The early settlement of Minnesota were by the Scandinavians and although the greater part of the older generation have passed from this life their work have been taken up by their sons and daughters who will honor the centennial by their presence.

Minneapolis, Minn., Journal
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1925

Minnesota Grows No Lutefisk, But Attracts Norse in Other Ways, Says Centennial Head

"I Doubt if You Ever Go Home," Writes Dr. Gisle Bothne to Friend, "If You Visit Us This Summer and See a Few of Our 10,000 Lakes"

THERE may be no lutefisk in Minnesota lakes, but there will be several hundred thousand other reasons why a man, particularly a Norwegian, should come to Minnesota this summer, Professor Gisle Bothne, president of Norse-American Centennial told a friend at Chicago in a letter last night. His was a Friendship Letter, urging his friend to "Come to Minnesota." Norse-American Centennial would be the excuse, but the attractions of the state and especially the fish—would be the real bait, according to Mr. Bothne. His letter was submitted as a sample of what Minnesotans might write, as entrants in The Journal Friendship Letter contest:

"My dear Doctor:

"I have never been able to convince you that you should come up to Minnesota to see us, but I think I can prove to you, this time, that you will have to come to our wonderful state this summer.

"First of all, because I happen to be most interested in it. I want to tell

you about the Norse-American Centennial here June 6 to 9. Pretty nearly every Norwegian in America, and many from 'gamle land' will be here, so you will meet many of your old friends. And you know what music, and what speeches, and what fun we will have together when the Norwegians celebrate the fact that just 100 years ago the first Norwegian settlers came to America.

"So, if you come in June, you will have four wonderful days in the Twin Cities, finest cities in the land. And then, once you are here, you will stay

a week or a month—you won't be able to leave. You will want to get out around the state, maybe to visit at the homes of some of your friends, certainly to see a few of our lakes and streams and wonderful historic spots.

"We can't catch you any lutefisk in our Minnesota lakes, but we can find just about any other kind. There are no fjords in Minnesota, but some of the cliffs and hills and vales will make you forget you ever saw a fjord.

"You heard a great deal about our winter sports, that made us like old Norway herself when our snow was here, because we certainly know how to enjoy winter. But you will find we know still more about summer, and if you get a look at a few of our 10,000 lakes, I doubt if you ever will go back home.

"We can drive any place in the state we care to go, over good roads. Or we can travel in buses that take us to any part of the state. Train service, of course, goes into every corner, reaching every lake and town.

"You know perfectly well you will regret it the rest of your days, if you do not come here this summer."

Tell a friend in another state about the Centennial, or about the fish, or the lakes, or whatever you find in Minnesota that would attract a visitor. Send a copy of the letter to The Journal Friendship Letter editor, and enter the contest. A \$50 prize is offered as one of 30 cash prizes. The contest closes at 6 p.m. Monday, May 18. Rules may be found on Page 4 of the City Life section of The Sunday Journal.

NORSE CENTENARY A GOOD TIME TO BOOM MINNESOTA

With the opening of the Norse-American centennial at the Minnesota state fair grounds, Saint Paul, less than four weeks away, preparations to entertain the greatest throng that ever invaded the Northwest are going forward with all possible speed.

From all points of the compass the celebrants are coming, and already many of them have left the European ports for St. Paul.

This would seem to be a good time for the people of Minnesota to do some talking for the benefit of visitors. It is without question an opportunity for us to let them know what Minnesota has, and what a great state it is.

It is on such occasions that the Californians get in their deadliest work; nothing pleases them more than to corner visitors and regale them with their state's wonders.

Compared with the wonders of Minnesota, California hasn't any. For every asset claimed by California, Minnesota can claim five, and make the claim stick. But California has been exploited and Minnesota hasn't. There is the rub and the difference. Millions of California dollars--tourists' dollars, by the way--have gone to tell the world all about the West coast, to bring more tourists to it, and each dollar has paid returns.

Minnesota is approaching the day when it will be exploited. In the meanwhile, such an event as the Norse-American centenary is to be grasped by Minnesotans to convince their guests that right here indeed is one of the world's wonder spots.

NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL.

The Norse-American Centennial to be held at the state fair grounds from June 6th to June 9th, inclusive, will be one of the greatest gatherings in Minnesota this year. This celebration marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the coming of the first Norwegians to this country. Since that time thousands of that nationality have emigrated to the United States and today there are more Norwegians and descendants of Norwegians in the United States than are to be found in their mother country. These people have figured prominently in the pioneer life of the entire Northwest and it is only fit and proper that this great celebration should be held in Minnesota.

It is estimated that at least 100,000 people will participate and be in attendance at these festivities. President Coolidge, Secretary of State Kellogg, high officials from Norway and the governors of at least six states will be present.

There never was presented a better opportunity to advertise this state than that which is offered at this meeting. With thousands of people interested in agriculture coming from practically all parts of the United States and Canada, residents of this state should not overlook this opportunity to show these visitors what great inducements Minnesota has to offer its prospective settlers. Parties visiting this state, at that time, will be anxious to learn as much as possible about our state and no doubt some will decide to return to Minnesota to locate here permanently. The people of other states have in the past taken full advantage of opportunities like the one now presented to the people of this state and much has been accomplished by them in the upbuilding of their communities.

For the purpose of calling our visitors' attention to the resources of the North Star state, \$10,000 was appropriated at the last session of the legislature and a very attractive state exhibit is being arranged in the Electrical Building on the state fair grounds. People interested in the development of Minnesota should make it a point to bring this exhibit to the attention of people coming from other states and Canada. We are firmly convinced that the money spent for this exhibit will bring large returns and will do a great deal to advertise our state.—Weekly Bulletin.

Slayton, Minn., Herald
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1925

Three Special Trains To Carry Centennial Visitors

Three special trains will carry people who plan to attend the great Norse-Centennial at Minneapolis-St. Paul, on June 4th to the Twin Cities, according to Otto A. Lee, of Hadley, who is in charge of that branch of the work in Murray county.

The three specials will be equipped with Pullmans and will leave Worthington at ten o'clock Friday evening, June 4th. The Pullmans will be left on track at Minneapolis and occupants may use them during their stay there during the six days. The fare for the two ways including the sleeper is \$15.01. Those who wish to divide a berth can do so at a fare of \$12.15 for the round trip. The specials return at 12:30 o'clock, a. m., on June 10th.

Those who wish to take the regular trip from here will pay a fare of \$8.88 for the round trip.

Mr. Lee states that reservations can be left with him or they can be made direct with M. O. Munserud, Norwegian Vice Counsel at Sioux Falls, S. D.

Public School Interest
in Centennial

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MARGARET FULLER PUPILS PREPARE FOR CENTENNIAL

Children Make Interesting Study
of Early Vikings and Their
Customs

Novel Decorations Used For Exercises
Which Were Attended
By Parents

The civilized world is much interested in the Norse Centennial. The twin cities celebrate this event June 6, 7, 8 and 9 at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds.

However, an earlier celebration took place May 8 at Margaret Fuller school. The 5B pupils, room 105, have been studying the Viking Tales, the reader for that grade. As the pupils read of these brave warriors and sea faring Vikings, who became so real to them, they conceived the idea of making the study of these people their project. Children consulted many reference books, searched for pictures, all of which made clearer to them the lives of the Vikings of long ago. They located the home of these people. The pupils were enraptured with the beauty of Norway's fiords, its mountains and rugged coast line.

Many pictures were found which showed Viking boats, armor and shields. The students collected maps, pictures, made tracings from illustrations and flags, which they arranged in a book calling it, "My Viking Book." They wrote to the steamship companies for literature and pictures. One hour, each week, for six weeks was given to arranging, cutting and pasting these pictures. Children were allowed to work at home, if they so desired.

Harald became a real child to these pupils. They were interested in his tooth gifts. His thrall, Olaf, was their friend, as well as Harald's companion. The pupils followed both prince and thrall to the kennel, where the dogs were housed. They traveled on skis with Harald and watched with interest the making of the spear, which he called, "Foes Fear." They saw him develop to manhood. Later they followed closely his ten years' struggle to bring the petty kingdoms of Norway under one rule. These children were really present at Harald's coronation and later to his wedding to the wise and capable Gyda. Harriet Mosher became so imbedded with the spirit of this period, that she wrote the following poem:

I made a Viking book one day
About the Vikings of old Norway
About King Haki, wicked and wild
About King Harald, kind and mild
Of Halfdan's death and tales like that
When Harald in the feast hall sat
Waiting for Gyda's haughty greeting
When there he held his council meeting
A vow did brave King Harald make
To conquer Norway for Gyda's sake.
And swore he ne'er would cut his hair
Till all his foes were vanquished there
After many noble deeds were done
Fair Gyda's hand he finally won.
He entered Valhalla, at Odin's will
And Harald's sons in Norway are ruling
its till.

Six Viking boats were constructed at home. Some were made of paper, others of plasteline. Two boats were carved from bars of Ivory soap. One of the boys made the Black Raven Flag of the Norse Explorers. In the drawing work, posters carried out the thought of the Viking boat and warrior.

One of the pupils remarked, "I have never done any work I enjoyed so much, as the making of my Viking Book." The pupils feel that this project has improved their reading, spelling, language, history, geography, writing, drawing and construction work. They, also, gained much in their ability to use reference books.

By admiring, these sturdy Vikings, the children have also, learned to appreciate their own glorious history and to realize into what a wonderful country they were born. Being Americans they wish to make a study of the great men who lived and fought for the principles of liberty. The project for the remainder of the term will be an intensified study and a book made, by each child, of his favorite hero of the United States history.

Fifty visitors listened to a program of phonograph Viking records, songs, recitations, stories describing their project and descriptions of the Vikings. Helen Turnstrand, in Norwegian costume, acted as usher. Parents were interested in the wonderful boat made by Leif Aalbu, a 7B boy. This boat was submitted for the \$50 prize, which was offered by Mayor George E. Leach, for the best Viking ship of the tenth century. Another interesting feature was a large piece of hand made tapestry, the work of Mrs. Olaf Karlanaard. A doll, named Helga, dressed in Norwegian costume, came all the way from Norway to join in this Viking celebration. This doll is the prized possession of Mary Karlanaard, a first grade pupil at Fuller school. Betty Jane Nelson had her grandmother's spinning wheel on exhibition. Her grandmother carried this wheel as a part of her luggage to the ship which brought her from Scandinavia to America. A wooden goblet, bell and brooch were also displayed.

The pupil's Viking Books were arranged on the tables and thirty-eight posters made by the pupils formed a striking border around the room. These posters featured a dragon-prowed, Viking boat, with sail and oars. A fearless, weather-beaten warrior stood at the helm.

Sargent Co. News
Forman, N. D.

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WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN FORMAN HIGH SCHOOL



The result of the essay contest on the subject, "What Norse-American Migration has Meant to the Development of America", was announced yesterday after a careful examination by the three selected judges, Rev. K. O. Gjernes, Atty. S. A. Sweetman and A. B. Johnson, who decided as follows: Ida Kastner, Forman, 1st prize; Martha Johnson, Rutland, 2nd prize; Arla Arhlin, Rutland, 3rd prize. Twenty-five pupils entered the contest and nearly all the papers were of high quality. The contest was offered to the Forman High School pupils by the Sons of Norway which organization extended cash prizes of \$12.00, \$8.00 and \$5.00 to the three winners. Many of the papers will appear in the News in subsequent issues and this week we give the three winning numbers, which follow.

What Norse Migration Has Meant to American Development First Prize Winner

WRITTEN BY IDA KASTNER

An American who is high in the government service and close to the administration of the immigration law recently said of Scandinavian immigration in general: "America doesn't have to install Americanization schools for these immigrants. She doesn't have to keep the Department of Justice watching them every minute. She doesn't have to fill her insane asylums with them. America knows what she is getting when she gets them, and where they are going. If America wants this kind of immigration she can keep on having it, or she can specialize on peddlers and nonproducers from the east and south, all depending on how loudly she speaks to the men who make her laws."

Great things have been accomplished here. We need only to take a trip across the great plains of the west to

see what Norwegian hands have wrought. One only needs to behold the hundreds of Norwegian schools and institutions of learning to understand what has been accomplished for higher intellectual culture by our people. The thousands of Norwegian churches and their extensive mission work in South America, Madagascar, India and Africa must not be forgotten, for they have done much in Christianizing the heathens. There is also the Norwegian press which has done a great service in America, for which it has not always received the credit it deserved. All this is the work of the Norwegian immigrant of toil. He came to America for the purpose of working. He has had a share in creating the America which we know today and thru constant labor he has become an American citizen. The immigrant has done constructive work here with the plow, pen and book and thru this work has become an American, yet still humming the old tunes of his native country district.

We never hear of a New England patrician who left his beloved eastern city and came to Minnesota or Dakota and cleared land. No, this was done and had to be done by bands of immigrants. Farther west and still farther west they settled until the west is what it is today. It is largely therefore, the immigrant that has built America. This, however, has been forgotten by many native born citizens.

The population of Chicago, in the last census showed 99,000 Norwegians, born in Norway. In the United States there are more than a million. There are few Scandinavians in jails and poor houses. Considering all things the Norwegians are a good class of people to have enter our ports. They are not afraid of work, and seem to adapt themselves well to American conditions and American life.

America has received from Norway some of the best elements that make up its population.

The same spirit of adventure which carried the early Norse Mariners into distant and unknown waters has distributed many thousands of their descendants throughout the United States. They have aided in the building of our cities, in the manning of our industries, and in the cultivation of our vast areas of fertile land. When the conditions have called for it they were content to live simply and undergo hardships without complaint. When opportunity presented itself they have taken their places in circles of learning and culture.

They have helped to make and enforce laws and, as Americans, they have strengthened and enriched this nation by the exercise of the virtues which characterized their ancestors, love of home and family, respect for regularly constituted authority, and a strong sense of personal independence and an earnest desire to live in accord-

ance with the Divine Will.

The Norse-American Centennial to be held in Minneapolis-St. Paul, June 6, 7, 8, 9 of this year, is the one hundredth anniversary of Norse immigration. John J. Lee, North Dakota state chairman says: "The Norse-American Centennial will throw the spot-light on the Norwegian people residing in the United States and give our fellow citizens a chance to look us over and to estimate our value as a national asset in matters of religion, race, education, patriotism and good citizens generally."

This convention will be a real birthday party given in honor of those who paved the way for our people to come to America, the land with the unlimited opportunities and possibilities. They brought with them faith in God, nerve and courage, strong healthy bodies and minds, and with unshrinking determination to help develop the dormant resources in a land in its infancy. They have made this country their choice.

The event should not be confined to only Norwegians, however, but every citizen of this great northwest, who is informed as to the splendid contributions made by the people of Norse descent or birth in the "winning of the west", in the clearing of the forests and breaking the sod, and in the building of homes, schools, churches, farms and business institutions.

It will also be a mighty occasion for their sons and daughters. The young people will be reminded of their responsibility to carry on and improve upon the civilization they inherited. Upon a foundation already laid, the young people must build a new American civilization but the same elements of industry, thrift, frugality and reverence that characterized the pioneers must be used.

Therefore, America has not lost by admitting any members of the Scandinavian race—but rather gained. This country, to build up and maintain its democracy must have just such people.

What Norse Migration Has Meant to American Development Third Prize Winner

WRITTEN BY ARLA AHRLIN

October 9, 1825, there landed in New York Harbor, the "Mayflower of the North," with fifty-three Norwegians. This was the beginning of the flow of Norsemen to America, the land of hope. The expedition was lead by Kleug Peerson.

At one time, the world was quite startled by the statement that Leif Erickson had reached America before Columbus, but now there is no doubt that he came in 1000 A. D.

We have had, and still have among us many men of note who proudly proclaim their Norwegian blood. Men who have been and still are governors, senators, representatives, authors, artists, musicians and prominent busi-

ness men. Among the most outstanding of these I think we can easily class George Washington, that man of such remarkable character, who traced his ancestry back to the Norwegians.

The Norse have wonderful art, music, and literature which they undoubtedly get from their beautiful, picturesque and artistic mother country. All their work is of a refining and exalting quality.

It is this quality, blended and supported by the true blue, courageous and adventure loving Viking that has its greatest charm.

It is the Viking who became restless and caught the wander-lust, it is he who dared all dangerous obstacles and fared into a new untried country and builds up a new nation founded on rock. A nation which withstands the storms of life and—mankind.

An eminent characteristic of the Norwegians is their Christianity. They have built many wonderful churches and these churches have by their own effort sent out missionaries and workers to foreign fields; they have also done much charity work in their own vicinity. They are also the support of several schools.

As the Norse are a refined people it is natural they should want institutions of learning. They do not think a grade education sufficient but have also founded in this country alone at least seventy-five higher schools. In these schools Christianity has a prominent part while art, music and literature certainly are not neglected for the more practical subjects. Indeed, literature is an essential to these schools.

Some of the most important of the Norse schools are Augustana, Luther, Augsburg, St. Olaf, Concordia, and Red Wing.

St. Olaf, one of these colleges, possesses a world famed choir, one that can take its place anywhere with heads held high.

A very valuable asset to America is the Norwegian press.

Although the Norsemen take such an important part in literature, art, education and all refining matters, they still play the most and greatest part in agriculture, as the largest number are farmers.

Take Minnesota for example, the state noted for its Scandinavians drive through that beautiful, well-kept state. What more could you want? As you go through there now you see only the beautiful, prosperous part, but if one were to stay and rest under the trees, enjoying their shade on a hot summers day, and think a number of yeras back, one sees the picture of a weary farmer, struggling to clear enough land to plow, then after it is cleared, trudging day after day behind a plow pulled by oxen. Then laborously working and seeding the soil. But with characteristic courage and hope they saw ahead to the

day which has now come.

How proud and happy we feel when we see our beloved stars and stripes and there is no limit to the pride we have for our country but let us always have a warm proud spot in our hearts for our noble, sacrificing Scandinavian ancestors.

Superior, Wis., Telegram
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

St. Paul Scholars Get Holiday to Hear Coolidge

(By United Press.)
ST. PAUL—School children have been granted a holiday Monday so they may hear President Coolidge speak at the Norse-American Centennial at the state fair grounds, it was announced by the department of education.

University Aids in Centennial

Dawson, Minn., Sentinel
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925

UNIVERSITY AIDS NORSE CENTENNIAL

Effort By Faculty to Bring U. S. and Norse Countries More Closely Together

Minneapolis, April 30— Through the activities of faculty members, the University of Minnesota is taking a prominent part in efforts to bring the Scandinavian countries and the United States closer together and to commemorate the contributions of Scandinavian peoples to American progress.

Professor Gisle Bothne of the Department of Scandinavian is one of the general directors of the committee which is planning the Norse-American Centennial celebration which will be held at Minneapolis in June. This will be probably the biggest gathering of the year anywhere in the United States. It is of international importance and will draw delegations from all Scandinavian countries and from every part of North America. Last announcements were to the effect that President Coolidge and probably one or more members of his cabinet would attend.

Prof. A. A. Stromberg, also of the Department of Scandinavian Foundation, which works for closer cultural and commercial relations between Scandinavia and the United States. Both he and President L. D. Coffman of the University are members of the Scandinavian-American Foundation's board of directors.

Present plans call for holding some of the events during the Norse-American Centennial in the University Stadium. Arnold Oss, famous as a Minnesota athlete, is chairman of the committee which is planning elaborate outdoor sports to be conducted in the Stadium during the centennial celebration.

Wanamingo, Minn., Progress
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1925

HONOR NORWEGIAN PEOPLE BY MAKING MONDAY, JUNE 8, A HOLIDAY OCCASION

President Coolidge will come to Minnesota on June 8 to deliver an address at the Norse-American Centennial celebration, at the state fair grounds. Large numbers of our citizens are planning to attend this celebration, and hence, we offer this suggestion to the business men of Wanamingo.

Why not make Monday, June 8, a holiday, and close every business place for the day in honor of this great event. The citizenship of Wanamingo village is almost 100 per cent Norwegian stock and the district which it serves has about the same percentage of Norwegian ancestry. Not only would it be fitting and proper to honor this great Centennial by closing our business places on the above date, but all citizens who are able to do so, should plan to visit the Centennial on that day. Why not form a caravan of automobiles and proceed to the big celebration in a body, each and every car bearing in large letters the inscription: "Wanamingo—an all-American, Minnesota village of nearly 100 per cent Norwegian lineage." Such a procedure would not only do honor to the great Centennial but it would reflect the true and worthy sentiments which our citizens entertain for the sturdy, upright race from which they are descended. It would be a deserved tribute of respect and admiration for the great Viking nation beyond the seas—a tribute in which every true American citizen can, and will heartily join.

Initial announcements regarding the program of events, now in preparation for this big celebration, indicate that it will be something extraordinary—an exhibition of the choicest and best contributions which have been made to world advancement by the Norwegian people and their descendants. It will be a wonderland of rare magnificence, laid open for public inspection, and visitors will find the exhibition both inspirational and of vast educational value.

Every citizen who can do so, should plan to visit this Centennial celebration. It's like will probably not be seen again for many generations, and perhaps, never. Whether or not the suggestion offered above finds approval with our citizens, it is certain that Wanamingo and district will be largely represented at the Centennial. It would be splendid if the representation from the village and district could be made in compact form.

Minneapolis, Minn., Star
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1925

COOLIDGE VISIT HOLIDAY URGED

Council Asked to Declare
Fete in Connection
With Centennial

The Viking committee of the city council has asked the council to declare a half holiday June 8 when President Calvin Coolidge will address the Norse-American Centennial in the Twin Cities. The resolution was introduced by Alderman Hosmer Brown.

If the suggestion is followed, merchants will be asked to decorate their stores and close for the half holiday and the council will be urged to hear the Coolidge address in a body.

As June 8 is election day, many city offices will be closed in any event. The Viking committee, which was named to co-operate with the Norse-American centennial committee, has asked the co-operation of the fire and police departments.

The huge centennial celebration at the State fair ground will be announced Sunday in more than 1,000 churches, complying with requests in letters sent out by Dr. H. G. Stub of Minneapolis, president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America. He asked pastors to urge their congregations to buy tickets also, whether they can come or not.

Minneapolis, Minn., Mor. Tribune
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1925

Viking Committee Called to Meet Next Friday

President T. E. Jensen of the city council announced Wednesday that the Viking committee, of which he is chairman, will meet Friday at 10 a. m. The committee, which consists of one alderman from each ward, will act for the city in providing a suitable reception and entertainment for visiting guests to the Norse centennial celebration.

Mpls., Minn., Lake Dist. Advo
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1925

LOGICAL PLACE TO ACCOMMODATE IMMENSE CROWD

Business Men United In Effort To
Secure Distinction For Lake
District

Monday, May 8, Date of President's
Visit to Minneapolis For
Centennial

On Monday, June 8, President Coolidge will visit the twin cities to participate in the Norse Centennial celebration at the state fair grounds. He will arrive in St. Paul and come by auto to Minneapolis. What route will be taken by the presidential party in coming from St. Paul has not been established and a movement has been started by Pres. H. G. McEldery of the West Side Commercial club to have Lake street designated as the official thoroughfare.

Accomodate Large Crowds

It is pointed out in this connection that Lake street would provide a highway across the entire city and give ample room for the thousands who will want to get a glimpse of the

president as he passes by. The assertion is made that an audience of no less than one hundred and fifty thousand people will greet President Coolidge if he comes into Minneapolis by way of Lake street. Two thirds of the entire population of the city live in this section and it appears to be the logical route to be selected.

Committees Appointed

At the regular noonday luncheon of the West Side Commercial club held Wednesday the matter was up for discussion and it received the enthusiastic approval of business men present from various centers along Lake street. It was the opinion of those present that President McEldery had undertaken something really worthwhile in initiating the movement and bringing it to the attention of the business men along the street. Motions were acted on and carried to have the president of the club at once appoint committees to take up the various details necessary to secure this recognition for Lake street and do everything possible to bring favorable action by the necessary parties and organizations. It was stated at the meeting that Mayor Leach is heartily in favor of bringing the president to Minneapolis by way of Lake street and that the co-operation of other officials and organizations is practically assured. All that appears necessary to accomplish the desired results is for the business men along the street to get together and do something for themselves.

Would Decorate Street

If the committees are successful in having Lake street designated as the official route decorations will be put up from one end of the street to the other. Appropriate decorations will greet the party as they reach the bridge across the river at the east end of Lake street and along the entire route will be one continuous array of holiday attire.

This is a splendid opportunity for every business man in the district to put his shoulder to the wheel and show the rest of the city that the Lake District gets what it goes after.

Minneapolis, Minn., Eve Tribune
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

Schools to Close Early Monday to Give Children Chance to See Coolidge

School children of Minneapolis will be given a chance to see President Coolidge Monday when he visits the Twin Cities to attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration. It was decided Tuesday at a special meeting of the members of the board of education.

Under a plan adopted at the meeting classes in all the public schools will begin at 8:15 a. m. Monday and the periods, shortened so that the students will be dismissed at 12 noon in honor of the president's visit.

A former plan to hold special programs in all schools in honor of President Coolidge's visit was ordered abandoned by the new ruling.

Minneapolis, Minn., Star
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1925

Traffic Control During Norse Fete Is Topic

Taxicab companies, street railway officials, police and members of the street traffic committee of the city council have been requested by the Civic & Commerce association to attend a meeting at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in the association offices to discuss plans for controlling traffic during the Norse-American Centennial, June 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Traffic routes to and from the state fair grounds, placarding of rates on all "for hire" vehicles, and parking of cars will be discussed.

Minneapolis, Minn., Mor. Tribu-
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1925

Traffic Plans for Centennial Week Outlined

Safety Bureau of C. & C. Has Street Travel Dis- cussed at Meeting.

Plans to care for the street traffic problem of Norse-American Centennial week, one of the most important problems to be created by the gathering of perhaps the largest crowds in the history of the Twin Cities, were outlined Thursday at a meeting sponsored by the safety bureau of the Minneapolis Civic & Commerce association. H. L. Murray, chairman of the bureau, presided.

Plans shaped at the conference embraced the subjects of taxicab service, motor bus routes, street car movement and garage service, as well as the parts to be played by the city council and police department. Plans to insure abundant free parking space for private automobiles also were mapped out.

Traffic Agents Attend.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the street railway and taxicab companies and motor bus lines as well as by spokesmen for the Norse American Centennial committee on general arrangements. The centennial group will issue official cards to visitors, announcing an agreement by taxicab companies not to charge more than the usual rates of cab fare during the week of the celebration, it was stated at the conference.

Taxi companies that were not represented at the session will be approached at once and requested to join in the agreement not to raise their rates during the big week. A special subcommittee was named to work out a system of taxicab and bus routes, to be used in handling the heavy traffic, in public vehicles, to and from the State Fair grounds during the centennial.

A resolution was adopted by the bureau members and will be circulated throughout the city, requested all Minneapolis drivers of private cars not to park their machines in the congested districts of the city during Norse-American week. The business men present agreed that the necessity of keeping the heavy-duty thoroughfares open and free from parked cars during the celebration is urgent.

Service Price Agreement.

Representatives of the many garage owners of the city went on record as agreeing not to increase their charges for service, repairs, parts or storage during the celebration. Another committee of the safety bureau was appointed and given the responsibility for listing and obtaining the use of all vacant ground in or near the downtown district, which is available for public parking space. The tracts arranged for will be reserved for free use of the visitors who drive their own cars to the celebration, it was decided.

Arrangements to handle the greatest amount of traffic the Twin Cities ever had, to send 50,000 to 100,000 visitors to the Norse-American Centennial to their destinations in the shortest possible time and with the least trouble, were completed today, when committees took up suggestions developed at a meeting called by the Civic and Commerce Association to consider the problem.

H. L. Murray, chairman of the Minneapolis traffic committee, presided at the meeting, attended by Police Inspector John J. Galvin, Lieutenant George Torman, in charge of the traffic bureau; V. O. Lav, passenger traffic manager for the Minneapolis Street Railway Company; Walter Jones, manager of the bus lines maintained by the company; George Wollman, chairman of the traffic committee for the Centennial; A. N. Benson, president of the Garage Owners Association, and representatives of two motorcab companies, together with Civic and Commerce officers.

It was decided at the meeting to:

- Designate certain streets over which one-way traffic to and from exposition sites shall pass the week of June 6 to 9.
- Provide official badges for motorcabs, and signs for hotels and garages who agree between themselves to maintain standard rates during Centennial week, "for the protection of visitors."
- Establish cab and bus stations at the Overland building and at the Fair grounds.
- Request residents of the city to park downtown as little as possible during Exposition week, to avoid the congestion that is sure to result from the tremendous influx of visitors.
- Provide permanent parking places for visitors' cars, outside public garages.
- Equip streets and exposition routes with buses to facilitate transportation.

"The police department is assuring all committees every possible assistance in the management of the tremendous crowds that will visit the city," Inspector Galvin told the gathering. "We'll be on the job day and night if we have to, and extend every possible courtesy to visitors who break traffic rules because they are misinformed or uninformed."

St. Paul, Minn., Pioneer Press
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1925

POLICE PLAN EXTRA NORSE FETE GUARDS

Augmented Force of Officers to Be on Duty Throughout Centennial.

An augmented police force, with special detectives from out of town, will be on duty for the Norse-American centennial, beginning Saturday, according to an announcement Monday night by Chief Edward J. Murnane.

Several St. Paul detectives will be assigned to accompany the body-guard of President Coolidge during his visit here Sunday and Monday, Chief Murnane said. The President's official guard will be composed of Washington secret service men.

"We are going to do everything possible to make things agreeable for our centennial visitors," the chief said. "Orders will be given to keep the streets clear of vagabonds and drunks and all suspicious characters will be locked up immediately."

"The traffic department is making special plans to handle downtown and arterial traffic, with the aim of finishing centennial week without a serious accident."

St. Paul, Minn., Pioneer Press
SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1925

Norse Reception Will Be Discussed Wednesday By Hospitality Corps

Final Instructions Will Be Given Members of the Com- mittee Numbering More Than 200 Who Will Be Animated Guide Books for Visitors to Centennial.

Who's who and what's what will be definitely decided at 2:30 P. M. Wednesday by the hospitality committee of the Norse-American Centennial when the members of the Great Northern railway to receive final instructions for the reception of visitors coming to attend the four-day celebration next week.

A large corps of women will be on duty at the Union depot, and also at the rest room which has recently been established for the guests. One of the rest quarters will be the room which during wartime was devoted to Red Cross work in the Railway building.

The members of St. Paul's hospitality committee, numbering more than 200, will be on hand morning, noon and night to welcome the visitors as they arrive. The group has been divided into three-a-day shifts.

The visitors will have no difficulty in getting their bearing on arrival

in the city. The hospitality committee will be coached in regard to the daily program and will instruct the guests as to the various locations of interest which they might choose to visit. The committee members will be decorated with badges of blue with the inscription "St. Paul's Hospitality Committee" in bold white letters.

At the Great Northern headquarters will be found literature of every description and also programs. The rest room will be outfitted comfortably so as to represent a cozy home, with lounging chairs and settees, foot rests, ferneries, tables, rugs and electric lamps. While florists will furnish palms and ferns, the hospitality committee members have agreed to supply fresh flowers each day.

Mrs. O. I. Brack is general chairman of the women's committee, and will preside at the Wednesday meeting.

Minneapolis, Minn., Journa'
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1925

COLLEGE MEN TO DIRECT VISITORS

Students Who Speak Norse Lan- guage Will Meet Trains

Distinguished by conspicuous badges, young men from Lutheran colleges, speaking both Norwegian and English, will be on hand at Minneapolis railway and bus depots, to direct visitors to the Norse-American Centennial, it was announced today by the Civic and Commerce Association.

The boys will be used particularly to direct visitors to the housing bureau which the association opened at 15 Washington avenue S.

Visitors who wish to obtain rooms in the city will be directed to the bureau, where full information regarding available rooms will be listed. Visitors will

be directed by the bureau to hotels having rooms available. If hotels are filled, visitors will be directed to private homes listed by the bureau.

PRESS, MOVIE MEN TO SEE NORSE FETE

St. Paul to Provide Special
Quarters, Wire and Auto
Fleet for Guests.

Newspaper correspondents from metropolitan dailies and camera men from all of the larger motion picture news services will be in St. Paul during the Norwegian Centennial June 6 to 9.

The St. Paul Association's convention committee has provided quarters for the workers in The Saint Paul and at the Minnesota club. Five operators at the latter place will be in charge of a special telegraph wire which will be in working order day and night. A small fleet of automobiles with "Press Car" pasted on the windshields, will be at the command of the writers and photographers and police will be instructed by Chief Edward Murnane to allow them free and unhampered travel on the streets.

A battery of typewriters will be provided in a large room in the Minnesota club for use of the visiting press representatives.

More than 20 experts are expected, according to convention officials. A list of writers who already have made reservations includes: Francis Stephenson and Paul F. Haupt, Associated Press; William J. Losh, United News Service; Fraser Edwards, Universal service; George E. Durno, International News service; Charles Michels, New York Times; Grafton Wilcox, New York Herald-Tribune; George Aurhier, New York World; Leroy T. Vernon, Chicago Herald-Examiner; J. C. Browne, International News Reel, and Edgar Markham, in charge of the Washington bureau of the Dispatch and Pioneer Press.

Minneapolis, Minn., Northside
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Five Northside girls will act as an information bureau at L. S. Donaldson's during the three days of the Norse centennial this month. They are Nora Horsford, Bessie Hawk, Dedrikka Anderson, Helen Hein, and Muriel Dunn. The girls will appear in Norse costumes in various parts of the store, and visitors will be free to ask any questions regarding the city or Donaldson's store itself.

Minneapolis, Minn., Star
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

Council Asks \$5,000 for Street Decorations for Centennial Celebration

The city council has asked the estimate and taxation board for a \$5,000 increase in the mayor and council fund for 1925 to provide funds for street decorations for the Norse-American centennial and visit of President Coolidge on June 8.

At yesterday's meeting, the aldermen set July 1 as the date for the sale of \$1,000,000 additional of auditorium bonds. It also voted to require all dance halls to provide at their own expense a police officer to supervise dancing. A police officer will be under the police chief's supervision.

St. Paul, Minn., News
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1925

Committee Named to Make Plans for Decoration of City

A special committee on decorations for the Norse-American centennial and the Kiwanis convention was appointed today by Mayor Nelson.

It is composed of Commissioners J. H. McDonald, J. M. Clancy and H. C. Wenzel.

Appointment of such a committee to provide for the proper "dolling up" of the city during these important gatherings was suggested by Commissioner L. R. S. Ferguson, chairman of the general committee for the city government on the centennial.

Mr. Wenzel suggested that pavilions at Como and Phalen park be decorated during the centennial.

Minneapolis, Minn., Journal
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

\$5,000 CENTENNIAL FUND ASKED OF CITY

Sum Sought From Council to
Decorate Streets—New Auditorium
Bond Sale Ordered

Proposals to spend \$5,000 for decoration of streets for the Norse-American Centennial and the visit of President Calvin Coolidge, June 8, will be urged by members of the council ways and means committee at a special meeting tomorrow.

A motion asking the board of estimate and taxation to increase the permanent improvement fund by this amount was adopted by the council late yesterday, after C. I. Welkert of St. Paul explained that the St. Paul council is making a similar expenditure.

Alderman J. H. Chase demanded to know what "Minneapolis is going to do about it," and the council decided that streets over which the president will travel from St. Paul to Minneapolis should be decorated. The ways and means committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The council also:

Voted to sell \$1,000,000 additional auditorium bonds July 1. Only four aldermen, J. H. Chase, E. W. Hawley, W. C. Buck, and Fred A. Maurer, voted against the measure.

Directed dancehall proprietors to comply with the state law, requiring them to employ at their own expense special policemen under supervision of the chief of police.

Referred the invitation to send delegates to the Minnesota League of Municipalities at Alexandria, June 10 to 12, to the efficiency and economy committee, and an invitation to the international municipal conference in Paris in September to the ways and means committee.

Directed the city engineer to investigate possibility of improving acoustics of the council chamber, although Alderman Duncan Hadley protested that "if there were fewer caucuses among council members during the session, there would be no difficulty in hearing."

Voted \$300 for construction of kiosks on main highways at city limits for welcoming tourists.

Awarded the contract for printing 500 volumes of ordinances, recently compiled by Arthur W. Pulling at the University of Minnesota, to Brown & Phelps, on their bid of \$1,175.

Directed the finance committee to find funds for hiring an assistant chemist in

city laboratory to analyze liquor, drugs and other substances, submitted by police department.

Amended the basement kitchen ordinance to permit basement kitchens in all buildings constructed before June 15, 1925.

Amended the building code to give council authority to prevent stabling horses at 2309 Third street N.

Alderman A. B. Fruen protested passage of the building code amendment, on the ground that records of the council should not be cluttered up with ordinances that are of citywide application, but which now affect only one concern. He accused third ward aldermen of introducing the amendment merely to prevent stabling horses at 2309 Third street N.

"But the council has denied this firm a permit to stable horses there," Alderman G. T. Lindsten said, "and this amendment merely makes it possible for us to compel the owners to live up to the law."

It was adopted, 15 to 9.

Rochester, Minn., Bulletin
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925

TWIN CITIES GAY FOR NORSE EVENT

Bunting and Flags Decorate
Minneapolis and St. Paul,
Greeting Coolidge

Minneapolis, June 8 (AP)—Soap, paint, bunting, and flags freely applied on streets and buildings, and representing the best efforts of modern decorative art, combined to give Minneapolis and St. Paul their best holiday appearance for the Norse-American Centennial and the visit of President Coolidge and noted foreign personages this week.

This significant event, coming early in June, served to enhance the annual early summer cleaning and painting programs in both cities and, during the past week or two, skyscrapers as well as modest one, two, and three story structures received attractive coats of glistening paint preceded by generous soap baths.

The gay decorations were applied in unsparing quantities from carloads of bright bunting and huge flags.

Residents of the two cities have been busy for ten days on the vast decorative project, with the larger business houses and office buildings necessarily taking the lead. Literal miles of bunting were dropped from upper stories of the higher buildings to be caught from floor to floor below and fastened with bright clasps forming massive ribbons of color and robbing the immobile landscape of its usual somberness.

Minneapolis, Minn. Star
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1925

Cities to Provide Many Facilities for Assistance of Mothers

The program for the women's part of the Norse-American Centennial celebration, at the State fair grounds next month, was completed today.

Meanwhile it was announced that every possible facility will be provided for mothers, bringing children from out of the city, to have them cared for while attending the celebration.

The Donaldson and Golden Rule department stores will close their children's play rooms and set up the entire play room equipment in the new cattle building at the grounds which will be used as the children's building. The New England will install and equip a children's rest room, and park departments of both cities will provide play supervisors.

The women's program committee, thanked for its work today by Prof. Gisle Bothne, chairman of the centennial directors, is headed by Mrs. A. C. Floan of St. Paul and includes the Misses Gunhild Oftedal and Georgina Lommen and Mmes. Laura Bratager and Amanda Anderson.

The program they have worked out includes a talk by Mrs. Susie Stageberg of Red Wing on "The Norwegian Pioneer Woman."

Program

Jackson
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1925
CENTENNIAL PROGRAM IS COMPLETED

Noted Speakers and Choirs Will Give Wonderful Educational and Musical Treats

In presenting the program for the Norse-American Centennial to be held in Minneapolis on June 7, 8 and 9th, we are publishing one-half of the program this week and will print the last half in the following issue. If you contemplate attending the wonderful gathering, it would be well to cut out and preserve this program to aid you in planning for each day you are in attendance.

After many months of tireless effort and labor, the Program Committee of the Centennial has finally completed its tremendous task. We are glad to be able to submit this program now for our bulletin readers, and feel sure that they will join in congratulating the members of the committee in the splendid results they have been able to bring about.

Reserved Seats

The general admission to the Centennial celebration entitles the bearer to attend any and all programs given in the State Fair Grounds with four exceptions. Because of a great demand from people outside of the city for opportunity to provide themselves with reserved seats for certain programs, the Centennial Committee has decided to sell reserved seats at 50c for the Grand concerts at the Hippodrome and before the Grand Stand on Sunday evening, June 7th, and for the Presidential session Monday afternoon, June 8th, and for the wonderful historic pageant on Tuesday evening, June 9th, the latter two both being given before the Grand Stand. In addition to the reserved sections of the Grand Stand, however, there will be many thousands of seats available without any extra charge. Further announcements as to orders for reserved seats will be made very soon. Another reason for reserving a part of the seating capacity for the programs mentioned is that many people greatly prefer to pay the small extra charge to scrambling for seats and taking their places two or three hours or more before the time set for the program in order to get a good seat.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH
DIVINE FESTIVAL SERVICES
In Hippodrome
(The Norse Language)
Past. B. E. Bergesen, Leader,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Kl. 10
Musik ved Luther College Concert
Band, Avdeling "A," Decorah Ia.
Prof. Carlo A. Sperati, Dirigent.
Kl. 10:30
Bon Past. Martin Norstad
Salme
Altertjeneste Past. C. N. Engelstad,
Chicago, Ill.
Salme
Kidken den er et gammelt hus.....
St. Olaf College Choral Society
Prof. F. Melius Christianson, Dirigent
Festpraediken..... Dr. H. G. Stub
Formand for Den Norsk
Lutherske Kirke
Lover den Herre
St. Olaf College Choral Society
Hilsen fra Moderkirken
Biskop Johan P. Lund av Oslo
Salme
Altertjeneste
Salme
Bon
Postludium
GRAND STAND
Kl. 10
Norsk Gudstjeneste
Past. H. K. Dadsen, Leder
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Kl. 11
Hilsen fra Den Norsk Lutherske
Kirke ved Biskop Johan P. Lunde
Past. E. E. Gynild, Leder,
Wilmar, Minnesota
E. 11:30 o'clock
Services in English
Conducted by the Rev. H. O. Sletten
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Music..... St. Olaf College Band,
Northfield, Minnesota
Prof. J. Arndt Berg, Director
HORTICULTURAL BUILDING
10:30 o'clock
Arranged by the Young Peoples Luth-
er League, Third Triennial
Convention
Prof. Martin Hegland, Ph. D.,
Chairman
Prayer The Rev. E. Rasmussen
Hymn
Anthem Our Savior's Church Choir
Omaha, Nebr.
F. A. Carlson, Director
Liturgical Service..... Rev. H. C. Smeby
Anthem.....Concordia College Choir
Moorhead Minnesota.
Herman W. Monson, Director.
Hymn
Festal Sermon
The Rev. J. A. Aasgaard, D. D.
Moorhead, Minnesota
Anthem Joint Church Choruses
Grand Forks, N. D.
Mrs. David Stave, Director
Closing Hymn
Closing Prayer
Music by Division B of Luther Col-
lege Concert Band, Decorah, Iowa.
Franklin Horstmeier at the piano
GRAND STAND
Sunday Afternoon
Norwegian Guests' Session

Kl. 2
Past. B. E. Bergesen, Leder
Konsul E. H. Hobe
introducører de norske gjæster
St. Paul, Minn.
Musik ved Luther Callege Concert
Band, Decorah, Iowa.
Prof. Carlo A. Sperati, Dirigent
'Ja, Vi elsker dette landet' synges
av forsmilingen.
Velkomsthilsen: ved Prof. Gisle
Bothne, Formand for Centennials
Bestyrelse.
Prologue: av. M. B. Landstad
Laest av Erling Drangsholt
Sang Det blandede
akademiske kor fra Norge
Alfred Russ, Dirigent
Taler og hilsner ved Norges repre-
sentanter.
Hilson fra H. M. Kong Haakon VII
Ved Norges Minister, H. Bryn,
Washington, D. C.
Norges Statesminister
J. L. Mowinckel, Oslo Norway
Stortingspresidenten
I Lykke, Oslo Norway
"Gud Signe Vor dyre Fedreland,"
.....
synges av forsamlingen
Kirken repraesentant
Biskop Johan P. Lunde, Oslo Nor-
way.
Normandsforbundets repaesentant
W. Morgenstjerne
Forfatterforeningens repraesent-
ant, Nils Collett Vogt
Presseforeningens formand.....
T. Prysser
Universitetets repraesentant
Sang av Det akademiske blandede
kor.
Andre repraesentanter
Svar tale av Dommer Trygve O.
Gilbert, Farmand for Sonner av
Norge, Willmar, Minnesota.
Sang av det akademiske blandede kor.
Musik av Luther College Concert
Band.
CONCERT
Sunday Evening at 8 o'clock in the
Hippodrome. Hallvard Aske-
land in Charge.
Music St. Olaf College Band
Northfield, Minn.
Prof. J. Arndt Berg, Conductor
Song Star Spangled Banner
The Flag Without a Stain.....
C. A. White
Gud Signe Norigs Land.....
Oscar Borg
Norwegian Singers Association of
America
Prof. Frederick Wick, Director.
Songs: by Gertrude Boe Overby,
Soprano, Northfield, Minnesota.
Song: by the Academic Mixed Choir
of Norway.
Alfred Russ, Director
"Norway to America," Poem by Hen-
rik Wergeland, read in original
translation by Prof. Julius E. Olson
of Madison, Wis.
Violin, The Chalet Girl's Sunday...
Ole Bull Niis Rein
Madison, wis.

Intermission
 Song by the Academic Mixed Choir of Norway.
 "Open the Gates" Carsten Thorwald Woll, Tenor, Minneapolis. Mrs. Esther Woll, Accompanist
 The Norse Centennial Cantata Text by S. O. Most, Music by J. Rode Jacogson.
 Sung by members of St. Olaf Glee Club and other Male Choruses. Prof. D. A. Tjomsland, Director.
 Landkjending
 Norwegian Singers Association of America, accompanied by St. Olaf College Band, Prof. Frederic Wick, Director.
CONCERT IN GRAND STAND at 8 O'clock
 A. C. Floen in charge, St. Paul.
 Music Luther College Concert Band Prof. Carlo A. Sperati, Director, Decorah, Iowa
 The Norse Centennial Cantata. Text by O. Most Music by J. Rode Jacobson.
 Sung by members of St. Olaf Glee Club and other Male Choruses Prof. D. A. Tjomsland, Director.
 Songs Miss Dikka Bothne, Mezzo-Soprano, Minneapolis.
 Song The Augustana College Choir Prof. Carl A. Youngdahl, Director, Sioux Falls, S. D.
 Address Miss Hanna Astrup Larsen, Literary Secretary, American Scandinavian Foundation, New York.
 Song Waldorf College Choir Prof. Oscar Lyders, Director, Forest City, Iowa.
 Song Mr. C. N. Engelstad, Tenor, Chicago, Ill.
 Song Concordia College Choir Music Luther College Concert Band
GRAND STAND Monday, 9:30 A. M.
 Introduction of Chairman by Carl D. Kolset, Sanborn, Minn. Mr. E. G. Quamme, Chairman, St. Paul, Minn.
 Cornet Solo Stud Louis Fifteen Minute Addresses
 Norse Immigration prior to 1825 Prof. J. O. Evjen, Wittenberg, O.
 Kleng Persen Prof. Theodore C. Blegen, St. Paul
 Song Waldorf College Choir Prof. Oscar Lyders, Director, Forest City, Ia.
 My Mother, the Sloop Baby Miss Sara Jane Atwater, Chicago.
 Sloop Days Rev. Johan Larsen, Atwater
 Song Mrs. Sofie Hammer Moeller, Chicago, Ill.
 A Century of American Growth and Progress, George Sverdrop, Minneapolis.
 Americanizing Influences Prof. I. O. Hall, Seattle, Wash.
 Song Mr. Henry Houghlum, Tenor
 The Pioneer Physician Dr. Carl D. Kolset, Sanborn, Minn.
 The Pioneer Pastor Rt. Rev. J. D. Yivisaker, Fargo.
IN HIPPODROME 9:30 A. M.
 Norse Session
 Mrs. Laura Bratager, Introducer Ordstyrenen.
 Mr. Waldemar Ager, Ordstyrer, Eau Claire, Wis.
 Song Augsburg Seminary Glee Club Prof. Opseth, Director, Minneapolis. Sluppefolket Dr. O. M. Norlie Decorah, Ia.
 Fedreearven Prof. O. E. Rolvaag, Northfield, Minn.
 Song Mr. A. J. Boe, Superior, Wis.

Gift fra Nybggerlivet Rev. Asle Knutsen
 Overblik over Nordmends Historie i Amerika Rev. L. M. Gimmedstad, Orfordville, Wis.
 Song Augsburg Glee Club Minneapolis, Minn.
 Broderskabsforeninger Sekretær L. Stavneheim, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Song Mr. Alvin Snesrud, Baritone Northfield, Minn.
 Norske Hjem Rev. T. O. Tolo Locust, Iowa.
 Pretsehjemmenes Plads i vort Folkeliv Ole Johan Saervold Minneapolis, Minn.
 Norse-American Historical Society At 10 A. M.
 St. Louis County Building or some other building to be designated.
Presidential Session Monday Afternoon at 2 o'clock in Grand Stand
 Music by Luther College Concert Band, Prof Carlo A. Sperati, Cond. Chairman introduced by J. A. O. Preus, former Governor of Minnesota. Hon. Henrik Shipstead, Chairman.
 St. Paul Public School Children Flag Exercises, Mrs. John Lee, Director.
 Minneapolis High School Glee Clubs, Prof. T. P. Giddings, Director.
 Invocation Rev. B. E. Bergesen
 Address of Welcome Prof. Gisle Bothne, Chairman Board of Directors, Norse-American Centennial.
 Governor Theodore Christianson, introducing the President of the United States.
 Star Spangled Banner Audience
 Address by the President of the United States of America Calvin Coolidge

America Audience Greeting Hon. Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State
Response Hon Peter Norbeck, Redfield, S. D.
Music St. Olaf College Band Government Official Session Monday Evening at 7 p. m. Grand Stand
Music St. Olaf College Band Prof. J. Arndt Berg, Conductor. 7:30 P. M.
 Daughters of Norway Drill Team Mrs. A. C. Lloan, Director.
 Introduction of Chairman by Miss Pauline Farseth.
 O. J. Kvale, Chairman, Benson, Minn.
 Star Spangled Banner Norwegian Singers Association of America. Prof. Frederick Wick, Director.
Official Greetings Mayor Arthur Nelson, St. Paul Mayor Geo. E. Leach, Minneapolis. Address Hon. Henrik Shipstead United States Senator.
Official Greetings from the Premier of British Columbia, by Consul C. J. BJORKE of Vancouver.
 Song, Landkjending Grieg
 Norwegian Singers Association. Mrs. John Nyborg in the solo. Prof. Fred Wick, Director.
 Addresses Norse-American Governors and members of United States Congress Music St. Olaf College Band
 Address Hon Thomas H. Johnson Winnipeg Official Representative of

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St. Paul, Minn., News SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1925

The complete program for the Norse-American centennial today is announced as follows:
SUNDAY, JUNE 7. PROGRAM.
 Divine Festival Program.
 Hippodrome, State Fair Grounds, 10 A. M.
 All services conducted in the Norse language. Rev. B. E. Bergesen, leader.
 Song—By the congregation.
 Invocation—Rev. M. Norstad.
 Liturgical Service—Rev. C. N. Engelstad.
 Anthem—"Tikken den er et gammelt hus"—By the congregation.
 Confession of Faith—By the congregation.
 Hymn—By the congregation.
 Festival Sermon—Dr. H. G. Stub, president, Lutheran Church of America.
 The Lord's Prayer—By the congregation.
 Anthem—"Lover den Herre"—By the congregation.
 Greetings from the State Church of Norway—Bishop Johan Lunde.
 Liturgical Service.
 Hymn—By the congregation.
 Closing Prayer—By clergy officiating.
 Anthems—By St. Olaf Choral society, 200 voices, Prof. P. Melius Christianson, conducting.
 Music—By Luther College band, Prof. Carlo A. Sperati, conducting.
 Grandstand, State Fair Grounds—10:00 a. m. Sunday, June 7—In the Norse language—Rev. H. K. Madsen, leader.
 Prelude—
 Hymn—By the congregation.
 Prayer—Prof. L. Pederson.
 Devotion—Rev. O. Larsen.
 Anthem—"Den Store, Hvite Flok"—By the congregation.
 Festival Sermon—Rev. H. K. Madsen.
 11:00 A. M. services—In the English language—Rev. O. H. Stetten, leader.
 Prelude—
 Anthem—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"—By the congregation.
 Liturgical Service—Dr. L. W. Boe, president, St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn.
 Choir—"Beautiful Savior."
 Festival Sermon—Rev. O. H. Stetten.
 Hymn—"God Bless Our Native Land"—By the congregation.
 Greeting from the Church of Norway—Bishop Johan Lunde.
 (Bishop Lunde will be introduced by E. E. Gyngild, president, Norwegian Lutheran Free church.)
 Postlude.
 Songs in this service will be by the Norwegian Singers' Association of America, Prof. Fred Wick, conducting. Music by St. Olaf college band, Prof. J. Arndt Berg, conducting.

North rural building, state fair grounds 10:30 A. M., Sunday, June 7—Arranged for by the Young People's Luther league in third triennial convention. Prof. Martin Hegland, Ph. D., leader.
 Prayer—Rev. E. Rasmussen.
 Hymn—
 Anthem—Our Savior's church choir, Omaha, P. A. Carlson, director.
 Liturgical Service—Rev. H. C. Smeby.
 Anthem—Concordia college choir, Herman W. Monson, director.
 Festival Sermon—Rev. J. A. Aagaard.
 Anthem—Joint church choruses, Grand Forks, Mrs. David Stove, director.
 Liturgical Service—
 Hymn—
 Closing Prayer—
 Music by a brass quartet from Luther college, Franklin Horstmeier at the piano.
 Sunday Afternoon—Norse Guests Session.
 Grandstand, State Fair Grounds, 2 p. m. —In the Norse Language—Rev. B. E. Bergesen, leader.
 Musical Program.
 Norse National Anthem—By the Audience.
 Address of Welcome—Prof. Gisle Bothne, chairman, Norse-Centennial board.
 Greetings from the State of Minnesota—Gov. Theodore Christiansen.
 Prolog—M. B. Landstand.
 Read by Erling Drangsholt.
 Address—Bishop Johan Lunde.
 Anthem.
 Greetings from Official Norse Representatives—Representatives introduced by Consul E. H. Hobe.
 H. M. Kling Haakon VII — Minister H. Bryn.
 The Government—L. Ofteidal.
 The Starting—C. J. Hambro.
 The University—Fres. Frederik Stang.
 A Prayer for Norway in Song—The Audience.
 Further greetings from Norway: From Norway's Women—Betsy Kjellsberg.

Norse World League—W. Morgenstjerne.
 Authors League—Nils Collet Vogt.
 Press Association—T. Fryser.
 Anthem.
 Response to Greetings—Judge Trygve O. Gilbert, president, Sons of Norway.
 Anthem—Oslo Student Choir—Dr. Alfred Russ, conductor.
 Music—By Luther College Concert Band—Carlo A. Sperati, conductor.

Sunday evening—Concert, Hippodrome, state fair grounds, 8 P. M.—Hallvard Askeland in charge.
 Music—St. Olaf college band.
 Songs—Augsburg Seminary Glee club.
 Songs—Gertrude Boe Overby.
 Songs—Oslo Students choir.
 Song—"Norway to America"—Henrik Wergeland—Read by Prof Julius E. Olson.
 The Challet Girl's Sunday—Ole Bull—Nils Rein, violinist.
 Address—Nils Collet Vogt—Pres. Authors' Society of Norway.
 "Open the Gates"—Carsten Thorwald Woll—Esther Woll, accompanist.
 The Norse Centennial Cantata—St. Olaf choir and other glee.
 Star Spangled Banner—
 The Flag Without a Stain—A. C. White.
 Naar Fjordene Blaauer—Alfred Paulson—Sung by Norwegian Singers Association of America, Prof. Alfred Wick, conducting.
 Landjending (Landsighting)—Grieg—Sung by Norwegian Singers Association of America, assisted by St. Olaf College band, Prof. Wick, conducting.
 Music—St. Olaf College band.

Concert—Grandstand, state fair grounds, 8:00 p. m.—A. C. Floan in charge.
 Music—Luther College Concert band.
 The Norse Centennial Cantata—St. Olaf club and others.
 Songs—Mikka Bothne.
 Songs—Augustana College choir.
 Music—Luther College Concert band.
 Songs—The Oslo Student singers.
 Address—"The Norse-American Women"—Hanna Astrup Larson.
 Songs—Waldorf College choir.
 Songs—C. N. Engelstad.
 Songs—Concordia College choir.
 Music—Luther College Concert band.

MONDAY, JUNE 8.

Monday morning, June 8—Norse session, Hippodrome, 9:30 a. m.—Waldemar Agren, chairman.
 Song—Concordia College choir.
 Fifteen-Minute Addresses—
 The Norse People—L. Ortedal.
 Our Heritage—Prof. O. E. Rolvaag.
 Song—A. J. Boe.
 Glimpses of Pioneer Days—Rev. Asle Knutson.
 The Norsemen's History in America—Rev. I. M. Gimmeestad.
 Song—Concordia College choir.
 Norse World League—W. Morgenstjerne.
 Fraternal Organizations—L. Stavenheim.
 Song—Alvin Smestad.
 Norse Homes—Rev. H. O. Tolo.
 The Parsonage in Norse Community Life—Ola Johanna Saervold.
 Song—Concordia College choir.
 Introduction of the descendants of the

Grandstand, state fair grounds, 9:30 a. m.—Hon. N. T. Moen, presiding—Fifteen-minute addresses:
 Songs—Waldorf College choir.
 Cleng Peerson—Prof. Theodore Blegen.
 "The Sloopers"—Prof. O. M. Forlie.
 Songs—Henry Houghlum.
 My Mother, the Sloop Baby—Jane S. Atwater.
 Sloop Days—Rev. J. L. Atwater.
 Songs—Ragna, Anna Maria and O. Otterseg.
 The Pioneer Physician—Dr. Carl D. Kolset.
 The Pioneer Pastor—Rt. Rev. I. D. Ylvisager.
 Songs—Waldorf College choir.
 How We Became Americans—Rev. J. O. Hall.
 Greetings from Pennsylvania—Rev. J. C. Roseland.

Norse-American Historical society meeting, St. Louis county building, fair grounds, 10:00 a. m.
 Monday afternoon, presidential session, grand stand, state fair grounds, 2 p. m.
 Hon. Hendrick Shipstead, presiding officer.
 Music—Luther college band
 Flag display—
 St. Paul public school children
 Song accompaniment
 Minneapolis public school children
 2:30 P. M.
 "Hail to the chief"
 United States marine band
 Invocation—Rev. B. E. Bergesen
 Introduction of the president
 Gov. Theodore Christianson
 Star Spangled Banner
 Luther college concert band
 The address by—Calvin Coolidge
 President, United States of America.
 America—St. Olaf college band
 Prof. Gisle Bothne
 Response to Presidential Address—
 Greetings from H. M. King Haakon VII to Pres. Calvin Coolidge

Minister H. Bryn
 Meetings from the Dominion of
 Canada—Hon. Thomas H. Johnson
 Address—Hon. Frank B. Kellogg
 Response to Sec. Kellogg's address
 Closing remarks—Hon. J. A. O. Preus
 Music—Hon. Peter Norbeck
 Monday evening—Centennial official session, grandstand, 7:30—Hon. O. J. Kvale, chairman—Introduced by Pauline Farseth, president, women's auxiliary.
 Music—St. Olaf College band—Prof. J. Arndt Bergh, conductor.
 Exercises—Daughters of Norway drill team—Mrs. A. G. Floan, director.
 Star Spangled Banner—Norwegian Singers' Association of America—Prof. Fred Wick, director.
 Official greeting from the Twin Cities—Mayor Arthur Nelson of St. Paul, Mayor George E. Leach of Minneapolis.
 Address—Hon. Henrik Shipstead—United States senator
 Official Greetings from Canada—Manitoba, Premier J. Bracken; British Columbia, Consul C. J. Bjorkie.
 Canadian National Air—St. Olaf College band.
 Presentation of Greetings from the Storting of Norway to the State of Minnesota—C. J. Hambro.
 Greetings from Governors—Gov. Al Smith of New York, Maj. Gen. C. W. Berry; Gov. Len Small of Illinois, N. A. Greystab.

American Governors of Norse Descent—Theodore Christianson, Minnesota; Henry L. Whitfield, Mississippi; J. E. Erickson, Montana; A. G. Sorlie, North Dakota; Carl Gunderson, South Dakota; John J. Blaine, Wisconsin.
 Landjending (Landsighting)—Grieg—Norwegian Singers' association, Prof. Fred Wick, director; John Nyborg, soloist.
 Greetings from Members of United States Congress of Norse Descent—Senators Peter Norbeck, South Dakota; Henrik Shipstead, Minnesota; Reed Smoot, Utah, Representatives August H. Anderson, Minnesota; Olger B. Burnett, North Dakota; Charles A. Christopher, Iowa; Harold Knutson, Minnesota; O. J. Kvale, Minnesota; M. Alfred Michaelson, Illinois; John M. Nelson, Wisconsin; Knud Wefald, Minnesota; William Williamson, South Dakota.
 Music—St. Olaf College Band.

TUESDAY FORENOON.

June 9, 1925, Grandstand, 9:30 o'clock.
 E. G. Quarling, Chairman, introduced by Dr. Carl D. Kolset.
 Songs—Augsburg Seminary Glee Club
 Prof. H. Opseth, Director.
 Fifteen-Minute Addresses.
 Norse Contribution to Agriculture—Hon. O. P. B. Jacobson
 Glimpses of Pioneer Life—Hon. Ole Sageng
 Songs—Otto Clausen
 Norse-American Literature—Prof. J. A. Holvik
 Norwegians in Alaska—Judge G. J. Lomen
 Songs—Mrs. B. A. Clepp
 The Norse-American School—Prof. Oscar L. Olson
 The Norse-American Church—Dr. J. A. Morehead
 Song—Augsburg Glee Club
 The Norse-American Bench and Bar—Judge T. R. Nelson

International Session, Hippodrome, 9:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Manley Fossen, Chairman, introduced by Mrs. Sophia Wetteland.
 Songs—Augustana College Choir
 Prof. Carl O. Youngdahl, Director.
 Fifteen-Minute Addresses.
 Greetings from Danish-Americans—Consul T. Skellet
 Danish songs—Anette Yde Lake
 Greetings from Swedish-Americans—Prof. Frank Nelson
 Swedish songs—G. G. Hultgren
 Greetings from Icelandic-Americans—Hon. Gunnar B. Bjornson
 Icelandic song—H. B. Thorgrimm
 Greetings from Norway—C. J. Hambro
 Norse Songs—Bergljot Aarud Tiltisch
 Americanizing Influences—Hon. O. J. Kvale
 Norse influence on American Literature—Dr. H. A. Bellows
 Songs—C. J. Bjorkie
 Norsemen and the Law—Judge Oscar M. Torrison
 Song—Augustana College Choir

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2:30 O'CLOCK.
 (Hippodrome).
 (Arranged by Women's Auxiliary committee—Mrs. Wm. O. Storli, chairman; introduced by Mrs. A. G. Floan.)

Address—"The Norwegian Woman's Place in American History"—Bertha C. Peterson, Concordia
 Address—"Women's Work for Social Betterment in Norway"—Betsey Kjelsberg, Solo
 Piano Solo—Aina Magnus
 Address—"Holmfridur Arnadottir, Icelandic Address"—Mrs. Otto Clausen, Chicago, Ill.
 Vocal Solo—Beatrice Bessenen
 "The Norwegian Pioneer Woman"—Susie Stagerberg, Red Wing, Minn.
 "Agnis Wergeland"—Maren Michelet
 Violin Solo—

VABORG Leland, Columbia, Mo.
 "The Contribution of the Norwegian Element in the Field of American Scholarship"—Prof. T. Larson, Urbana, Ill.
 "Some Bibliographical Aspects of the Norse-American Centennial"—J. C. M. Hanson, University of Chicago
 Greetings—Marie Michels, Oslo
 Greetings—Dean Gertrude Hilleboe
 Song—St. Olaf Male Quartet
TUESDAY EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK.

THE CENTENNIAL PAGEANT.

Music by Luther College Concert band. Carlo A. Sperati, conductor.
 Pageant committee—Johannes Grosseth, chairman; Carl Hanson, Mrs. T. V. Thomsen, L. Stavnehi, Mrs. Nils Juell, Arnie Orstle, Mrs. Wm. O. Storli.
 (Synopsis of "Pageant of the Northmen," by Willard Dillman.)
 The theme of the pageant is to suggest for the present generation some hint of the story of the fathers, those hardy descendants of the Vikings, who laid the foundation of the splendid achievements of their race in the new world. The story does not follow history with too much exactness. The dramatic form cannot do this. Events must be telescoped. The story must form a dramatic entity. There must be a central current, from which no overflow may spread too far afield. To this end the story concerns itself particularly with the life of one man, Hans Christian Heg, a type of all that is best and noblest in a citizen. The story commences with his childhood, and while it does not close with his death, his spirit and the effects of his sacrifice extend through to the end.

THE STORY IN OUTLINE.

Scene 1. The characters in the pageant accompanied by bands, pass in review before the audience.
 Scene 2. Hans Heg is shown as a boy of ten at his father's inn, located beside a road in Norway. His mother tells him folklore stories.
 Scene 3. The boy's grandfather recounts to him some of the traditions of his land.
 Scene 4. His father tells him something of how the earliest adventurers went to America to live.
 Scene 5. Ansten Nattestad, returning from America, visits the inn. He encourages the Heg family to emigrate to the new world.
 Scene 6. Indians are shown in possession of an American forest, which is destined to become the home of the Norse settlement.
 Scene 7. A party of Norse, the advance guard of the immigrants, arrives weary after their day's tramp. As they sleep they dream that they are visited by spirits of the wood.
 Scene 8. The Indians are preparing to depart: They smoke the peace pipe with the newcomers.
 Scene 9. American pioneers in covered wagons, bound westward, camp for the night. The three races gather around a campfire.
 Scene 10. The Indians take their departure. The Americans resume their journey westward. The Norse are left in possession of the forest.
 Scene 11. The first settlers are joined by a larger party of immigrants, among them the Heg family.
 Scene 12. At a frontier church service, the first babe born in the settlement is baptized by the young minister.
 Scene 13. During a scourge of cholera an immigrant mother and her two children are stricken.
 Scene 14. Hans Heg, now a boy in his teens and Gunhild Einong, an immigrant girl, are confined.
 Scene 15. The five daughters of a dancing master are hastily wooed and won by five young men of the settlement.
 Scene 16. Hans Heg, now a candidate for the state legislature on the Free Soil ticket, makes use of a group of fugitive slaves to emphasize his arguments at a political meeting.
 Scene 17. Hans Heg and Gunhild Einong are married by the Rev. Hans Anders Stub. Ole Bull plays at the wedding.
 Scene 18. While some of the settlers are gathered at the postoffice, a courier announces the bombardment of Fort Sumpter. Later a stage driver brings the tidings that Pres. Lincoln has called for volunteers.
 Scene 19. Hans Heg receives from Gen. Grant his commission as colonel of the 15th Wisconsin, a regiment made up of Norwegian immigrants.
 Scene 20. While encouraging his men at the battle of Chickamauga, Col. Heg gives his life for his adopted country, Gen. Grant and Pres. Lincoln pay homage at his bier.
 Scene 21. The flag-draped casket containing the body of the dead officer is brought home to the settlement.
 Scene 22. Young women and young men, at the close of the war, join in a solemn festival of peace and harvest.
 Scene 23. Characteristic groups indicate the advancement accomplished in America by Norse pioneers and their descendants.
 Scene 24. The people unveil a statue of Col. Heg, immigrant soldier and martyr to the cause of human liberty.
 Official accompanists—Hanna Rolletson, Margaret Hougard.

(N. B.) Program leaders—Mr. J. A. Holvik has been appointed by the board of directors and the program committee to assist you in carrying out the program and you can secure his services by applying to headquarters in St. Louis county building. Phone, Midway 9400.

AT 1:15 O'CLOCK.
 Sunday: St. Olaf College band.
 Tuesday: Luther College band (Prof. Martin Hegland, Ph. D., leader.)

ATHLETIC PROGRAM.
 Monday, June 8.
 Arnold C. Oss in charge.
 8:40 a. m.—Baseball—Preliminaries—7 innings—St. Olaf vs. Concordia, Luther vs. Concordia, At Northrop field, University of Minnesota.
 11:00 a. m.—Soccer game—Norwegian-American Athletic Association of Chicago vs. Norse Athletic Club of Minneapolis. University Memorial stadium.
 12:00 m.—Bicycle race—Minneapolis, St. Paul. Finish at stadium.

Tuesday, June 9, 1925.
 9:00 a. m.—Soccer game—Norwegian-American Athletic Association of Chicago vs. Norse Sports Club of Minneapolis. University Memorial stadium.
 10:00 a. m.—Preliminaries in track and field meet, if necessary.
 11:00 a. m.—Baseball game between winners of preliminary games played on Monday.
 8:00 p. m.—Track and field meet—Finals. Exhibition drills and turning by Norwegian-American Athletic Association of Chicago.

Radio Programs Featuring Centennial

WCCO and WAMD

Minneapolis, Minn. Star
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

SPECIAL RADIO PROGRAMS FOR NORSE FESTIVAL

Oslo Choir on Air Sunday —All-Norsk Feature to Be Held Saturday

Special radio programs for the Norse-American centennial celebration were announced today by WCCO, the Gold Medal Station, and WAMD, the Voice of the Great Northwest.

WCCO announced the broadcasting of the Oslo Students' choir at 9:15 Sunday evening. The choir comes as a musical delegation to the centennial from Norway.

S. D. Governor to Speak

The South Dakota program will be given as a part of the Norse celebration Saturday at 8:30 p. m. from WCCO with Governor Carl Gunderson and Senator Peter Norbeck, speakers, and the Augustana college choir from Sioux Falls.

WAMD will begin Saturday with the broadcasting of the Odin Glee club from Lake Harriet pavilion at 8 p. m., following this at 9 with an all-Norwegian program announced in the Norwegian language by Dr. Al Bessessen.

Artists will include Elsa Olson, accordionist, George Super, violinist, Ida Hagen Pitman, soprano, and Mrs. Zagel Stagberg, accompanist, all giving Norwegian compositions.

Special Norse Program

From the same station Sunday night will be heard the University of Minnesota Band concert from Lake Harriet at 8 o'clock and a special Norwegian program directed by Madame Beatrice Gjertsen Bessessen featuring the Dovre Singing society, Miss Belle Mehus, pianist and accompanist, Miss Beata Hanson, violinist, John Nyborg, Norwegian tenor, and Mrs. A. Hanson, accompanist.

Among the selections of the chorus will be "Landjeening" and "Jorsal-sahrt" by the Norwegian composer, Grieg.

of the ether with the President and the Presidents' own.

For Minneapolis stations will herald the celebration with many special programs, to include broadcasting of President Coolidge's address Monday at the State Fair grounds—the first time a president's address ever has been broadcast from any western station—concerts by the Oslo Students choir, the United States Marine band, called "the president's own," and scores of other attractions.

S. D. Governor to Speak.

Leaders of South Dakota's delegation to the centennial will go "on the air" Saturday at 8:30 p. m., when an "All South Dakota" program will be broadcast by WCCO. Governor Carl Gunderson will speak on "Dakota Pioneers," and Senator Peter Norbeck on "The Black Hills of South Dakota." The Augustana College choir will sing three numbers. Rev. H. J. Glenn, Sioux Falls, S. D., will speak on "What Norwegians Have Contributed to Development of South Dakota," and Miss Dagra Berg, soprano, and Thomas Eiesland, tenor, also will entertain.

The Odin Glee Club concert at Lake Harriet will be broadcast by remote control through WAMD, new Minneapolis station, operating under the name of "The Voice of the Great Northwest," Saturday at 8 p. m., and at 9 p. m. a special Norwegian program will be broadcast in which all numbers played will be announced in Norwegian, by Dr. Al Bessessen. Elsa Olson, accordionist; George Super, violinist; Ida Hagen Pitman, soprano, and Mrs. Zagel Stagberg accompanist, will provide Norwegian music.

Oslo Choir Will Sing.

The University of Minnesota band concert at Lake Harriet will be broadcast by remote control through WAMD radio station, Sunday at 8 p. m., and at 9 p. m. a special Norwegian program will go on the air, including singing of two Norwegian choruses, "Landjeening" and "Jorsal-sahrt," by Grieg.

The Oslo Students choir will broadcast a concert from WCCO Sunday at 9:15 p. m. Norse-American Centennial officers also will be heard by listeners in.

President Coolidge's speech will be broadcast from the State Fair ground by WCCO Monday at 2 p. m. and at 8 p. m. there will be a special dedicatory program at the opening of the new St. Paul studio of the station.

The United States Marine band will play from WCCO, Tuesday at 9:10 p. m. and Friday, June 12, at 7:30 p. m. This program will be broadcast by remote control from the Northwest Industrial exposition at the Overland building.

Minneapolis Journal
June 7, 1925

COOLIDGE TO SPEAK OVER WCCO FIRST TIME TOMORROW

Minneapolis Station Will Broadcast President's Address at Norse Centennial

WAMD to Send Out Special Norwegian Program — Marine Band Will Play

For the first time in western radio history a speech by the President of the United States will be broadcast direct from Minneapolis, when the address of President Coolidge, tomorrow at 2 p. m. at the Norse-American Centennial celebration, is transmitted by remote control from the State Fair grounds to WCCO, Gold Medal radio station, and from there broadcast to listeners all over the country.

It will be but one feature of numerous special programs to be sent out by Minneapolis stations this week.

Today at 9 p. m. a special Norwegian program will be broadcast by WAMD, new Minneapolis station operating under the name of "The Voice of the Great Northwest." Artists will include the Dover Singing Society, Belle Mehus, pianist; Beata Hanson, violinist; Mrs. A. Hanson, accompanist; John Nyborg, tenor; Katherine Svedrup, pianist, and Esther Peterson, pianist. The program will include singing of two Norwegian choruses, "Landjeening" and "Jorsal-sahrt," by Grieg.

The Oslo Students' Choir, which came more than 3,000 miles to the celebration, will sing from WCCO today at 9:15 p. m. There will be talks by Centennial officers.

Tomorrow at 12:15 p. m., farmers from Norway will broadcast greetings to farmers of the northwest from WCCO, and Tuesday at 9:10 p. m. the "President's Own," the United States Marine band—will broadcast a special program from WCCO, by remote control from the Northwest Industrial Exposition at the Overland building.

FT DODGE IOWA WESS
SATURDAY JUNE 6, 1925.

TUNE IN ON THE PROGRAMS AT THE NORSE CENTENNIAL

MINNEAPOLIS, June 6.—Radio listeners throughout the nation will tune in during the Norse-American Centennial on programs northwest radio stations never may be able to broadcast again, and headliners from 3,000 miles away will share honors

WCCO

Minneapolis, Minn., News
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1925

St. Olaf's Choir Sings First Radio Program Over WCCO

Iron-clad Rule Broken to Give Aid to Norse Centennial.

For the first time in its history, the St. Olaf Lutheran choir of Northfield, Minn., was heard by radio Wednesday night when the choristers sang at WCCO in connection with a program on behalf of the Norse centennial.

The chorus of 60 voices broke an iron-clad rule in singing for the radio "only because of the importance of the Norse centennial and the service we wish to render in making it a success," Professor Paul D. Schmidt, manager of the choir, said.

At the home of the St. Olaf choir in Northfield, practically the entire town heard the choir sing by means of a receiving set mounted in the park, according to word received at WCCO.

During the program an invitation to the American people to attend the Norse centennial celebration was broadcast by Perry S. Williams, executive secretary of the Minneapolis Civic & Commerce association.

"The Norwegians are proud of the part they have played in making this nation what it is today," Mr. Williams said. "For this reason on June 6, 7, 8 and 9, they will gather from the four corners of America and from the homeland on the Minnesota state fair grounds and by spoken words and exhibits pass before those who view the spectacle the whole inspiring story of their 100 years of life in America.

"In the amalgamation of the bloods of the nations of the world known as American citizenry the Norwegians have made a contribution of which they may well be proud. This section of the nation counts itself fortunate in having drawn the first hardy contribution to the American nation made by Norway."

Sioux Falls, S. D., Argus-Leader
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1925

REV. GLENN AND SOLONS WILL SPEAK FOR RADIO

Rev. H. J. Glenn, pastor of the First Lutheran church, has been invited to speak over the radio at St. Paul on June 6, which is Dakota day at the Norse-American Centennial. The invitation was extended by Hans Ustrud of Pierre, state chairman of the Centennial. Mr. Ustrud also arranged to have speeches by Senator Peter Norbeck and Governor Carl Gunderson.

St. Paul, Minn., News
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1925

Notables Will Take Part in First Program From St. Paul Gold Medal Station Studios

The opening concert of the St. Paul studios of the Gold Medal radio station, WCCO, will be given Monday night, June 8.

The St. Paul studios are the finest in the United States, and will be a show place of the city.

No expense has been spared in their decoration. They are located to the left of the main concourse of the Union station. The whole front of the studios is plate glass so that all broadcasting may be watched from the foyer. The hangings are fawn colored and the lamps blend in with the general color scheme. The furniture is of a French period.

LOCATION IS UNIQUE.

There is no radio station similarly located, in the world, and being situated in the Union station, many thousands will visit it in the course of a year, on their way to and from trains.

In connection with Monday night's program, there will be dancing and cards have been issued for it.

The formal opening program will be provided by leading musicians, artists, and prominent speakers of St. Paul.

Mayor Nelson will give the opening address at 8 p. m. Short talks will also be given by Gov. Theodore Christianson, Asa S. Briggs, president, St. Paul Association, and Ralph Budd, representing the Union Depot Co.

ST. PAUL MUSICIANS.

Musical talent is all from St. Paul, with the possible exception of the Ft. Snelling band. It includes four orchestras, besides Albrecht's Ozman Temple band. The orchestras are: Biley's and Arnold Frank's from the Saint Paul hotel; Joe. Peyer's and Hal Keller's Nankin Cafe orchestra.

Soloists who will appear on the program include: Jane Holland Cameron, contralto; Lota Mundy, violinist; Aurelia Wharry Leuthold, so-

prano, and many others of prominence.

Another feature of the opening program is the plan to broadcast five-minute speeches by distinguished visitors to the Norse centennial.

H. A. Bellows is director of the station; Arthur T. Keenan is St. Paul manager of the station, and Hal Keller's Peacock Inn orchestra director.

THE PROGRAM.

The program is full as follows: Opening Address—Mayor Arthur E. Nelson, St. Paul.

Band Numbers—Third Infantry band, Ft. Snelling, Carl Dillon, bandmaster. Reading—"Uncle Remus"—George W. Hamilton.

Contralto Solo—Jane Holland Cameron. Edith Robinson, accompanist. Dance—Broadcast from the Main Concourse—Arnold Frank's Saint Paul Hotel orchestra.

Cello Solo—Helen Smith. Leonard Smith, accompanist. Quartet—Great Northern Railway quartet. Orchestra Numbers—Peacock Inn orchestra, Hal Keller, director.

Address—Gov. Theodore Christianson of Minnesota. Soprano Solo—Aurelia Wharry Leuthold. Charlotte Thorne Elliott, accompanist. Reading—George Lamb.

Bass Solo—Leo Salathiel. Agnes Thro, accompanist. Introduction of Gold Medal Station Staff—By the announcer.

Violin Solo—Lota Mundy. Edith Robinson, accompanist. Dance—Broadcast from the Main Concourse—Joe Peyer's Athletic Club orchestra.

Address—Ralph Budd, president, Great Northern railway. Quartet—Hook Em Cow quartet. Harry Wessel, accompanist.

Soprano Solo—Lucia Miller Armstrong. Mrs. Walter Loehen, accompanist. Address—Asa G. Briggs, president, St. Paul Association.

Orchestra Numbers—Biley's Saint Paul Hotel orchestra. Piano Solo—Esther Dorothy Lundell. Tenor Solo—Malcolm Cutting. Malcolm McMillan, accompanist.

Quartet—Pullman Porters' quartet. Violin Solo—Oscar Baum, director, Capitol Theater orchestra. Piano Solo—Leonard Leigh, organist at Capitol theater.

Dance—Broadcast from the Main Concourse—Joe Peyer's Athletic Club orchestra.

St. Paul, Minn., News
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1925

Marine Band to Radio Two St. Paul Programs

Two concerts of the United States Marine band, one of the most famous of America's musical organizations, will be broadcast by radio station WCCO.

They will be sent out by remote control from the northwest industrial exposition at the Overland building, St. Paul, Tuesday and Friday evenings of next week.

The band is a feature of the exposition, which is being held simultaneously with the Norse-American Centennial.

The Tuesday evening concert will be from 9 to 10 p. m., and the Friday concert from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m.

Minneapolis, Minn., Mor. Trib.
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1925

Broadcasting Features of Centennial Week Are Announced by WCCO

Radio broadcasting features of Norse-American centennial week through WCCO, Gold Medal station, are as follows:

Sunday—Concert by Oslo students' choir and soloists at 9:15 p. m.

Monday—President Coolidge's address at 2 p. m.; concert by United States Marine band at 9:05 p. m.

Wednesday—Concert by United States Marine band at 8 p. m.

Friday—Concert by United States Marine band at 7:30 p. m.

The programs will be transmitted on WCCO's regular wave length of 416.6 meters.

Bygdelags at Centennial

Nov. 22nd 1924

23,000 DELEGATES OF NORSE BYGDELAGS MEET HERE IN 1925

Centennial Will Be Mecca of 24 Societies—Y. P. League to Bring 2,000 More

Lutheran Free Church Changes Next Convention From Willmar to Minneapolis

Minneapolis has been chosen as the 1925 convention city by 24 of the most important "Bygdelags" or Norwegian societies in the United States and Canada, with approximately 23,000 delegates appointed to attend the celebration next June, as part of the Norse-American Centennial celebration.

Announcement of the selection of Minneapolis was made last night by Ogdén A. Confer, chairman of the publicity and convention committee of the Civic and Commerce Association.

In addition, the Young Peoples Lutheran League of the Norwegian Lutheran church has decided to meet in Minneapolis at the celebration, which will insure an attendance of at least 2,000 more delegates.

Bygdelags have been organized by Norwegians on a somewhat similar basis to the various Scottish clans. Membership in each is made up of persons in this country who originally came from the same communities in Norway.

The following bygdelags have decided to conduct their 1925 conventions on June 6, 1925, in connection with the Centennial celebration, in Minneapolis:

- Aakorslaget—Nils Aaker, Kenyon, Minn., president; Professor A. Halmquist, St. Olaf College, secretary; 300 delegates.
- Gudbrandsdalslaget—M. Casper Johnshoy, Starbuck, Minn., president; Samuel Jackson, St. James, Minn., secretary; 3,000 delegates.
- Kalinalaget—Professor K. Lokengaard, Edberg, Can., president; Oluf Lokengaard, Minn., N. D., secretary; 1,050 delegates.
- Hardangerlaget—S. S. Tveit, Albert Lea, Minn., president; Nils Frevvik, secretary; 500 delegates.
- Kjundalslaget—L. Gullickson, 611 Hamm building, St. Paul, president; H. P. Larson, Virgus, Wis., secretary; 300 delegates.
- Landingslaget—Ole Goplen, Audubon, Minn., president; C. M. Pederson, Starbuck, Minn., secretary; 250 delegates.
- Mosenslaget—M. J. Rohne, Northwood, Iowa, president; Otto P. Hjermstad, Red Wing, Minn., secretary; 365 delegates.
- Nordjordalaget—Rev. L. M. Gimmestad, Orfordville, Wis., president; Carl D. Kolseth, Benson, Minn., secretary; 365 delegates.
- Nordhordlandlaget—E. A. Wasness, Aneta, N. D., president; S. W. Davidson, 3621 Bryant avenue, Minneapolis, secretary; 500 delegates.
- Numedalslaget—R. G. Reiersen, Belview, Minn., president; O. O. Enestvedt, Sacred Heart, Minn., secretary; 800 delegates.
- Osterdalslaget—N. T. Moen, Fergus Falls, president; Knute Haugeseth, 3249 Twentieth avenue S., secretary; 1,000 delegates.
- Romsdalslaget—Dr. J. Tanner, 425 Fourth street S., president; P. O. Hall, Carpio, N. D., secretary; 100 delegates.
- Selbulaget—P. P. Hovey, Atwater, Minn., president; O. H. Ugiem, Foreston, Minn., secretary; 350 delegates.
- Sornalaget—E. H. Hornes, Albert, Minn., president; T. O. Ofsum, 611 Hamm building, St. Paul, secretary; 5,000 delegates.
- Soleralaget—C. M. Beyr, McIntosh, Minn., president; Rev. O. H. Hauken, Fergus Falls, secretary; 900 delegates.
- Stavangerlaget—Rev. C. J. Eastvold, Northfield, president; B. L. Bellson, 514 Syndicate building, secretary; 5,000 delegates.
- Sondflordalaget—H. C. Eikenes, Overly, N. D., president; Olav Redal, The Bendacke Company, Grand Forks, N. D., secretary; 200 delegates.
- Sondmorelaget—Rev. T. Borstad, Milan, Minn., president; Martin Scholt, Madison, Minn., secretary; 250 delegates.

- Totenlaget—J. C. Gran, Spring Grove, Minn., president; A. K. Henswold, Hickson, N. D., secretary; 125 delegates.
- Tronderlaget—Rev. D. G. Rjstad, Manitowoc, Wis., president; W. P. Rowlie, Grand Forks, N. D., secretary; 2,556 delegates.
- Valdis Sambandet—J. E. Haugen, 97 Orlin avenue SE, president; Olaf Rudi, 1721 Portland avenue, secretary; 500 delegates.
- Vosselaget—Governor R. A. Nestos, Bismarck, N. D., president; K. A. Rene, 617 South Brook street, Madison, Wis., secretary; 500 delegates.
- Teletlaget—Rev. J. O. Saster, Fosston, Minn., president; Mrs. A. Leifson, Fargo, N. D., secretary; 300 delegates.

The membership as listed does not indicate the probable attendance, as many others will attend, the Civic and Commerce association convention bureau announced it had been informed.

The Lutheran Free church, which conducted its last convention in Northfield and had decided to meet in Willmar next year, has reconsidered, and will meet in Minneapolis.

People's Luther league of the church will bring more than 2,000 delegates and at least an equal number of visitors to Minneapolis for its 1925 convention, also scheduled to begin June 6. The Lutheran Free church has voted to award its 1925 meeting to Minneapolis during Centennial week, with an attendance forecast as well over 1,000 men and women.

Announcement of more organizations planning to join in the Twin City celebration are being received daily by Mr. Holstad and the conventions and publicity bureau. Organizations, groups and individuals from all corners of the United States have notified the Centennial committee of plans to take active part, while instrumental and choral societies from Norway and from many American cities will participate in the great musical festival which is to feature the observance.

24 'Bygdelags' to Join Norse Centennial Here

22,000 Delegates Will Be Added to Throngs Expected.

Total Attendance Estimated to Approach 100,000 Mark.

The throngs of men and women of Norwegian birth or descent, expected to gather at the state fair grounds June 6 to 9, in celebration of the Norse-American Centennial, will be augmented by more than 22,000 delegates to the annual conventions of 24 "Bygdelags" or organizations of Norwegians from districts of Norway. These groups already have decided to hold their 1925 gatherings in the Twin Cities, in conjunction with the great Centennial, which is to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of the entrance of Norwegian people into the life of America.

In announcing the coming of the "Bygdelags" during Centennial week, Ogdén A. Confer, chairman of the conventions and publicity bureau of the Minneapolis Civic & Commerce association, explained that other groups also are expected to select the Twin Cities for their meeting places, next June, and to add their delegations to the crowds taking part in the mammoth celebration. Preliminary estimates place the total attendance at the Norse-American Centennial at close to the 100,000 mark, according to S. H. Holstad, president of the S. H. Holstad & Co. of Minneapolis and second vice president of the centennial organization.

The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America will hold its 1925 general convocation in Minneapolis, in conjunction with the anniversary celebration. Its accredited delegates are expected to number nearly 1,500. The Young

Glenwood, Minn., Trib. THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1925 30 "BYDELAGS" IN NORSE CENTENNIAL

Each, Representing a Norwegian Community, to Talk of Days Spent in Homeland

Tender hearts and open purses of thousand of good Americans, who once were Norwegians, have sent \$10,000-back to care for the aged and needy of their "bygde" in Norway, or \$15,000 to establish a home for the aged, or \$13,000 to buy a new lifeboat so the rockstrewn fjords of their childhood homes might be protected.

And friends have been established to put an organ in the church back home, and to provide facilities for victims of tuberculosis and Norwegians and sons of Norwegians have sent other mementoes of their regard to their relatives and friends of Norway.

All this and more has been the quiet work of years in more than 30 "bygdelags" which have sprung up in America in the last 25 years so that men and women who once came from Norway can meet now and then to talk over the days when they lived in the same little community.

All to Meet at Centennial

They have met annually, these various "lags", or "clans", as they might be called. But this year every one of them will meet at the same time, as one of the features of the Norse-American Centennial at the State Fair Grounds in June.

Simultaneously, in every corner of the big grounds, meetings will be called, on June 6, attended by 300 or 5,000 as the case may be, each a bygdslag, representing a little community in Norway. In a wing of the agricultural building, or on Machinery hill, or in the women's building or elsewhere, they will spend the day.

There were 29 of the more than 30 "lags" represented, when S. H. Hoi-stad, manager of the Centennial assigned places for the various meetings. From all over the state these representatives came.

Bydelags New Idea

Although these Norsemen come from valleys and fjords and mountains of Norway, where settlements were established before the time of Leif Ericsson, the Bygdslag idea is a new development, to bring Americans into touch with the days of old. It really started when, in 1899, a meeting was called at Minnehaha Falls, and a "stevne" formed. Two years later, at Como park, the first "samband," the Vardris-Sambandet, was organized, and from this beginning all the others have been formed.

Bygdslags and similar organizations on the list for the celebrations on the list for the celebrations, and their officers, are:

Aakerslegten, Nils Aaker, Kenyon, Minn., president; Professor A. Holmquist, University of Chicago, secretary.

Gudbrandsdalslaget, Rev. M. Casper Johnshoy, Starbuck, president; Samuel Jackson, St. James, secretary.

Hallingslaget, Rev. K. Lokensgaard, Minot, N. D., secretary.

Harlelandslaget, T. A. Walby, Hudson, Wis., president; Louis Blegen, Hudson, secretary.

Hardangerlaget, S. S. Tveit, Albert Lea, president; Nils Fresvik, secretary.

Hurdalaget, Ludwig Gullickson, St. Paul, president; H. P. Lason, Vir-oqua, Wis., secretary.

Kongsberglaget, H. P. Omholt, Sacred Heart, Minn., president; Andrew Stenseth, Albert Lea, secretary.

Landingslaget, Ole Gopen, Audu-bon, Minn., president; C. M. Pederson, Starbuck, secretary.

Mjosenlaget, M. J. Rhone, London, Minn., president; Otto P. K. Hjerna-stad, Red Wing, secretary.

Nordjordlaget, Rev. L. M. Gimme-stad, Orfordville, Wis., president; Carl D. Kolseth, Beson, Minn., secretary.

Nordhordlandslaget, E. O. Wasness, Aneta, N. D. president; Elias Laknes, Henry, S. D., secretary.

Nordlandslaget, H. H. Borgen, Du-luth, president; S. W. Davidson, Min-neapolis, secretary.

Numedalslaget, R. G. Reierson, Bel-view, Minn., president; O. O. Ener-tvedt, Sacred Heart, Minn., secretary.

Opdalslaget, Ole H. Voornhild, Eve-rett, Wash., president; E. H. Loe, Everett, secretary.

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30 "BYGDELAGS" IN NORSE CENTENNIAL

(Continued from Page 1)

Ringerikeslaget, H. M. Heea, Adams N. D., president; Edward Lian, Fairdale, N. D., secretary.

Romsdalslaget, Dr. J. Tanner, Min-neapolis, president; P. O. Hail, Car-pio, N. D., secretary.

Selbulaget, P. P. Hovey, Atwater, Minn., president; O. H. Uglem, Fores-ton, Minn., secretary.

Smaalenslaget, Olaf I. Rove, Mil-waukee, president; Mrs. M. Rosness, St. Paul, secretary.

Sognelaget, E. R. Hopperstad, Al-bert Lea, president; T. O. Ofsthum, St. Paul, secretary.

Solorlaget, C. M. Berg, McIntosh, Minn., president; Rev. O. H. Haugen, Fergus Falls, secretary.

Stavangerlaget, Rev. C. J. Eastvold, Northfield, president; B. L. Belleson, Minneapolis, secretary.

Satedalslaget, Bjorgulv Bjornaraa, Wanke, Minn., president; Olaf Neset, Thief River Falls, Minn., secretary.

Sondfordlaget, H. C. Eikeness Overly, N. D., secretary.

Sondhordlandslaget, Rev. T. J. Se-vertson, Eagle Grove, Iowa, secretary.

Sondmorelaget, Rev. T. Rorstad, Milan, Minn., president; Martin Scholt, Madison, Minn., secretary.

Telelaget, Rev. J. O. Saeter, Fos-ton, Minn., president; Mrs. A. Leif-son, Fargo, N. D., secretary.

Totenlaget, J. C. Gran, Spring Grove Minn., president; A. K. Hens-wold, Hickson, N. D., secretary.

Tronderlaget, Rev. D. G. Distad, Manitowoc, Wis., president; W. P. Rognlie, Grand Forks, secretary.

Valdris Sambandet, J. E. Haugen, Minneapolis, president; Olaf Rudi, Minneapolis, secretary.

Vosselaget, R. N. Nestos, Minot, N. D., president; K. A. Rene, Madison, Wis., secretary.

Haugesundslaget, S. Helgeson, Min-neapolis, president.

Viknalaget, H. H. Ockwig, presi-dent.

Membership in the various "lags" varies from 300 to 5,000. One of the largest is Vosselaget of which former Governor R. A. Nestos of North Dakota is president.

Hayti (S. D.) Herald
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1925

ATTENTION NORWEGIANS

Hon. James D. Winjum, An-nounces A Norse-American Centennial of the United States and Canada

At Minnesota State Fair Grounds, Minn-apolis-St. Paul, June 7-8-9, 1925

And National Convention of By-delags, Saturday, June 6.

Come on, Norwegians, great and small,

Answer your brothers ardent call,
Let's meet together, each and all,
June 6 to 9 in Minneapolis-Saint Paul.—J. O. W.

Two years ago, Mr. Winjum ad-vertised to his fellow countrymen, thru the medium of the Herald the great Sognelag held in Watertown in 1923 which proved to be one of the most successful Lags in the history of Norwegian fraternal or-ganizations up to that time. Mr. Winjum made one of his charac-teristic, felicitous speeches on that occasion and otherwise participat-ed in the program, thereby mater-ially contributing to its success.

Now, James O. is heart and soul in this Centennial Anniversary of the landing of his pilgrim brethren on American soil, which promises to eclipse in numbers and enthusi-asm all previous celebrations of the Norwegian race on this conti-nent.

This centennial celebration will be patronized and graced by the most distinguished citizens of the United States irrespective of nati-onality. The president of the U. S. will grace this great occasion with his presence and talk to his fellow citizens of Norse ancestry Mon-day, June 8th. U. S. Senators Peter Norbeck and W. H. McMas-ter of South Dakota as well as practically all the notable states-men of the Northwest will be there to felicitate and eulogize their fel-low citizens from the Northland for the splendid work they have accomplished in "The Land of the Free, and the Home of the Brave"

And so I think we shall all have to turn out to help Oden, Olaf and Ole to celebrate.

"In the North lies our beautiful
Saga land

In the arms of the God of the
sea;

There the sun glows red in the
noon of night;

There thousand hued, the Nor-
thern Light

Gleams weird over fjord and
lea!"

* * * *

"The pioneers

Of Nations yet to be—

The first low wash of waves

Where soon shall roll a human
sea."

very near future. The Augsburg
Publishing House and "Nord-
mandsforbundet" will have head-
quarters in the Minnesota Editorial
Association Building. Headquar-
ters will also be selected soon for the
Sons of Norway, Daughters of Nor-
way, Lutheran Brotherhood, Leif
Eriksson Society, Norwegian Sing-
ers Association and alumni associ-
ations of the Norse-American Col-
leges.

Minneapolis, Minn., Journal
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

36 "Bygdelag" Sessions to Open Centennial Saturday

A day of memories, when Norsemen of America will lay plans to prove to their old friends and relatives of Norway that they are not forgotten, and to prove to each other that home ties are unbreakable, will be celebrated Saturday at the State Fair grounds, when 36 meetings take place at the same time.

Here and there, all over the Fair grounds, men and women who came from Norway, and their sons and daughters, will meet in annual session of "bygdelags." The meetings will mark the opening of the Norse-American Centennial, expected to draw more than 100,000 visitors to the Twin Cities in "Norse week."

Old Home Communities Represented

All the music for which Norway is famous, addresses by prominent men of America and Norway, and dinners at which old friends will meet after long separations, will be crowded into the day's program, as well as business matters important to the existence of each of these "lags."

They represent communities of Norways, these "lags"—each composed of people who came from one county or city. And many of them will have some particular project to dispose of in the interest of their old homes.

Numedalslaget, for instance, is raising a fund for the aged of the home valley, and R. H. Reiersen, Belview, Minn., president, will take the money to Norway. Members of Nordlandslaget will admire a fine 22 foot fishing boat just received from their former home.

Funds to Be Collected

A fund to establish a convalescent home for tuberculosis victims is being built up by Romsdalslaget, and officers hope to complete the 20,000 kroner collection now. Members from Stavanger will have to celebrate particularly, as the centennial of the sailing from Stavanger of the sloop "Restaurationen" is observed.

Vosselaget will have two projects to work on, one to raise a fund for various welfare purposes, including a home for the aged, an orphan home, a church organ and a museum, and the other a memorial to the late Senate Knute Nelson, to be built at Voss.

Men from Norway are on some of the programs. Governors will appear before one or two "lags." Some will meet Sunday, but most will complete their business Saturday.

One of the interesting events will be a contest on "Haringfele," a type of violin, staged by Saterdalslaget.

The "lags" have a total membership of 27,000 or more, and most of these, as

well as thousands of Twin City Norwegians, will be on the grounds Saturday. There will be no admission charge to the grounds.

Programs for the various bygdelags, most of which have their annual meetings at the State Fair Grounds Saturday, have been partially arranged. They include:

AAKERSLEGTEN

Eightieth anniversary of coming to America of the Anker family. Family reunion Sunday at headquarters at the farm boys camp, near the Snelling avenue entrance. A joint dinner Sunday noon will be the feature. No special program, so members can attend Centennial.

BERGENSLAGET

A local "lag" which meets regularly in Minneapolis, so will have only a service bureau on the grounds, in charge of John O. Stendal. It will be located in the concessions office. Lars Trovik is president.

HADELANDSLAGET

A program featured by addresses by two governors, A. G. Sorlie of North Dakota and J. J. Blaine of Wisconsin, will begin at 2 p.m. A business meeting will open at 10:30 a.m. in the International Harvester Company building, beginning with registration of visitors. There will be music on afternoon program, and 700 visitors are expected. Louis Blekan of Hudson, Wis., is secretary.

NARDANGSLAGET

Business session at 10 a.m. in Machinery hall, opening with an address by S. S. Tall, Albert Lea, president. The program begins at 2 p.m. will include an address by Professor K. A. Ethelrum of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Nils Rogde of Hoakon county, S. D., will give a program of old country music. A wedding in native costume is planned for 5 p.m., ending in a procession from Machinery hall to the dining hall. An evening program of speeches and music also is planned.

FAUGESUNDSLAGET

The meeting will be Sunday at 7 p.m. in Norway hall, Chicago Avenue and Twenty-ninth street. A program of music and addresses is being planned. S. Reiersen is president.

KONGSBERGLAGET

NUMEDALSLAGET
The two "lags" will meet together at 2 p.m. Forenoon sessions will be for registration of visitors. The program will be in Hall No. 5, south of the grandstand, and includes Norse folk songs, Nordic Singing Society, Albert Lea, Oluf Helge, Albert Lea, humorist; H. C. N. Myhra, Wahpeton, N. D., 82 years old, violinist; Miss Agnes Enstvedt, Sacred Heart, Minn., pianist; Miss Ragna Steenerson, declamation; Helge Thoreson, Hallingdansen and violin music. Addresses will be by Louis O. Foss, Elbow Lake, Minn.; Judge A. V. Johnson, Albert Lea; R. C. Reiersen, Belview, and Rev. Carl H. Vestru, New Ulm. The two "lags" will have 1,000 or more visitors.

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FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1925
Bygdelags Select Meeting Places

The Norwegian bygdelags which have so far definitely decided upon their meeting place on June 6th at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds are as follows:

State Department of Exhibits Building: Gudbrandsdalslaget.

Industrial Building No. 1—Sog-nalaget.

Poultry Building: Valdris Sam-band, Halinglaget.

Machinery Hall: Tronderlaget, Viktnalaget, Selbulaget, Ringeriks-laget, Hardangerlaget.

Industrial Building No. 3: Nord-hordlandslaget, Sondhordlandslag-et.

Boy and Girl Club Work Bldg.: Nordlandslaget.

Industrial Building No. 2: Land-ingslaget.

Agricultural Bldg.: Mjosenlaget, Hurdalslaget, Sondfjordlaget, Vos-selaget.

Horticultural Bldg.: Osterdals-laget, Solorlaget, Romsdalslaget, Bergenslaget, Haugesundslaget.

Public Health Exhibits Bldg.: Totenlaget.

Dining Hall No. 6: Kongsberg-

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laget, Numedalslaget.

Hippodrome: Stavangerlaget.

International Harvester Co's. Bldg.: Hadelandlaget.

Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis: Telalaget.

The remaining Lags are expected to select their meeting places in the

CHICAGO ILL AMERICAN
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925.

MINNEAPOLIS FESTIVAL TO OPEN WITH BYGDELAGS

Special Trains to Begin Leaving
Tomorrow; 'Coolidge Day' Set
for Next Monday.

Special trains carrying 5,000 Chicagoans of Norwegian birth or ancestry will leave tomorrow and Saturday for Minneapolis, where in pageantry, song, speeches and exhibits the Norse-American centennial will be celebrated June 6, 7, 8 and 9.

The celebration will open with the meeting of the "Bygdelags," or Norwegian clans. June 8 has been set aside as President's day, when the President and Mrs. Coolidge will attend. The President will speak at 2 p. m. at the state fair grounds, where the celebration will be held. Other national and state officials will speak. Among them are Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State; Henrik Shpstead, United States senator, and O. J. Kvale, congressman from Minnesota.

NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS ATTEND.

The celebration has attracted international attention. There are as many Americans of Norwegian birth and ancestry in this country as live in Norway. The population of Norway is 2,500,000.

The Norwegian Secretary of State, Johan Ludwig, will bring the official greetings from the homeland. Lars Oftedahl, Secretary of Interior, and C. I. Hanbro, member of the Norwegian Storting, will accompany the Secretary of State.

The Norwegian delegation of the International Council of Women, which attended the recent Washington meeting, remained in America to attend the centennial celebration. Mrs. Betsey Kjelsberg, factory inspector for Norway and president of the Norwegian branch of the council, and Mrs. Astrid Bonge-Peterson, noted Norwegian journalist, are members of the delegation.

including an address by Lars Oftedahl of Stavanger, Norway, government representative to the Centennial. Business meeting will be at 7:30 p. m., with election of officers. B. L. Belleson, Minneapolis, national secretary, said 4,000 to 5,000 visitors are expected.

TRONDERLAGET

Tronderlaget's headquarters will be at the West hotel Friday, preliminary to the meeting Saturday at 10 a. m. in Machinery hall. Members will sing "Trondersangen," and Professor D. G. Ristad, Manitowoc, Wis., president, will deliver the address of welcome. A business session will follow. At 2 p. m. the Nordmandenes Singing Society will sing, an orchestra will play, and F. L. Tronsdal of Eau Claire, Wis., will speak on Tronder immigration to the United States. A proposal to purchase a model of the Trondhem cathedral will be discussed. The banquet will be at 7 p. m. at the West hotel, where 500 visitors are expected. A. G. Floan of St. Paul will be toastmaster. J. G. Tuset, 2718 Fourth street N. E., is in charge of reservations.

VALDRIS SAMBUNDET

Dr. O. E. Brandt, vice-president of Luther Seminary, will speak at the business meeting at 10 a. m. This session will determine whether the Sambundet is to continue as an organization. A banquet at 6 p. m. will be at the Montgomery Ward building, and will be a reception for Editor Hovey and Professor O. Islandsmoon of Valdris, Norway. J. E. Daugen will preside, O. J. Kvale, congressman will be toastmaster, and A. M. Sundheim will deliver the address of welcome. Mrs. Manley Posseen will speak and Miss Mabel Jacobs, formerly of the New York Opera company, will sing. Professor A. A. Veihlen, "father of the lag," will be unable to attend because of an accident in which his wife was injured.

VOSSELAGET

The forenoon session of Vosselaget, in the agricultural building, will be devoted to registration. Business session will be at 2 p. m. and banquet at 7:30 p. m. at the St. James hotel. A Knute Nelson memorial in Voss and a fund to aid various causes in Voss are matters to be discussed.

SELBULAGET

Seventeenth anniversary meeting will open Saturday at 10 a. m. in the agricultural building. P. P. Hovey of Atwater, Minn., is president. Former residents of Selbu will give a dinner at Zion Lutheran church, Lyndale and Twenty-sixth avenues N. in honor of P. I. Norby, representative from Selbu, Norway, to the centennial. Rev. O. J. Norby of Minneapolis is a relative. Mrs. O. N. Afreth, 271 Third street N. E., is handling reservations. O. Paulson will be toastmaster.

Other lags will meet as follows:

Agerlaget, grandstand.
Gudbrandsdalslaget, state departments building.
Hallnelaget, poultry building.
Kurdalslaget, agricultural building.
Nordfjordlaget, agricultural buildings.
Numedalslaget, dining hall No. 6.
Oslolaget, Twin City Granite Company building.
Ringerikslaget, Machinery hall.
Smaalenslaget, grandstand.
Totenlaget, public health exhibit building.
Viktnelaget, Machinery hall.
Nordmorlaget, grandstand.
Bygdelag visitors, completing most of their sessions Saturday, will take part in the centennial programs Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

LANDINGSLAGET

Business meeting at 10 a. m. in Industrial building No. 2. Music and addresses on program. Take part in Centennial programs after Saturday. Headquarters for lodging, Vendome hotel. C. M. Pederson, Starbuck, Minn., secretary.

MJOSENLAGET

Business meeting Saturday at 10 a. m. in Agricultural building. Invocation, Rev. T. A. Hoff, address of welcome. S. H. Holstad, response. M. J. Rohne, London, Minn., song. A. Halmrast, Minneapolis; business session; registration. Miss Florence Hjornstad, Red Wing, Minn., president. Meeting at 2 p. m., greetings from Norway; song, J. Njorog, Minneapolis; election of officers and other business; banquet in dining hall No. 4 at 6:30 p. m. J. K. Grondal, toastmaster; Rev. H. K. Madsen, Rev. T. A. Hoff and M. J. Rohne, speakers.

NORDLANDSLAGET

Registration of visitors at Boys and Girls Club building, forenoon; business session afternoon. Banquet at 6:30 p. m. at Excelsior hall, 117 Fourth street S. E. Program includes Nordkan Male Chorus, Carsten Woll, soloist; Miss Mildred Sommer and Chris Jensen, soloists. Demonstration of halibut fishing from stage. Addresses by Walter Fosnes, St. Paul; Professor O. E. Rolvaag, Northfield; H. H. Rozum, Duluth; Miss Luise Engen of Norway, and Dr. Sommerfeld, Bodo, Norway.

OPDALSLAGET

Members of the "lag" will be here for the Centennial and Professor Ingebrigt Dorrum of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, will be its representative. Most members live on the Pacific coast, however, and the annual meeting of the "lag" will not take place.

OSTERDALSLAGET

Business session 10 a. m., and lunch together at noon on the Fair Grounds are the early Saturday program. Members will meet again for supper and an informal program in the evening. Osterdalslaget has devoted all its energies to building the sloop "Restoration" on the Fair Grounds and will have only brief sessions. N. T. Moon of Fergus Falls is president.

ROMDALSLAGET

Dr. V. Tanner of St. Paul, president, will deliver an address of welcome when the "lag" meets at 10 a. m. in the Horticultural building. Dr. Knut Gjerset, and P. O. Hoff, secretary, will speak. There will be a business session. A banquet will take place at 7 p. m. at the West hotel. Three hundred are expected. Completion of a collection to send to Romsdal will be the principal business.

SATEDALSLAGET

A busy program of addresses and music, and a contest of musicians playing the "Harpefelle," with a \$500 violin as a prize, will be a feature for the "lag" which meets in the Horticultural building. Members of the "lag" also are preparing a second meeting June 18 and 19 in Chief River Falls, as a separate "lag" and "satedalsting." Speakers Saturday will be Thomas Frankson, St. Paul; Hogskuletrarer, Kvale of Norway; Arne Grunderson, Fisher, Minn.; Rev. G. G. Krosten, Cambridge, Wis.; Rev. B. Hartland, Parkland, Wash.; Dr. O. H. Pesta, St. Paul; Biornsen, Bjornsen, Wanko, Grand Forks; Attorney Brattland, Ada, Minn.; Rasmus Breistein from Norway will show a film from "Satedalens folkely." E. Helland, Chippewa Falls, Wis., is president, and a large delegation is expected from Chippewa Falls.

SOGNALAGET

Business session and election at 10 a. m. in Industrial building No. 1, Saturday. Address in Sogning dialect by Rev. O. B. Meland of Waterloo hotel. Concert at 3 p. m., including Nils Rein, Madison, Wis., violinist; Nordkan Chorus of Albert Lea; Miss Stella Sundt, Minneapolis, in national costume, folk song; music also by Helvie and Condemna of Albert Lea.

SOLORLAGET

Annual meeting in the horticultural building at 10 a. m., with program following. Program in charge of Minneapolis "lag" of which Oscar Lommerud is president.

SOUDEFJORDLAGET

H. O. Eikenes, president of the Sodefjordlaget, will deliver the address of welcome when the "lag" meets at 9 a. m. Saturday in the agricultural building. Registration of members, meeting at 1 p. m. to elect officers, read messages from Norway, and select the 1925 convention place. Program at 3:30 p. m. including solos by Nils Rein, violinist. One thousand members will be present. Plans for a historical yearbook will be discussed.

SONDHORNALAGET

Meeting in the Industrial building No. 3, the Sondheimalaget will begin at 10 a. m. with devotions led by Rev. H. Roe, Mrs. Jeannette Henderson of Souda, Iowa, will sing, and Rev. J. A. O. Smith will speak. At the afternoon session at 2 p. m. T. J. Swartzson of Maple Grove, Iowa, president, will speak, and Dr. H. C. Smith of St. Paul, president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, also will speak. A representative from Norway is

expected. Professor M. O. Wee of St. Paul is to speak. Business meeting at 4 p. m.

SONDMORELAGET

Business meeting in A. O. U. W. hall at the Fair grounds at 10 a. m., led by Thomas Korstad, Milan, Minn., president. The annual banquet will be at the Nicollet hotel at 6:30 p. m., with addresses by Mr. Korstad, Rev. M. H. Mickelsen, Marinette, Wis.; Senator A. O. Devold of Minneapolis, and a representative from Asselund, Norway. O. S. Ross will be toastmaster.

STAVANGELLAGET

Banner bearers, carrying 25 banners of local "lags" of Stavanger, will form at the head of a parade at the Hippodrome at 9 a. m. and members will march into the building for the session. Speakers will include Rev. Aaron Johnson, A. Anton Anderson of Cottonwood, Minn.; C. J. Eastvold, Northfield, president, and Rev. Bergesager, Sioux Falls, S. D. Following the noon recess, each of the local "lags" will have their own business session and at 4 p. m. will come together for a program.

Among the leaders of the Chicago delegation to leave by special train are Olaf Berents, Norwegian consul; Berger Osland, former American charge d'affaires of the legation at Christiania; Dr. Ingoborg Rasmussen, who was decorated with the King's gold medal for her work as guide and pilot for immigrant Norwegians, and the officials of the Norwegian National League: Christ Olsen, president; Mrs. Bertha C. Petersen, Magnus Killingstad, Mrs. Ingeborg Rice, Mrs. Sigurd Husedy, Gotsried Johnson, Irving Larson and Nethel Ellingsen, president of the Norwegian Athletic Association.

ISSUE SPECIAL STAMPS.

A special Norse-American centennial commemorative medal, and postage stamps, authorized by Congress, have been issued and were placed on sale May 17, Norway's independence day.

The centennial is the commemoration of the arrival at New York of fifty-three immigrants on the sloop Restaurationen, the first organized group of Norwegians to immigrate to America.

Participating in the celebration will be Miss Jane S. Atwater, 6824 Harper av., teacher for forty years in the public schools of Chicago. Miss Atwater is the daughter of Margaret Larson, who was born aboard the single top-sail, sloop-rigged vessel, carrying the Norwegian Quakers, who were seeking religious liberty in America.

The centennial is sponsored by

NORSE FETE TO DRAW 5,000 FROM HERE

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Norse-American churches, colleges, associations and individuals, to present a composite picture of what the Norseman has done in the settlement of America. Exhibits of the arts and professions contributed by Norwegians will form an imposing part of the celebration.

TO GIVE PAGEANT.

The Norwegian Athletic Association of Chicago will furnish the largest

group of athletes and gymnasts of any section of the country. Sixty trained athletes will leave by special train Saturday night.

On the closing night "The Pageant of the Northmen" will be given as the stupendous climax. More than 1,000 persons will appear in a series of twenty-four scenes, emblematic of the traditional background of the Norse race, its historic transplantation to American soil and its contribution to American progress and history.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Argus-Leader
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

36 BYGDELAGETS HOLD REUNIONS

Norse-American Centennial Celebration in Twin Cities Formally Opens Sunday

St. Paul, Minn., June 6.—(By The Associated Press)—Gatherings of 36 "bygdelagets," or reunion of groups from the same sections of Norway, marked the informal opening today of the Norse-American centennial celebration at the state fair grounds.

The centennial, sponsored by the "bygdelagets," was arranged to celebrate the centenary of Norse group immigration to America in the sloop Restaurationen which sailed from Stavanger, Norway, July 4, 1825.

The celebration will be formally opened tomorrow and will continue through Tuesday. High officials of four governments—the United States, Canada, Norway and Iceland—will participate.

One of the principal speakers will be President Coolidge, who was scheduled to leave Washington late today for St. Paul. He will address the thousands of Norwegians in the Twin Cities for the celebration at the state fair grounds Monday afternoon.

Other features of the gathering include a visit of the giant dirigible Los Angeles which is due early Sunday after a flight from Lakehurst, N. J. The Los Angeles will fly over the Twin Cities before returning Monday afternoon.

IN NATIVE COSTUMES.

Prominent visitors to the centennial spoke at the "lag" meetings this morning, dwelling upon the heritage that had been handed down from the Norse pioneers, who were ancestors of the lag members.

The lags are composed of the descendants of pioneers from Norway. At several of the meetings there were groups dressed in the native costumes of their particular Norwegian district.

The largest of the meetings today was held by the Stavanger lag, with 2,000 in attendance. The lag was presented with a banner from Sanddal, Norway, the home city of the organization and the home of Lief Ericsson, the Viking who discovered the American mainland several hundred years before the voyage of Columbus.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS.

The presentation speech was made by S. A. Johnson, Leland, Ill. Among other speakers this morning were A. C. Anderson, Cottonwood, Minn.; Theodor Jevre, Minneapolis, and A. J. Bergsaker, Sioux Falls, S. D. Lars Oftedal, official representative of Norway at the centennial, spoke at the meeting this afternoon.

When the centennial opens Sunday morning, exhibits will be in place. The exhibits were not open today.

There will be services at the Hippodrome and horticultural building and before the grandstand at the fair grounds Sunday night.

grounds Sunday morning. In the evening there will be a concert before the grandstand.

LEADING EVENTS MONDAY.

The most important events of the centennial program take place Monday, when Pres. Coolidge will speak and the giant dirigible Los Angeles will visit St. Paul.

Visitors arriving this morning were greeted by a special welcoming committee at the Union station. Representatives of Nordkap Lodge No. 8, Sons of Norway, who took charge of an information booth opened at the station this morning, rendered valuable assistance to the strangers.

Hundreds of the newcomers made themselves at home at the rest-rooms prepared for centennial visitors in the Railroad building quarters and at the Ryan hotel.

AWAIT COOLIDGE VISIT.

The visit of Pres. Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge, which will be the outstanding event of the centennial celebration was the topic of conversation among hundreds of celebrants today.

The president and his wife, accompanied by Secretary and Mrs. F. E. Kellogg, will arrive in St. Paul Sunday and will speak at the fair grounds Monday afternoon. His message will be broadcast by WCCO. The president and his party will be welcomed by a special committee composed of leading citizens of St. Paul.

One of the big events of today's celebration will be the concert this evening by the Luther College Concert band at First Baptist church, Minneapolis. The band will be conducted by Carlo A. Sperati.

The centennial program ends Tuesday.

St. Paul, Minn., Argus-Leader
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

15,000 Attend Initial Meetings of Festival at Fair Grounds.

EVENTS TO START SUNDAY

St. Paul in gala attire greeted tens of thousands of Norsemen as they arrived to open the Norse-American centennial today.

All day long, by train and automobile, the visitors poured into the city, and late today the vanguard of the 100,000 expected was here. The visitors represented every part of the United States and Canada and many districts of Norway.

The centennial was opened today, but the program to commemorate the landing of the Norse pioneers 100 years ago will not begin formally until Sunday.

At the state fair grounds this morning the 36 Bygdelags, which are sponsoring the centennial, held their meetings, with close to 15,000 persons in attendance.

Today's Events

9:30 a. m. — Northwest Industrial exposition opened at the Overland building.

10 a. m.—Centennial activities begin with meetings of 36 lags. Lags were in session all day.

1:30 p. m.—Twin City Air meet, sponsored by Twin City Aero corporation opened at Wold-Chamberlain airport.

SUNDAY.

10 a. m. — Divine Festal services in the Norwegian language at the Hippodrome and before the grandstand at the state fair grounds.

10:30 a. m.—Triennial convention of Young People's Luther league in Horticultural building at state fair grounds.

11 a. m.—Divine services in English at state fair grounds grandstand.

1:30 p. m.—Three races between airplanes and stunt flying demonstrations at Wold-Chamberlain airport.

2 p. m.—Norse session before grandstand at fair ground.

8 p. m.—Musical concert in Hippodrome at fair grounds.

8:15 p. m.—Pres. Coolidge arrives at St. Paul Union station.

Industrial exposition closed all day ~~reopening Monday morning.~~

As a finale of the aerial exhibition will be the visit of the giant dirigible Los Angeles, Monday. On Monday the high point of the centennial will be reached when President Coolidge is to address the Norsemen in the afternoon. Officials have estimated that between 300,000 and 350,000 people of Norwegian descent will have attended when the gates close on Tuesday evening. Among prominent Norwegian officials expected to arrive today is H. H. Bryn, Norwegian minister to the United States. Upon arrival Bryn will go to the fair grounds to attend the convention of Mjoselaget, of which he is a member.

Today's program is composed almost entirely of meetings of the 36 "bydelags" — Norwegian societies — which are sponsoring the exposition.

Tomorrow, Sunday, divine services will occupy most of the day and in the afternoon sacred music by many prominent organizations are on the program.

Butte, Mont., Minn.
SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1925
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**THOUSANDS AT
NORSE MEETING**

Old Home Gatherings Precede Opening Today of Centennial Observance of Landing of Immigrants

MINNEAPOLIS, June 6.—(AP.)—Preceded today by a series of old home gatherings, the centennial observance of the landing in America of the first Norwegian immigrants, will be officially opened here tomorrow with divine services.

Twenty-five thousand persons, it was estimated, comprised the influx for the celebration which has been given added importance by the visit of President Coolidge who will speak Monday afternoon at the state fair grounds.

Today the Norwegians attended the "Bydelag" meetings, or "Old Home" gatherings, 36 of which were held at the fair grounds. The dialect of the province from which the members came was spoken at the various meetings each of which elected officers.

Bishop John Lunde of Oslo, Norway, head of the state church of Norway, was made an honorary member by the Gudbrandsdalaget.

Creation of a fund to establish a suitable memorial for the late Knute Nelson, for many years United States senator from Minnesota, was proposed by the Vesselaget which named a committee to meet with representatives of the other groups to decide upon plans.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Press
SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

COME FROM ALL PARTS OF U. S. TO CELEBRATE

Sioux Falls Minister Addresses First Gatherings of Norsemen at Preliminary Meeting; Bishop Honored

President Coolidge's train enroute to Minnesota, at Cumberland, Md., June 6.—(AP)—The special train on which President Coolidge is traveling to Minnesota passed through Cumberland on time tonight.

With the thermometer around 100 degrees Mr. Coolidge made his get away from Washington in mid afternoon. Boarding a five-car train which was run as the first section of a limited between the capital and Chicago, he immediately sought relief from the heat on the observation platform.

Divine Services Today.

St. Paul, Minn., June 6.—(AP)—With a series of divine services tomorrow the Norse-American Centennial to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first group immigration of Norwegians to the United States will be officially opened in the Twin Cities.

Thousands of Norwegians from all parts of North America came to the Twin Cities today and virtually all of them attended the 36 "bydelag" meetings, or "old home" gatherings at the Minnesota state fair grounds.

25,000 Attend.

These reunions of former residents of Norway and their relatives brought together centennial officials and more than 25,000 persons. Each "bydelag" held separate sessions and elected officers.

At each of the meeting places, the dialect of the provinces from which individual "lags" membership came was spoken. Rev. A. J. Berksaker, Sioux Falls, S. D., was the principal speaker before the Stavangerlaget, the largest of the lags. He spoke on "heritage of the Norsemen." Bishop John Lunde, of Oslo, Norway, was made an honorary member of the gudbrandsdalaget. Bishop Lunde is head of the state church of Norway with headquarters in that part of the country from which members of this "bydelag" came.

Consider Memorial.

Vosselaget named a committee to confer with representatives of the other "bydelags" on plans for starting a fund to establish a suitable memorial to the late United States Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, who was born in Voss, Norway. The thousands of visitors here were looking forward to Monday's program which will include an address by President Coolidge at the state fair grounds.

Announcement was made tonight that the president's address will be radiocast from the Twin Cities Gold Medal station, WCCO. No other radio stations in the United States will be linked with WCCO, the latter handling the speech exclusively. The speaking program will start at 2 p. m. ~~central standard time.~~

BELOIT WIS NEWS
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925.

NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT OPENS IN ST. PAUL

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF NORWEGIANS ARE ARRIVING FOR BIG FETE

St. Paul, Minn., June 6.—One hundred years ago a small group of hardy Norsemen stepped onto American soil from their small sloop. Today in commemoration of that event, tens of thousands of Norwegians were arriving here for the opening of the Norse-American centennial exposition at the state fair grounds.

They came by trains and automobiles in groups and delegations. Members of the 36 "bydelags" sponsoring the exposition will today swarm the various buildings set aside for them on the fair grounds. An added attraction today will be the Twin Cities air meet at the World Chamberlain airport, in which 20 airplanes will participate and which is believed to be the largest aerial event ever staged in the northwest.

Fargo, N. D., Forum
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

N. D. NORSEMEN GET LAG POSTS

Elected to Several Offices At Sectional Centennial Rallies

Minneapolis, Minn., June 9.—North Dakotans were given recognition through election to many offices in elections of various lagets which featured the Norse centennial celebration being held at the Minnesota state fair grounds. Several Moorhead, Minn., residents were given offices.

Positions given North Dakotans in the several lagets, follow:

Agderlaget—Rev. T. Tjørnholm of Hatton, N. D., president; Tollak Finsness of Scranton, N. D., treasurer.

Nordmorelaget—Johan Bergheim of Minot, N. D., secretary.

Sondfjordlaget—H. D. Elkeness of Overly, N. D., president; Ed Holsen of Moorhead, Minn., vicepresident; and Olav Bredahl of Grand Forks, N. D., secretary.

Nordfjordlaget—Prof. J. A. Holvik of Moorhead, Minn., vicepresident.

Tronderlaget—W. P. Rognlie of Grand Forks, N. D., secretary and treasurer.

Lingerikslaget—Edward Lian of Fairvale, N. D., secretary; Ole Christiansen of Moorhead, Minn., treasurer.

Osterdalslaget—M. Usuth of Fargo, N. D., third vicepresident.

Solorlaget—Albert Nelson of Fullerton, N. D., vicepresident; Hans Erickson of Buxton, N. D., treasurer.

Nordhordlandslaget—E. O. Wasness of Aneta, N. D., president; M. J. Wikens of Dawson, N. D., secretary.

Romsdalslaget—K. Boe of Adams, N. D., second vicepresident; P. O. Hall of Minot, N. D., secretary.

Hallinglaget—Thomas Mykiz of Brinsmade, N. D., president; S. S. Rodening of Minnewaukan, N. D., vicepresident.

Totenlaget—K. Smedrud of Forman, N. D., second vicepresident; and K. Hensvold of Michigan, N. D., secretary.

Teletaget—A. Studlin of Moorhead, Minn., treasurer; and Mrs. A. Lefson of Fargo, N. D., secretary.

Nordlandslaget—H. Dahl of Hatton, N. D., vicepresident.

Mandan, N. D., Pioneer
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

TWIN CITY FETE CUTS NUMBER OF LAGET SESSIONS

Grand Forks, N. D., June 3 (AP)—The Norse Centennial in the Twin Cities this year is cutting down the number of Norwegian "Laget" meetings in the northwest, and as a result only one such gathering will be held in Grand Forks, the Hallinglaget, which convened this morning for a two-day session.

This meeting will close in time for the member participants to attend the Centennial in a body.

Grand Forks ordinarily has from two to four of these conventions each year.

Congressman O. B. Burtness, representative from the First Congressional district of North Dakota, will be the principal speaker, his address to be given Thursday morning. Dreng Ose, noted violinist from Norway, is to feature the program with selections from an eight-stringed violin. Today's session will close with a banquet tonight at a local hotel, followed by attendance in a group at the concert by the Academic Chorus of Oslo at the city auditorium.

Three hundred former residents or descendants of former residents of the province of Halling, Norway, are expected to gather here for the meeting.

Grand Forks, N. D., Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

HALLINGLAGET CLOSES HERE

Members Going to Minneapolis Today for Further Sessions.

Several hundred people of Norwegian descent, including many who have been attending the Hallinglag here, are to leave today for Minneapolis to attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration.

The Hallinglag sessions, which began Wednesday continued through Thursday and will be ended in Minneapolis Saturday, when one of the principal speakers will be Congressman O. B. Burtness of Grand Forks.

Among the speakers heard at the auditorium here Thursday were Prof. H. H. Aaker and G. I. Gullickson, and included among the resolutions adopted was one in appreciation of the visitors' reception in Grand Forks.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Argus-Leader
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1925

Writes Story of Hardangerlag for Norse Centennial

Prof. H. S. Hilleboe of Augustana college is engaged in writing a book on the "Hardangerlag," or society of Norwegian-Americans from Hardanger, Norway. It will be ready for distribution at the time of the Norse-American Centennial in the Twin Cities June 6-9. The Hardangerlag will have its annual meeting at that time.

The book probably will contain 96 pages and include a biographical section, a sketch of the immigration from the Hardanger country, an account of the places where the immigrants settled, a history of the "lag," and the annual record from the time the lag was started in Sioux Falls in 1911. It will be concluded with a section of biography and personal mention.

Prof. Hilleboe is corresponding secretary of the Hardangerlag. Other officers are S. S. Tveidt, Albert Lea, Minn., president; S. A. Jordahl, Fertile, Minn., secretary; and J. N. Jacobson, Hills, Minn., treasurer.

Red Wing, Minn., Republican
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925

MJOSENLAGET IN ANNUAL MEET FAIR GROUNDS

A large number of local residents were in St. Paul on Saturday where they attended the annual convention of Mjoselaget, held at the state fair grounds in connection with the Norse American Centennial.

Among the speakers were H. H. Bryn, Norwegian minister to the United States, and C. J. Hambro, member of the Norwegian Storting. Jens K. Grondahl of this city was toastmaster.

Officers for the coming year are: President: M. J. Rohne, London, Minn.

Vice President—John Bangeberg, La Crosse, Wis.

Secretary—Otto P. K. Hjermstad, Red Wing.

Treasurer—C. F. Hjermstad, Red Wing.

Thief River Falls, Minn.
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

CITY HOST TO SATESDALS-LAG JUNE 18 AND 19

Convention Here Follows Gathering at Norse Centennial—
Everyone is Invited

DRENG OSE TO PLAY HARDANGER VIOLIN

Hans Seland, famous Norwegian
Humorist, and Kvaale Scheduled to Speak Here

Members of Satesdals-Laget, a national organization of people who themselves or their forefathers came to this country from Satesdalen, Norway, will gather in Thief River Falls Thursday and Friday of next week, June 18 and 19. With the membership of the "lag" largely in northern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota it was felt that many who were unable to attend the convention during the Norse Centennial in the twin cities Saturday, would come to this city for a similar gathering. Members of other "lags," in fact all who are interested, are cordially invited to attend the sessions here, as it is hoped to make this a general convention.

An extensive program has been arranged, according to President Bj. Bjornaraa of Wanke and Secretary Olaf Neset of this city. Both attended the "lag" meeting and the Centennial the past week and made arrangements for speakers, musicians and others to entertain the gathering here.

High School Director Kvaale from Satesdal and Hans Seland from Christiansand, the latter recognized as Norway's leading humorist, are slated as the principal speakers here. Both came to this country in the event of the great Centennial celebration, Seland being the official representative of "Norges Bondelag." They are able speakers and have messages of unusual interest to all Norwegians.

Other speakers will include M. A. Brattland, Ada attorney; Arne Grundyson of Fisher, treasurer of the "lag"; President Bjornaraa and others.

Dreng Ose, champion Hardanger violinist of Norway who recently came to this country, will be the head-liner on the musical program. His "Hallings" and "Springars" will surely awaken the memories of the old favored tunes among those who spent their youth in the "old country." Mr. Ose created a sensation with his playing at the Centennial, appearing on programs of Satesdals-Laget and the national "kappleik" or contest. The program will also include other musicians and singers. Exhibitions of Norwegian folk dances such as the "Halling" and "Springdansen" will be features.

The meetings will be held at the city auditorium, beginning Thursday forenoon.

Directors of the "lag" besides those already mentioned are: T. K. Ryne-stad, Thief River Falls; M. A. Brattland, Ada; B. O. Sorbo, Grand Forks; O. B. Olson, Buxton, N. D.; John G. Johnson, Aneta, and Gunder Nesland, Grygla.

A large delegation is expected from Grand Forks and vicinity, many planning to make the trip by car. A large number of Satesdals reside in the vicinity of Thief River Falls.

Minneapolis, Minn., Journal
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1925

SONDMORSLAGET TO MEET

Members of Søndmorslaget will conduct a banquet June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nicollet hotel to arrange for attendance at the North American centennial. Speakers will include Rev. Thomas Rostad of Milan, Minn., president of the national Søndmorslag; Rev. M. B. Mickeesen of Marinette, Wis., State Senator A. O. Devold and a representative from Aalesund, Norway, who will bring greetings from Søndmør. O. S. Ross will be toastmaster.

St. Paul, Minn., Pioneer Press
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1925

Stavangerlaget First to Propose Norse-America Centennial Fete

Initial Suggestion Made December 9, 1919, at Meeting in Minneapolis; Committee of Five Appointed to Refer Proposition to All Bygdelags for Consideration.

During the planning for the Norse-American centennial celebration, the question frequently had been raised: "Who originated the idea of celebrating the centenary of the beginning of Norse immigration to America?"

The identity of the individual who first made the suggestion is not definitely known and possibly never will be, but the honor of making the initial proposal in definite form undoubtedly belongs to Stavangerlaget. The first authentic record in writing relative to a general celebration by Norse-Americans of the arrival on American soil of the first organized group of Norse men, women and children, which came from Norway in 1825 on the little sloop, "Restaurationen," the "Mayflower of the North," is

by the "Bygdelag" of James, Minn., of



laget); N. N. Roenning, Minneapolis (Telelaget), and A. M. Sundheim, Minneapolis (Valdres Samband).

These five men with Rev. C. J. Eastvold, Northfield, president of Stavangerlaget, who met with the others at the Odin club, Minneapolis, January 14, 1920, may rightfully be regarded as the original Norse-American Centennial committee. Little was accomplished at this meeting, but at a subsequent meeting at the Odin club April 6, 1920, the first definite steps were taken. At this meeting were also the following Bygdelag representatives: Bellesen, Rev. S. Njaa and Rev. P. Tangjerd, Stavangerlaget; Professor O. Rolvaag, Nordlandslaget, and Professor H. S. Hilleboe, Sognelaget.

Worked Until Death.

From that time until his death in 1923 Rev. Mr. Thorkveen, as secretary of the Centennial committee, was the dominating and guiding spirit in the progress of the plans.

In view of the initiatory and continuing part played by the Bygdelags, the first day, Saturday, June 6, will be given over to them for their annual meetings.

The statement that Kleng Peerson came to America in 1825, presumably with the so-called "sloopers," is historically incorrect. He came to America in 1821, traveled quite extensively and returned to Norway in 1824. His vivid description of the wonderful opportunities offered in America suited in formation of the party that sailed in "Restaurationen" from Stavanger July 4, 1825.

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IOWA CITY IA PRESS CITIZEN
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925.

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The principal speaker Monday will be President Coolidge.

CHICAGO D.L. NEWS
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925.

REUNION OF NORSE SOCIETIES FEATURE OF MINNESOTA FETE

Centennial of Landing of Norwegian 'Pilgrim Fathers'
Celebrated with Notables of Four Countries
in Attendance.

BY HERBERT M. DAVIDSON.

[Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent.]
State Fair Grounds, Minn., June 6.—
"Velkommen." This Norwegian cognate of the heartiest word in English sounded the keynote to-day of the spirit in which the Norse-American centennial celebration got under way.

In every direction, written large in letters of red, white and blue, the colors alike of Norway and the United States, it met the eye of the visitor to the Minnesota state fair grounds where the celebration is being held.

Under each "velkommen" was another Norwegian word, differing on the various buildings and not so easily recognizable by the person without Scandinavian background. Queer words these, such as valdrissamband,

sendhordlandslaget and haugesundslaget, yet in them is bound up the history of a marvelous people and the entire whyfor of this celebration.

They are the names of the "bygdelags," or district lodges, and to their national conventions is being devoted the entire first day of the celebration.

Big Event of Centennial.

An outsider might casually consider Monday, when President Coolidge is to address the assembled Norwegian-Americans, the big day of the celebration. But to many who have come great distances, "bygdelag" day is the event to which they have been most eagerly looking forward.

The "bygdelags" are organizations with members scattered all over the United States and Canada, those from the northwest, of course, predominating. Each "lag" represents immigrants

who have come from a specified district, or county, in Norway. Their meetings are in the nature of reunions, after the manner of the Illinois and other state picnics. It was by recommendation of the bygdelags, through their general council, that the centennial was initiated.

One would scarcely know these meetings for national conventions, at least for the sort of affair that term has come to imply. There is no undue hilarity, no promiscuous back slapping, no signs of hip liquor.

Almost all the "bygdelag" meetings started with the singing of "America" or "The Star-Spangled Banner," followed by the national hymn of Norway. Then came business meetings of various kinds, in many cases the collection of funds for some good work.

Engage in Charity Work.

The Nordhordlandslaget, which a number of years ago sent life-saving equipment to safeguard the dangerous floods of the native country, discussed the building of a children's home in Bodo, in northern Norway.

The Vosselaget talked over plans for erecting statutes to the memory of the late Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota in St. Paul and in his birthplace in Norway.

The Mjoselaget, named after the largest lake in Norway, debated what might be done to commemorate its fiftieth anniversary this year.

Other "lags" discussed similar matters and all listened to musical programs—no Norwegian meeting is complete without classical music—in some cases on the traditional hardenger-violin, or fiddle with eight strings. All talked over the beauties of the "bygd," or district, from which their particular group came, all emphasized the superiority of the scenery, the excellence of the cooking and the diligence and frugality of the housewives over all the rest of Norway.

Yet in every case this sentimental attachment to a country which many of the members of the "lags" have never even seen was made subordinate to the expression of pride over what Norwegians have accomplished in America.

Repeat Story of Pioneers.

Over and over again in the various exposition buildings, orators in musical Norwegian told the romantic story of the sloop Restaurationen, which brought to the United States the original fifty-three Norwegian immigrants in 1825. Again and again they repeated the wonderful story of the settlement of the northwest, of pioneer days when little settlements of Scandinavians were the only bulwark against hordes of hostile Indians, of the terrible massacre of 1862, when many Norwegians lost their lives under the tomahawk.

They were reminded that the Norwegian immigrant came to America, not to get rich quick, but because he had a vision of a broader freedom. It was recalled that the first Norwegian newspaper in America advocated abolition of slavery, that a large per cent of the Norwegian settlers responded to Lincoln's call for volunteers, that Col. Hans C. Heg of Wisconsin and Peter C. Olson of Illinois were among the heroes who gave their lives to preserve the union, that, while the draft in the late war called 4 per cent of the nation, 6 per cent of the Norwegian-Americans voluntarily enlisted.

The story was told of the economic growth of the northwest, the patient effort to wrest a living from the soil, a battle that could only have been won by a nation of farmers, trained to hardship through centuries of agriculture.

Political Prominence Is Shown.

Finally it was recalled that the Norwegian-Americans of to-day, numbering more than 2,500,000, a figure equal to the population of Norway, are among the most perfectly Americanized of alien races and that twelve gov-

ernors of states, seven United States senators and twenty-two congressmen have been selected from their number.

To-morrow morning will be entirely devoted to religious services held in the huge grand stand and hippodrome at the fair grounds. Among those officiating will be Johan Lunde, bishop of Oslo, one of the many visitors who are bringing to the centennial the cordial approbation of the mother country. In the afternoon there will be centennial exercises in Norwegian and in the evening musical programs.

EAU CLAIRE WIS LEADER
SUNDAY JUNE 7, 1925

NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL TO CONVENE TODAY

Series of Devine Services to Open Anniversary of Nor- wegian Immigration.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 6., A. P.)—With a series of devine services tomorrow the Norse-American Centennial, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first group immigration of Norwegians to the United States will be officially opened in the Twin Cities tomorrow.

To Hold Re-unions.

Thousands of Norwegians from all parts of North America came to the Twin Cities today and virtually all of them attended the 36 "Bygdelag" meetings or "Old Home" gatherings at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds.

These reunions of former residents of Norway and their relatives brought together Centennial officials estimated more than 25,000 persons. Each "Bygdelag" held a separate sessions and elected officers.

At each of the meeting places the dialect of the provinces from which the individual "Lags" membership came was spoken.

Honor Bishop Lunde.

Bishop John Lunde of Oslo, Norway was made an honorary member of the Gudbrandsdaaget. Bishop Lunde is head of the state church of Norway with headquarters in that part of the country from which come members of this "Bygdelag."

Vosselag named a committee to confer with representatives of the other "Bygdelags" on plans for starting a fund to establish a suitable memorial to the late United States Senator, Knute Nelson of Minnesota who was born in Voss, Norway.

The thousands of visitors here were looking forward to Monday's program which will include an address by President Coolidge at the state fair grounds.

Announcement was made tonight that the address will be broadcast from radio station WC GO.

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Norse-American Centennial Opens With Holy Service

By The Associated Press—

ST. PAUL, June 7.—Divine festal services in the Norwegian language and concerts by bands and choirs marked the formal opening at the Minnesota State Fair grounds today of the Norse-American centennial celebration.

Speakers, who included Bishop John Lunde, of Oslo, Norway, head of the state church in that country, and Dr. H. G. Stub, of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, lauded the courage of resourcefulness of the first organized group of Norwegians who left their native land 100 years ago for America.

There were fifty-two persons aboard the sloop Restaurationen which sailed from Norway, July 4, 1825, and which reached American fourteen weeks later. A similar sloop to the Restaurationen is on exhibition at the fair grounds.

Tomorrow the thousands of visitors in the twin cities for the celebration will join in greeting President Coolidge when he speaks at the fair grounds.

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SONGS OF OLD NORWAY SUNG BY THOUSANDS

Speaker Cites Important Role Played by Norwegians in Development of Northwest.

TRIBUTE PAID TO RECEPTION HERE

TODAY'S PROGRAM

8:30 A. M.—Opening of Norse-American centennial games, University of Minnesota stadium. Mass games and bicycle races.

9:30 A. M.—Norse sessions in the Hippodrome at Fair grounds and before the grandstand.

10 A. M.—Sessions of Norse-American Historical society in the St. Louis county building, Fair grounds.

12 noon—Luncheon for President Coolidge given by centennial officials in Minneapolis.

1:30 P. M.—Mass sports at centennial games, University of Minnesota stadium.

2 P. M.—Presidential session before grandstand at Fair grounds. President Coolidge, Secretary of State Kellogg, and Governor Christianson will speak.

7:30 P. M.—Official program before grandstand at Fair grounds. Governors of neighboring states, United States senators and congressmen will speak.

8 to 9 P. M.—Reception at the Capitol for President and Mrs. Coolidge, given by the State of Minnesota, with Governor and Mrs. Christianson as host and hostess.

10 P. M.—Departure of President Coolidge from the St. Paul Union depot on return trip to Washington.

Norse men and women of the Northwest and two nations bowed in worship at the opening sessions of the Norse-American centennial Sunday. A half dozen services conducted in either the Norwegian or English language at the Fair grounds.

Exhibiting the fundamental place of worship in their national character, a host of visitors estimated at 60,000 entered into the devotionals at one place or another. Before night the turnstiles had measured 53,809 turns.

Augmented by amplifiers in the open air pulpit before the grand stand, the voices and music were carried clearly to the more than 10,000 attendants at the initiatory assemblies of the day.

Two Foremost Nations.

The first meeting was addressed by Rev. H. K. Madsen, superintendent of the Red River Valley diocese and president of the Norwegian-Danish Educational society. Rev. Mr. Mad-

STORM HALTS CONCERT

Fifteen thousand persons hurriedly left seats in the grandstand of the state Fair grounds Sunday when high winds and great clouds of dust broke up the Sunday evening concert of the Norse-American centennial. It was shortly after 9 P. M. when first indications of the approaching storm caused a stir among the crowd, Hanna Astrup Larsen, literary secretary of the American-Scandinavian Foundation, was speaking.

The crowd at first began to leave the grandstand in an orderly manner. When the wind grew stronger and persons began leaving the speakers' platform there was a general rush for the exit.

When the rain started all roads at the Fair grounds became congested with traffic. There were no accidents, however, and by 10 P. M. most of the crowd had left the grounds.

sen's address followed opening selections by the St. Olaf College Choral society, with Professor F. Melius Christianson directing, and by the Luther college band under direction of Professor Carlo A. Sperati.

Rev. Mr. Madsen's theme was the interlocking social and spiritual obligations of Norway and the United States.

"Norway and America stand today as the two outstanding countries of the world," the speaker said. "The Scandinavians look to this land as the birthplace of Norway's advancement in world fields. There are 10

times as many acres under Norwegian plows in the United States as in Norway. Norway, indeed, is indebted

to the United States, and the reverse also is true.

"This great Northwest, the pride of the whole country, can trace its past and present growth to the immigration of Norwegian and Swedish peoples. The future, too, of this same territory is bound to be guided, to a great extent, by these same persons."

Rev. Mr. Madsen outlined the history of the world in the past 100 years. The future, he declared, is bright, and such an event as the Norse-American centennial will serve as a link in the chain which is slowly binding the nations together.

"The thousands who have come to the Twin Cities and the Northwest especially for the celebration are deeply appreciative of the hospitality shown us."

At the triennial convention services of the Young Peoples' Luther league, held Sunday morning and afternoon in the Horticultural building, an estimated crowd of 12,000 gathered to hear the singing of several distinguished Norse choruses.

Big Chorus Performs.

The St. Olaf centennial chorus of 200 mixed voices, including the St. Olaf Lutheran choir, known throughout Minnesota; the Augustana college choir of Sioux Falls, S. D., and the Concordia College choir, Moorhead, Minn., were heard in a number of old Norwegian hymns and special music. Amplifiers were used to give volume to the choral effects and throngs of listeners, unable to gain entrance to the building, stood outside in the sun to listen.

One of the most important sessions of the day was the Norse guests' program in front of the grandstand in the afternoon. It was held in the

Norse, and "Ja, vi elsker," national anthem of Norway, was led by Rev. B. E. Eerguson as the opening number.

Professor Gisle Bothne, chairman of the centennial board of directors, gave an address of welcome and Minnesota's greetings were extended by Governor Christianson.

Bishop Lunde of Oslo, Norway, and H. H. Bryn, Norwegian minister to the United States, addressed the filled stands representing the church and king, respectively. L. Oftedal, member of the Norwegian cabinet, spoke for the Norwegian government, C. J. Hambro for the Storting and Fredrik Stang for the University of Oslo.

Norway's women sent their greeting through their special representative, Betsey Kjellsberg, and W. Morgenstjerne spoke on behalf of the Norse world league. Nils Collett Vogt, Norwegian poet, carried a message to the Northwest from the Authors' league of Norway and Thorals Pryser represented the Norwegian Press association. Judge T. O. Gilbert responded for the Norse-Americans.

St. Paul, virtually in motion with the flying colors of America and Norway, watched the growing crowds of Centennial visitors on their way to and from the Fair Grounds Sunday. The concourse of the Union station was a never failing source of arrivals. The estimated 100,000 visitors appeared to have made their total appearance Sunday night as the warm weather drew them out on the streets for fresh air.

Minneapolis, Minn., Journal
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1926

Disciples of Ole Bull, With Violins in Town, Throng City; Big Day in 'Ice Cold Lemo'

Hotels House Capacity Crowds, Press Poolrooms, Ballrooms and Foyers Into Service— Many Notables Entertained Under Single Roof

Hundreds of the visitors to the Norse-American Centennial carry with them, ~~what their other message,~~ violin cases. Through the corridors of downtown hotels drift at all hours of the day and night, long drawn quivers of melody played by countrymen of Ole Bull. In front of the violin exhibit at the Centennial, they stand for hours, to discuss the famous antique violins, hundreds of years old.

"Now, there's one just like mine," mustached individual confided to his companion, "and only \$15 mine cost, for a fact."

"And I bet it's just as good."

Ballrooms, pool rooms and even the foyers of hotels have been pressed into service as dormitories for visitors to the Centennial. Every hotel is crowded, with the Nicollet reporting 700 guests; the Leamington and Curtis more than 300; the Dyckman, 250; the Radisson, 600; the Ritz, 250; the St. James, 250, and the West, more than 400, all visitors to the celebration.

TODAY was a big day at the Nicollet hotel, with President Calvin Coolidge, "Miss America," called "the most beautiful girl in America"; Gilda Gray, the dancer; Carl Oftedal, premier of Norway, and the governors of Montana and South Dakota, all listed among the guests.

THE big tree near the bandstand is the favorite trysting place at the Norse-American Centennial. Cousins and uncles and old school friends wait there by the hour for their guests.

"Never again will we make a date with Sarah," a large woman announced in firm tones today, after a visit of about half an hour.

"After this, Sarah either comes with us or stays at home."

The children's building at the Centennial is proving a drawing card for a good many grownup children. A playground has been established in the large cattle barn back of the Hippodrome, with revolving boats, swings, chute-the-chutes and balls, in the stalls. In the quiet hours of yesterday in the building, wandering girls and their escorts slid down the chute-the-chutes with squeals of delight, while the few children in the building sat gravely on the benches and watched their elders enjoy themselves.

The weather man and the soft drink sellers at the Centennial yesterday worked hand and hand while the sun blazed down, visitors lined up 10 deep, around every softdrink stand, so that visitors had to wait sometimes 15 minutes to get a drink of "ice cold lemonade."

A barber probably would draw a deep breath and think he had landed in Paradise if he should arrive at the State Fair grounds this week.

Never, it seems, has such a collection of beards been gathered together. Nine out of every 10 men on the porches of the buildings occupied by various "jag," sport a beard, or at least a set of whiskers. A man with a 17 foot beard, who was king of the Longbeards in California, was one of them.

IN the "Norwegian Hall of Fame," in the Woman's building, hang many pictures of famous Norwegians who have

served in important military, diplomatic, and political positions for the United States. Several held important commissions in the army during the Civil war. Since that time, there have been many who have served as governors or United States senators from Montana, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Among the noteworthy are Rasmus B. Anderson, United States minister to Denmark; Laurits S. Swenson, United States minister to Norway and Switzerland; N. A. Gruestad, United States minister to Uruguay; Lieutenant Commander Olaf Hustvedt, U. S. Navy; Colonel Gamborg, United States Marine Corps; Captain William Christian Assersen, United States Navy; the late Rear Admiral Christian Assersen, United States Navy; and General Alfred J. Bjornstad, United States Army.

Valley City, N. D., Journal
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OTHER PROMINENT MEN WILL ADDRESS NORWEGIAN BODY

Presidential Party Welcomed By The Twin Cities With Open Arms

NORWAY PREMIER A M O N G VISITORS

Only One Disappointment, That Is Cancellation Of Los Angeles Trip

Thousands Gathered At Air Port Awaiting Arrival Of Giant Ship

PRESIDENT — 3 col. 2

St. Paul, Minn., June 8. (UP)—

High shifting winds accompanied by lightning, threatened rain to mar the festivities. The president, it was said, will give the speech rain or shine.

William J. Walsh,

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

St. Paul, Minn., June 8.—President Coolidge's proverbial luck today brot lower temperatures and promises of ideal conditions for the whirlwind day mapped out for him. The suffocating heat which hung over the northwest even to last night was swept away during the night by thunder storms and sent the thermometer tumbling from 90 to 70 degrees. The change was welcome to every one, not in the least to President Coolidge, who faces a day packed with honor entertainments that two great cities proud of having him with them can devise.

The only disappointment for the day was the cancellation of the trip of the Naval Dirigible Los Angeles to the Northwest. More than 5,000 people gathered at the air port when the great craft was due to arrive, refusing to believe the report that it had turned back.

President and Mrs. Coolidge slept under blankets at the home of Secretary of State Kellogg, but were up early to tackle the heavy program before them.

The president opened the day with a reception of the members of the Norse-American Centennial celebration. He will deliver the address at the state fair grounds this afternoon.

Students Call On Mrs. Coolidge

Mrs. Coolidge will receive a number of students of the University of Minnesota, members of her college sorority, who will present her with a banner of the order's colors.

Several conferences with state republican leaders at the Kellogg home is on the schedule at 11 o'clock for the president.

Shortly after 11 o'clock he will leave for Minneapolis by motor to attend a luncheon given in his honor by the Centennial committee. The president was not expected to speak.

The climax of the president's day of the Centennial was to come at 2:30 p. m. at the fair grounds, when the president will deliver the address for which he came here. Amplifiers have been installed and the speech will be broadcasted by WCCO.

Governor Christianson of Minnesota and Secretary of State Kellogg will also speak.

The president will drive along the Mississippi river back to the Kellogg home which concludes the afternoon. Tonight, President and Mrs. Coolidge will attend a public reception at the state capitol and immediately afterward they will board their special train for the return to Washington.

Welcomed By People

The Twin Cities welcomed President Coolidge with open arms. The concourse at the Union Station in St. Paul was jammed with humanity and the entire route from the station to

the Kellogg home was crowded with cheering thousands. The city was decked with flags among which the banner of Norway was prominent.

Among those at the station to receive the presidential party were Prime Minister Mowinckel of Norway, Bishop Lund of Oslo, Governor Christianson, Mayors Leech and Nelson of Minneapolis and St. Paul respectively, and a committee of one hundred prominent citizens.

The trip from Washington was more endurable than anticipated. After a cool night crossing Ohio and Illinois, the president found Wisconsin somewhat warmer, but nothing compared with the heat they left behind at the Capitol.

St. Paul, Minn., News
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1923

**ENVOY OF KING
BRINGS MESSAGE
TO FAIR GROUNDS**

International Fellowship
Is Pledged to Spokes-
man by Coolidge.

NOTABLES ON PROGRAM

Canadian Dignitary, Sen.
Norbeck and Preus
Will Speak.

The ruler of Norway and the President of the United States exchanged greetings today at the Norse-American centennial program at the state fair grounds.

Through the medium of H. Bryn, Norwegian minister to the United States, Haakon VII of Norway felicitated Calvin Coolidge. The President, in his formal address, acknowledged the greetings and in turn sent an expression of international fellowship to Haakon VII.

NOTABLES ON PROGRAM.

Pres. Coolidge and H. Bryn were two of many notable speakers on today's centennial program.

Others were: Hon. Thomas Johnson of Canada; Sen. Peter Norbeck of South Dakota; Former Gov. J. A. O. Preus of Minnesota.

At tonight's program at the fair grounds many other notables are on the program. Included are:

Greetings from American governors of Norse descent will be delivered at the centennial official session at the grandstand at 7:30 p. m. today. These will include messages from Gov. Theodore Christianson, Minnesota; Henry L. Whitfield, Mississippi; J. E. Erickson, Montana; A. G. Sorlie, North Dakota; Carl Gunderson, South Dakota, and John J. Blaine, Wisconsin.

GREETINGS FROM CANADA.

Greetings from United States congressmen of Norse descent will be presented including messages from Sens. Henrik Shipstead, Minnesota; Peter Norbeck, South Dakota, and Reed Smoot, Utah, and from Reps. August H. Anderson, O. J. Kvale, Knud Wefald and Harold Knutson, Minnesota; Olger Burtness, North Dakota; Charles Christopherson, South Dakota; Gilbert N. Haugen, Iowa; M. Alfred Michaelson, Illinois, and William Williamson, Illinois.

Premier J. Bracken will bring greetings from Manitoba, Canada, and Consul C. J. BJORKE, from British Columbia. C. J. Hambro will present the greetings from the Storting of Norway to the state of Minnesota. Official greetings from the Twin Cities will be presented by Mayors Arthur Nelson, St. Paul, and George E. Leach, Minneapolis.

Maj. Gen. C. W. Berry will bring greetings from Gov. Al Smith of New York, and N. A. Grevstad will speak officially for Gov. Len Small of Illinois.

The St. Olaf college band and the Norwegian Singers' Association of America will furnish the music at this session.

NORWAY'S SONS HAIL COOLIDGE; WILL HEAR HIM SPEAK TO-DAY

Program Includes Auto Drive of President from St. Paul to Minneapolis and Route of Passage Is Lined with Cheering Throngs.

Hotel Luncheon to Be Followed by Procession to State Fair Grounds, Where Address Will Be Delivered—Reception To-Night, Then Back to Capital.

BY LEROY T. VERNON.

[Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent.]
State Fair Grounds, Minn., June 8.—
Norway and the United States joined hands here to-day to pay tribute to the sons and daughters of Norway who, in the last 100 years, have indelibly injected the sturdy products of their brain, their brawn and their hearts into the national life of the United States.

Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States, and an official delegation from Norway, headed by Minister Helmar H. Bryn and other members of the Norwegian government, represented the international aspect of this centennial celebration of organized Norwegian emigration to the United States, which was to be held on the Minnesota state fair grounds to-day.

The domestic unity which helped emphasize the occasion as a truly national event, devoid of politics and all other selfish considerations, was to be reflected by the presence on the same platform as President Coolidge of Senator Henrik Shipstead of Minnesota, farmer-labor leader and chairman of the occasion; Senator I. L. Lenroot of Wisconsin and Peter Norbeck of South Dakota, and Governors Theodore Christianson of Minnesota, Carl Gunderson of South Dakota, A. G. Sorlie of North Dakota and John J. Blaine of Wisconsin, all Norwegians, except Senator Lenroot.

All Races Are Represented.

In the largest throng which ever filled and overflowed the vast amphitheater of the fair grounds were representatives of all the nationalities, races and creeds of the northwest, gathered together to voice their appreciation of the permanent contribution of their Norse friends and neighbors to the upbuilding of the northwestern commonwealths, also for their healthy reflex on the life of the nation and for their adaptability and loyalty to their new home land. Norwegians from

Canada and Iceland also participated.

Throughout the entire program to-day, which was to begin with a luncheon to President Coolidge at Minneapolis at noon, followed by the main celebration at the fair grounds at 2:30 p. m. this afternoon and culminating with a reception to the president at the capitol building at St. Paul at 8 o'clock to-night, personalities and material considerations were definitely subordinated in favor of the national and racial significance of the event.

Without exception the speakers were expected to use the constructive record of the Norse in America as a model, not only to be emulated by other nationalities seeking similar rights and privileges in the United States, but as an evidence of that amity between nations and peoples which should obtain every where. It was noteworthy that the representatives of Norway expressed their pride in the achievements of its sons in America without envy and without qualification.

Representatives from Norway.

In addition to Minister Helmar H. Bryn the official representatives from Norway present at the celebration were: L. Oftedal, minister of labor and representative of the Norwegian government.

C. J. Hambro, chairman of the committee on foreign relations of the storthing and representative of the storthing.

The Rt. Rev. Johan Peter Lund, bishop of Oslo.

Wilhelm de Munthe de Morgensterne, chief of the bureau of the foreign ministry of Oslo, representative of the Norwegian association Nordmansforbundet.

Prof. Fredrik Stang, rector of the Royal Fredriks university of Oslo, representing that institution as well as the Institute of Technology of Norway, the Institute of Agriculture of Norway and the Museum of Bergen.

Descendants of the "Sloopers."

Among the Norwegians present to-day were direct descendants of the Stavanger (sloopers), who came over on the

Restaurationen, the Norse Mayflower, in 1825, just 100 years ago, most of whom settled in Orleans county, New York. There were the descendants of the Fox river colonists in Illinois, led there by the Slogvigs and Gudmund Haugaas in 1833; of the Chicago Norwegians, the first of whom was Knud Langeland, who located there in 1836; of the Samanger and Voss immigrants who came over on the Aegir in 1837 and later under the leadership of Nils Langeland, and of the immigrants of Telemarken, led by Ole Trobatten.

These names and many others shared the honors to-day with the distinguished group of Norse leaders who have taken high place in the life of the nation, whose independent, courageous and adventurous spirits now find expression in politics, economics, education and science, as seekers of new lands in progressive thought and action.

One Norwegian of international repute whose name was frequently mentioned here to-day, always with regret, was that of the late United States Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota, the most distinguished son of Norway America has yet produced. At this centennial celebration steps have been taken to formulate a permanent memorial in his honor.

BY HERBERT M. DAVIDSON.

[Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent.]
State Fair Grounds, Minn., June 8.—
More than 100,000 Norwegian-American visitors and their hosts, citizens of Minneapolis and St. Paul, to-day packed and overflowed the huge grand stand where President Coolidge was to address the celebrants of the Norse-American centennial.

Because of the importance of the Norwegian-American in the development and present-day cultivation of the agricultural northwest, this address is generally regarded as Calvin Coolidge's first direct personal message, since his election to the presidency, to the people of this influential section of the country.

The Twin Cities gave President Coolidge a rousing welcome last night and to-day, all the more hearty because those citizens with long memories felt, perhaps, a bit self-conscious about it.

Recalls Speech in 1922.

Many could not help recalling—though they preferred not to say much about it—a day in September, 1922, when Calvin Coolidge, the vice-president of the United States, last visited the Minnesota state fair grounds and spoke to an audience in this same grand stand.

Mr. Coolidge made what was pronounced to be one of the finest speeches ever delivered in this part of the country, a stirring plea for co-operation between agriculture and industry. But the heat was oppressive, the speech a bit long, and there were to be automobile races at its conclusion.

A few paragraphs before the peroration some one in the crowd started to boo. There followed ill-timed applause, not a little hissing, and part of the crowd started to leave the grandstand. The speaker stopped, waited, braced himself and brought his address to a hasty conclusion.

"I did not resent it," said the then vice-president, speaking afterward of the interruption, and to-day he is proving that he meant it.

Crowd Is Picturesque.

It was a picturesque crowd that gathered to hear the president, a generous part of it composed of that wholesome peasantry of Scandinavian stock that produces so significant a portion of the wealth of this country. Many of them were types rarely seen on city streets.

Some of the women wore finery for the occasion. Others were dressed in the simple gingham of the farm. Some of the men had on their Sunday best suits and fettered sunburned necks with collars, but many, president or no president sat through the program in the same rough costume that serves them when behind the plow.

Leadens skies and an intermittent drizzle this morning followed a sudden breakup last night of the prolonged heat spell. The cool weather to-day provides relief for the thousands of celebrants and adds to their marked contrast with Mr. Coolidge's former visit.

Last night a large, enthusiastic crowd cheered the president as he and Mrs. Coolidge, accompanied by Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin and members of his staff, arrived at the Union station, St. Paul and greeted a reception committee of Norwegian-American officials, Gov. Christianson and Senator Shipstead, representing the state of Minnesota and the mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

More crowds gathered this morning in front of the home of Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg on Fairmount avenue, St. Paul, where President and Mrs. Coolidge are guests.

Line Route of Auto Tour.

Still others lined the route the presidential party was scheduled to follow on an automobile tour through St. Paul and into Minneapolis, where the president was to lunch at the Nicollet hotel as the guest of the board of directors of the centennial. From there the president was to resume his motor drive, arriving at the fair grounds at about 3 o'clock.

Fifty Norwegian-Americans, veterans of three American wars, were to meet him at the gate, escort him to the stand, and serve as his personal bodyguard while he is on the grounds.

This evening there will be an informal public reception given in honor of the Coolidges by Gov. Christianson, after which the president will depart in his special train to Washington.

Prof. Gisle Bothne, president of the board of directors of the centennial, was to respond to the president's address; H. Brun, Norwegian minister to the United States, was to present greetings from King Haakon VII. to the president, and Secretary Kellogg was to make an address.

A long program preceded the presidential address. As part of the morning session, Miss Jane S. Atwater, principal of the Parkside school, Chicago, and daughter of the "sloop baby" born aboard the historical vessel that brought the original fifty-three Norwegian pioneers to America, told the story of her mother.

Tells of Early Pilgrimage.

She repeated the saga of that daring expedition which ventured to cross the ocean in a tiny vessel, loaded with iron to keep it from tipping over. She told of the birth of the first child, her mother and the daughter of Lars Larson, who financed and led the expedition.

Simply and touchingly she described her mother, typical of pioneer womanhood, a story of devotion to Norwegian ideals which seemed tremendously to interest the thousands of the speaker's countrymen who, with aid of the amplifiers, were able to hear every word.

The Rev. John L. Atwater, a brother of Miss Atwater and formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of Springwater, Ill., also spoke at the morning session. He described the spirit which led his ancestors to seek a home in a foreign land and to develop that land at the cost of infinite labor.

Mrs. Mabel Atwater Truesdale, sister of the Atwaters and also of Chicago, was present in the speakers' stand. These three Chicagoans are among eight known first-generation descendants of the original "sloopers," and to them the model of the old "Restaurationen" on exhibit here has given especial thrill. The celebration will conclude to-morrow with additional programs and a pageant.

Choirs Sing and Bands Play.

[By The Associated Press.]

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CHICAGO FOLK SEE COOLIDGE.

Train Bearing President and Party Stops Here 25 Minutes.

President Coolidge bowed and smiled yesterday to an early morning turn-out of railroad workers and newspaper men as his special car was being switched about Chicago's "back yard." The presidential train bearing the party was unhooked from the Capitol Limited of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and attached to the rear of the Viking of the Chicago & Northwestern, at North California avenue and West Kinzie street. Reaching Chicago at 9 o'clock, the president was on his way north twenty-five minutes later.

AIRSHIP LOS ANGELES DISABLED.

Turned Back on Trip to Minneapolis by Engine Trouble.

[By The Associated Press.]

Lakehurst, N. J., June 8.—The dirigible Los Angeles, turned back at Cleveland by engine trouble from a contemplated flight to Minnesota, was hovering over its hangar here to-day, unable to land because of a dense fog.

The Los Angeles arrived over Lakehurst at 1:40 a. m., eastern standard time, twenty-four hours and twelve minutes after she left to attend the Norse-American centennial celebration in Minneapolis and St. Paul, at which President Coolidge speaks to-day. She carried her crew of thirty-seven men.

Preparations had been completed for a landing this morning. Suddenly the wind shifted to the northeast and a fog rolled in from the Atlantic. Despite flood lights the ship disappeared from view of the landing crew. The wind was blowing about fifteen miles an hour.

Officers at the naval station questioned whether Commander Steele would attempt to have the dirigible hauled into the hangar under present weather conditions, the mooring mast being considered safer.

This was the first time the Los Angeles has been forced to change a scheduled flight because of mechanical difficulties since it was formally handed over to the United States by Germany last October after a 5,060-mile flight from Friedrichshafen.

Fargo, N. Dak., Forum
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

Final Reunions Market Closing Day of Great Gathering

Minneapolis, June 9.—Final reunions of the thousands of visitors attending the Norse-American centennial celebration and an athletic carnival, marked the closing day's program of the gathering today.

While the athletes were performing at the University of Minnesota memorial stadium here, prominent Norsemen were addressing the centennial meetings at the Minnesota state fairgrounds.

St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn., and Luther college of Decorah, Iowa, met today for the baseball championship of the Norwegian colleges. Preceding the baseball game, the Norwegian A. A. team of Chicago and the Norse Sports club of Minneapolis were to stage a soccer contest.

More than 200 college, high school and unattached athletes were on the program for the Norse-American track and field contests at the memorial stadium. The stars included Harold Osborne, Olympic all-around

champion; Helen Filkey, phenomenal girl athlete of Chicago; Jok Ray, Ray Watson, Charles Mellor and Emil Krogh.

There were three classes—senior class A, an open event; class B, for Norwegian colleges, and clubs, and the junior class, for high school and academy athletes. In the junior class were high school athletes from the twin cities, many towns in Minnesota, North and South Dakota as well as several entries from Portland, Ore.

Thousands From N. D.

North Dakota has contributed thousands to the immense throng of visitors here, and North Dakotans have played a prominent part in the celebration.

Rev. I. D. Ylvisaker, of the Norwegian Lutheran church of Fargo, delivered an address yesterday on the work of the pioneer pastors. This was one of a series of 15-minute talks giving bits out of Norwegian history in the northwest.

"Mighty in good works were these old pastors," declared Rev. Mr. Ylvisaker, who is himself a member of the pioneer Ylvisaker family prominent in the church. He named some of those most prominent in the Norse church's development.

"Filled with the love of God and supreme regard for His truth and sustained by unflinching faith in the people, these men spread like a benediction over our people and followed them wherever they built their homes," he said.

"They were men of knowledge. Highly educated and finely cultured, either in the best schools of their homeland or trained in educational institutions of their adopted fatherland, they possessed a learning equal to the best, but filled with the nobler knowledge. They were men of God, deeply religious. Thoroughly trained in the word of God, they came to build the church of Jesus Christ among our countrymen.

"Because they themselves were men of knowledge, they realized that the first requisite of the situation was the education of the people. They started with the children training them in their catechism, explanation, and the Bible history."

The Fjelde Tapestry

North Dakota visitors were keenly interested in a Gobelin tapestry, woy-

en by Miss Pauline Fjelde, a Minneapolis woman, who died a year ago last Christmas. She was a sister of the late Dr. Herman Fjelde, former resident of Fargo and Abercrombie, and noted for his interest in securing monuments for the northwest which would commemorate Norse historical events.

Miss Pauline Fjelde spent 12 years at the work of weaving this tapestry on which was depicted Hiawatha, striding through the woods with a deer over his shoulder.

Miss Fjelde died with her work not quite finished, and her sister, Mrs. Fjelde Hansen, 3008 Park av, took up the task and finished it. Miss Fjelde was the sister of Jacob Fjelde, sculptor of the Ole Bull statue in Loring park and the statue of Minnehaha at Minnehaha Falls.

Fargo Woman Plays

A niece of Miss Pauline Fjelde, Miss Fredrikka Fjelde daughter of the late Dr. Herman Fjelde, now living in Fargo, is taking part in the twilight concert this evening. Miss Fjelde plays the piano and will give a number of selections on that instrument.

The Fjelde tapestry is part of a remarkable collection of articles which typify the romance of the development of the Norse settlement in the northwest. It is shown in the woman's building at the fairgrounds and has been visited by tens of thousands.

In one little exhibit is typified the whole display. On one stand is a model of "Per Viking's Farm, 1886"—three log cabins, a few cows, a wooden fence—space. On another, a model of "Ole Viking's Farm, 1925"—an automobile on the driveway, electric lights and telephone in the house, modern, immaculate barns, blooded stock. That is the keynote of it all. Side by side stand dishes used before the Civil war and dishes used since the World war.

The Old Costumes

All around the showcase, full of Norwegian costumes, brilliant with colorful embroidery, with white blouses and little tightly laced bodices, wander women and girls in the slim, straight, boyish frocks of 1925.

Looking down benignly on the display of the things they have made possible is a frieze of pictures of famous Norse-Americans, men who have played a prominent part in the development of the northwest. Governors, ministers, soldiers, judges, school teachers, doctors, diplomats, benefactors, all have their place.

There are queer old chests, varicolored and sturdy looking, that hint of the glorious golden haired brides who married Vikings long ago. There are silver and china dishes, built like Viking ships, old books and pictures, crude wagons and cultivators and mortars.

Tapestries stand out in the exhibit. High above the crowd hangs a blue tapestry, with calm, placid ducks floating leisurely across it.

President Returning to Capital

President Coolidge's Train, En Route to Washington, near Madison, Wis., June 9. — (AP) — Somewhat wearied by their strenuous day in the twin cities of Minnesota, where the president took part yesterday in the Norse-American centennial celebration, Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge spent a restful night on the first lap of their return trip. Washington will be reached Wednesday morning.

Returning to their train in the union station yards immediately after the reception held at the state capitol in St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge retired by 10 p.m., more than an hour before departure of the train. The downward drop in temperature made for a comfortable night.

Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge were smiling broadly as they passed the last crowd of the day at the station, and though weary, both were apparently pleased at the reception. The president seemed none the worse for the two hour visit to the state fairgrounds where, on an open stand, he participated in the centennial celebration during the rain and windstorm, speaking for more than 30 minutes.

Despite the severe elements, the huge crowd was attentive throughout.

Before going to the fairgrounds, Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge drove to Minneapolis where they were guests of the board of directors of the Norse-American centennial at luncheon. They spent Sunday night at the home of Secretary and Mrs. Kellogg. Mr. Kellogg and the other members of the party who accompanied the president to St. Paul, are making the return trip.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sta
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

PAGEANT TO CLOSE NORSE CELEBRATION THIS EVENING

Great Throngs Jam Fair Grounds for Conclud- ing Sessions

Other Racial Groups Give Praise to Accomplish- ments of Norwegians

For the fourth successive day great throngs of celebrants gathered at the Minnesota State Fair grounds today for the concluding sessions of the historic Norse-American Centennial celebration.

The official attendance yesterday was 83,525, S. H. Holstad, managing director of the centennial, reported. Despite chilly weather, it was expected that from 35,000 to 50,000 people would pass the turnstiles at the exposition grounds during the day and this evening, when presentation of a mammoth pageant, "The Coming of the Northmen," with 1,500 players in the cast, will bring the celebration to a close.

"International Session" Held

Thousands were gathered at the Hippodrome this morning for the centennial "international session," at which tribute was paid to the Norwegian-American people and their accomplishments in the New World by three other American racial groups—the Swedish-Americans, Danish-Americans and Icelandic-Americans.

Greetings from the Swedish-American people were delivered by Prof.

Highlights at Norse Centennial Fete Today

Hippodrome, 2:30 P.M.

Arranged by Women's Auxiliary committee, Mrs. William O. Storlie, chairman. Introduced by Mrs. A. C. Floan. Address, "The Norwegian Woman's Place in American History," Bertha C. Peterson, Chicago.

Address, "Woman's Work for Social Betterment in Norway," Betsey Kjelsberg, Oslo.

Piano solo, Alma Mehus. Address, Holmfridur Arnadottir, Iceland.

Address, Mrs. Otto Clausen, Chicago, Ill.

Vocal solo, Beatrix Bessesen. "The Norwegian Pioneer Woman," Susie Stageberg, Red Wing, Minn.

"Agnes Wergeland," Maren Michelet. Violin solo, Valborg Leland, Columbia, Mo.

"The Contribution of the Norwegian Element in the Field of American Scholarship," Prof. L. Larson, Urbana, Ill.

Greetings, Marie Michelet, Oslo. Greetings, Dean Gertrude Hilleboe. Song, St. Olaf Male quartet.

THE CENTENNIAL PAGEANT Grandstand, 8 P.M.

Music by Luther College Concert band, Carlo A. Sperati, conducting.

Pageant committee, Johannes Groseth, chairman; Carl Hanson, L. Stavheim, Arnie Ofstie, Mrs. T. V. Thomsen, Mrs. Nils Juell, Mrs. William O. Storlie.

(Synopsis of "Pageant of the Northmen," by Willard Dillman). The theme of the pageant is to suggest for the present generation some hint of the story of the fathers, those hardy descendants of the Vikings, who laid the foundation of the splendid achievements of their race in the new world. The story does not follow history with too much exactness.

Frank T. Nelson, T. Skellet, consul for Denmark at Chicago, was the spokesman for the Danish-American group, and Gunnar B. Bjornson, a Minnesotan, extended the greetings of the Icelandic-American people. All were enthusiastic in their praise of the 100-year record of the Norwegian people in the United States and Canada. Greetings from Norway were delivered by C. J. Hambro, newspaper publisher of Oslo, and a member of the Norse parliament.

Women's Part Portrayed

The session was resumed at 2:30 p.m. in the Hippodrome, when Mrs. Bertha C. Peterson of Chicago spoke on "The Norwegian Woman's Place in American History," paying tribute to the pioneer women of Norwegian descent for patiently enduring the hardships that confronted the early settlers in the middle west, and surmounting the difficulties that had to be met before the land was finally won and converted into arich farming area. Greetings to the Norwegian-American women from the women of the motherland were voiced by Marie Michelet of Oslo.

"The Coming of the Northmen," the feature of this evening's concluding session, will be presented before the grandstand beginning at 8 p.m. The celebration will formally close at the fair grounds at 11 p.m. Prior to the opening of the pageant concert numbers will be played by the crack Luther college concert band of Decorah, Iowa, directed by Carlo A. Sperati.

Coolidge Reception Unparalleled

The great crowd gathered at Monday's sessions at the fair grounds extended to President Coolidge and to the representatives of Norway and Canada a reception that for enthusiasm possibly has never been surpassed. Centennial celebrants had taken all available seats in the stands early in the afternoon. Prior to the appearance of the president at 2:30 p.m., the crowd had grown to such proportions that it pushed aside scores of infantrymen who formed lines to preserve order. Hundreds of spectators were jammed against the concrete and iron rail bordering the track, and 10 women, who fainted, or were slightly injured in the crush, were extracted from the seething crowd, and taken to the infirmary hospital. None was seriously injured, officials at the grounds reported. When wild cheering greeted the appearance of President and Mrs. Coolidge a portion of the crowd scaled the wall, crowding the track in front of the grandstand and bleachers.

Throughout the afternoon, despite intermittent showers, and a dust-laden gale, the crowd remained at rapt attention as one orator after another, speaking in behalf of the governments and populace of three countries—the United States, Canada and Norway—delivered messages of appreciation for

all that the Norwegian-American people have done to aid the moulding of the United States into a nation of first rank.

Coolidges Vociferously Cheered

The official welcome of Minneapolis was delivered Monday by Mayor Leach. Speaking of the Norwegian-American people, Mayor Leach said, "They have settled in the greatest country in the world—they have been thrifty and law-abiding and model citizens."

The cheers extended by the vast throng to Mrs. Coolidge when she smilingly bowed from the speakers' stand were dimmed in volume only by the welcome given the president himself. Following his long address, in which he paid high tribute to the Norse-Americans, declaring that they were among the highest type of American citizens, President Coolidge remained in the speakers' stand during the remainder of the afternoon.

More than 15,000 people thronged the state capitol and grounds last night when President Coolidge shook hands with hundreds of Minnesotans at a public reception. He and Mrs. Coolidge were driven to the St. Paul Union station from the capitol, where they boarded their train for the return trip to Washington.

Hambro Addresses Luncheon

Mr. Hambro, official delegate of the Norwegian parliament, was the honor guest and principal speaker at a luncheon given at noon today at the Hotel Radisson by the Minneapolis Civic & Commerce association, the Minneapolis Business Men's association and the Kiwanis club. Five hundred business men and women heard him outline the subject of trade relations between Norway and the United States and present business conditions in Norway.

Honor guests at the luncheon included Lars Oftedal, official representative of the Norwegian cabinet, Dr. Frederick Stang, president of the University of Oslo, H. H. Bryn, Norwegian ambassador to the United States and Thomas H. Johnson, K.C., of Winnipeg, official representative of the Canadian government. Governor Christianson and Mayor Leach spoke in behalf of Minnesota and Minneapolis, respectively, at the luncheon.

Helena, Mont., Record

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL ENDS

PAGEANT DEPICTING INCIDENTS IN LIFE OF COLONEL HEG FEATURES CLOSE.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 10.—(A.P.)—A pageant at the Minnesota state fair grounds last night brought to a close the four-day Norse-American Centennial celebration which attracted thousands from many nations.

The pageant depicted incidents in the life of Colonel Hans Christian Heg, a Norse immigrant who distinguished himself in the service.

The celebration observed the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival in this country of the first organized group of Norwegians to leave their native land for the United States.

Aberdeen, S. D. News
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

PEOPLE AT LUNCH MEET NORSE GUESTS

Distinguished Visitors Accept Hospitality of City Closing Event.

Minneapolis, June 10.—(AP)—With the Norse-American Centennial celebration ~~here~~ ~~at the~~ ~~Minnesota State Fair Grounds~~ last night, arrangements were made for a public luncheon today to permit the public to meet the distinguished guests of the Centennial.

Thousands of visitors, representing many nations attended the celebration which closed last night with a spectacle entitled "The Pageant of the Northmen" at the fair grounds. The pageant depicted the achievements of the Norse race in America.

Professor L. Larson of Urbana, Ill., in the principal address late yesterday before a meeting of women attending the Centennial made a plea for a library to house records of Norwegians in the United States.

Minneapolis, Minn., Journal
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

NORWEGIANS TURN FACES HOMEWARD

May Put Up Memorial Building if Centennial Proceeds Are Big Enough

At the end of the busiest four days of their lives, Norsemen of the world started back home today, bringing to an end the Norse-American Centennial.

Some of the 100,000 visitors from out of the city started home, that is. Others stayed, either in Minneapolis or St. Paul, for various church conventions, for the Norwegian Lutheran church meeting in St. Paul, the Lutheran Free church or Augustana Lutheran synod, meeting in Minneapolis.

Propose Memorial Building

Directors of the Centennial corporation, formed to take charge of the celebration for the 36 bygdelags interested, made plans to meet at once, obtain a report on finances, and, if enough money is left over, plan a Norse-American building in the Twin Cities, to house historical possessions and serve as a permanent memorial to Norse contributions to American development. Professor Gisle Bothne, chairman of the board, said the movement will be started at once if the funds left are adequate.

"The entire celebration was put on without a donation, except temporary loans which will be repaid," Mr. Bothne said. "Expenses naturally were heavy, but there undoubtedly will be a balance in the fund."

Some of the officials from Norway, who made the long trip from Oslo to bring the nations greetings to the Centennial, were on their way back today, hurrying to return because the Norwegian parliament is in session. Those who left include C. J. Hambro, member of parliament, and Lars Oftedal, member of the cabinet. Others of the group were to be guests at a luncheon at the Curtis hotel late today, to be followed by an automobile tour of the cities, the first one visitors have had time to make.

Spectators in Blankets See Pageant

"We feel that the Centennial has been successful," Mr. Bothne said, "because it has served to show the part Norsemen have played in building up America and has set before Norsemen more definitely American ideals, giving them an incentive to go on doing their best."

In spite of cold weather, the Centennial came to a successful close with the presentation of the Centennial pageant, written by Willard Dillman. The grandstand was filled, despite the weather, the day's attendance reaching 26,198.

It was a football crowd, in contrast with the "derby crowd" which made the stands a colorful spectacle in the warmth of Sunday. Winter coats, Indian blankets and patch quilts, overcoats and huddling groups were in order. Daintily dressed fairies in the pageant brought shivers and remarks that "I'd rather be an Indian than a fairy tonight."

Most of the crowd stayed, although the spectacle dragged out, its 24 scenes proving to be long. When Indians, prospectors and pioneers united in singing the Norwegian national anthem without accompaniment, unable to agree on the tune, the audience laughed. Then a family died of cholera and a solemn funeral service was conducted, the crowd was silently moved.

Oslo Girls Ride Merry-Go-Round

Before the program started, girl members of the Oslo students' chorus, speaking no English, wearing their odd caps and capes, got several thrills by enjoying an American merry-go-round. A blind man in front of the streetcar entrance played his little portable organ, and a man stood in the center of the street, directing traffic, while his friends danced.

Visitors from Norway and Canada were guests of the Civic and Commerce Association at a luncheon late yesterday at which Mr. Hambro, who is chairman of the foreign relations committee of the Storthing, spoke.

The city of Minneapolis and the state of Minnesota are known in every home in Norway, Mr. Hambro told more than 500 Minneapolis business men at the luncheon. Members of the Kiwanis Club and the Business Men's Association turned out in force to hear Mr. Hambro speak.

"We will not forget Minneapolis when we go home," Mr. Hambro said.

Says Norway Got Too Rich

Talking on business conditions in Norway, Mr. Hambro said that Norway's trade relations with foreign countries was proportionately greater than that of any other country in the world.

He said the reason for depreciation of Norwegian currency was that the nation became too rich and "set out to buy the world."

"We bought forests in Alaska and Canada, sugar plantations in India, bathing beaches in Rio de Janeiro, and ships were built for us in every yard in the world," he said. "But we don't want to buy the world any longer. It wasn't as good as we thought. We like to trade with you. We like to buy American goods. We like to sell to you."

Thomas H. Johnson of Winnipeg, representing Canada, expressed good wishes of Canada to the United States. G. B. Wollan, publicity director of the Centennial committee to the press for centennial committee to the press for "putting across" the Centennial.

Speeches
(other than Coolidge's)

Secretary Kellogg

SELMA, ALA., TIMES-JOURNAL
JUNE 8, 1925.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE U. S. GOV'T GET OUT, SAYS SEC'Y KELLOGG

Follows Address of Coolidge at Minnesota Fair

PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT IMAGINARY

Time is Here to Give Deserts to Malcontents

STATE FAIR GROUNDS, Minn., June 8 (AP)—Secretary Kellogg, in a speech at the Norse-American Centennial celebration delivered today after President Coolidge had concluded an address, warned against tampering "with the foundation principles upon which representative democracy is built."

Gov't Assailed

The secretary of state declared the principles of the constitution were being "assailed" by "propagandists who advocate the overthrow of the government and the substitution of class tyranny" and by "a considerable body of our citizens, who in the name of liberty and reforms are impatient of the constitutional restrictions and by insidious approaches and attacks would destroy these these guarantees of personal liberty."

Distribute Destruction

"I doubt if you are aware," he added, "of the amount of destructive, revolutionary propaganda which is being distributed."

While Mr. Kellogg, a resident of Minnesota for sixty years, made no direct reference to the present or past political situation in the northwest, his remarks were considered significant.

After praising the Norwegian immigrants for their contribution to the development of the American government, Mr. Kellogg continued:
Sacred Duty

"There cannot rest on any one a higher and more sacred duty than honestly and efficiently to serve his country and to preserve its ideals and institutions. We are blessed with what I believe to be the best form

of government. Let us appreciate these blessings and, while I am not one of those who believe that institutions which exist cannot be improved, do not let us tamper with the foundation principles upon which, through the constitution, representative democracy is built.

Bill of Rights

"The men who framed our constitution were deeply versed in the history of government. The great contribution our forefathers made was an impartial judiciary with power to protect the guarantees of liberty written in the first ten amendments of the constitution, known as the bill of rights. We have so long enjoyed the benefits of these constitutional guarantees that I fear we some times forget the long struggle of the human race and the sacrifice of blood and treasure was made to establish them.

"I do not think there is much danger that the American people will deliberately take away these rights, destroy the fundamental principles on which our government is founded, or place it within the power of any legislative body to do so.

"Get Out."

"I am not an alarmist. I have confidence in the stability of the American people but the danger to our institutions by this constant propaganda against the government is not imaginary.

"If some people are not satisfied with our government and our institutions, let them go where they can find a government which does satisfy them. This is no place for them. I say to you and to all American citizens loving liberty and justice: 'Hold fast to the teachings of your fathers.' These principles of our constitution are the great foundations on which our fabric of government is builded."

Woodward-Lothrop News
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1925

TAMPERING WITH JUDICIARY IS WARNED AGAINST BY KELLOGG

CONSTITUTION BEING ATTACKED FROM TWO SOURCES, SEC- RETARY SAYS

St. Paul, June 8.—(U. P.)—Secretary of State Kellogg, speaking to the same audience as the president, at the Norse-American centennial, significantly warned against tampering with the federal judiciary, an echo of the LaFollette campaign here last year. He also declared that amazing quantities of subversive propaganda were being circulated in the United

States by foreign influence.
Assaulted Openly

"There is no doubt about the principles of our constitution are being assaulted from two sources," said Kellogg.

"First, openly as well as secretly by propagandists who advocate the overthrow of the government.

"Second, a considerable body of our citizens who in the names of liberty and reforms are impatient of constitutional restrictions, by insidious approaches and attacks would

destroy those guarantees of personal liberty.

Danger Not Imaginary

"I am not an alarmist; I have confidence in the stability of the American people, but the danger to our institutions by this constant propaganda against the government is not imaginary.

"I doubt if you are aware of the amount of destructive revolutionary propaganda which is being secretly distributed in this country by foreign influence.

"If these people are not satisfied with our government and our institutions let them go where they can find a government that does satisfy them. This is no place for them.

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Secretary of State Kellogg, addressing the Norse-American centennial in Minneapolis the first of the week, talked plainly and to the point when he warned that we had those in this country who were seeking to overthrow the government by various means from tampering with the Constitution to more radical and direct methods.

There are propogandists who are assaulting the Constitution in the name of liberty and reforms, according to Secretary Kellogg, who would destroy the guarantees of personal liberty embodied in the Constitution. The secretary told those Scandinavians what is well known by the informed, that our institutions are menaced by radicalism which has for its objective the destruction of our nation.

One other point touched upon by Secretary Kellogg and which should not be forgotten by Americans and those who realize all that our government means to enlightened humanity, was that there is a great mass of destructive revolutionary propoganda being secretly distributed in this country by foreign influence.

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Warns of Propaganda.

Following the memorable address of President Coolidge at the State Fair grounds in Minnesota, Secretary of State Kellogg denounced in no uncertain terms the Red propoganda that is being carried on in America, and warned his hearers that the constitution of the United States is being insidiously attacked by alien influences.

The secretary declared that the principles of the constitution were being "assaulted" by "propagandists who advocate the overthrow of the government and the substitution of a class tyranny" and by "a considerable body of our citizens who, in the name of liberty and reform are impatient of the constitutional restrictions and by insidious approaches and attacks would destroy these guarantees of personal liberty."

"I doubt if you are aware," he added, "of the amount of destructive, revolutionary propoganda which is being secretly distributed in this country by foreign influence.

"If these people are not satisfied with our government and our institutions, let them go where they can find a government which does satisfy them.

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St. Paul, Minn., Dispatch
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1923

CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE CONVEYS DOMINION GREETING

LAUDS VIKING DECENDANTS FOR RUGGED CHARACTERS

Thomas K. Johnson of Winnipeg
Speaks as Premier's Official
Envoy.

As official representative of the Canadian government to the Norse-American Centennial celebration, Thomas K. Johnson of Winnipeg, this afternoon brought greetings from this prime minister of Canada and from the Dominion government.

The text of his address follows: "The Prime Minister of Canada the Right Honorable Mr. McKenzie King, was some time ago personally invited to address you today and to convey to this great assemblage on this historic occasion, the official greetings of the people of Canada.

"The Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada would, I know, have honored the occasion more appropriately than I can hope to do and he would have done greater credit to our country, but unfortunately for you he is unable to be here in person.

Brings Greetings of Premier.

"His onerous parliamentary duties made it impossible for him to leave Ottawa at this time. He gave instructions, however, that the government of Canada, of which he is the responsible head, should do everything possible to take a worthy part in the epoch-making celebration which reached its climax this afternoon in the great address of the President of the United States.

"Most of my hearers will perhaps, by this time, have asked themselves the question, as to who is this substitute for the Prime Minister of Canada, and what are his qualifications for so important a duty. To the first part of this question I could give a satisfactory answer, but alas, to the remaining portion I have no adequate reply.

"Qualifications of mine are few, indeed, for so important a task. My unworthiness would quite overwhelm me were it not that I am so fortunate as to be a Canadian of Norse descent, and of Icelandic birth. That is my only defense for occupying the position of honor and trust which is mine today.

"May I say here, that after hearing the eloquent speeches of this afternoon I have quite abandoned the idea with which I started from my home in Winnipeg a few days ago, which was to make my address the feature of the celebration.

"What I may say will consequently be brief and quite free from rhetoric. My words are, however, intended as a cordial message from the Prime Minister and the people of Canada, not only to the Norse-American Centennial, but also to the American people of Norse descent, but also to all the people of this great republic who may be within range of my voice.

Two Nations Favored.

"The two nations which inhabit the major portion of this continent—the New World—are favored in ways that are innumerable. We Norsemen came

to that conclusion long ago. That's why so many of us wrenched ourselves loose from the countries our forefathers which we so loved, and sought happier homes in these lands of liberty and promise.

"In that respect I now proclaim that we have not been disappointed. It may be necessary for me to apologize to the President and people of United States if in what I may say today, I bracket too frequently the United States and Canada.

"I cannot however, and I would not if I could, escape from a feeling of oneness on the part of the people of the United States and Canada when I address this multitude.

"I know that most of you owe allegiance to the Star and Stripes, but I am also aware that there are many hundreds if not some thousands, here who salute the Union Jack as their flag. These two flags which we see waving here together have, not once in all the five score years which we are celebrating today, met in conflict.

"Not once in the 100 years which have transpired since the first Norsemen of modern times took up their abode in America has a soldier or a gun, a warship or a rifle been seen or heard in hostile action on the 3,000 miles of land and water which constitute the frontiers of our two countries.

"I could safely call as witnesses the succeeding generations of Norsemen who for 100 years have contributed so generously to the civilization which has unfolded itself in the New World, to prove, to this war-weary and distracted world that it is possible for two nations to live side by side in security, peace and mutual good will; that armaments and warlike defenses are not essential between nations who have the desire and determination to live in mutual respect and forbearance.

Influence on World Peace.

Before I leave the pleasant subject of the happy relations between our two countries may I just be permitted to allude to the mighty influence of the United States and Canada in the matter of world peace.

"This influence is not even confined to the two countries of which I now speak but extends to the whole of the English speaking, and may I not add, the Norse speaking people of the world.

"My conviction is that no nation can be so influential towards preservation of the peace of the world as those who have demonstrated their valor in a righteous and unavoidable war.

"The heroism of the Norsemen none will question, and the bravery of the English speaking soldier has been witnessed by millions of sacrificed lives and many more millions of casualties in the most recent, the greatest and saddest of all conflicts.

"Let us therefore, here assembled to honor the men and women of the past, dedicate ourselves and our achievements to the even greater achievements of the future, venturing the solemn aspiration that the sons and daughters of Norse ancestry may join hand with the English speaking

people of the lands of their adoption to make this world a happier and safer abode for its inhabitants in the years to come.

U. S. Center of Interest.

"The center of interest in this celebration is naturally in the United States. It is in the United States that the great majority of Norsemen in America have taken up their abode during the century just closed.

"As a Canadian, however, I claim for my country much more than a courteous or superficial interest in these proceedings. The participation of Canada in the celebration has, I submit, borne out the statement which I have just made. The reasons, upon a little reflection, are obvious.

"Canada has a real and practical interest in the Norsemen of today as well as those of more remote generations. We boast today, even in the scattered though growing population of 170,000 citizens of Norse lineage. They are with us as they are with you, acknowledged as among the most desirable of all the new citizens.

"Every Canadian child is taught today that the Norsemen were the first discoverers of the New World. It does not detract from the glory of the Norse navigators of 1,000 years ago if their spirit of enterprise and progress was some centuries in advance of the means of communication which alone could make the settlement of this continent a continuing and permanent achievement.

"It is a characteristic of the Norsemen who settled in America that they have come to stay. No people assimilate more naturally or readily than the Norsemen. No people assume with greater ease or with better results the duties of citizenship. No people on the continent of America have contributed more, proportionately, to the spirit of America than have the Norsemen.

Norse Fill Continent.

"In ancient times the Norsemen went far afield in search of adventure or profit. I will not say that the viking, in all cases, measured up to the present-day ideals of modesty or humility. He acted in accordance with the standards and ideals of his own day and generation.

"His descendants have for 100 years poured into the new world and today there is not a state in the northern or central portions of this Republic, nor a province in the western part of Canada, which does not count among its best citizens people of Norse descent. These two nations have opened wide the doors of opportunity to the people of Norse origin and today we welcome them in Canada.

"Time and propriety make it impossible for me even to enumerate the reasons which have endeared the Norsemen to the countries of their adoption on this side of the Atlantic. Still I cannot refrain from mentioning one or two.

"Industry, piety, respect for constitutional government, patriotism, individualism and self-reliance, love of art, education, music and love of liberty (always liberty under the law) are attributes applicable in a special sense to the Norsemen in America.

"While the love of their adopted countries in no sense has been dim-

inished thereby, each passing generation has handed down to its successors a veneration and profound attachment to the history and traditions of the homelands of their ancestors.

"Look around this great land. Cast your eyes over the Dominion of Canada. What do you see of monuments to the splendid men and women who

WELL KNOWN CANADIAN REPRESENTS DOMINION AT NORSE CENTENNIAL



Hon. Thomas H. Johnson, K. C., public works and attorney general for the province of Manitoba, has been delegated by the Canadian government to represent the Dominion of Canada at the Norse-American Centennial. Hon. Mr. Johnson has arrived at the Twin Cities and is making his headquarters in Minneapolis. Today will be one of the chief speakers at the Fair grounds.

have gone before? They are to be found on all sides.

"The spires of their churches point towards heaven in cities, towns and hamlets across the wide expanse of both countries. Their institutions of education and charity, and mercifully abound all over this continent. These are not, however, their greatest nor the most enduring monuments of the 100 years of permanent Norse settlement.

"The noblest monuments of Norse culture and civilization are woven into the very fabric of the national life of the two splendid nations of this continent.

Deeds Prove Monument.

"In the great city of London, there stands an edifice which is an architectural marvel commanding admir-

through successive generations of the world. I refer to St. Paul's cathedral, its designer, Sir Christopher Wren, lies buried within the great cathedral. A simple slab marks his resting place with this inscription: "If you seek his monument, look around you."

"When I think of the Norsemen in America who have gone before, the epitaph in St. Paul's cathedral comes to my mind and I say: If you seek a monument to the Norsemen of this continent, look around you."

"The United States and Canada join today to do honor to their own sons and daughters whose ancestors came here from the lands of song and saga; from the lands of the vikings and the adventurers of ages now long past. In honoring them, our countries honor themselves."

"The epoch of the immigrant and pioneer is rapidly drawing to a close. Henceforth our national progress must depend upon our own sons and daughters. The achievements of the past are a pledge and earnest of the future."

"If we but pledge ourselves to the ideals of our Norse fathers; to the virtues of our Norse fathers, if we but pledge ourselves to continue to hold high the banner of true liberty, the future will be worthy of the glories of the past, 100 years of which we commemorate today. Norsemen of America, whether residing south or north of the line which constitutes our boundary, let us today unite in that pledge. A Norseman's pledge once made was never broken."

THE VOICE OF CANADA

I cannot escape from a feeling of oneness on the part of the people of the United States and Canada.

These two flags have not once in all the five score years which we are celebrating today met in conflict.

This influence (for world peace) is not confined to the two countries of which I now speak but extends to the whole of the English speaking and the Norse speaking people of the world.

Every Canadian child is taught today that the Norsemen were the first discoverers of the New World.

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A Norseman's pledge, once made, was never broken.

Greetings to Coolidge.

Mr. President, allow me, in conclusion, to convey to yourself the compliments of the Prime Minister and people of Canada. In particular, I desire to express to you the appreciation of the thousands of Norsemen in Canada for your gracious participation in this festival.

"The United States and Canada cherish the common traditions of the English speaking race and the same ideals control our national lives. May the colossal power which rests within the arms of these kindred peoples never be invoked to drive them asunder, but to weld them together more firmly than ever before."

Helena, Mont., Independent
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

GOV. ERICKSON AT NORSE MEETING

MONTANA'S EXECUTIVE TALKS AT ST. PAUL CELEBRATION ON MONDAY

St. Paul, June 8—Governor John E. Erickson of Montana was among the state executives who spoke at the Norse-American centennial celebration here this afternoon.

Governor Erickson reviewed some of the history of Norway and closed his remarks with an appeal to those present to give their earnest thoughts and efforts toward the solving of present-day problems of the government of the United States.

Governor Erickson said in part: "Somewhere I have read of a beautiful custom which prevailed among an ancient and devout people, to the effect that at stated intervals they journeyed to distant sacred shrines, where in prayer and devotion they renewed their faith and rededicated their lives to the service of their gods and their fellow men. Today we as representatives of a great race have journeyed to this beautiful city, and at the shrine of history to pay tribute and do honor to those who in their day sacrificed, labored and suffered so much for humanity and civilization, and renew our allegiance to the institutions of the country in which they now live, and love so well."

"I am proud to have even a small part in this splendid celebration, and as the direct descendant of one who many years ago heard the call of the wild and left his fatherland to better his condition, I gladly bear testimony to the patriotism and the sterling worth of the race to which we belong. We may observe in passing that the struggle for freedom did not begin with Lexington and Bunker Hill, but was transferred from the old world by the Puritans and Cavaliers, who sought the new world as a refuge from intolerable conditions beyond the sea. Our free institutions are not of sudden growth. They did not develop in a night. The struggle between right and wrong, between oppressor and oppressed, between justice and injustice, between strong and weak, is as old as civilization itself. Slowly, through the long and weary centuries our civilizations have grown, moistened by the tears

and the blood of patriots, nurtured by infinite love, devotion and sacrifice, until today they have blossomed into the full flower of modern civilization. It would be interesting indeed to review the part that Norway has had in this long struggle, but to review more than ten centuries of history is out of the question upon an occasion such as this. Suffice it to say that the struggle of the Norwegian people for liberty began away back in the eighth century, when the darkness of the middle ages was brooding over Europe; in an age when learning had retired to the cloisters, when religion was a mockery, liberty an outcast and tyranny ran riot everywhere. It was under such conditions that the old Norse vikings made their appearance in history. They were strong, virile and vigorous in mind and body, and were passionately fond of freedom.

"In the fullness of time, however, they heard the old Liberty Bell 'proclaim liberty throughout all the land, to all the inhabitants thereof.' They read of a land whose government had been dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Such a government and such a land they had long sought for during the

last century tens of thousands of that hardy race left the fatherland, declared allegiance to this new government, and enlisted under our flag. The landing of the first ship of pioneers one hundred years ago, the anniversary of which we are now celebrating, was followed by an exodus to this land of promise and hope.

Westward they took their course, where they found an empire of untold wealth and opportunities waiting for the hand and the brain of man to subdue and develop. Here they became loyal citizens of this glorious republic, and as such they have played an important part in subduing the great Northwest. Here they have helped build states and cities, schools and churches and colleges. They have reclaimed the arid places of the great West, and have covered the almost limitless empire between the Mississippi and the Pacific with homes, homes that are nurseries of industry, frugality and patriotism. By this industry and frugality they have wrung from the soil untold national wealth. They have ever been supremely loyal to American institutions. Upon every battlefield they have mingled their blood with that of their new brothers, and in every great war for humanity their sons and daughters have made the supreme sacrifice. Our nation is richer and freer and stronger because of their labor, their sacrifice and their patriotism.

"But, while we glory in the

achievements of our forebears, while we are proud of their history and their progress, let us not forget the duties and obligations which rest upon us. Never was the responsibility of citizenship greater than it now is, for as civilization grows and expands, so do its problems become more difficult and complex. The victories and the achievements of the past but usher in the problems of the present, reminding us very forcibly that

"We ourselves must pilgrims be,
"Launch our Mayflower, and
steer boldly through the desperate
winter sea,

"Nor attempt the future's portal
with the past's blood-rusted key."

Present Problems.

"Problems of most vital import to the welfare of our nation are pressing for solution. Our nation has become a leader among the nations of the world and we are called upon to play an important part in restoring the war-worn nations of Europe to normal conditions, to bring about a just and permanent peace among the peoples of the earth. Domestic problems are many and vexing. Conservation of our national resources, an equitable system of taxation and a uniform and just distribution of the burdens of government, law enforcement, the maintenance of the integrity of our constitution, a just respect for our laws and matters affecting the moral and physical welfare of our people, the maintenance of a just and amicable relation between capital and labor—these are but a few of the problems now engaging the attention of the voters and the legislators.

"In the solution of these problems we all have a part to perform. We shall have abundant opportunity to serve our country and our fellow men; to stand up at all times and under all circumstances for good government and civic righteousness, for the display of courage and patriotism as lofty and as fine as that required in times of war. There never was a greater call to service for our fellow men than there is right now. That "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" is as true today as it was when first written, more than a century ago. There is but one way to pay the debt we owe to our forebears and that is by carrying on the battle for humanity and for good government which they so nobly begun. The manner of solution of the problems confronting our civilization is up to us. A government cannot be better than those whom it governs, even as a stream can rise no higher than its source. And so upon this historic occasion and in the silence of this hour and with all the hallowed memories and thoughts of this occasion, with the flag of the fatherland representing a thousand years of warfare for humanity looking down upon us, and with Old Glory above us, under whose folds the greatest of all Freedom's battles have been fought, let us here highly resolve to carry on with renewed vigor the struggle for humanity begun in the Land of the Midnight Sun so many centuries ago."

Sioux Falls, S. D., Press
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1923

Gunderson Lauds Pioneers In Speaking For Centennial

Emphasizes Part Trail Blazers Took in Making Modern Civilization Possible for Ones Who Followed

Speaking over radio from Minneapolis last night in the broadcasting program as South Dakota's contribution to advertising the Norse Centennial celebration in the Twin Cities, Governor Carl Gunderson of South Dakota, taking as his subject, "The Pioneer," said:

Pioneer Was Man of Vision

"The spirit of the pioneer is similar to that of the men of '76 and of '61. The former fought to subdue nature and the cause it to serve his higher ideals—the latter fought for liberty and freedom. Both struggled against prevailing conditions for the privilege of self-determination. It was the spirit that was willing to brave the storms of the deep in seeking the great open spaces of the West and to learn what lay beyond the mountains. It was the spirit that sought the opportunity through which expansion became possible. Opportunity to achieve rather than inherit. The pioneer understood the language of the prairie, the forest and the mountain; self preservation made it imperative to observance of natural law. He developed into a man of vision and unbounded faith. Credit is due the pioneer for the service rendered in laying that solid foundation for representative government—both state and federal.

Possessed Kind Heart

"The thoughts of the pioneer were of the future—not of the past. He studied the laws of nature—not of men. His actions required neither supervision nor regulation. There existed within him that self-directing, self-regulating power called character. He was dependent on no one; he made his way through life—it was never found. Circumstances made him self reliant and resourceful. The scarcity of neighbors made him kind and considerate in both social and business relations. But he expected of them even-handed justice. There was no appeal from the pioneer court. The covered wagon gave shelter on the journey—the sod shanty and log cabin were called home. Often the furniture was only such as the nearest woods could supply. The latch string always hung on the outside—locks were unknown. Never did the traveler receive more genuine welcome than in the pioneer's cabin. Often the husband was obliged to be absent for days and weeks on long journeys, while the wife and children guarded the home. It was a common occurrence for the pioneers to settle far in advance of the government surveys. There location was determined by streams and divides to which names have been given by the explorers.

Took Hardships Heroically

"The pioneer constructed his own highways. They followed the winding divide and crossed the stream where

nature built the ford. When the ground was covered with snow, the curling column of smoke from the hillside was the only evidence of there being any settlement. The whirling snow across the unsheltered prairie, caused many anxious hours when loved ones were absent from home. The hazy atmosphere by day and the lurid sky by night struck terror to many a stout pioneer heart, because these unmistakable signs told him that the prairies were safe. The anguish experienced during such times has never been known to others than the pioneer. If he sustained a loss, he absorbed it all—he carried no insurance. Conditions would not permit of rich pioneers. As far as wealth was concerned, they were all practically alike. They were seldom in debt because they lived on what they produced.

"Both schools and churches were maintained in their homes until suitable provisions could be made for such institutions.

"It appears as though God made the cliffs, the oak and the pioneer about the same time and to each he gave the strength to contend against the storm. After all has been said and done, the pioneer himself does not understand how the victory was won. He trusted to the God of the universe and accepted the results.

Paved Way for Civilization

"The sun and moon divided his time into spaces and the north star gave him his directions. The government surveys are finally projected across the pioneer's domain. The glistering steel of the railway and the shrill whistle of the locomotive announced the approach of civilization. Silently the pioneer watches the rapid changes; he sees the prairies covered with homesteaders and villages built along the railways. He marvels at the rapid change, little realizing the important part he plays in making it possible. He may never fully realize how great was the impress that he made on the new order of things. This influence is felt in the school, the church and in the halls of legislation—its effect is moderation all along the line. For a time the new order of things will make the pioneer appear out of date—a back number. He will be urged to adopt modern methods and abandon the pace of the pioneer. Reluctantly he yields, but reflects in sadness on the pioneer days that are past, when hardship and happiness seemed to walk hand in hand. Then when civilization is carried to the highest degree—when new and perplexing problems confront our people, we can easily imagine the comparisons made by the pioneer in seeing the new order of things and remembering the old.

His Principles Should Guide

"Standing on the descending slope of the divide, the pioneer reflects on the great transformation; he recalls the many responsibilities that he was

No gathering in the neighborhood was complete without his presence, he shared in all the rejoicings and comforted those who were in sorrow. No bond of sympathy was ever stronger than that which bound pioneer to pioneer. His valedictorian

experience in great responsibilities, made possible the greatest growth of the human element. He could not understand how there could be social differences and how advantages could be taken in the name of business. The advent of a complex industrial system did not appeal to his ideas of social and industrial responsibilities. But the work of the pioneer is finished. He blazed the way and civilization followed. He may imagine that his work was a failure—that those who follow could have accomplished more; he may never realize that his trials were the means of developing characters that were destined to carry civilization through trying times. Those characteristics will prevail for generations to come. They are the same influences that prevailed in the struggles for liberty and independence. When our ship of state appears to be drifting, then we appreciate these steadying influences. We cannot wander far from those principles which govern the pioneer, without realizing our danger.

"As we stand on the battlefield of the pioneer; as we undertake to pay tribute to his splendid achievement, we are constrained to repeat the words of Lincoln: 'It is rather for us the living to here dedicate ourselves to the unfinished work which those who struggled here, both living and dead, have thus far so nobly advanced.'"

Minneapolis, Minn., Star Tribune
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1923

D. Officials Praise Norse Contributions

Governor Gunderson, Senator Norbeck and Pastor Give Radio Talks.

The contributions of Norwegian-Americans to the growth and prosperity of South Dakota were recounted in addresses broadcast by WCCO radio station Saturday night by Carl Gunderson, governor of the state, Peter Norbeck, one of its United States senators, and the Rev. H. J. Glenn, pastor of the First Lutheran church at Sioux Falls.

Senator Norbeck discussed the natural resources and beauties of his state, Governor Gunderson told of the indomitable spirit of the pioneer settlers, and Mr. Glenn extolled the constructive character of the Norwegian immigrants. The program was known as "South Dakota Night," and the messages broadcast by representatives of the state undoubtedly were heard by hundreds of thousands.

"Very few people in the Mississippi valley," Senator Norbeck said, "are aware that the great Rocky Mountain range extends into South Dakota. The fact has been beautifully concealed by calling these massive mountains the 'Black Hills.' The immigrants who came from the eastern coast, crossed the Alleghenies and travelled the plains for a thousand miles were suddenly confronted with a massive mountain range, the highest peak of which extends a mile and a half above sea level, compared to which the Allegheny mountains look like a row of mud hills.

Huge Mountain Ranges.

"The Black Hills are about 50 miles wide and 100 miles long. The Black Hills is one of the greatest gold mining regions known in all history. The strike was made more than 50 years ago and settled largely around Deadwood gulch, where the famous town of Deadwood was afterwards located. At Lead, within three miles of Deadwood, is located the famous Homestake mine, the greatest gold mine in the world. Hundreds of mines have sprung into fame and have been forgotten, but Homestake still keeps producing the precious metal.

"In the foothills and in the valleys the climate is especially fine. Wonderful fruit districts have been developed, and it is no unusual thing to produce a thousand dollars to the acre in favorable seasons. Such a crop will pay for the land several times a year. The higher altitudes, shorter summer and cooler climate, make it a playground and a haven for those who desire to get away from the oppressive heat of mid-summer.

In his discussion of the spirit of the Pioneers, Governor Gunderson said:

Pioneer Spirit Praised.

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The part of the Norwegian-Americans in the development of South Dakota was related by Mr. Glenn, who said:

Calls Norsemen Thrifty.

"It was in the '70s and '80s that the Norsemen streamed into South Dakota. Quite a number came to us directly from the homeland across the waters, but the majority, I think, represent either the second generation—the sons and daughters of immigrants who settled in Wisconsin, Illinois or southern Minnesota—or such as came over and stopped to work a while in the older settlements. In either case they represent the brawn and brain of the middle class, characterized especially by their willingness to pay their debts, to improve their holdings and gain independence. We can readily see that if South Dakota presents a marked development in the course of its brief history, these hardy Norsemen were especially fitted to have a part in it. In fact, a careful study of this theme might very well show that they constitute the largest element in it."

Aberdeen, S. D., News
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925

NORWEGIANS HAVE CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO SOUTH DAKOTA'S GROWTH

Gunderson and Norbeck Speak Over Radio of Greatness of Their Native State.

Pioneers who "came into the prairie wilderness with nothing but a team of oxen and a covered wagon," Saturday night were honored in Minneapolis by a governor, a senator and a representative of the church from South Dakota, there for the opening of the Norse-American Centennial, when a special "All-South Dakota" program was broadcast from WCCO radio station.

Throughout the nation was sent the story of the Norseman pioneer's contribution to the development of South Dakota.

Governor Carl Gunderson, Senator Peter Norbeck and Rev. H. J. Glenn of Sioux Falls, S. D., told "listeners in" that the Norseman is in South Dakota, and is there to stay."

Governor Praises Norsemen

"The spirit of the pioneer is similar to that of the men of '76 and of '61," Governor Gunderson said. "The former fought to subdue nature and to make it to serve his higher ideals—the latter fought for liberty and freedom. Both struggled against prevailing conditions for the privilege of self-determination. It was the spirit that was willing to brave the storms of the deep in seeking the great open spaces of the west and to learn what lay beyond the mountains. It was the spirit that sought the opportunity through which expansion became possible.

"Credit is due the pioneer for the service rendered in laying that solid foundation for representative government—both state and federal.

Travelers Always Welcome

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Senator Peter Norbeck spoke of "The Black Hills of South Dakota" and said that "very few people in the Mississippi valley are aware of the fact that the great Rocky mountain range extends into South Dakota.

"Immigrants who came from the eastern coast, crossed the Alleghenies and traveled the plains for a thousand miles, were suddenly confronted with a massive mountain range, the highest peak of which extends a mile and a half above sea level, compared to which the Allegheny mountains look like a row of mudhills.

"The Black Hills is one of the greatest gold-mining regions known in all history," Senator Norbeck said. "The strike was made more than 50 years

ago and settled largely around Deadwood gulch, where the famous town of Deadwood afterwards was located. There was an influx of thousands of settlers. Mail was carried on horseback. Freight, including heavy machinery and even railroad rails and locomotives, were brought across the plains by ox teams. There was a mad rush for the new Bonanza.

"At Lead, within three miles of Deadwood, the famous Homestake Mine, the greatest gold mine in the world, is located. It has been in continuous operation for more than a century. Its record to date is about \$250,000,000 being about \$500 in gold for every man, woman and child in our state."

Rev. H. J. Glenn, pastor of the First Lutheran church, Sioux Falls, S. D., streamed into South Dakota in the 40's and 80's. He said that:

South Dakota is in the corn belt, alfalfa belt and dairy belt.

Twenty years ago, South Dakota ranked twenty-third in corn production—now it is eighth.

South Dakota is producing 67,000,000 more bushels of corn a year than it did 10 years ago.

South Dakota ranked first in 1923 among all states in percentage of merchantable corn.

In 1924, South Dakota had 11,000,000 acres planted in seven crops.

Besides ranking eighth among all states in corn production, South Dakota ranks sixth in oats, fifth in barley, seventh in rye and first in wild hay.

Last year, the state produced 40,000,000 bushels of wheat, 70,000,000 bushels of oats, 110,000,000 bushels of corn and the livestock valuation was \$280,000,000.

South Dakota ranks third among all states in the production of hogs per farm.

South Dakota has the largest gold mine in the world and the state produces one-eighth of all the gold mined in America.

The assessed valuation of all property in the state is nearly \$2,000,000,000.

"These figures and facts represent the development of South Dakota by its first generation only," Rev. Glenn said. "It is nothing short of remarkable that in this brief space of time, the wild, tractless prairies, the rendezvous of the buffalo and Indian, should have been transformed into an agricultural paradise, the very heart of 'The Bread Basket of the World,' and to this task, the Norseman has contributed his full share."

Brodhead, Wis., Register
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1925

DR. GIMMESTAD'S ADDRESS AT NORSE CENTENNIAL

By Lars M. Gimmestad, Ph. D.
Delivered Tuesday, June 8th

The Centennial Celebration commemorating the beginning of organized Norwegian immigration to the United States is an occasion of great rejoicing, not only to the vast multitudes assembled here, but to millions of our fellow citizens throughout our country. Recognized everywhere as a representative of a vigorous, virtuous, religious and liberty-loving race, the Norwegian immigrant is an element of strength and stability in a country of free institutions, and that is the main reason why this occasion is one of universal jubilee.

In order to understand the wonderful achievements of the people of Norwegian descent in this country, it is necessary to look at the cradle of liberty from which they have sprung. In respect to race and culture the inhabitants of Norway have been, in the main, a homogeneous people for three thousand years. The basic industries of agriculture, cattle raising, lumbering, and the fisheries, together with mining and maritime enterprises, have tended to make the Norwegian peasant (boude) industrious, frugal, hardworking and courageous, with a strong leaning to law and order to personal liberty, and to economic independence. To own his own home is a natural craving like hunger and thirst to the average Norwegian. Modest and unassuming to a fault, the Norwegian is known for his honesty to such an extent that the honest Norwegian is an expression as current as a proverb among the nations of the world. His tact is the ripe fruit of a millennium of social life, and many of his customs and habits may be considered as the most perfect flowers of civilization. His religious feelings are strong and have been cultivated from childhood. Tender and kind at heart, but outwardly undemonstrative of his affection, the Norwegian boude must be known to be fully appreciated. The Norwegian farmers and laborers of modern times, however, have had some weaknesses and faults that have taken a century of hard work and wise leadership to eliminate. An inherent tendency to overestimate the value of importance of things foreign and distant and to be slow to recognize the capacity and merit at home, is a peculiar trait of character that has been very harmful to old Norway, and is, I suppose, a scar remaining of a wound cut deeper than the flesh during the centuries Norway suffered under Danish domination.

The Norwegians have been said to be a nation of lawyers. To serve and divide a hair, 'twixt north and north-west side, and to exhaust one's energy in the performance of these dialectic exercises, is no uncommon thing in old Norway.

The 19th century, however, released a large number of forces that have tended to lessen the above named faults of the national character. The country achieved its political liberty in 1814, and through wise and patriotic legislation extending over a period of nearly a hundred years, complete national independence resulted in 1905. It was a marvelous century of progress. No parallel can be found in history except Greece during the fifth century, B. C. It was literally a new era in which millions of seeds of human progress germinated, sprouted and produced perfect fruit. Patterning their constitution after that of the United States, the Norwegians laid a solid foundation for democratic government. The franchise was extended from time to time, the criminal and civil laws were improved. Education became general. Newspapers and books multiplied. Authors of a very high order, such as Wergeland, Welhaven, Asbjøruson, Moe, Vinge, Lie, Bjøruson and Ibsen filled the heart of the nation with joy and pride. The art galleries of Christiania, Bergen and Thronhjelm gradually became halls of beauty, and the music of Ole Bull, Kjerulf, Grieg and Sinding filled the ear of the world with its sweet melody.

The great interests of economy and finance awoke as from the dead. Highways and railways were built, and the merchant marine confidently sailed into the very teeth of competition. The spirit of improvement made its influence felt everywhere. Before the end of the century the nation had regained a great deal of its self-respect and justly felt proud of its achievements.

These things are mentioned in this connection because they have a direct bearing on the development of the mind of the people of Norwegian descent in America.

The causes of Norwegian emigration are easy to understand. As a high degree of religious liberty was secured to the individual, both by custom and by the constitution of 1814, very few felt the need of severing the tender ties of home, or those of political allegiance, in order to secure greater freedom. The low wages paid for common labor, the probability of finding it impossible, in spite of industry and economy, to improve one's lot in life, high taxes, the law of primogeniture, the feeling that the officials of church and state were out of sympathy with the common people and regarded themselves as a kind of aristocracy—these were the real causes of Norwegian emigration. When Cleng Peerson, Slogvig and others were able to tell that in the United States a hired man might earn \$125.00 a year, and that a hired girl might make \$50.00 a year, and finally that in ten or fifteen years an industrious and careful man might own a home of his own and a large

farm, the value of which was likely to increase from year to year, they found very attentive listeners. This was especially the case in the south-western part of Norway, where economic conditions a hundred years ago were very unsatisfactory, and where the feelings and the imagination of the people have pressed hard upon their reasoning powers for centuries.

The sloop "Restaurationess," Captained by Lars Olsen, accordingly, left Stavanger, Norway, July 4th, 1825. It arrived in New York, October 9th, of the same year, bringing the vanguard of 53 of an army of freedom now numbering about 2,000,000 persons. It is worth noting that of the 53 persons aboard the "Restaurationess" only thirteen were single.

It is fitting that we fix our eye for a few moments on a very extraordinary man, the father of Norwegian immigration a pathfinder of great note, Sleng Peerson, of Stavanger. Coming to America in 1821, he spent three years investigating conditions in the state of New York before returning to the old country. He as well as his companion, Knud Olson, Eide, gave a favorable report of the character of the country and the first company of emigrants set out, as stated before, July 4th, 1825. When they arrived in the harbor of New York, he was there to meet them and guided them to what is known as the Kendall Settlement, Orleans County, New York. In the course of a few years, however, it became apparent to Cleng Peerson that the West offered opportunities that were denied to the settlers of the heavily timbered sections of northern New York, and after making a journey to the west in 1833, he, together with the Slogvigs, T. O. Bjaaland, Nels Thompson, and Andrew Dahl, decided to move to the fertile prairies of Illinois. They thus became the first Norwegian settlers in Illinois, selecting and in 1834, and founding the famous Fox River Settlement, of LaSalle County. It may be well to remember that this was only two years after the Black Hawk War, that the speculation in western lands had turned the eyes of the nation to the basin of the upper Mississippi, and that the Erie Canal was completed in 1825, making possible the passage by water from New York to Milwaukee and Chicago—both of those cities, however, in 1833, consisted of only a few dozen huts.

Having covered 2,000 miles on foot in 1833, in moving to Illinois, Cleng Peerson, the next year set out for Missouri. In 1837 he established a settlement in Shelby County of this state, but it suffered for want of a suitable market. In the summer of 1843 we find him back home among his friends in Norway. He returned to America, however, and directed his steps to Texas, where he founded a settlement of his countrymen. This proved to be his last great effort, as the infirmities of age finally set bounds to his travels. He passed away in Bosque County, Texas, in 1865.

Lars Larson, the guiding spirit of the party of Norwegian emigrants of 1825, located at Rochester, New York and, in a few years, became a prosperous builder of canal boats. For nearly twenty years he was the true friend and assistant of Norwegian immigrants heading for the west. His memory is still kept green by the children and grand-children of those whom he assisted during his long and useful life.

Owing to the great distance between Norway and the states of the middle west, it took from four to eight years to round out the first Norwegian settlements in this country. The means of travel were crude and primitive and entailed a great deal of discomfort and frequently much suffering on the immigrants. The average time for crossing the Atlantic was seven weeks. The time consumed in making the distance from New York to Albany, and thence for 363 miles by canal boat to Buffalo, and finally from Buffalo by way of the Great Lakes to Milwaukee or Chicago, took as many weeks as it takes days now to make the same distance. The immigrants in those early days, furnished their own food, and they were instructed to lay in a stock of provisions for at least twelve weeks. The cost of passage across the ocean was about \$35.00, that from the seaboard to the upper Mississippi, about the same.

Speakers and writers have often led us to believe that the first Norwegian immigrants were very poor. This is not correct. Many of them were men of means who were in a position not only to meet their own expenses on a journey of four thousand miles and to pay for some of the improvements on their farms, but also to give financial assistance to some of their friends and neighbors. This does not mean, of course, that the immigrants were wealthy. Two or three years would naturally exhaust their resources and leave them poor indeed.

The trials of the first settlers were such as to test all their powers. Their isolation, their poverty, their trials in clearing and breaking the land, sickness, epidemics and pestilence pressed upon them from every side and made them feel that the laying of the foundations of civilization in a wilderness is strenuous work indeed.

It is very important to note the cost of the necessities of life, as well as the wages paid in Illinois and Wisconsin, during the early days of the Norwegian settlements. We have a record from the year 1838 which is reliable and illuminating. The government sold land at \$1.25 an acre. Most of the Norwegian settlers bought from forty to eighty acres, some few a quarter section. Water, timber and meadow land were the prime requisites. A horse cost from fifty to a hundred dollars, a yoke of oxen, sixty to eighty. A milk cow with calf, sixteen to twenty; a sheep, two or three; hogs, six to ten dollars a head; pork three to five cents a pound, butter six to twelve, a barrel of flour, eight to ten dollars, a barrel of potatoes, one dollar, a pound of coffee, twenty cents, a barrel of salt, five dollars. Wisconsin being on the very frontier at the time, prices there were probably twice as high as those just stated. Wages paid for common labor in the settlements did not average more than fifty cents a day, and were often paid by giving the laborer a bushel of wheat. As most of the early settlements were from sixty to a hundred miles west of Chicago and Milwaukee, the hauling of produce to market over the marshy prairie, no roads or bridges having been built, was a matter of great difficulty.

As the frontier was pushed westward by enterprising and adventurous spirits, the conditions there were similar to those just described, with this important exception, however, that cholera and the ague, which

shook the frame of many a stalwart Norwegian in eastern Wisconsin, seem to have given them but little trouble farther west. Beyond the Mississippi, however, they were close upon the heels of the Indian, and the fear of being massacred was felt in thousands of homes on the prairies. Nor was it a groundless fear. In 1862, the uprising of the Sioux, beginning at Rice Creek, Redwood Co., Minnesota, hurried up the very soul of the frontier, and the Norwegians from St. Ansgar, Iowa, to Norway Lake, Minn., saw the gleam of the knife of the onrushing savage.

The early settlements of northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin became the natural gateways to the west for the Norwegian immigrants. The Fox River Settlement sent a large delegation of its members to central Iowa, the Jefferson Prairie settlement founded in the southeastern part of Rock County, Wisconsin, in 1837 by Austen Nattestad, soon sent men across Rock River to Rock Prairie between Beloit and the Sugar River. There Gullick Olson Gravdal, Gisle Hallan, Mrs. Gunhild Odegarden, and Goe Bjono, laid the foundations for a new, prosperous and now famous settlement. The lead mines at Hamilton Diggins, (Wiota) soon attracted men along the same line of march, and a settlement was soon established in this vicinity. In the early fifties the Rev. C. L. Clausen piloted a large number of settlers (some say sixty families) for Rock Prairie to St. Ansgar, Iowa. Other groups, after a short stay at Rock Prairie, passed on to Vernon County, Wisconsin. Winneshek County, Iowa, or pushed on into Minnesota after Sibley's treaty with the Indians at Traverse des Sioux in 1852.

The settlement on Koshkonong Prairie, Dane County, Wisconsin, the region having been visited in 1839 by Nils Bolstad, Nils Gilderhus, and Odd J. Hinde, was founded in 1840 by Gilderhus, Bolstad, Magne Bystolen and Andrew Finno. A little later Gunnul Olson Vindeig, T. O. Bjaaland, A. A. Hornefeld, and Bjorn Anderson Kvelve (the father of Prof. R. B. Anderson) arrived from Illinois and found what they considered Canaan itself. This settlement became a veritable gateway to the northwest, thousands having passed through it in their quest for a home.

The fourth gateway was that of Racine County, Wisconsin. In that vicinity a few Norwegian settlers had taken up their residence in 1839, but only the southern extension of the settlement survived the ravages of the diseases that year, and it took some time before the settlement could be said to be firmly established. Being only twenty miles from Milwaukee, however, it occupied a strategic position, and profited largely by this fact. It became the northern gateway of Norwegian immigration, and directed thousands of settlers northward into central and western Wisconsin.

The manner in which the Northwest was settled has been indicated with sufficient clearness. The time may be roughly stated as follows: Northern Illinois, in the thirties and early forties, eastern Wisconsin, in the forties; western Wisconsin, northern Iowa and eastern Minnesota, in the fifties; central and western Minnesota, in the sixties; the eastern part of the Dakotas in the seventies and early eighties. The nineties saw thousands of Norwegians cross the

Rocky Mountains, heading for the Pacific coast, especially the region of the Puget Sound. During this century, thousands have found their way to Alaska. This continuous migration and expansion of a splendid people is one of the marvels of history.

Accustomed to various kinds of manual labor and willing to put his energy into his work, the Norwegian immigrant soon became an excellent farmer. At the earliest opportunity, he reached out for more land, and in our day no farms are better tilled, look more prosperous, or have better buildings on them than those owned by people of Norwegian descent. In the state of Minnesota there are about 500,000 persons of Norwegian parentage. Of these about 70% are found in the rural districts. Nearly nine million acres of land belong to them. Assuming that each farm is worth at least \$10,000, their land and building are worth upward of \$500,000,000,000. In proportion to their number in Wisconsin, Iowa, the Dakotas, and Washington, their share of the wealth of these states is fully up to the average.

These facts have tended to give the Norwegian immigrants and their descendants a feeling of just pride in their ability to compete with any people maintaining the same high standard of living as they do.

As the means of communication and transportation were improved and extended, villages and towns sprang up all over the northwest. The bulk of the business of thousands of these towns and villages is handled by people of Norwegian descent. They have demonstrated their power of initiative in countless enterprises, and the spirit of improvement and progress is clearly seen wherever they have established themselves. Their success in business from retail to wholesale, in manufacture, in banking and in related lines has given them a standing of respectability in the business world, which has strengthened their confidence in their native ability and promoted their development of an independent and decided character. The toga practica of diffident and modest youth is being exchanged for the toga of mature manhood.

I have spoken mainly of agriculture and business, as these have been the principal fields in which the Norwegian immigrants and their descendants have expended their energy. Lumbering, mining, the merchant marine on the east and west coasts as well as on the Great Lakes, the fisheries of Alaska have found a large number of Norwegians in every branch of the industry and service.

The Norwegian immigrant, it is true, came to this country primarily for the purpose of obtaining a home of his own and to secure his economic independence. We find, however, that there was nothing sordid or low in his purposes and intentions, no vicious and groveling spirit of aggrandizement and miserly selfishness. Coming from a country of high ideals, of liberty, of education, of virtue, of religion, he set to work as soon as he had secured a shelter for himself and his family to establish newspapers, to print books, to build churches, to found schools, and to take an active part in the political life of the country.

In all these fields the Norwegians have been eminently successful, their influence for good growing with the growth of the country. Much more,

however, than has been accomplished might have been done, if the spirit of cooperation, the influence of mutual confidence and trust, a desire to promote the welfare of a member of one's own ethnic group, rather than that of another, had been stronger.

The Norwegian immigrants and their descendants have not always been fortunate in the leadership of their church. From natural but unfortunate cases the leadership in this important field has been in the hands of the members of a few families. These families have grouped to themselves in such a way as to secure to themselves the most prominent positions. Patient merit has often received but scant attention. In spite of these drawbacks, the people have been able to build up and to maintain a church numbering more than 1,200 pastors, 3,000 congregations, and 600,000 members on its rolls and serving more than twice that number. Excellent academies, good colleges, and serviceable theological seminaries are useful organs of education, culture and religion; and they have contributed more, perhaps, than any other agency to give the Norwegians of our country the firm, vigorous and manly step, the clear, penetrating and steady eye, that characterize them to-day.

As a whole, the clergy of the Norwegian-Americans is a most admirable class of men. With very few exceptions they have taken up the work of ministry for the purpose of being of service to their people. Not only in the field of religion, but in that of education and culture has the clergy contributed largely to the sum total of their people, but the spirit in which their work has been performed has been an inspiration to good men of every creed. The people of Norwegian descent justly feel proud of their clergy.

Of the agencies that have exercised an influence for good among the Norwegians of the United States, and that have tended to stimulate their growth, is the Norwegian press. Dating back to the early settlements of Muskego (Racine County) and Rock Prairie, the press has grown until its weeklies and dailies are scattered like leaves in Valambrosa's dale." Of the character of this press I shall call attention to only one thing: it is, and always has been, loyal to the principles of American liberty—devotedly and enthusiastically loyal.

The press has kept the immigrants and their descendants in touch with the developments of their old homeland, thus feeding those roots of culture on which our country depends for its future growth as a leading representative of Christian civilization. This intimate contact with the national life of a mature and free people has been of inestimable value, not only to the Norwegian Americans themselves, but to our own country as a whole.

I pass over the part played by the Norwegians in American politics, though names like those of Knute Nelson, Nestos, and Nordbeck will live for centuries. Nor shall I speak of the contribution made by the Norwegians to the fraternal organizations of our country. And time would fail me, if I should attempt to sketch the development of manly sports, such as that of skating, and skiing, in which, of course, the Norwegians have played a leading part. But I should feel that my task was but half completed if I did

not state, in conclusion, that in the field of music, especially that of church music, the Norwegians in the United States have made a distinct

and valuable contribution, of which every person of Norwegian descent in this country has reason to feel proud.

A century of progress has completed its revolution. It has demonstrated that an element of power and worth has come to our shores, from the Land of the North. May the opening century produce further and greater evidence of the fact that the strong, liberty-loving, God-fearing race of Norway is a copious fountain of strength to America.

Rev. H. J. Glenn

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MANY ATTEND NORSE CENTENNIAL

The eyes of the nation were centered on the Northwest the past week, where at the Twin Cities the Norse-American Centennial celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of the landing of the first Norwegian immigrants on this continent, 52 in number, June 6-9, was held. South Dakotans took a most prominent part in all the festivities and appeared on the programs given the different days. Governor Gunderson and Senator Norbeck gave fine addresses as did Rev. A. J. Bergsaker, formerly of this city. The latter was the principal speaker before the Stavangerlaget the largest of the lags, (old home gatherings), on June 7th. The President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, was present and gave a fine address on Monday afternoon. "The Pageant of the North Men", a spectacle closed the four days' meeting. This pageant depicted incidents in the life of Colonel Hans Christian Heg, a Norseman who distinguished himself in the service of America after coming to this country as an immigrant boy. Several hundred persons in the roles of emigrants, frontiersmen, soldiers and farmers participated in the affair, the theme of which was "to suggest for the present generation some hint of the story of their fathers those hardy descendants of the Vikings, who laid the foundation of the splendid achievements of their race in the new world."

Below we give a fine address given by a South Dakotan:—

By Rev. H. J. Glenn
Pastor, First Lutheran Church,
Sioux Falls

(This is the text of an address delivered over the radio last night from Minneapolis by Mr. Glenn. His subject was "What the Norseman has Contributed to the Development of South Dakota.")

Yes, the Norseman is in South Dakota, and is there to stay. To many it may seem like one of the enigmas of history that this hardy race of the north should have settled down upon the expanding prairies of the middle west. Have not their traditions always been associated with the sea? Can we think of this people without visualizing the form of the Viking and his ship? That adventurous figure has caught the imagination of the world, and has practically become the symbol of the Northland.

Not All Seamen

As a matter of fact, of course, the Norsemen are not all followers of the sea. The best seamen of the fold, they are, nevertheless, lovers of the soil as but very few peoples are. Their little farms in the homeland, many of them mere patches of ground, have passed from generation to generation in the same family for hundreds of years; and just because good tillable and productive land was scarce, they learned to prize it all the more and to love it more dearly. The Norseman comes to our shore, therefore, with a love for the soil as well as for the sea, both representing his source of livelihood, both representing a long economic development, and the love of both characterizing the race. Therefore, you find the Norsemen not only in the great seaports of our country, New York, Brooklyn, Duluth, Seattle, but also in the agricultural states of Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota. This is his natural habitat, yea, this is his paradise. Here his longing for a home and an estate of his own is abundantly supplied; here that call, rooted so deep in his soul, the products of centuries of yearning and striving, is perfectly answered. Therefore, we find him in the middle west. Therefore, he has preempted the soil, which he loves so dearly and on it established his permanent home.

Here in 70's

It was in the 70's and 80's that the Norsemen streamed into South Dakota. Quite a number came here directly from the homeland across the waters; but the majority, I think, represent either the second generation, the sons and daughters of immigrants who settled in Wisconsin, Illinois and southern Minnesota, or such as came over and stopped to work awhile in the older settlements before coming out here to take up homesteads of their own. In either case, they represent the brawn and brain of the middle class, characterized especially by their willingness to work hard, pay their debts, improve their holdings and gain independence. We can readily see that if South Dakota presents a marked development in the course of its brief history, these hardy Norsemen were especially fitted to have a part in it. In fact, a careful study of this theme might very well show that they constitute the largest element in it.

Our esteemed governor himself a Norseman, has told you how the pioneer came into the prairie wilderness with nothing but his team of oxen and his covered wagon; how he built his sod hut on the prairie and, amid hardships and dangers and against the

most tremendous odds, turned his first furrow and sowed his seed. Most numerous among these pioneers were the Norwegians.

Settled in Sioux Valley

They took possession largely of the Sioux river valley, building settlement upon settlement from Yankton and Vermillion on the south, on up thru the counties of Union, Lincoln, Minnehaha, Lake, Moody, Brookings and further north. Many of those pioneers are still with us. Go thru the stretch of territory today. There isn't a finer piece of country in all this land. Note their highly cultivated farms, their beautiful homes, their spacious barns, their equipment unexcelled, their herds and their conveniences and their good roads. It is a veritable kingdom, an empire, the fruit of unceasing toil and well directed thrift, and all the work of one generation. The only place in the world where such a feat is at all possible is here in the middle west of this wonderful country of ours, and only by the type and class of people who have taken possession of it.

Remembering that vast stretches of land west of the Missouri are still uncultivated and undeveloped, let us look at some of the figures that tell the story of agricultural and economic development:

South Dakota is in the corn belt, hog belt, alfalfa belt and dairy belt.

In ten years farm crops have increased in value from \$94,000,000 to \$222,000,000.

Twenty years ago South Dakota ranked 23rd in corn production; now it is 8th.

South Dakota is producing 67,000,000 more bushels of corn per year than it did ten years ago.

South Dakota ranked first in 1923 among all states in percentage of merchantable corn, and ranks among the first three regularly.

In 1924 South Dakota had 11,000,000 acres planted in seven crops.

Besides ranking eighth among all states in corn, she ranks sixth in oats fifth in barley, seventh in rye, and first in wild hay. Likewise, among the first ten in alfalfa acreage.

Products Extensive

Last year the state produced 40,000,000 bushels of wheat, 70,000,000 bushels of oats, 110,000,000 bushels of corn and the livestock valuation was \$280,900,000.

Livestock shipments outside of the state runs up as high as 170,000,000 a year. South Dakota ranks third among all states in the production of hogs per farm.

South Dakota has the largest gold mine in the world, this state producing one-eighth of all the gold mined in America.

The assessed valuation of all property in the state is nearly \$2,000,000,000.

These figures and facts represent the development of South Dakota by its first generation only. It is nothing short of remarkable that in this brief space of time the wild trackless prairies, the rendezvous of the buffalo and Indian, should have been transformed into the agricultural paradise, the very heart of "the Bread Basket of the World." And we repeat, to this the Norsemen has contributed his full share.

However, we would not have you think that he is found only upon the farm. He is a versatile type, quickly adapting himself to every phase of American life. With the coming of the railroads, villages sprang up, many of which have now grown into populous cities, centers of industry and business. Here, too, the Norseman has found a place, his name being seen again and again, in the business centers of every city. He may not be as aggressive as his neighbor, for he is not a speculator nor a plunger; but he is known for his reliability and honesty. He is found in every profession; for with the coming of wealth and independence, the young men and women from the farms have gone to the colleges and universities by the hundreds. And while some of them upon graduation, have naturally drifted east to the larger centers, a goodly number stay within their native state to grow up with it.

Adapts Himself Readily

To the civic and political life of his community and state, he seems to adapt himself most readily. It is a well known fact that no other immigrant compares with the Norseman in this respect. Coming from a country with a constitutional form of government in which there is a general participation on the part of all citizens, having also political ideas very similar to those upon which our government is founded, he falls in line readily and takes a keen interest in all civic matters. Naturally a republican in politics he, nevertheless, is very independent and refuses to be herded or to follow anybody's judgment but his own. Yes, in politics he is a republican; in religion he is a Lutheran; yet in a neighboring state he, a few years ago, elected to the governor's chair twice in succession a man who was a Catholic and a democrat. And his choice was a wise one. In South Dakota politics he has taken an active part. Of the eleven governors that the state has had since statehood, four have been Norsemen. Of our two United States senators today, one is a Norseman. Of our three congressmen, two are Norsemen. And looking over the roster of any legislature of this state reveals the fact that this race readily takes to politics.

But life values consist not in farms and livestock; nor is the whole story of any state or community told by the

latest edition of "Who's Who". The caliber of a people is to be tested by its soul qualities. What is its character, what are its ideals? What does it think, what does it feel, what does it dream about? What depth, what riches of soul life does it possess? May we be allowed to express our conviction that it is in this respect that the Norsemen has made his greatest contributions to South Dakota. He comes of a race that magnifies the ideal; a people the deeper currents of whose life are religious and spiritual. And as a consequence every phase of life is touched and made more beautiful by it. The most prominent lawyers of the state approached me the other day with what was to him a rather troublesome question. He said "I am preparing a discourse on the subject, "The Divorce Evil and Laws Governing Divorce". I find that while Norway has comparatively few and in fact quite lax laws in regard to divorce, that country, nevertheless, has an exceptionally low divorce rate. How do you explain it?" My answer was this, "That in this respect, this people is governed not so much by laws nor exterior prohibitions; it is rather that in this regard, their ideals are high; that there is an atmosphere of the sacred surrounding matrimony that while it is not sacramental, it is nevertheless, locked upon as a divine institution." He answered that this was the conclusion that he also had come to. It is true.

Norsemen Religious

The religious is deeply characteristic of this people, and perhaps especially on American soil. Their tremendously large religious gatherings

astonish their neighbors, and their conventions are eagerly sought for by the larger cities. We shall find that even this Centennial is thoroughly permeated with the air of the religious. It would not be representative were it not so. The Norseman is incurably religious.

Therefore, in South Dakota, travel where you will, you will see his church. Next to his home, he prizes it above everything else. There is no rural church problems where the Norsemen live, and in his larger charity for his more unfortunate brethren, he has built his orphanages, his old people's homes and his rescue homes. And his house of worship is not the product of his surplus wealth. A study of his church building in this state reveals the fact that there have been two periods of unusual activity in this respect: One was in the pioneer days, the other is just now. Both of these periods are characterized by exceptionally difficult and stringent times in South Dakota. The secret is, that the Norseman is cast in a religious mold, and the harder the times the more his spirituality stands out. Yes, in this respect he is making a

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real contribution to the life of the state. And can any larger contribution be made by any people at any time? History demonstrates that religion is the saving element in civilization—in all life, both social and economic. Side by side with this, and as a fruit of it, go the homely virtues which he is known to possess. He is hard working and faithful, honest in effort and dealing, thrifty, a lover of home and family. These are most valuable assets to any commonwealth.

Builds Schools

In an effort also to preserve his heritage and transmit his ideals to the coming generations, he has built schools and institutions of higher learning where his sons and daughters besides pursuing the prescribed courses of study, can familiarize themselves with the culture of the race from which they have sprung, as it is expressed in the literature, art and music of its people. Fully representative of this are the young folks who have provided the music for this occasion, the choir of Augustana College and Normal school, located at Sioux Falls. This endeavor is motivated not by a love for a foreign land such that it prevents him from becoming a good American citizen; but rather that he might bring as an offering of love to his adopted country, which has given him and his children so much, the very best that his race has produced and developed down through the centuries. As such, it is an altogether worthy and commendable effort.

Yes, the Norsemen has made a contribution to South Dakota. And there is room for more people of his type. As yet, there are hundreds of thousands of acres of undeveloped land waiting for the mastery of brain and brawn such as he represents. To its rightful master it will yield its increase. Norsemen, come on out. The Sunshine State welcomes you.

Red Wing, Minn. Farmer
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KITCHEN PHILOSOPHY

A world outlook from the kitchen window. Comments on life and living from the viewpoint of a housewife.

By Susie W. Stageberg

(Editor's Note:—Speech delivered by Mrs. Stageberg at Norse-American Centennial, Tuesday, June 9, 1925.)

The Norse-American Pioneer Woman

The Norwegian-American pioneer woman—I can see her before my mind's eye! I can see her sweet, wholesome face, her capable hands, her vigorous physique, her eager enthusiasm for new experiences and adventure. I can see too her air of quiet decision as she resolves to leave the beautiful land of her birth to which she is bound by earth's fondest ties.

I can see her tender farewell of folks and friends and her yearning hopefulness as she embarks on her perilous voyage across the Great Sea. I can see her patient ministry among those indisposed and despondent on that long and weary voyage, the heaving of her bosom and the tears of joy—the smile and shout upon her lips—at the cry of "Land! Land!"

And then the eager questioning in her searching gaze! What sort of future awaits her? Will she find love and home and children—folks and friends, peace and plenty, comfort and contentment in this new Land of Promise?

Youth is ever buoyant and hopeful. God be praised that it is so! If it were not—where would we look for new endeavor and high achievement? "Hitch your wagon to a star" was ever addressed to the dreams, the hopes and ambitions of youth.

I can see her as she steps ashore with the bounding elasticity of youth—I can see her as with a courageous spirit and fearless eye she faces the tasks and problems of the future. She has brought to our shores—not wealth in gold, but a wealth that is greater beyond compare—a wealth of health and moral integrity, a wealth of spiritual treasures that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Of her too, it may be said:

"Aye, call it holy ground,
The soil where first she trod.
She left unstained what there she found,
Freedom to worship God."

Oh yes, I can see too the dashing of fond hopes—the disillusionment! I can see the heartbreaking loneliness and the unspeakable yearning to return to kindred bosoms and a land grown dearer and more beautiful as the weary weeks and months and years prolong the agony of separation. But her Viking spirit refuses to permit a return without achievement. She must learn the language and the customs of her adopted country. She must win from this new world a competence of which she had dreamed in return for the labor of her willing hands. She listens, she learns, she toils, she saves—she loves! And a new world has opened its doors to a life of labor and love, of conquest and achievement for a generation yet to be.

The years pass. The lure of a western world is again upon her. She gathers her little flock and her meager belongings and in a prairie schooner, she travels days and weeks on another journey towards the setting sun. But she looks with love upon her sturdy mate and her heart is glad! Her soul sings within her! What does anything matter just so she has these, her darlings, more precious than rubies, within the clasp of her strong and loving embrace!

The spot is reached at last and a rude hut is being built upon the western prairies. The chill November winds are blowing and every additional timber is welcome refuge from the cheerless autumn gusts. The roof is on, a small but willing cook stove radiates a grateful warmth, a frugal meal is spread upon a rude board and the pioneers are at home.

How aptly the poet describes this experience when he says:

"Bryde sig rydning i svarteste skog,
Plads til en stue og muld till en plog;
Hugge vaek alt som er skummelt og tungt;
Hugge sig vei til alt fagert og ungt;
Bygge sig hjem hvor der foer var fjeld;
Bygge det selv,—bygge det selv."

The struggles of the years that follow—the hopes, the joys, the disappointments and hardships, the relentless vicissitudes of fortune, the hail, the drought, the grasshoppers, the ague and that soul paralyzing destroyer of little children, black diphtheria, came each in their time and took their toll of hearts and souls. The tragedy of young mothers laid away in an early grave for lack of the simplest medical care was frequent occurrence. Yet, through

all, the star of hope was brightly shining and the assurance was ever new that the love of God permitted only what was best for time and eternity.

This is the story of your mother and mine as they with tireless energy, indomitable courage and an abounding sunshine of the spirit wrested from the bosom of the virgin west, the foundation of prosperity and culture of the present day.

Tens of thousands of these pioneers it may be said—

There are lofty spirits in disguise,

Heroes in common garb, whose meek brows bear

The thorny crown of perfect sacrifice—

Those simple souls are kingly unaware;

They tread with us the dusty paths of time

Or lie in uncommemorative sod, Unrecognized, unhonored, yet sublime,

Their greatness witnessed only by their God."

Was the struggle worth while? Only we who should profit by their toil and sacrifice can answer this question. Oh, may we answer it worthily! Yes—we are answering the challenge of our industrious, frugal, God fearing ancestry. We are achieving. We are contributing something very real and worthwhile to the up-building of the noblest institutions of our land of opportunity.

The Norwegian-American pioneers have built communities the finest in the land. We will keep them pure, wholesome and prosperous. The pioneers founded churches and schools. We must keep them true to the faith and ideals of our fathers and mothers. This task in our realistic age is one worthy of our most consecrated efforts.

With the most strenuous pioneering in a physical sense accomplished, we must pioneer in moral, intellectual and political fields. We already have such pioneers. We honor the memory of such women as Anna Kvale, Valborg Hovind Stub, Mrs. Hannah Ronning and Mrs. Th. Dahl. We rejoice that we still have with us the great souled champion of the temperance reform, Miss Ulrikka Brun, the gifted writer, Mrs. Dr. Lelard and the intrepid little woman who in 1904 first had the vision of a Women's Missionary Federation, Mrs. Mary Wee. We are proud of the superb ability of that dauntless leader, Mrs. Della Ylvisaker and her splendid band of co-workers. The list would swell into

hundreds and must eventually include those miracles in modern intellectual and patriotic pioneering—

the Women's Centennial Committee.

"Thus with somewhat of the Seer
Must the moral pioneer, from the
future borrow;

Clothe the waste with dreams of
grain

And on midnight's sky of rain
Paint the golden morrow!"

Our mothers gave to us a blood stream free from the taint that destroys nations; we have vigorous minds and bodies and standards of morality that demand clean, wholesome living: honesty, frugality, thrift, temperance, Sabbath observance, obedience to law, righteousness in international relations and democracy in government. Together let us pledge our beautiful America the best that is in us to the glory of God, the honor of our pioneer ancestors and the good of humanity.

At the same time may we sing with the poet—

"Hild dig, moder, Nordens dronning
I din stolte glans!

Her vil vi i Vestens vaaning

Flette dig en krans.

Som golfstrømmen varmt omslynger

Dig med kjaempearm,

Saa vort hjerte fast sig klynger

Kjerligt til din barm."

And to our sainted pioneer mothers we would say:

"Signe dig du gamle mor

Som so trut ha straeva—

Og din kjaerleik—rik og stor,

Altid den vil leva!

Um du lyt i gravi gaa

Vil du i mit minne staa

Og dit hjarta endaa slaa

Paa dei fine strengjer.

All di kraft du te meg gav

Utan knurr og klage

Og eg kan i livsens kav

Kjenna hjarte slage;

Tonar af din fagre song

Styrkjer meg so mong ein gong

Naar eg sliten, troyt og tung,

Sukkar saart paa ferdi."

Pioneer Daughters of Norway Are Eulogized

Centenary Visitors Pay Tribute to Memory of Early Leaders.

By Lillian E. Taaffe.

Pioneer daughters of Norway who left comfortable homes in the fatherland to become "path-breakers" in America, and whose indomitable Viking spirit kept them on this side of the water despite hardships and heart-breaking loneliness—were paid a mighty tribute Tuesday at the Norse-American centennial. Many hundreds of men and women from the old world and the new cheered their names, and with the tributes paid them came a pledge from the younger generation to preserve in America the best in the ideals handed down by them.

Dean Gertrude Hilleboe of St. Olaf's college voiced the pledge for the younger generation after the distinguished women from foreign lands and various parts of America had reviewed the contributions made by pioneers from the time the first Norwegian woman, Martha Larson, founded the first permanent home on American soil.

Miss Hilleboe voiced the gratitude of the group to these pioneer women for breaking away from the home land, adopting America and making of it the land of their nativity.

"We are proud of the stock from which we have sprung and of the rich heritage that has been given us," she said. "And today we pledge you and our mother country to preserve the best and the worthiest of the ideals you handed down to us, that as you have builded so we may build, and as you have dreamed dreams and made them come true so we, too, in this new land of opportunity, may, as you pioneers have, dream dreams and see them realized."

Fru Betsy Kjelberg, Fru Marie Michelet, both of Norway; Fru Kristian Simonardson of Iceland; Miss Hannah Ostrup Larsen, New York, secretary of the American-Scandinavian Review; Bertha C. Peterson, Chicago; Maren Michelet, Minneapolis; Susie Stageberg, Red Wing; Professor L. Larsen, Urbana, Ill., were speakers at the session, presided over by Mrs. William O. Storie, Minneapolis.

A tribute to the pioneer women—many of them brides of 20 and 21, with whom salt pork was a daily diet and a dish of milk soup a dish "fit for the queen," was paid by Miss Larsen.

"The contribution made by the pioneer women in their homes and on the farms was the greatest yet rendered by the Norwegian women," she said. "Norwegian women have done some things in an intellectual way, but it pales entirely beside this other contribution."

Norwegian men, Miss Larsen pointed out, had always given to their wives and sisters a generous recognition in the home, but outside, had been slow in the earlier days to give them educa-

tion, and had little respect for their qualities of leadership.

Today however, she said, in America much of that had been changed and Norwegian women as writers, teachers, and in executive positions had the opportunity to stamp their ideals upon their respective communities.

Mrs. Stageberg supplemented her in pointing to the courage and vision of the pioneer women who came to the "New Land of Promise," staying on through struggles, the disease and pestilence that came, until the doors of the new world opened up and they traveled in prairie schooners across the plains to the great middle west where their first rude huts were erected.

Referring to the tireless energy and courage of the women, she said:

"This is the story of your mother and my mother. And now it remains for us to keep true to the ideals they left us and this is not an easy task in this materialistic age."

"We bless and honor the memory of such women as Hannah Ronning, Anna Kvale, Volborg Stub, Th Dahl, that great champion of the temperance cause Ulrikka Brun, the gifted writer, Dr. Leland, and that intrepid little woman, Mrs. Dilla Ylvisaker, and her band of co-workers who founded the first mission federation," she said.

Miss Michelet's tribute was to Agnes Wergeland, first Norwegian woman to take a degree of doctor of philosophy, who battled alone against great odds of poverty in America, to her a foreign land.

Establishment somewhere in the middle west of a great library to house all the Norwegian literature was urged by Professor Larson, as a contribution toward scholarship from this generation.

"To build and endow such an institution would be a great task," he said, "but it would be the biggest contribution we could make to the cause of American scholarship, helping students to understand and study the history of the Norwegian peoples."

Fru Michelet reviewed the work for sailors traveling between the United States and Norway, being done by the Norwegian women in America and the home land.

In the past year 15,066 young men when ill were visited by a Norwegian minister, whose salary was paid by the women back home, and at the sailors' mission maintained in New York services were conducted for the boys on Sunday with an average attendance of more than 10,000. Through the encouragement of attendants at the mission more than 165,000 letters were exchanged between the Norwegian sailors, their parents and friends "back home," and \$3,140,108.35 sent back in letters.

Fru Kjelberg reviewed the work being done by the women in Norway to relieve the unemployment situation.

Norwegian women, she said, were doing a great work to stamp out tuberculosis in the nation, and had already erected a chain of about 100 small hospitals and had passed a law making it

mandatory for physicians to report ev-

ery case and at the same time examine the health conditions in the patient's home. Through the work in this direction deaths from tuberculosis have decreased 40 per cent between the years of 1901 and 1921," she said.

Fru Simonardson's greeting from the women of Iceland was given in broken English and with a great deal of hesitancy. She told the huge assembly that it was the first time in her life she had ever attempted to address a gathering in this "foreign language." A picturesque figure in her national costume, she was given a rousing ovation as she proceeded declaring it was only pride in her own nation which made her attempt it since she was its only representative here. A touching appeal was made by her for the women of the world to unite in an effort to bring about a greater understanding and world peace.

Woman Writer Here to Report Centenary



Fru Bonge-Peterson.

St. Paul, Minn., News
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925

WOMAN AUTHOR SPEAKS ON CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

Miss Hanne Larsen, editor of the American Scandinavian Review, official organ of the American Scandinavian foundation, New York was the only American born woman to speak on one of the main programs at the Norse-American centennial.

Miss Larsen, who visited the centennial headquarters office at the fair grounds Sunday afternoon, is the daughter of Lauritz Larsen, president of Luther college, Decorah, Ia.

She is an author and has recently written a book on Knut Hamsun, famous Scandinavian author. She spoke at the centennial today.

Minneapolis, Minn., Star
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

Accomplishments of Norse Women in U. S. Extolled Carved Own Niche in New World, Centennial Guests Told

"Norwegian women were given little recognition outside the home in the old world by Norwegian men but it remained for the pioneer woman, braving the rigors of early life in America to hew a place for herself in the new world. Today they are working in all departments of community life and they are stamping their ideals as writers, teachers and philosophers everywhere."

Thus Miss Hannah Ostrup Larsen, secretary of the American-Scandinavian Review of New York city, who spoke at the closing session of the ~~Norse-American~~ Centennial Tuesday, praised the work of the women of her race.

Have Leaders' Qualities

"The greatest contributions made by the Norse women have been in the home," she said. "Perhaps their work on the farms and in the homes far outshines the work of any other nation. My mother and your mother had little chance for an education because it was not deemed necessary for a housekeeper.

"Today that is all changed. We find Norwegian women in all fields of endeavor. Everywhere they are showing the greatest qualities of leadership."

Leaders in all lines of thought from the homeland voiced their praises at the gathering.

Notables Are Present

Among the notables were Fru Betsy Kjelberg, Fru Marie Michelet, both of Norway; Fru Kristian Simonardson of Iceland; Bertha C. Peterson, Chicago; Maren Michelet, Minneapolis; Susie Stageberg, Red Wing, and Professor L. J. Larsen, Urbana, Ill.

Miss Michelet's tribute was to Agnes Wergeland, the first Norwegian woman to take a degree of doctor of philosophy and who battled alone against great odds of poverty in America to receive her education.

Fru Michelet reviewed the work for sailors traveling between the United States and Norway and praised the work of Norwegian women in this line of endeavor.

Individual Artists

St. Paul, Minn., Pioneer Press
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925

COOLIDGE TO HEAR NORSE MUSIC HERE

**President Will Arrive Day Early
to Listen to Programs,
Quamme Says.**

President Coolidge, being a great lover of Scandinavian music, will endeavor to be in St. Paul a day ahead of his scheduled time to hear Norwegian musical programs to be given at the Norse-American Centennial at the State Fair grounds Sunday afternoon, June 7.

This was announced by E. G. Quamme, former president of the Federal Land bank, before members of the Midway Luncheon club at their meeting Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Quamme spoke on the magnitude of the coming celebration, asserting that some 2,400 Norwegian officials in the United States will be among the quarter-million people expected.

17 Stations to Broadcast.

The air will be cleared and 17 powerful radio stations will broadcast all the programs throughout North America, Mr. Quamme said. The President is to speak Monday afternoon, June 8, and the St. Paul residence of Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg will be opened for his entertainment. Governor Christianson will hold an official reception for President Coolidge at the State Capitol Monday evening.

Mr. Quamme went over the four days' program for the Centennial. Saturday, June 6, will be devoted to meetings of 36 of the 37 lags of Norway, which, he said, are similar to the clans of Scotland. Music and speeches will occupy Sunday and the President's address will be one of the highlights of Monday's program. Tuesday will be devoted to sport programs, from athletic exhibitions of the Vikings of 1,000 years ago to the present time. An industrial pageant will be held on one of the evenings of the centennial, he said.

Many Conventions Set.

At the conclusion of the celebration conventions of many Norwegian organizations that will hold visitors in the Twin Cities for as long as two weeks will open, Mr. Quamme declared.

"It is right here in the Transfer district that most of the crowd will congregate," he said. "It is up to your organization and your citizens generally to give them the glad hand of welcome."

Thief River Falls, Minn., Times
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1925

Famous Violinist to Play at S. of N. Hall Under Brage Chorus Auspices March 26

Nils Rein, famous violinist who appears in a concert at the Sons of Norway hall next Thursday evening, Mar. 26, under the auspices of the Brage Male chorus, is highly recommended by American and European critics as one of the greatest violin artists in the country.

In his appeal Mr. Rein is something of a commoner and he pleases the general run of people, it is agreed by those who have heard him here. He has played here twice. His reach to the emotions is deep, whether of humor or tragedy, in the highly classical compositions or the simple folk melodies. He carries his audiences into that realm of idealism, which music alone can do. "The entire program was a composite blending of the phantasy of a Norse dreamer and the dramatic imagination of an artist," says the Capital Times, Madison, Wis. in commenting upon Mr. Rein's program. He is said to be an illustrious successor to the great Ole Bull.

Mr. Rein is accompanied by Miss Merle Nelson, a talented pianist and graduate from the North Dakota Conservatory of Music. In addition to Mr. Rein's numbers the program will also include selections by the Brage chorus, which is now rehearsing for the occasion under the direction of Dr. P. L. Vistaunet.

Mr. Rein is now on an extended concert tour and will come to this city from Fargo. He played to a capacity house in Grand Forks recently and was received with the utmost enthusiasm and appreciation. Plans are being made for his appearance on the program of the Norse-American Centennial celebration in the twin cities next June. Tickets are being sold by members of the Brage chorus.

Minot, N. D., News
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

Miss Merle Nelson, 223 Eighth ave S., is on the main program of the Norse Centennial at St. Paul for a piano number.

Minot, N. D., Press
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

INGVALD SOLBERG TO APPEAR ON NORSE CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

**YOUNG MAN IS CONSIDERED ONE
OF THE BEST SINGERS
IN STATE**

Ingvald Solberg was notified this afternoon that a place had been received for him on the program of the Norse-American centennial celebration, which is being held in the Twin Cities Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Solberg, while only 19 years of age, is considered one of the finest singers in the state. He has appeared several times in local concerts and those who have had the pleasure of hearing him are confident that he has a great future before him as a singer.

Attorney Halver L. Halvorson of Minot, who is spending the week in Minneapolis on legal business, is greatly interested in the young man's success and arranged for his appearance on the program. Mr. Solberg will leave Friday for Minneapolis.

Ingvald Solberg is son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Solberg, prominent McKinley township farmers.

Minot, N. D., News
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

Ingvald Solberg Will Be Centennial Singer; Attends Minot College

Ingvald Solberg, a student at the Minot State Teachers college will leave this afternoon for Minneapolis, where he is to sing tomorrow and Sunday on the Norse-American Centennial program.

Mr. Solberg, baritone, is a pupil of Miss Dorothy McFarland of the college music faculty, and has the distinction of being the only person from Minot to give musical numbers during the Centennial.

According to final word received by Mr. Solberg today from the centennial program committee, he will appear tomorrow morning, and Sunday afternoon on programs at the Twin City fair grounds, and he also is scheduled to sing during the morning chapel hour, a feature of the Sunday observance, in connection with the centennial.

SIoux CITY IOWA TRIB
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925.

MANY WILL GO TO CENTENNIAL

Two Sioux City Musicians Will Appear On Program At Minneapolis

More than 100 Sioux Cityans will attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration at Minneapolis, Minn., which will last four days, beginning Saturday. Many Sioux City people expect to make the trip to the Twin cities by automobile. A total attendance of more than 200,000 persons is expected at the celebration.

Two Sioux City musical artists will appear on the program during the celebration. Luverne Sigmond, tenor soloist, will sing the afternoon on which President Coolidge will be the principal speaker. The Marine band from Washington, D. C., also will be on the program that day.

Prof. Frederick Wick, director in chief of the United Norwegian Singers of America, will direct the united choirs Sunday evening at the grand concert to be held in the Hippodrome there.

St. Paul, Minn., News
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1925

TO PLAY AT CENTENNIAL EXERCISES

Annabelle And Oliver Erickson, Local Xylophone Artists, Appear On Program

Two well known young music artists will provide part of the musical entertainment on the program of the Norse-American Centennial at the Twin Cities next week.

They are Annabelle and Oliver Erickson, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Erickson of this city, both skilled artists on the xylophone. With Miss Florence Werheim of Chippewa Falls accompanying them on the piano they will play on Monday morning at the exercises at the woman's building, and in the evening will appear on the program at the Montgomery Ward reception to the Daughters of Norway.

Again on Tuesday they will appear on the Centennial program.

Superior, Wis. Telegram
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

Superior, Wis. Telegram
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925
ONE OF SINGERS



MARGIT WOLD.

(Special to the Telegram.)
SHELL LAKE, Wis.—Miss Margit Wold, who will be graduated from the Shell Lake High school today, will be one of the soloists at the opening of the Norse-American Centennial program Sunday evening in Minneapolis.

St. Paul, Minn., News
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1925

Sang at President's Reception Monday



MISS SELMA ERICKSON.

Miss Erickson sang Monday evening at the reception which was given at the state capitol by Gov. and Mrs. Christianson for Pres. and Mrs. Coolidge and the distinguished delegates who came to attend the Norse-American Centennial.

She was accompanied by Genevieve Hill, pianist.

The program for the affair was arranged by Mrs. Olivia Johnson and others appearing were Miss Ethel Tamborino, violinist; Jane Holland Cameron, contralto, accompanied by Edith Robinson; Great Northern men's quartet; Miss Edna Gille, soprano, accompanied by Miss Mary Alicia Brown, pianist, and Miss Claire Dietsch, whistler, accompanied by Lila Olson, pianist; Miss Catherine Gilmore, soprano, accompanied by Miss Helen Lucille Dearborn.

Northfield (Minn.) Inde.
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Miss Mabel Jacobs, formerly of this city, was soloist at the Valdrislag banquet held Saturday in connection with the Norse-American Centennial celebration in Minneapolis. Mrs. Louise Wright Drake accompanied her on the piano.

Sisseton S. D. Courier
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1923

Twin City Paper Praises Sisseton Lady

Ida Marie Axness Bech of this city, who rendered several musical numbers at one of the numerous programs at the Norse-American Centennial at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds at Minneapolis last week, received the following splendid tribute in the Minneapolis Journal of June 7th:

Mahpiyatowin or in her English name Ida Marie Axness Bech, is among musicians appearing at the State Fair grounds this month, easily the most picturesque and versatile. She sang last night at the Valdris staeвне or convocation of people from Valdres in Norway at the fair grounds, but has earlier been heard here and admired for her musical gifts, which embrace singing of the Indian idiom with rare perfection, as specialists and fullbloods testify, and in interpreting compositions of her own in English and Indian.

This fascinating musician was born in Minnesota, her parents came here from Valdres with a flock of children in the early seventies, first settling on a farm in Black Earth, Wis. Later they became early pioneers in Western Minnesota, to whose population they added 11 children. Young Ida Marie early showed unusual talent for music and was sent to Huron College, S. D., to study this subject. Later she prepared herself for a teacher's calling at the high school of Black Earth. She married a young Danish merchant named Bech and their wedding trip took them to the Scandinavian countries. After only seven years of matrimonial bliss she lost her husband and then took up her home with her father and his other children at Sisseton, S. D., whither the family had moved in the mean time.

Ida Marie Axness Bech is not only a writer of poetry and a composer, but is also the possessor of a soft and musical voice of soprano timbre. She has won the admiration of the Society of American Indians, an organization largely made up of physicians, clergymen, lawyers and other men of professional or academic training and Indian blood. When this society holds its annual convention Mrs. Bech is always one of the most appreciated contributors to the literary and musical programs as in Minneapolis in 1919 and in the conventions in St. Louis and Denver. She has been adopted as an Indian like many renowned divas who have little deserved that distinction, one won by her through ardent love in study and interpretation of the Indian idiom of song and recitation. Rev. Sherman Coolidge, pastor in St. John's cathedral in Denver was her

godfather and named her Mahpiyatowin or Bluesky. Mr. Coolidge is an Arapaho Indian but was as a young man adopted by the grandparents of President Coolidge.

Mrs. Bech sets music to charming poems of her own written in English or Norwegian.

Bands

Minneapolis, Minn., Mor. Tribune
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1925

U.S. Marine Band Will Accompany Coolidge to City

'President's Own' Brought Here by Northwest In- dustrial Show.

The famous United States Marine band of Washington, D. C., "the president's own band," will accompany President Coolidge to Minneapolis for the Norse American Centennial and the Northwest Industrial exposition, George F. Dickson, president of the Twin City Manufacturers, Inc., announced Thursday. The Northwest Industrial exposition is responsible for bringing the band to Minneapolis.

The announcement was made following receipt of a telegram from Representative Walter H. Newton that the president had given permission for the band to make the trip here with him.

The band, known as the most famous band in America, will play two concerts daily at the industrial exposition, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. It will arrive in Minneapolis Monday, June 8, and will depart for Washington June 14.

When the inauguration of President Coolidge was broadcast by WCCO on March 4, the first time in history that a presidential inauguration was sent by radio over the whole world, thousands of persons over the northwest heard the United States Marine band play during the hour preceding the time when the presidential oaths were administered. It was the band's famous "Hail to the Chief" which told the waiting millions that the president was on his way to the inaugural stand.

The United States Marine band numbers 75 musicians. It is called the "band that cannot be hired," because it moves only on order of the president of the United States. It ranks among the best musical organizations in the world.

Workmen already have started to design special stage settings at the Overland building for the band, Mr. Dickson said Thursday.

Hawley, Minn., Herald
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

COOLIDGE WILL BRING BAND

'President's Own' Will Also Play at Industrial Exposition.

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Park Co. News

Livingston, Mont.

March 27-1925

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LUTHER COLLEGE BAND TO BE HERE IN JUNE

KING HAAKON OF NORWAY MAY VISIT YELLOWSTONE PARK THIS YEAR

Frank Larsen states to The News this week that George Henriksen, manager of the Lutheran College band of Decorah, Iowa, while here last week secured a date for his band for either June 20th or 21st at one of the local theatres, and it is possible also that the band will play at the opening of Yellowstone Park.

The band is a 56-piece organization of the Luther College of Decorah, Iowa, and it is well known thruout the nation and Europe. It has played in various places in the northwest in recent years. It will start its tour at the Twin Cities June 7, 8, 9, at the Norwegian Lutheran Centennial convention.

Mr. Larsen also states that King Haakon of Norway has signified his expectation of attending the centennial convention, and that the western churches in America are preparing to induce him to visit Yellowstone Park and the northwest during his American visit.

St. Paul, Minn., News
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1925

LUTHER BAND TO PLAY

Centennial Concert Will Be Given Next Saturday.

A concert by the Luther college band of Decorah, Ia., will be given Saturday in connection with the centennial.

This is the second concert of a series being given by the centennial, and will be in the First Baptist church, Minneapolis, at 8:30 p. m.

The Luther college band will be one of the principal attractions at the centennial, and is under the direction of Prof. Carlo A. Sperati.

Immediately following its centennial engagement, the band will enter on its third tour through the northwest to the Pacific coast. Tours were made in 1906 and 1911.

Montpelier, N. D., News
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

NOTED BAND GIVES CONCERT IN JAMESTOWN

The Luther College Concert Band, which is well and favorably known to most people in Montpelier will give a concert in Jamestown at the Junior High School Auditorium on Sunday evening, June 14th, at 8:15 o'clock. The Luther College Band has been in Jamestown two times before, once in 1918 when it gave a concert at the Armory and then again in 1921 when it was the chief attraction at the Stutsman County Fair.

Because the Band comes to Jamestown on a Sunday, no admission will be charged, but a silver offering will be taken.

The Luther College Band is a world famous organization, having toured Europe and having played in most of the states of our country. The Northwest and Pacific coast were visited in

1906 and 1911. In 1914 the Band went to Norway, having accepted an invitation to take part in the Centennial of Norway's independence. Here the Band met with wonderful success. A week was spent in the Norwegian capital. The scheduled number of concerts would not satisfy the people, extra concerts had to be arranged. The Band also toured Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Belgium and England. In 1915 the Band was invited to take part in the Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco, being the only College and non-professional Band, being thus honored. The Band toured the Pacific Coast again in 1921.

This year the Band is to take part in the great Norse-Centennial at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds, June 6-9. As an indication of the rank the band holds, may be mentioned that it is the band that has been chosen to furnish the music at the time when the president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, gives his address at the Centennial. At the conclusion of the Centennial Festivities the Band will make a tour to the West Coast. Jamestown and Stutsman County are fortunate in having this noted organization visit them.

DEBQUE IOWA TIMES JOURNAL
SUNDA JUNE 1925

DECORAH SENDS SPECIAL TRAIN TO TWIN CITIES

Luther College Musicians
and Athletes In Norse
Celebration

(Special to the Times-Journal.)
Decorah, Ia., June 6.—A special train of five coaches and a baggage car carried 250 Norsemen out of Decorah this morning bound for the Twin Cities to attend the Norse-American centennial. The delegation included the Luther college band of 50 pieces, and Luther college baseball and track teams, which will compete in the athletic events Monday and Tuesday. The Luther college band will play at the speakers' stand on Monday just before President Coolidge gives his address.

Helena, Mont. Record-Herald
TUESDAY JUNE 9, 1925

NOTED BAND TO BE HEARD HERE

SCANDINAVIAN ORGANIZATION TO
PLAY CONCERT IN HELENA
LATE THIS MONTH.

The Luther College Concert band, from Luther college, Decorah, Iowa, will play a concert in Helena late this month, according to A. I. Reeves, who today received telegraphic acceptance of his offer to handle the band's appearance in this city at the Shrine temple.

The band, one of the foremost musical organizations in the west, is made up entirely of Scandinavian students at Luther college and is under the directorship of Carlo A. Sperati. It has been in existence for 47 years.

The organization is in Minneapolis now where it has been the chief musical attraction at the Norse-American Centennial celebration and ~~will~~ concludes its engagement at the celebration will start westward over the Northern Pacific for a tour of the Pacific coast.

The exact date for the band's appearance in this city has not been determined, but probably will be about June 22.

Silverton Special
NEEDLE & WIGGET
JUNE 10, 1925
July 3

BAND MAKES DECIDED HIT

The Luther College Concert Band from Decorah, Iowa on their Norse American Centennial tour arrived in Silverton Wednesday morning by special train and appeared at the Eugene Field auditorium in an evening concert.

Their appearance here called together a very large and responsive audience which was held in rapt attention throughout the evening. The college boys in their white uniforms following the interpretative gestures of their leader were an attractive sight.

The program given by the band under the magnetic leadership of Carlo A. Sperati was a delight to music lovers from the first to the last number. The concert opened with the stirring march De Guardia, received from Spain exclusively for the Luther Band.

The Peer Gynt Suite No. 2 by Grieg and the Reve Angelique by Rubinstein were heavy pieces admirably executed.

The program was interspersed with several pleasing numbers given by the college quartet who are also members of the band. These boys were repeatedly called back and graciously responded with several fine encores.

The tuba solo played by Harry Gregerson proved a delightfully popular number. An encore was asked by the audience. His selections were accompanied by the band.

Sharing honors with his father, C. Vittorio Sperati, a senior at the college this year received a spontaneous ovation when he presented the Poet and Peasant overture by Suppe playing the xylophone. He appeared several times in response to demands from the audience, two of his encores being the Rosary and The Perfect Day, played as solos without the band accompaniment.

The concert was closed with the introduction to the Third act of Lohengrin by Wagner but the audience unwilling to leave were given several stirring numbers one an arrangement of the Boston Commandery by Carter introducing "Onward Christian Soldiers with Cathedral Chimes and a popular arrangement of the Stars and Stripes Forever.

Director Sperati is a musician nationally and internationally known. He has been conducting the music at Luther College for a number of years and finds the developing an appreciation for good music among the students one of the most delightful and useful of callings.

The band this year numbers 48 members, a large number playing reed instruments. Under the training of their leader the band has earned an enviable reputation and stands as it always has for the best in music. Luther College Band boys have been in Silverton on several previous occasions and their appearance here always draws a big house.

The aggregation left for Stanwood Washington Friday morning.

Mrs. Sperati is accompanying her husband on the tour.

Bemidji, Minn., Sentinel
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1925

Boys Band Going to Norse Affair

In order to raise funds to help send the Bemidji Boys band to the Norse-American Centennial to be held in the Twin Cities next June, the band announces a public dance to be held at the new armory on Friday evening, May 1. The band boys are in active charge of the dance, under the direction of Bandmaster J. J. Cason, and it is expected that there will be hearty public response to the venture. The boys are looking forward with enthusiasm to such a trip and the chance to give the city of Bemidji some good publicity among the thousands who are expected to be in attendance at the centennial.

At the Minnesota State Fair a few years ago the Bemidji Boys Band made a distinct hit and was declared publicly in front of the grand stand the best boys band in the world. Although they admit that this assertion takes in lots of territory, the boys are anxious to demonstrate to the centennial crowds that this is no idle boast.

Minneapolis, Minn., Journal
MONDAY, MAY 4, 1925

Boys' Band to Play at Centennial

Bemidji, Minn.—The Bemidji Boys' Band will be sent to the Norse-American centennial in the Twin Cities in June as the result of a fund raised at a benefit dance here, it was announced.

Mpls Journal

Feb. 17 - 1925

NORWAY "U" CHORUS TO SEE MINNEAPOLIS

Fifty Singers Arrive Late in May as Advance Guard of Centennial

A chorus of 50 men and women, members and former members of the Students' chorus of the University of Norway in Oslo, will arrive in Minneapolis the latter part of May, the advance guard of Norwegian visitors to the Norse-American centennial June 6, 7 and 8 at the State Fair grounds.

Officials in charge of the centennial activities in the Twin Cities are negotiating through Consul Lauritz Swenson at Oslo to make Norway's participation in the affair of official nature. Iceland will be represented by the Primate and Norway will send the State Military band, called "The King's Own Band."

The Norwegian chorus will arrive in Minneapolis just 20 years after its first visit, the only time a Students' chorus from Norway has appeared here. At

that time Mayor D. F. Jones presented the conductor with a silk American flag on behalf of the city of Minneapolis.

Among the visitors who will come from abroad are government officials and representatives of the various businesses and professions. Ludvig Arcander, an alumnus of the University of Norway, will act as president of the executive committee in charge of the visitors: C. M. Roan, vice-president; O. I. Hertsgaard, secretary, and A. M. Sundheim, treasurer. Other members of the committee are O. P. B. Jacobson, Mrs. Kristian Egilsrud, Mrs. Robert Taylor, Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye, Mrs. Harry Eberhardt, Leroy Wolf, T. A. Eide, Aldred E. Dahl, Amar W. Myhre, John H. Bovin and Arthur H. Anderson.

the last five representing the Norwegian male choruses of the city.

The centennial will commemorate the events which mark the beginning of Norse emigration to this country and the setting out from Norway of the "Restaurationem," the Norwegian Mayflower. The story of the little sloop will be depicted in pageant.

Choruses

Decorah (T.) Republican
THURSDAY MARCH 19 1925
CHOIR FROM NORWAY COMING.

Decorah One of Sixteen American Cities to be Visited—Two Concerts to be Given Here.

The one hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the first Norwegian emigrants in America, which is to be celebrated in Minneapolis, is being brought to America a choir of fifty people—thirty women and twenty men—who will give a series of concerts in sixteen cities. Decorah, because of the large Scandinavian population of which it is the center, is included in the choir's itinerary and arrangements are now being made for two concerts here. Unless there is some unforeseen interference a concert will be given in the Luther College auditorium in the afternoon and another at the Grand Opera House in the evening. The date will be Monday, May 25th. The committee on arrangements is headed by Prof. Carlo A. Sperati and consists of representatives of the Commercial Club, the Civic Club, Luther College, Luren, Norske Selskab, Symra and Winneshiek County Sangerforbund.

When the Luther College Concert Band went to Norway in 1914 it was received everywhere as the representative of America at Norway's centennial anniversary of independence. The choir which is coming for the celebration in Minneapolis is musically a direct representative of Norway and Decorah, as the home of Luther College and her splendid band should be among the foremost to extend to the choir every courtesy.

It is estimated that the Twin Cities will be called on to take care of 300,000 visitors during the celebration there June 6, 7 and 8. Every institution of Scandinavian origin that enjoys any prominence will be represented there. Music, athletics and a historical exhibit will be among the features of the event. To these Luther College will make notable contributions. The historical exhibit will be under the direction of a committee of which Dr. K. Gjerset is chairman and arrangements are being made to take a large contribution from Luther College museum as a part of this exhibit.

Mpls Journal

May 27th 1925

5,000 WELCOME NORWAY SINGERS TO MINNEAPOLIS

Chorus From Oslo Arrives to Take Part in Centennial Fete.

Preliminary to the celebration of the Norse-American centennial, the famed chorus of the University of Norway at Oslo arrived in Minneapolis at 11:10 Wednesday after receiving a series of ovations in eastern cities. More than 5,000 persons were packed into the Milwaukee station or lined up on the sidewalks outside, when the 50 singers debouched in the train shed and marched into the concourse, with the flags of the United States and of Norway at the head of the parade.

The four Norwegian singing organizations of Minneapolis, the Dovre, Nordkap and Nordmandene societies and the Norwegian Glee club, were grouped in the station, more than 200 singers in all, and saluted the visitors with the Norwegian national anthem. The crowds cheered wildly on the appearance of the boys and girls from Oslo and applauded the songs. Olaf Halten led the singing.

Jacobson Gives Welcome.

O. P. B. Jacobson of the Minnesota railroad and warehouse commission, was selected to deliver the official greeting to the Oslo chorus and he welcomed them, in the mother tongue, to the "breadbasket of the world." Mr. Jacobson told of the happiness which immigrants from Norway have found in Minnesota, with its 10,000 lakes and many other advantages as a place to live.

Dr. Rolf Pande, vice president of the University of Norway chorus and its director on the Norse-American centennial tour, responded for the visiting singers. He said that he had been astounded by the warmth and sincerity of the welcome extended to the visitors during their visit to America, climaxed with Wednesday's royal reception at Minneapolis, capital of Norse-American culture and prosperity.

"I know all of you love Norway," said Dr. Pande, "but if you do not love your new home, America, even more, you should be ashamed of yourselves. I see from the happiness of your faces that you have found America and Minnesota a good place to live."

Honor Guests at Luncheon.

Dr. C. M. Roan, O. J. Hertsgaard, A. M. Sunheim and G. W. Arctander headed the official reception committee in charge of arrangements at the Milwaukee station. The Minneapolis firemen's band played a concert number while the visitors were being escorted from the train into the station and furnished music for the parade to the Odin club, where the chorus members were honor guests at luncheon.

The parade, led by the band, with the singers of the four Minneapolis societies next in line, marched up Nicollet avenue to Ninth street, thence over to Second avenue and back to the Odin club room, in the Metropolitan bank building. The musicians from Oslo were in the line, riding in automobiles.

Governor Christianson, Mayor George E. Leach, Lieutenant Governor Nolan and N. W. Elsberg, city engineer and president of the Odin club, were the speakers at the luncheon. The visitors were taken home by their hosts, after the luncheon, and the afternoon was to be given over to motor trips about the city.

Reception at Leamington.

At 6:30 p. m., a reception for the Oslo chorus is scheduled at Hotel Leamington, with Norwegian Consul E. H. Hobe, Dr. H. G. Stub, Carl G. O. Hansen, Mrs. Kr. Egilsrud and Professor Gisle Bothne as the speakers. A dinner will follow the reception.

The chorus arrived in America more than a week ago and has been appearing in several eastern cities. The weekend was spent in Decorah, Iowa. Tuesday night the visitors were entertained at a concert given by the St. Olaf college students at Northfield. Upon their arrival in Northfield they were greeted by 3,000 residents and 300 St. Olaf students. After an automobile trip the members of the chorus attended their first American baseball game between the St. Olaf and Hamline.

The Rev. Johan P. Lunde, bishop of Oslo, Norway, arrived in the Twin Cities Tuesday night. Bishop Lunde is one of the group of Norwegian leaders who will represent that country at the Norse-American centennial.

University Armory Jammed as Famous Oslo Chorus Scores With Its First Concert in the Twin Cities



The University of Oslo chorus now in Minneapolis.

Students of the University of Minnesota packed the university armory at 11 a. m. today when the famous chorus of the University of Oslo gave its first concert in the Twin Cities.

The group of 50 singers comprising the chorus were entertained at lunch in the Minnesota Union by the Norwegian literary club, a campus organization. They inspected the university buildings and visited classes during the afternoon. They will sing at 8:15 p. m. today at the People's church, St. Paul, and will give their principal Minneapolis concert at 8:15 p. m. Friday in the Kenwood armory.

Greeted at Leamington

A formal greeting was extended to members of the chorus by 500 Norwegian-Americans of Minneapolis last night at a dinner and reception at the Leamington.

Norwegians, as a people, are musical and religious. Dr. H. G. Stub, of St. Paul, president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, declared in an address paying tribute to the accomplishments of the chorus.

"No art so lifts the human spirit as the art of music," he said. "The Lutheran church is a singing church for in it, after theology, comes song."

Chorus Leader Talks

Norwegians of the fatherland are proud of Norwegians in the United States in the same manner that a mother is proud of her children. Dr. Rolf Pande, vice president of the chorus, responded. Those who are the farthest away are "the nearest to Norway's bosom," he said.

Addresses were made by Prof. Gislene, chairman of the board of directors of the Norse-American Centennial celebration; Carl G. O. Hanson, editor of the Minneapolis Daglig Tidende; E. H. Hobe, Norwegian consul in the northwest; Ludvig Arctander, toastmaster, and Mrs. Kr. Egilsrud, who spoke in behalf of the Norwegian women in Minneapolis, asking the chorus to take back to the women of Norway a greeting from the women in America.

Plainville Times
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925
20,000 GREET OSLO SINGERS
Bishop Johan P. Lunde Helpe Welcome Chorus.
Minneapolis — Fifty broad smiles, above wreaths of flowers, greeted more than 10,000 Norwegians who packed the Milwaukee station and 10,000 more who jammed the streets to welcome the Oslo University Chorus—vanguard of the great army of visitors who will come to the Norse-American Centennial in June and the first official delegation to arrive.
Rev. Johan P. Lunde, bishop of Oslo, the first of the group of Norwegian leaders who will represent that country at the centennial, was on hand to greet his countrymen at the station.

Other Appearances of Oslo Choir

Ossian, Ia., Dec.
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925

**A CHOIR FROM NORWAY
WILL SING AT DECORAH**

Norwegian Students' American Chorus of Oslo, Norway, Includes Twenty Men and Thirty Women.

This chorus was formed in August, 1924, for the purpose of bringing a greeting from the Norwegian University Students to the Norwegian-Americans at the Centennial in 1925.

It will be of great interest to all in the U. S. to hear Norwegian compositions sung by Norwegian academicians, who are so thoroughly familiar with Norse culture and art.

The chorus consists of 30 women and 20 men, all graduates of the Oslo University, and all selected voices, several of the students being professional singers, for instance, Gunrun Sophie Schioltz, Rignor Norby, Nan Dabdahl and Aslaug Carlsen, also Sverre Lindseth, Alf Due, Lektor Schioltz, and Dr. Johs Arbo. The last two mentioned were members of the chorus which visited America in 1905. Alfred Russ, director, has for 20 years been a very popular director in Oslo, and is also a well known composer.

The chorus left Norway on the S. S. "Bergensfjord" May 5th.

During their stay in America they will give concerts in sixteen cities, among them being Decorah, Iowa, where they will sing on Monday, May 25th, afternoon and evening. Tickets for these concerts will be \$1.00.

Bishop Lunde, representative of the church of Norway, accompanied the chorus to America and will also be in Decorah on May 25th.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Press
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1925

**NORTHFIELD HEARS
NORWEGIAN SINGERS**

Northfield, Minn., May 26.—More than 2,000 persons heard the student chorus from the University of Oslo, Norway, at St. Olaf's College here tonight.

Before their appearance at the Norse Centennial in June at the Minnesota State Fair grounds they will tour the Northwest states singing in Duluth, Grand Forks, Fargo and Aberdeen.

Fargo, N. Dak., Forum
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

**Crowds Continue To Pour
In City For Norse Chorus**

**University of Oslo Visitors Enthusiastic Over Reception They Have Received In America
—Looking Forward to Centennial**

Crowds are still pouring into Fargo to hear the Norse singers. The roads today, according to one arrival, though heavy from the heavy rains, had all the appearance of a parade. Incoming trains are filled to the doors with visitors from all parts of the state. One hundred nineteen came in on the Northern Pacific No. 146 this morning. The motor busses due to leave Fargo this afternoon at 5:10 will be held until 5:30 in order to accommodate the many passengers who have come in from stations between Fargo and Lisbon.

Because of the heavy schedule of three programs in two days, arranged for the singers in Fargo and Moorhead, no official entertaining has been planned. Several informal supper parties followed the concert Thursday evening, and a luncheon was given this noon at the home of Miss Karin Braasten in honor of Lektor and Fru Schioltz. Among those entertaining Thursday evening were Dr. and Mrs. N. Tronnes, Mr. and Mrs. Einar Lund, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ingberg, Mrs. Agnetha Burseth, Dr. and Mrs. A. Halderberg, Dr. and Mrs. Olaf Sand, Dr. and Mrs. Sverre

Oftedahl, and Mr. and Mrs. William Ballou.

Trip of Entertainment

The entire trip, however, is entertainment for the singers. Every community they have visited has arranged motor rides to the most interesting and beautiful places it possesses. "It is like living in a geography to go about this way," said one of the chorus, "only better for we do more than read that wheat is North Dakota's chief product."

"The best part is our English," declared one of the younger singers. "I learned at the University of Oslo to say, 'That is correct,' when something is right. Now I say, 'sure.'"

Anticipate Centennial

The singers are looking forward to the Norse-American Centennial June 6 to 9, in the Minnesota State Fair grounds. Before arriving in America they did not fully realize the significance and proportions of the event. Now that they know it is a national affair with President Coolidge attending to give the main address, they regret very much that the crown prince was not permitted to accept the invitation to be present.

PORTLAND, ORE., TRIBUNE

**OSLO STUDENT
CHORUS COMING**



Betty Lagercrantz Sorkness.

The Norse-American Centennial

celebration commemorating the 100th anniversary of the day when a group "Restauranterne" landed on the shores of America with the first 50 immigrants from Norway, is being celebrated today at the Minnesota State fair grounds at Hamline, Minn. The celebration began Friday and closes Sunday.

The big musical attraction at this remarkable celebration is the Oslo (Christiania) university students' chorus of 50 voices, 30 women and 20 men, which was brought over from Norway for this event.

Announcement was made today that arrangements have been completed whereby the famous chorus will extend its American tour to the Pacific Northwest and make one concert appearance in Portland. It will be in Municipal Auditorium Saturday night, June 20. Arrangements for the Pacific Northwest tour were made through the co-operation of committees in Portland, Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma because of the heavy expense connected with the extension of the tour west of the Rockies.

St. Vincent's hospital, 501
COLETT—June 4, William P. Colett, 76 years, nephritis.
QUIGLEY—June 3, 323 Grand ave., W. Sanborn hospital, typhoid fever.
JACKSON—June 5, Ruth Jackson, 60 years, broncho pneumonia.
HOWE—June 3, Thomas Howe, 621 Bas
hyphic lymphatics.

CHORUS FROM NORWAY SINGS

Audience Gives Marked Applause; Visitors Banqueted

By EMIL ENNA

A student chorus from the famous Norwegian university, Oslo, a center of culture and more recently given prominence by Amundsen, visited Portland and on Saturday evening presented a notable program at the auditorium. This chorus came to the centennial of the first Norwegian settlement in Minneapolis bearing greetings from their government to ours, rather than as representatives of Scandinavian music and achievement.

However, with unusual choral perfection, they also bore the message to their people, now citizens of the United States, that the link binding the mother country with the adopted one could never be either frayed or broken and the burden of their song was loyalty to both. Only one versed in the national life of their country could truly appreciate the programmed numbers. These songs brought an appeal and sentiment to which the heart of an American would respond in the darkest forests of Africa, upon the telling of our traditional rhymes or stories. The large audience was most distinctive in applause which meant infinitely more than appreciation.

Alfred Russ was the efficient conductor and to Gudrun Sophie Schlotz, contralto soloist, much of the success must be accorded. Upon the conclusion of the program a delightful banquet was given at Henry Thiele's as a reception and greeting to the chorus.

Minneapolis, Minn., Mor. Tribune
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1925

St. Olaf College to Greet Chorus of Oslo School

Preparations Being Made at Northfield for Reception.

Northfield, Minn., May 16.—Extensive preparations are now being made at St. Olaf college for the reception of the chorus from the University of Oslo, Norway, which is coming here May 26.

Plans given out today by college authorities include a student holiday, special ceremonies at the train which brings the 50 student singers to Northfield, an automobile tour and a faculty luncheon in their honor.

Norway's University Chorus Comes Under Auspices of Elks' Club



ALFRED RUSS

After participating in the centennial celebration of the emigration of Norwegians to America, to be held in St. Paul June 7, the chorus of Norwegian university students which was formed in August, 1924, expressly for the centennial entertainment, will appear in Everett June 18, under the auspices of the Elks. The concert will be given in the Elks' home and a committee composed of M. H. Forde, chairman; C. H. Jesdahl, E. O. Ervig, C. H. Langland, Ben Graning and O. C. Larson has been appointed by the Sons of Norway and the Everett Male chorus to assist the Elks.

The chorus consists of 30 men and women, all graduates of Oslo university and all selected voices, several of the students being professional singers. Among them are Mrs. Gudrun-Sophie Schlotz, Nan Dybdal, Rigmor Nordby, Aslaug Carlson, Svorre Lindseth, Alf Due, Laktor Schlotz and John Arbe. Alfred Russ, the director and leader of the chorus, has been a popular director in Oslo for 20 years and is also a well known composer. Miss Betty Lagerkrantz Sorlnes is president of the chorus. The singers left Norway on the Bergenfjord of the Norwegian-American line, May 5.

Austin Minn. Herald
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1925

NORTHFIELD TO FETE SINGERS

Famous Choir From Norway To Appear In That City May 26

Northfield, May 19.—An event that has been much looked forward to by Northfield and surrounding com-

NORSE SINGERS DELIGHT CROWD

University Chorus Heard to Advantage in New Auditorium of Masonic Temple.

AUDIENCE NUMBERS 1800

Vocalists Reveal Fine Understanding of Art and Well-Trained Management.

Greetings from Norway were sung at the Masonic temple last evening by the University of Norway students' chorus to an audience that numbered 1800. The beautiful new auditorium was filled and the first formal test of its acoustic properties proved successful, the voices carrying perfectly without echo or rebound.

The chorus, under Alfred Russ, is composed of young men and women who sing not only with beautiful tone quality but with that perfection of attack and release that marks the well-trained chorus.

Audience Is Enthusiastic.

The audience, many of its members Norwegian by birth, attended the concert with somewhat the devotion of a ritual and many lips were following the words the chorus sang in the Norwegian tongue. Souvenir booklets gave the English version of many of the numbers, including folk songs, compositions by Grieg, Kjerulf and Director Russ himself.

In addition to the printed program the centennial cantata was given with fine dramatic accent and it ended with the majestic national anthem of Norway.

Are Guests at Banquet.

The members of the chorus were guests of Spokane people yesterday at breakfast, luncheon and a banquet at the Davenport. The evening affair was marked by a speech from John F. Davies, acting president of the Chamber of Commerce, who presented the visitors with a silver loving cup. John Storm was chairman of the entertainment committee and gave an address of greeting. Dr. Pande of the Norwegian musicians responded.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., World
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1925

A number of people of the city are planning to attend the concert to be given tonight at Eau Claire by the famous Norwegian Academic choir of Oslo (Christiania) Norway. This is the aggregation of musicians that sang at the Norse American Centennial in the Twin Cities. They appeared in concert at the Grand Opera House, Eau Claire, twenty years ago.

Eau Claire Wis. Tel.
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925.

NORSE SINGERS MAKE HIT HERE

Norwegian Academic Choir Of
Oslo, Norway, Delights Au-
dience At Auditorium

A delightful concert was given last evening at the city auditorium by the Norwegian Academic Choir of Oslo, Norway, before a large audience which certainly appeared to appreciate the work of this famous musical organization.

The choir was one of the big attractions at the Norse-American Centennial at the Minnesota State Fair grounds this week, and the sponsors of the local concert considered themselves very fortunate in being able to bring these singers to Eau Claire. The choir left this morning for La Crosse in automobile to appear in concert to-night.

The program given last night was both varied and interesting and some wonderfully effective choral as well as solo work was done by these artists.

Caledonia (Minn.) Journ.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

The Norske Studenters Amerikakor, composed of students of the Royal College of Oslo, will give a concert at the La Crosse theatre at 8:00 p. m. on Thursday evening, June 11th. A similar male chorus from the university was in this section in 1905 and were very well received by many large audiences. The program will present works of Norwegian composes, C. Kreutzer, Halfdan Kjerulf, Ole Bull, Edward Grieg and Alfred Paulsen. There will also be a group of interesting folk songs.

Many of our people, who had planned to drive to La Crosse to get a passing view of the airship Los Angeles at it passed over La Crosse on its return from the Norse-American Centennial, were keenly disappointed on Monday to hear that this giant of the air was forced to turn her nose toward her home hangar at Lakehurst, N. J., upon reaching Cleveland, Ohio. The high temperature on Sunday greatly expanded the helium gas, with which the structure is inflated, and forced the change in the plans.

La Crosse Enterprise
THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1925

Norway University Chorus
At Madison Next Sunday

The University Chorus of Norway, now in America to take part in the Norse-American centennial at Minneapolis in early June, arrived in New York City on May 15th. After giving concerts in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, the chorus will be in Madison for a concert Sunday, May 24th in Olin park. The chorus is composed of 30 women and 20 men.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Argus-Leader
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1925

National Music Body Begun Here

Thirty-two male choruses in the Norwegian Singers association of America have been invited to the Norse Centennial in the twin cities, and will contribute to the feast of music which has been planned.

This association, by the way, was born in Sioux Falls in 1891, and incorporated under the laws of South Dakota. Since that time, with the exception of 1918, when the World war prevented, singing festivals have been held every two years.

The chorus often has consisted of 1,000 to 1,500 voices, providing majestic music.

SIoux CITY IOWA JOURN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925.

NAMED LEADER OF S. C. CHOIR

Frederick Wick Engaged
to Direct First Meth-
odist Singers.

Frederick Wick, prominent Sioux City musician, is to serve as director of the orchestra and choir of First Methodist church next year.

Announcement that Mr. Wick had accepted the position was made Tuesday.

Mr. Wick is to serve as director in chief of the United Norwegian Singers of America, for the grand chorus of



Frederick Wick.

the Norse-American Centennial celebration at Minneapolis, Minn., on June 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Two ship loads of passengers from Norway are en route to this country to bring delegations which will attend the festival at Minneapolis in celebration of the landing of the first emigrant ship from Norway in 1825. Among the passengers to arrive for the festival will be many student singers, who will be part of the grand chorus.

More than 200,000 persons are expected to attend the centennial celebration and President Calvin Coolidge is to deliver an address before the assemblage on June 8.

COLLEGE A CAPELLA CHOIR SINGS TONIGHT

The Augustana college, Sioux Falls S. D., in "a capella" choir of forty members, will appear tonight at 8 o'clock at the Fontenelle under auspices of Our Savior's Danish Lutheran church. The organization will appear at the Norwegian centennial celebration at Minneapolis in June, when the Norwegian royal family and President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge will attend.

FARGO, N. D., NEWS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

MANY OFF TO CENTENNIAL

Concordia Choir Leaves to Sing En Route and At Festival

The exodus from Fargo and Moorhead to the Norse American Centennial, Minnesota State fairgrounds, June 6-9, has already begun with plenty of indications of more to follow. Dr. J. A. Holvik, of Concordia college, secretary of the board of directors of the Centennial, has gone to the twin cities to meet the members of the board and complete the final arrangements for the celebration.

Others from Fargo and Moorhead who are to take part in the program either left today or will leave shortly to attend. President and Mrs. J. A. Aasgaard of Concordia left Moorhead today to drive. The 40 members of Concordia choir left today in three specially built busses. En route they will give concerts in Evansville, Barrett, Benson, and Willmar, Minn. While in the cities they will be lodged in the University Farm school dormitories. Several concerts have been scheduled for the choir during the Centennial and during the Norwegian Lutheran church meeting after the Centennial the choir will sing in the St. Paul auditorium to the assembled delegates and church officials.

Rev. I. D. Ylvisaker and his wife expect to leave Thursday evening, in order to attend on the way the dedication of the new administration building at St. Olaf's college.

Ample Facilities

Although reservations are coming in slowly to A. O. Christenson and Mayor J. H. Dahl of Fargo, chairmen of the transportation arrangements, enough inquiries have been received to promise a large attendance. The Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways have both provided ample facilities to care for whatever amount of traffic appears. It is expected that at least one car will go down in charter service from Moorhead and perhaps more than one from Fargo. The Great Northern cars will be parked on the fairgrounds and the Northern Pacific cars will be parked at Como.

If the weather and roads are good, many plan to drive. A report to the effect that the hotels and other accommodations were already exhausted has changed the plans of some who intended to go down by motor.

"There is no truth in the statements," according to information received from the twin cities today by Mayor Dahl. "At least 200,000 more people can be accommodated in the hotels and private homes of the two cities. Housing committees are listing every available clean and comfortable bed. Everyone who attends will be taken care of."

Gonvick, Minn., Banner
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1925

Famous Choir To Sing at Clearbrook

Music lovers in Gonvick and neighboring communities as well have a real treat in store Monday evening, April 20th, when the famous Concordia college choir of Moorhead will appear in Clearbrook and render a musical program at the Silver Creek Lutheran church, opening number of the program being scheduled for 8:15 o'clock.

This choir, which has toured extensively throughout the Northwest, is this year taking a trip through Northern Minnesota, giving about 20 concerts in as many days.

Though composed exclusively of college students, this choir has reached a degree of artistry that is equaled only by the finest professional organizations now before the public. Their programs, interpretations, and voice-quality is said to rival that of the world famous St. Olaf Choir and the Papal Choir of Rome.

The choir is composed of 17 men and 24 women, all regular students at Concordia College. The director, Herman W. Monson, whose work with the choir has attracted attention from the severest critics. Mr. George Benson of the "Fargo Forum" speaks of his work as "marvelous." The critics of Minot, Bismarck, Jamestown, Valley City and other Northwestern cities agree that the work of this choir and its director is of outstanding merit.

The Concordia College Choir has been invited to take part in the Norse American Centennial this summer as one of the official music organizations.

OMAHA, IOWA, NEWS
JUNE 21, 1925

The choir of Our Savior's Lutheran church, which sang at the recent Norse American centennial at St. Paul, before an audience of 3,000 persons, will repeat the program which it sang there at a special concert at the church, Thirtieth and Izard streets, at 4 this afternoon. The choir is composed of 30 voices, under the leadership of O. Arthur Melcher. It was the only church choir which appeared at the St. Paul convention. George D. Gibson is the organist.

OMAHA, IOWA, NEWS
JUNE 21, 1925

REPEAT PROGRAM GIVEN FOR 8,000 AT ST. PAUL

Eight thousand people heard the choir of Our Savior's Lutheran church, Omaha, at the Norse American centennial in St. Paul recently. It was the only choir invited to appear before the Young People's Lutheran league convention in Minneapolis at the same time.

The choir, consisting of thirty voices under leadership of O. Arthur Melcher, will give the same program at 4 p. m. today at the church, Thirtieth and Izard streets.

Following is the program:

- Piano prelude.....
- Anthem—"Holy Art Thou" (Largo)..... Handell
- Invocation.....
- Anthem—"O, Savior of the World"..... Goss
- Scripture Reading—Psalm 150.....
- Anthem—"Come Now, Let Us Reason Together"..... Bryant
- Incidental Solo.....
- Gus Lot.
- Bass Solo—"Our Savior and Our Lord"..... Dudley Buck
- Gus Wickstrom.
- Miss Eva Nelson, accompanist.
- Anthem—"O Lord Thou Art Our God"..... Dickenson
- Address.....
- Anthem—"God So Loved the World"..... Stainer
- Offering and announcements.....
- Anthem—"Jesus Savior Pilot Me"..... Schneckler
- Incidental Solo.....
- Miss Viola Butt.
- Benediction—Amen, Amen, Amen.....

St. Paul, Minn., News
THURSDAY, FEB. 26, 1925

Northfield to Have Part in Norse-American Fete

Northfield, Minn., Feb. 28.—Rice county will have an important part in the centennial celebration of Norwegian migration to American to be held in the Twin Cities in June. The famous St. Olaf college choir and band have been secured to provide musical features of the celebration and articles secured from the homes of early Norse settlers here are to be loaned for exhibition.

Minneapolis, Minn., Journal
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1925

St. Olaf Choir to Visit Three Cities

Northfield, April 20.—Beginning Sunday with a concert at Waseca, the St. Olaf Lutheran choir will sing a series of three special Sunday concerts in southern Minnesota cities.

Professor P. G. Schmidt, manager of the organization, today announced that appearances have been scheduled for May 10 in Red Wing and for May 17 in Rochester. In all cases, the programs will be sung in the afternoon in the auditorium of each place.

Plans are now being laid for a second extended tour, this time into Wisconsin. Following their appearance in conjunction with the Norse-American Centennial, June 9, in the St. Paul Auditorium, seven Wisconsin cities will be visited.

Wabasso, Minn., Standard
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925
Northfield — More than 360 St. Olaf college students began practicing in the chorus which the college will send to the Norse Centennial in June.

Missoula (Mont.) Sentinel
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1925

ST. OLAF CHOIR ON AIR WEDNESDAY EVENING

Will Broadcast in Interest of Norse Centennial.

For the first time in its history, the internationally famous St. Olaf choir of 60 voices, that delighted Missoula people on Christmas night, will broadcast from WCCO, Minneapolis Gold Medal station, on Wednesday evening, April 29, from 9:30 to 11:30 Missoula time, in the interests of the Norse-American centennial celebration which is to be held at the Minnesota State fairgrounds June 6-9.

This centennial is to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Norwegians who formed the first settlement in the United States in 1825. Today the Twin Cities form the acknowledged center of the Scandinavian population of the country.

The promise of President Coolidge to come and participate on Monday afternoon, June 8, and the probability that some high representative of the Dominion government will be here, as well as the promised coming of the delegates from the Norwegian storting and government, give the celebration the aspect of a real world affair. The official delegation from Norway will be a member of the cabinet, a member of the storting (parliament), and Karl Wehring, former secretary of war. Other official delegates will come to represent the Norwegian State church, the University of Oslo (Christiania) and Nordmandsforbundet.

Fairmount, N. D. News
FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1925

Northfield — More than 360 St. Olaf College students began practicing in the chorus which the college will send to the Norse Centennial in June.

Fargo, N. D. Forum
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

Grand Forks Chorus To Sing Here Tonight

The male chorus of the Lutheran Bible school of Grand Forks arrived in Fargo today in the school's bus in which it is traveling to the twin cities to attend the Norse-American centennial and the Luther League convention following.

The chorus will sing tonight at 8 at St. Mark's Lutheran church. As it has given several concerts here before, it is well known to Fargo audiences.

Albert Lea, Minn. Standard
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

Nordkaps to Sing At Centennial

Dr. J. R. Nannestad and his famous Nordkap Chorus of men's voices of this city will appear on the program of the Norse-Centennial celebration at the State Fair grounds on Saturday, June sixth.

The chorus will supply the music for the afternoon session. This is the premier appearance of this chorus as it will sing to a crowd that is expected to exceed a hundred thousand people. A special program of Norwegian and American songs is being prepared for the occasion.

Olaf Hellie, member of the chorus and acting as business manager for the occasion has engaged a special pullman. This car will be the home of the chorus while it is in the Twin Cities. It will leave Albert Lea over the Rock Island at 5:30 Saturday morning and will be parked in the Great Northern yards. The return trip will be made Monday morning, the train leaving there at 11 o'clock.

It is expected that hundreds of Freeborn county Norse-Americans will accompany the chorus to the celebration. Special trains have been announced on both the Rock Island and M. & St. L. railroads.

A. C. Erickson, who is chairman of the Freeborn County delegation is making special arrangements for their entertainment there.

Composers of Special Centennial Music

Minneapolis, Minn. Star
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

Minneapolis Teacher
Wins Prize for Best
Centennial Music



MRS. ANNA M. FARDAHL

Mrs. Fardahl today was awarded the prize for the best musical composition on the Norwegian-American centennial offered by the Twin City Music and Dramatic association. Her offering is entitled "The March of the Vikings," an orchestral composition. Mrs. Fardahl is a well known music teacher and lives at the Leamington.

Minneapolis, Minn. Mor. Tribune
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1925

Norse Centennial March
Completed for Festival
By Dr. Francis Richter

Dr. Francis Richter of Minneapolis, blind composer and pianist, has completed a march, "Hail to Universal Brotherhood," which has been dedicated to the Norse-American centennial.

The composition opens with a fanfare, breaks into descriptive passages, and closes with familiar Norwegian folk themes.

Dr. Richter, who has recently returned to Minneapolis to make his home, will play the march and a group of works of Grieg and Liszt at a recital to be given at 8 p. m. Sunday in Norway hall, Twentieth street and Chicago avenue.

sen, director of the celebrated choir of St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn.

The cantata is divided into 10 parts, entitled Introduction and Chorus, Norway and Its People, The Creator's Praise, Yearnings, The Departure, The Sea, To America, In the New Home, My Country 'Tis of Thee, and Hymn of Praise. It will be sung by the famous St. Olaf choir of 60 voices and other choruses.

Rev. Rothnem is not only an author of words for the music, but is a vocalist as well and has delighted many audiences with his solos.

He is also familiar with the sign language of the deaf and comes to Sioux Falls Monday afternoons to give instruction at the state school.

The cantata is published in book form, 11 by 8½ inches, in gray covers, illustrated with pictures of the sloop Restaurationen, in which 53 dauntless immigrants braved the Atlantic to come to these shores just 100 years ago, the Muskego church, erected in 1845, and the Washington Prairie parsonage, erected in 1854.

Sioux Falls, S. D. Argus-Leader
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

DELLS PASTOR IS
CANTATA AUTHOR

Rev. B. J. Rothnem Writes Words
for Selection to Be Sung
in Twin Cities

To Rev. B. J. Rothnem, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church of Dell Rapids, belongs the distinguished honor of having written the words for the Centennial Cantata to be sung next Sunday evening at the Norse-American centennial in the Twin Cities. The music is by Dr. F. Melius Christian-

Detroit, Minn. Record
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

It will be of interest to the many readers of the Record to know that S. O. Most, of Eastern Park, is the author of the Norse-American Centennial Cantata. He is a member of the Park church and the congregation of this church gave him a purse of money to pay his expenses while attending the Centennial, where he will have the pleasure of listening to the cantata as sung by the St. Olaf College Glee Club and other choruses. He will also represent this church as a delegate at the Annual convention.

Northfield, Minn. News
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1925

Son Sings Father's Composition.
A feature of a very meritorious recital given at St. Olaf last Thursday evening by Olaf Christiansen, baritone, was the first public rendition of a song, "The Emigrant's Yearning," from the cantata composed by Dr. F. Melius Christiansen in commemoration of the Norse-American centennial. In this collaboration between father and son there was evidence of musical talent of the highest order. The audience applauded the rendition vociferously but was disappointed in its hopes of hearing the number repeated. The program included four groups of unusually interesting numbers, in all of which the singer's pleasing baritone voice was heard to advantage.



Rev. B. J. Rothnem

Wabamigo, Minn. Democrat
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Mrs. Anna M. Fardahl, of the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, has won recognition by the Twin City Music and Dramatic Club, of which she is a member. This Club featured a contest for musical piano composition for the Norse-American Centennial, and first prize was awarded to Mrs. Fardahl. Out of 420 voting Club members, present at the Gold Room of the Radisson hotel June 3, she was accorded 409 votes. Her composition, was named "March of the Vikings, Norse-American Centennial." Mrs. Fardahl is a sister of Mrs. E. O. Overby and Mrs. J. J. Quam, and formerly resided at the Overby home in Cherry Grove. Numerous friends in this district are pleased to learn of the recognition given this talented lady.

Pageant and "Living Flag"

Madison, Minn., Press
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1925

"LIVING" FLAG AT CENTENNIAL

President Coolidge's Attendance Assured—Secretary of State Kellogg to Attend.

In view of the fact that some newspapers have said that President Coolidge's attendance at the Norse-American centennial at Minneapolis June 8th, the committee of arrangements is taking particular pains to inform the public that his attendance is no longer a matter of doubt. He will be the guest of honor on Monday, June 8th. He will be accompanied by Secretary of State Kellogg. It is planned to have him speak on the afternoon of that day. It is expected that the gathering at the state fair grounds will be the largest in the history of the northwest, but ample arrangements are being made to take care of all who may be there.

Attention is called to the fact that the Woman's Auxiliaries of Minneapolis and St. Paul are preparing for publication a cook book of Norse recipes, which will be sold at a nominal price during the celebration. It is the intention to make this cook book as complete as possible, containing all manner of recipes for Norwegian dishes, many of which threaten to become unknown in this country unless steps are taken to preserve them and make them available to all who appreciate distinctive Norse cooking. Persons having "tried and true" recipes for distinctly Norse dishes are requested to send them, with name and address of sender to Mrs. I. L. Tuve, 1203 7th St. S., Minneapolis, Minn., without delay.

A most interesting and unique feature of the celebration promises to be the "living flag." This will be featured Monday afternoon, June 8th, in connection with President Coolidge's address in front of the mammoth grandstand at the Minnesota state fair grounds. This "living flag" will be composed of 600 St. Paul school children, who will be trained for their parts under the direction of Mrs. John O. Lee. A special stand will be built for the children so all the tens of thousands of people may see it. The children will be dressed in the colors of the Norse and United States flags—red, white and blue—most of them with reversible capes, one color on each side. They will first appear as the Norwegian flag, while "Ja Vi Elsker Dette Landet" is sung—and then, at a given signal, the children will reverse their capes in such a manner as to transform the Norse flag, in the twinkling of an eye, to the "Stars and Stripes." Besides the magnificent spectacle afforded the change from one flag to the other will also visualize the ease and willingness with which Norse immigrants are transformed into loyal American citizens. This one feature of the dozens planned for the centennial will in itself be well worth the price of admission and is sure to leave a vivid and lasting impression upon all fortunate enough to view it.

There will be an historical pageant which will be given on Tuesday evening, June 9th as the concluding climax of the "biggest gathering in America in 1925." It will be another wonderful and inspiring feature. Work on this is going forward, but detailed announcement can not be made as yet. Suffice it to say at this time that the pageant will depict in both stationary and moving tableaux the history of the first century of Norse-American and Norse-Canadian development, visualizing in most colorful fashion one of the most interesting chapters in American history.

Baker, Mont. Times
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1925

NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

A most interesting and unique feature of the Norse-American Centennial in Minneapolis promises to be the "living flag". This will be featured Monday afternoon, June 8, in connection with Pres. Coolidge's address in front of the mammoth grandstand at the Minnesota state fair grounds. This "living flag" will be composed of 600 St. Paul children who will be trained for their parts under direction of Mrs. John O. Lee. A special stand will be built for the children so all the tens of thousands of people may see it. The children will be dressed in the colors of the Norse and the United States flags—red, white and blue—most of them with reversible capes (one color on each side). They will first appear as the Norwegian flag, while "Ja Vi Elsker Dette Landet" is sung—and then at a given signal, the children will reverse their capes in such a manner as will transform the Norseflag in the twinkling of an eye to the "Stars and Stripes". Besides the magnificent spectacle afforded, the change from one flag to the other will also visualize the ease and willingness with which Norse immigrants are transformed into loyal American citizens. This one feature of the dozens planned for the Centennial will in itself be well worth the price of admission and is sure to leave a vivid and lasting impression upon all fortunate enough to view it.

Clear Lake, S. D. Courier
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925

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Pageant

Jamestown & D. Area
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1925

MOVING TABLEAUX OF NORSE HISTORY IN AMERICA

The historical pageant which will be given on Tuesday evening, June 9, as the concluding climax of the "biggest gathering in America in 1925," will be another wonderful and inspiring feature of the Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis, the committee reports. Work on this is going forward, but detailed announcement cannot be made as yet. Suffice it to say at this time that the pageant will depict in both stationary and moving tableaux the history of the first century of Norse-American and Norse-Canadian development, visualizing in most colorful fashion one of the most interesting chapters in American history.

Minneapolis, Minn., Mor. Tribune
SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1925

1,000 Sought Here to Aid in Norse Pageant

Plans Being Completed for Centennial Picture of Early Settlers.

Selection of 1,000 Minneapolitans to participate in the "Pageant of the Northmen," which is to be presented at the Norse-American centennial, will be begun at a meeting at the Centennial headquarters at the Nicollet hotel, Monday at 8 p. m., John R. Groseth, chairman of the pageant committee, announced Saturday.

The pageant, which will aim to depict the story of early Norwegian settlers, will be the main dramatic event of the four-day program at the Minnesota state fair grounds, June 6 to 9. The pageant has been written by Willard Dillman of Excelsior, author of the Lincoln pageant, which was staged a few years ago under the auspices of the American Legion.

Represents Pioneers' Work.

While the "Pageant of the Northmen" plans to visualize the lives and progress of the Norse pioneers particularly, the history of the pioneers of other nationalities will not be neglected, Mr. Dillman said. An effort will be made to present a cross section of the work of all early settlers, regardless of nationality, he explained.

For the purposes of dramatic unity, the story of one man's life runs through the main current of the pageant. The movement will be centered about one principal character, Hans Christian Heg, boy immigrant of the early forties. In the early scenes Hans is shown as a boy of ten, an eager spectator of all that goes on at his father's inn in Norway.

Family Leaves Norway.

Two Nattestad brothers, home from America, inspire the Heg family to try

its fortune in the new land. With other immigrants they arrive at a point on the Atlantic coast and then follow a band of pioneers to a western destination. As a young man Hans is shown as a candidate for the legislature on the Free Soil ticket.

With the outbreak of the Civil war, he raises a regiment, the fifteenth Wisconsin infantry, and receives a commission as colonel from General Grant. Two years later he is killed at the battle of Chickamauga and President Lincoln and General Grant are seen at his bier.

The balance of the pageant is devoted to a depiction of the later progress of the pioneer settlers and their contributions of American history. Mr. Dillman will take an active part in directing the pageant. The incidental music for the event will consist largely of Norse compositions.

Minneapolis, Minn., Journal
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

CHARACTERS NEEDED FOR NORSE PAGEANT

Committee Asks Applicants to Call at Rehearsal Grounds to Fill in Mass Scenes

A call for hundreds of persons to bask in the spotlight for a brief hour went out today from Norse-American Centennial headquarters.



Mildred Sommer

where actors still are needed to fill in mass scenes in "The Pageant of the Northmen," mammoth production to be staged Tuesday, as closing event of the Centennial.

Rehearsals have been going on every night for a month now, with principals and some of the minor characters. The pageant calls for hundreds of soldiers, fairies, settlers, students and church congregations, however, and there is not yet enough material. John Groseth, chairman of the pageant committee, and Willard Dillman, author of the pageant, sent out an earnest appeal for players today, seeking men, women or children, and said no experience is necessary.

"Anyone who wants to, may be in the pageant," Mr. Groseth said. "All they need do is come to rehearsal today or tomorrow at 7 p. m. at Dunwoody athletic field. If it rains, we will have practise in the Armory."

Hans Heg, the Norwegian immigrant and hero around whose life the pageant is built, is played by Arne Ofstie. Gunhild Elmong, who marries Colonel Heg, is played by Miss Mildred Sommer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sommer, 4603 Pleasant avenue. Miss Sommer is a student at the University of Minnesota.

General rehearsal with full light effects will be conducted Friday in front of the grandstand at the Fair Grounds. All organizations partaking in the final scene at the unveiling of Colonel Heg's statues must attend this rehearsal with their banners and flags. Mr. Groseth said today. Tokens of admission will be

distributed to the cast at Friday's rehearsal.

"If a dress rehearsal is necessary it will be staged Tuesday afternoon," Mr. Groseth said. "But I think Friday's will be the last."

Mpls., Minn., East Side Argus
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

Dovre Lodge No. 3 At Norse Centennial

Dovre Lodge No. 3, Sons of Norway, owner of the three story lodge and business block at Central and Twenty-fourth avenues, has accepted an invitation from the committee of arrangements of the big centennial convention to take active part in the pageant which will be given in front of the grandstand at the state fair grounds Tuesday evening, June 9, at 8 p. m.

Peter Thorhaug, past president of the Dovre organization, states that members of his society are asked to meet for rehearsal at the grandstand in the fair grounds on Sunday evening, June 7. On account of this pageant there will be no regular meeting of Dovre lodge on June 9. "I sincerely hope that all members of Dovre will make a strong effort to be present at the rehearsal and also at the pageant," said Mr. Thorhaug. "This is the biggest thing that has ever taken place in the country, and we must consider that we have been complimented in being asked to take an active part in the proceedings."

Minneapolis Journal
June 3, 1925

Centennial Pageant, With 1,500 in Cast, to Show Trials, Adventures of Norse Pioneers

Scenes Cover Whole Life of Typical Immigrant, With Folklore, Witches, Fairies, Indian Battles, Polics, Civil War As Settings

That the present generation may understand the trials and hardships of Norwegian pioneers, a mammoth pageant, depicting the life and history of typical Norse immigrants, with more than 1,500 persons in the cast, will be given as an event of the Norse-American Centennial.

"The Pageant of the Northmen," written by Willard Dillman, will be presented Tuesday night in front of the grand stand at the fair grounds. It will have nearly 100 principals, as well as hundreds of fairies, gnomes, Indians, soldiers, witches, settlers and so forth.

Tells Story of Immigration

The production is tremendous in scope, including scenes from Norwegian folklore, legends and traditions, early history of Norway, Norse mythology, immigration to America, Indian life in the northwest, life in Norwegian settlements here, phases of the trek of the covered wagons across the plains, a political campaign in the '50's, the Civil war, the arrival of Ole Bull, Norwegian religious ceremonies, establishment of Norse-American institutions of learning, and organization of Norse societies.

"I have tried to tell the story of Norwegian immigration as we would tell the story of the Mayflower and the landing of the Pilgrims," Mr. Dillman said last night. "I have taken Colonel Hans Heg as a type, and, in telling the story of his life, told the story of every immigrant. The whole thing is woven around his life but I have tried to bring in all that is significant in the life of the Norwegians in America."

The story of the pageant, in brief, is this:

Blond, blue-eyed little Hans Heg, only 10 years old, is doing the last of his evening chores, for times were hard in Norway and even the children must help. Along the road behind his father's inn winds a constant procession of travelers.

Folklore Depicted

Hans' mother tells him stories about trolls and witches and gnomes and "huldre," about folk dances of the young people about Cinderella—and all the characters dance in a great circle, around the two.

Then Hans' grandfather tells him of the Valkyries and the gods and goddesses; about Harold, the Fairhaired, Fridthjof and Ingeborg and the Vikings; Lelf the Lucky and his Icelanders. He tells him of King Olaf Trygvesson, who brought the Christian religion to Norway, and King Olaf den Hellige, who broke the last heathen idol; of Arnlot Gellne, the outlaw who became a Christian when he went off to battle.

Even Heg, the boy's father, tells him of Kleng Peerson and the little sloop, the "Restaurationen," which took the first Norwegians to America. A traveler, just returned from America, stops in at the Heg cabin, with tales of that wonderful land, and fires the HEGs with his enthusiasm.

Next, Indians and their life are shown, with the arrival of Norwegian immigrants and the consequent dispersal of the Indians. Many scenes in the new settlement then are shown, scenes of

sturdy men battling with the wilderness, the building of a rude church and the first confirmation therein. Pioneer scenes of gayety and sadness are shown.

Hans Runs for Office

Then we have a political campaign, with Hans Heg, now a grown man, a candidate for state legislator on the Free Soil ticket. Then comes the marriage of Hans and his childhood sweetheart, Gunhild Einong, with Ole Bull, the great musician, playing their wedding music.

But the happiness of the two soon is broken by the Civil war, and Hans goes off as colonel of the Fifteenth Wisconsin volunteers. Scenes with Grant and President Lincoln end with Colonel Heg receiving a mortal wound.

From the close of the Civil war, through the development of Norwegian culture and industry, the spirit of Colonel Heg hovers over every scene, until, in the end, a statue of the colonel is unveiled, with people gathered from far and wide for the event—and all the strange characters which had influenced the life of the immigrant boy grouping around the foot of the pedestal.

That, briefly, is the pageant, for which hundreds of persons have been rehearsing every night now for a month, the pageant designed to show in a colorful way the whole story of the Norse-American.

The leading characters will be played as follows:

Even Heg, an innkeeper, Berner Loftfield.
Sigrid Heg, his wife, Mrs. Banne Groseth.
John Heg, his father, John Groseth.
Hans Christian Heg, as a boy of 10, John Nyborg, Jr.
Two Norse travelers, Chris Wick, Leonard Hess.
King Colbjorn den Staerk, Henry Ordeman.
Witches, Betsy Mausath, captain; Ellen Cummings, Inga Bather and Berit Saegert.
Harold, the Fairhaired, Carl Waag.
Lelf Ericsson, T. T. Lode.
King Olaf Trygvesson, Harold Heiberg.
King Olaf den Hellige, O. S. Ross.
Indian chief, G. E. Engeman.
Indian squaw, Mrs. T. V. Thomsen.
Shawana, an Indian girl, Constance Thane.

Medicine man, Arthur Hines.
A missionary, A. E. Eadahl.

Immigrants—John Luras, A. O. Gunurus; Knut Luraas, Magne Diste; Halvor Luraas, Gustav Diste; Torge Luraas, John Noatwald; his wife, Mrs. G. A. Moglia; Halvor Lonlock, S. H. Simonsen; his wife, Mrs. S. H. Simonsen; Ole Kroken, James Larsen; his wife, Alpha Johnson; Ole Kionaa, Leonard Hess; his wife, Berntine Meuseth; Nils Tollesfjord, John Bruheim; Ole Tollesfjord, A. Langseth; his wife, Mrs. Mathilda Gausath; Gitle Danielson, Thomas Bather; his wife, Marie Reque; Hjalmer Ikjellarviken, Ole Comment; his wife, Carrie Peterson; John Molea, Christ Wick.

American Pioneers—Ole Brown, George Leach; his wife, Mrs. George Leach; William Smith, John Seamans; his wife, Mrs. Grace S. Forbes; Peter Lees, Oscar Seamans, his wife, Mrs. John Knawitton.

Immigrants—Peter Jacobsen, a postmaster Adelsten Berge; James Keyner, editor of Norelvaet, E. Larsen; Halvor Thompson, a blacksmith, Henry Ordeman; Luth Hansen, a tinsmith, Harold Heiberg; Mrs. John Einong, Mrs. M. S. Oas; Rev. C. I. Clausen, a young minister, A. O. Erdahl; an immigrant mother, Elisa Pauline Farseth; Rev. Hans Andre, Stub, P. E. Andersen; Caspara Hansen, Nora Horsfjord; her four sisters, Alfrida Kopp, Agnes Sundheim, Ethel Sween and Betty Heiberg; two young immigrants, Gustav Diste, Anders Uleth; Hans Heg, as a young man, Arne Otfatic; Gunhild Einong as a young lady, Mildred Sommer.
Ole Bull, Einar Larsen.
Wife of Ole Storlie, a young immigrant, Mrs. H. G. Dorwin.
A courier, Anders Uleth.

Knute Nelson, a corporal, Colonel E. M. Johnson.
General Ulysses S. Grant, Thomas Russell.
President Abraham Lincoln, O. Grotting Olaf.
Indian boys and girls—Teresa Twite, Marion Sols, Leatrice Minnell, Viola Johnson, Harold Freberg, Earl Rick, Edwin Wallo, Clifford Lindberg, Raymond Neander, Paul Felt, Blance McGlennen, Katherine Greene, Harold Winters, Helen Ross, John Graustadt, Hjordis Strom, Solvik Peterson, Geroll Nye, Kenneth Nye, John Field and Howard Vick.

Participants in the mass scenes in the pageant, soldiers, fairies, settlers, cognegrations and students, are chiefly drawn from Norwegian societies, women's clubs and church societies.

The committee of managers in charge of the pageant is headed by John Groseth. Assisting Mr. Groseth are Mrs. William O. Storlie and Elisa Pauline Farseth.

Odin Club Chorus to Sing at Donaldson's

In honor of visitors to the Norse-American Centennial, the Odin Club Male Chorus will give a program of Norwegian and American music on the L. S. Donaldson Company balcony Monday at 12 m., under direction of Professor George G. Hultgren, tenor, who will give the tenor scores. John Nyborg will sing barytone solos. The program includes:

- 1 (a) Staa Stark Wennerberg
(b) Norge, Mit Norge Alfred Paulson
(c) I Long for Thee Hartel
(d) Til Mit Hem Kromer
- 2 Tenor Solo Selected
- 3 (a) Naar Fjordene Blaaner Alfred Paulson
(b) Den Store Hvide Flok Grieg

The Odin Club chorus, organized three years ago, is composed of 40 professional and business men of Minneapolis, interested in Scandinavian music.

Real Ox Team for Norse Pageant Found

After weeks of searching, a real ox team and a covered wagon had been located last night, and the promise given for their use in staging "The Pageant of the Northmen." Great effort was expended in locating the team and wagon, but the committee feel amply rewarded, according to Willard Dillman, director of the production.

Six Serve On Norse Pageant Committee

The committee in charge of the production of "The Pageant of the Northmen" consists of Johannes Groseth, chairman, Mrs. W. O. Storlie, Carl Hansen, Mrs. Nels Juel, Mrs. T. B. Thompson and L. Stavnheim, president of the Sons of Norway in Minneapolis.

83 Year Old Woman to Take Part in Pageant

An 83 year old woman will come from Brookings, S. D., to take part in "The Pageant of the Northmen" to be staged at the Fair grounds Tuesday. She is Mrs. B. Hartwick, who came to America 60 years ago as an immigrant. She will wear the native costume of her country.

1,500 TO APPEAR IN PROGRESS PLAY AT FAIR GROUNDS

Celebration Ends With the
Spectacle Depicting Ad-
vance of Norwegians.

VISITORS PLAN RETURN TRIPS

Speakers Bring Greetings
From Denmark, Sweden
and Iceland.

The Norse-American centennial celebration... Everything is in readiness for the grand finale at the state fair grounds tonight, when 1,500 costumed men, women and children will participate in a monster pageant depicting the advance of Norwegian life in the United States.

The pageant will officially end the celebration which has since Saturday brought tens of thousands of visitors to St. Paul from all parts of the United States and Canada and from Europe.

SONGFEST ON PROGRAM.

Despite the cold and threatening weather today, and the blustery winds, more than 5,000 persons flocked to the fair grounds this morning for the addresses and songs which marked the beginning of the final day's program.

A majority attended the program transferred to the horticultural building from the grandstand. Others were at a program at the hippodrome.

The centennial celebration has taught Norway a wonderful lesson, it was said by C. J. Hambro, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the storting, Norwegian national congress, one of the principal speakers.

GIVEN COURAGE BY U. S.

"Norway, like other small nations, has to a great extent been afraid to raise its own voice in international affairs.

"By the example set by our sons and daughters in America, who have preserved their ideals and their principles, we have been given the courage to maintain these ideals in higher respect.

"This is one great accomplishment of the centennial celebration."

Other speakers at today's program at the fair grounds include Hon. Sunnar Bjornson, Minnesota, who espoke the greetings of Iceland to the centennial delegates and visitors. Iceland, he said, rejoices in the progress made by Norwegians in the United States as revealed at the celebration.

PLAN RETURN TRIPS.

Other speakers were T. Skellet, Danish consul in Minneapolis; Dr. H. A. Bellows and Prof. Frank Nel-

son. Prof. Nelson brought Sweden's greetings.

Hundreds of out-of-town visitors to the centennial were busy today making arrangements for their return trips. The headquarters booths at the state fair grounds were rushed with those seeking information and approval of return tickets.

Should unfavorable weather continue this evening the program originally scheduled for the grandstand will be held in the hippodrome.

Brainerd, Minn., Dispatch
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

"PAGEANT OF THE NORSEMEN"

15,000 PEOPLE BRAVE THE COLD
WEATHER TO SEE THE
SPECTACLE

(By United Press)

St. Paul, June 10.—Fifteen thousand persons braved the cold winds last night to witness the "Pageant of the Norsemen," the closing spectacle of the Norse-American Centennial Exposition, at the state fair grounds. The pageant, presented in 24 scenes by 1,500 actors, depicted a picturesque enactment of folk lore and tradition in Norway and the coming of the early immigrants to America.

Immediately after the closing scenes of the pageant every train leaving the Twin Cities carried its quota of Centennial visitors to every part of the northwest and Canada. The official delegation is expected to leave tonight or tomorrow.

Duluth, Minn., News-Tribune
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

Norse Pageant Closing Event at Centennial

By Associated Press.

Minneapolis, June 9.—A spectacle entitled "The Pageant of the Norsemen," at the Minnesota state fair grounds tonight brought to a close the four-day Norse-American centennial celebration which attracted thousands of visitors from many nations.

The pageant depicted incidents in the life of Col. Hans Christian Heg, a Norseman, who distinguished himself in the service of America after coming to this country as an immigrant boy.

Several hundred persons in the roles of frontiersmen, soldiers and farmers, participated in the affair, the theme of which was to suggest for the present generation, some hint of the story of their fathers, those hardy descendants of the Vikings, who laid the foundation of the

splendid achievements of their race in the new world."

The centennial which closed tonight was to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the arrival in this country of the first organized group of persons—52 in number—to leave their native land for the United States.

Duluth, Minn., News-Tribune
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

DIRECTORS READY TO CAST PAGEANT

More Than 1,000 to Receive
Parts in Expo Spectacle;
Name Contest Popular.

Selection of a cast of between 1,000 and 1,500 persons for the historical pageant to be given the first three days of the Exposition of Progress, July 20 to 25, will be started when representatives from nearly every fraternal and civic organization in Duluth will meet at 8 p. m. today at the Hotel Duluth. The meeting has been called by Mrs. J. O. Pary, general pageant director, for the purpose of selecting the lead characters in the cast.

Pageant Story Completed.

The pageant, which will be the largest of its kind ever presented in Duluth, will consist of three episodes, two interludes, and a grand finale. The episodes will deal with the history of the country, the state, and the city of Duluth. The two interludes will include dancing and patriotic processions, while the grand finale will be a patriotic ensemble of the entire cast and chorus.

The story of the pageant was written by Mrs. Spencer Searls, Mrs. C. Harris Roberts, and William E. Culkin. Fay H. Marvin, director of the pageant, will be assisted by a number of committees on costumes, grounds, music, casting, and other details.

Twin Cities Show Interest.

Competition for the prize of \$25, to be given for a name for the historical spectacle, is both keen and widespread, according to Mr. Marvin. With more than two weeks in which to submit suggestions for the title, names from Duluth and Superior are pouring into the headquarters of the pageant at 220 N First av E.

Confirmation of the interest shown by Twin City business men in the Duluth exposition was received Tuesday from Fred W. Reuther, manager of the exposition, who is attending the Norse-American centennial and industrial show in the Twin Cities. He reported that a number of business houses of Minneapolis and St. Paul were reserving space for exhibits at the Duluth exposition.

C Stirring Scenes of "Pageant of the Northmen" Trace Immigration and Progress in U. S. CLOSES WITH PAGEANT

Fifteen Thousand Persons See Story of Norwegian's Part in Patomoine—Told in Twenty- four Striking Scenes.

(By United Press)

St. Paul, June 10.—Fifteen thousand persons shivered in the icy blasts in the grand stand at the state fair grounds Tuesday night, while 1,500 actors in the "Pageant of the Northmen" went through their scenes depicting the history of the Norse from their own land up to the present in the United States as the finale of the Norse-American centennial.

Despite the interest in the pageant spectators began leaving at 8:30 p. m. and from that time until the pageant was rushed to its conclusion there was a steady line of chilled persons seeking shelter and warmth.

Several times the wind would hide the scene with a flurry of dust on which the many lights played.

The pageant was in 24 scenes, many of which were divided into several parts. It began with a parade of all the characters before the grandstand, Hans Heg, the central figure in the story, was disclosed a boy of 10 years at his father's roadside inn in Norway. His mother, busy at the spinning wheel, tells him folklore stories, which are acted out by others using two stages and the homestretch of the race track.

The grandfather then tells the boy of the stirring traditions of the Norse which bring into the dramatic action martial characters, including Thor and the Valkyries.

In rapid succession the scenes show the experience of the early adventurers in America, the return of an American immigrant, an Indian battle, then flits to the arrival in the forests of the party of sturdy Norse homebuilders, a visit in dreams by spirits of the wood and the departure of the Indians to lands still untainted by the white man.

The story was brought up-to-date through a series of historical events.

Sons and Daughters and Grand Children of Sturdy Pioneers Enact Norsemen's Struggle for Homes in New Land

By CARLTON MILES

Watching his mother busy at her spinning wheel beside the roadway that led past their cabin, a young boy begged for a story.

And while his mother spun the yarn that would make him a new jacket, she told him tales of gnomes and witches and trolls and nisse, of the dances of the peasant folk, of Cinderella and the Fairy Prince.

When she had finished, long-bearded grandfather took her place. To the eager listener he related tales of the Valkyrie and the myths of the ancient gods and goddesses. He told the legend of Harold, the fair-haired of Fridthjof and the Vikings, of Leif Ericsson and the Icelanders, of the valiant Olaf den Hellige who shattered the heathen idol of Olaf Trygvesson, who brought the Christian religion.

Then the boy's father took the grandfather's place and told of Klen Pearson, the Quaker, and the wonderful voyage of the sloop Restaurationen and the land of opportunity in America, stories confirmed later by a prosperous traveler who had returned from crossing the ocean.

Story of Typical Norse Boy

And from these stories, told in twilight beside a lonely cabin, came "The Pageant of the Northmen," which brought to a spectacular close the gathering of the Norse-American Centennial. Given at the State Fair grounds Tuesday night, before an audience that jammed the grandstand seats, and braved the cold to stand for hours before the fence that separated them from the race track, this account of life in the mother country and the land of adoption appealed to the patriotism of everyone present.

Willard Dillman wrote the pageant. Carefully he chose the story of a typical Norwegian boy, growing to manhood in the new country, experiencing the usual adventures of the average man, his own story forming the link that gave opportunity to show the economic condition, the religious, patriotic, political and domestic atmosphere that surrounded the immigrant who came to this country in the days when Indians contended for possession of the land.

Gigantic Theme

It was gigantic if a simple theme. For the story of the little Hans Heg, who sat beside his mother in the far off Norwegian home, came to America, married his childhood playmate, Gunhild Einong, became an abolitionist, served in the Civil war in the Fifteenth Wisconsin Volunteers, met General Grant, took part in action and lost his life at Chickamauga, had everything to inspire an audience. The epilogue, if a pageant may be said to have an epilogue, with the statue of the brave Colonel Heg unveiled while all the characters that had influenced his life, as if in a dream, arranged themselves around the pedestal, gave a fine and picturesque effect as conclusion to what had preceded.

Handicapped by the situation of grandstands and platforms at the State Fair grounds, the Centennial pageant committee, under the leadership of John Groseth, did remarkable work in combining the masses of people under its direction. A pageant demands the setting of a naturally picturesque background, absent in this case, but so well had the various scenes been planned that this disadvantage was forgotten.

Particularly interesting was the parade of nearly 500 persons, in the garbs of gods, goddesses, historical characters, Norwegian peasants, soldiers, immigrants, legendary heroes, fairies, witches, and Indians past the grandstand at the start of the proceedings.

Then followed the early scenes in Norway with a dance by small children and a good natured romp by village lads and maidens, clad in the colorful red and white native costumes, as the highlights of the comparatively quiet earlier portion. The placidity of the village life was illustrated by the leading home of cows from market, the guiding of the family goat, the whirling past of travelers in high gigs. Not a little humor was added by the frenzied activities of a director who managed to get in the glare of a spotlight while shouting his megaphonic directions.

With the transfer of the scene to America, the pageant grew more animated. There were the native Indian dances, the Indian song by Constance Thane, the binding of the victim to the stake and his rescue by the missionary, the arrival of Norse immigrants carrying scythes and axes, the striking of a friendly bargain with the Indians and the further arrival of American pioneers. No one among the audience but will remember the effect of the covered wagons coming from a distance toward the Indian encampment, the men walking beside the horses, the women and children seated in the wagons.

Religious Side of Life Depicted

Divided into 24 scenes, each one assigned to a separate committee, the pageant continued through episodes that depicted the religious side of life in America, with confirmation classes, the struggle against the cholera scourge, the humorous story of the dancing master and his daughters, the political campaign with Hans Heg talking against slavery, the marriage of Hans and Gunhild with Ole Bull playing his "Sacterjentens Sondag," the outbreak of the war and the enlistment of the new citizens.

Especially stirring were the war scenes depicting the battle of Chickamauga with the cannonading and the charge of the soldiers under Colonel Heg. Captain Bissenette, who directed the battle effects, did capital work in stimulating the battle and this portion of the pageant roused the audience to great enthusiasm.

The later scenes showed the festival of harvest and peace after the war, the educative work carried on by colleges, the work of the Red Cross, the enlistment for the Spanish-American war and finally the unveiling of the Heg statue.

Pageant Too Long

The pageant was too long. All pageants are like that. It seems impossible to bring pantomimic reproduction of events or legends within a short space of time, particularly when hundreds of persons are used in mass effect. But "The Pageant of the Northmen" did establish and make clear the spirit that

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animated these fine and noble-spirited pioneers who sought to find a new home in the northwest. And it was fitting that it should be acted by sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters of those early settlers.

From a list that embraces hundreds of persons, it is impossible to recall many individual performances. Yet a word of praise should go to Mrs. Sanna Groseth for her sturdy pioneer mother, to little Rolf Haugen for his youthful Hans, to Carl Waag for Harold, T. T. Lode as Leif Ericson, Constance Thane as Shawana, Abner Asterhus as General Grant and S. Gretling as Abraham Lincoln. The memory of Knute Nelson was kept alive by the impersonation of the famous senator as a young corporal in the Civil war times by Colonel E. E. Johnson. Ole Bull was acted by Einar Larsen and Rev. Mr. Clausen by A. C. Erdahl.

Numerous Dances Produced

The stotry of the pageant had been arranged to permit the logical introduction of numerous dances and these were given by various groups. Most of the scenes were acted on the race track directly in front of the central portion of the grandstand while the folk lore tales were presented on the platforms at each side of the speaker's stand.

Such a pageant is an enormous undertaking. In addition to John Groseth, general chairman, the committee included Miss Elisa Farseth, Carl Hansen, L. Stavnheim, Mrs. William O. Storlie, Mrs. Nils Juell and Mrs. T. V. Thomen. Willard Dillman, the author, also acted as general director; Thomas Russell was the assistant director and in charge of the hundreds of properties used; Cecilia Doniin directed the drills; James Shillok, the lights; Agnes Bothne planned the music; and Captain Bisenette the battle effects.

Stirring Music Played

Throughout the evening stirring music was furnished by the Luther College band with Carlo Sperati as director. Before the pageant started an interesting exhibition of vaulting, pyramid building and balancing was given by a band of youthful athletes and a drill was offered by the Daughters of Norway whose smart costumes of white, with red trimmings, produced a capital color effect. Lavish use of the Norwegian and American flags throughout the pageant added to the general picturesqueness.

Here was a pageant in which symbolism was subordinated to story save as the account of the gallant Heg's—live served as symbol of the life of the average Norse pioneer. It formed a fitting close to the memorable Centennial.

Minneapolis, Minn., Journal
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1925

NORSE CONTRIBUTE MANY CHAMPIONS TO SPORT WORLD

Winter Sports Find Norwegian Peoples Supreme—Oscar Mathieson, Molla Mallory, Knute Rockne, Sybil Bauer, and Others Are Great Norwegians in Sport World

America may be the home of the champions, but Norway, that little small country in the northeastern part of Europe which is celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the first batch of Norwegian immigrants by a four-day celebration in the Twin Cities starting today, has contributed more than its share of athletes of world renown to almost every sport known to the young and old today.

Outdoor, especially winter sports, still find the Norwegians supreme and today in skiing, ice speed skating and similar events, the Norwegian born still excel over their American brothers.

Norse Monopolize Skiing

Seldom in the history of national ski meets in this country or abroad has anyone but a Norwegian held a championship. In fact it is a rare event when one of the husky Viking descendants is not returned a winner in this thrilling winter competition.

But skiing is not the only sport that Norway has contributed its share of champions. Norwegians are great lovers of sports of all kinds and in recent years have made rapid advances in competition which always has been called exclusively American.

Oscar Mathiesen has been, and still is, champion of the ice speed skaters of the world. His victory over Bobby McLean at Oslo three years ago settled the long dispute over this honor. Art Staff of Chicago, a Norwegian, has held the American speed skating title for the past two years.

Molla Comes From Norway

Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, for years American tennis champion, was born in Norway and began her brilliant court career in that country, later invading the United States and reigning supreme for several years. She is regarded as one of the greatest women tennis players of all times.

Norway's greatest swimmer is regarded as one of the best ever developed in America. She is Miss Sybil Bauer of Chicago, a junior at Northwestern University and the daughter of Carl Bauer, Norwegian born. At the age of 18, Sybil Bauer became both indoor and outdoor national swimming champion. In Paris at the Olympic games, she won the backstroke championship from the fastest field in the world. She is holder of all women's records from 50 to 440 yards. She also bettered the men's mark for 440 yards, the first time in the history of athletics. In the 100 meter backstroke, she has set a record of 1 minute, 23 1-5 seconds.

L. Jensen, Brooklyn, won the fancy diving championship at Madison Square Garden in New York in 1921. O. M. Norlie, during the '90's made the standing broad jump leap of 11 feet, six inches more than 1,000 times. This is one inch better than the highest national and international records.

Student Beats Best Walker

Joseph Bredsteen, while a student in the University of Wisconsin in 1901, won every walking contest that he entered, meeting some of the best in the business at that time.

Orrin Markhus of St. Paul is regarded as one of the best fancy skaters in the world. He's of Norwegian parentage.

Axel Paulson, international champion skater, made the United States his home when he won the title in 1888 and 1890.

Oscar Mathieson of Oslo, present international outdoor speed champion, first gained fame at an international meet in Davos, Switzerland, in 1905 and 1907 and has been supreme ever since.

Henry Ordeman of Minneapolis is one of Norway's best contributions to the wrestling game, one of the favorite sports of the Norse people. He held the American mat championship from 1910 to 1912. He was born at Bergen, Norway, in 1883. During his best years, he defeated such noted wrestlers as Yussiff Mahmoud, Stanislaus Zbyszko, George Hackenschmidt, Dr. Roller, Charles Cutler, Fred Beel, Jess Westergaard and other great wrestlers of his time.

Rockne Called Greatest

One of Norway's greatest contributions to the world of sports is in football. Knute Rockne, coach of the great Notre Dame football teams of the past, is a Norwegian. He reached the pinnacle of fame in 1924 when his team defeated the best in the country and were rated as the national collegiate champions.

Some of the University of Minnesota's greatest football stars of the past have been from Norwegian families. The Norse boast of Arnold Oss, Trygve Johnson, Earling Platou, Ossie Solem and many others of Norse blood who have gained fame on college athletic fields.

In sailing, swimming, jumping, walking, skating, boxing, wrestling, tennis, rifle shooting, dog running and other events have had a host of great Norwegian athletes as their leaders.

Practically every American yacht that has defended the international title against Sir Thomas Lipton of Ireland have been manned by Norwegian crews. In the race between the Resolute, American defender, and the Challenger Shamrock in 1920, the entire crew of the Resolute was made up of Norwegians. The master of the American defender was the Captain Chris Christensen of Brooklyn, a Norwegian. The racing master of the New York Yacht Club since 1874 is Louis Blix from Sandefjord, Norway.

Norse Lead in Dog Racing.

In the famous dog races of Canada, Norwegian drivers have often come out victorious. Albert Fink, a Norwegian, was the first to organize the Nome Kennel Club in Alaska in 1908. At Nome, the All Alaskan Sweepstakes were established as a great annual event and Leonard Seppela, a Norwegian, has often been returned a winner.

And so on down the line. There is hardly a sport in America today that doesn't find Norwegians among the leaders.

Norwegians have always been great lovers of sports. That is one reason why the committee in charge of the Norse Centennial insisted on the two-

day athletic meet in connection with their celebration at the University Stadium Monday and Tuesday. Norwegian athletes from all parts of the country and abroad will be here not only to compete but to watch the two-day competition in baseball, soccer, tennis, track and bicycle riding.

St. Paul, Minn., Pioneer Press
SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1925

SPORTS PROGRAM FOR CENTENNIAL IS MADE PUBLIC

Invitations to Go Out to 200 School Teams to Compete.

IMMENSE ATHLETIC CARD IS PLANNED

Plans for the most elaborate track, field and general athletic competition ever arranged in the Northwest were announced Saturday by the committee in charge of the Norse-American Centennial next month.

Arnold C. Oss, Minnesota's famous backfield star, is general chairman of the games committee. Associated with him in the enterprise are John F. McGovern, Edward Brunsdale, Dr. Karl Anderson, Mayor George E. Leach, Fred W. Luehring and Edward J. Lee.

Invitations will go out this week to more than 200 high schools, colleges and academies in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Iowa for entrance. The competition will occupy the forenoons and afternoons of June 8 and 9. The University Memorial stadium will be the scene of the games.

On the tentative program, announced Saturday by Mr. Oss, there are junior and senior track and field events, baseball, soccer, turning, exhibition drills, relays, bicycle races and special feature events.

Specially designed medals in gold, silver and bronze will be awarded first, second and third in each event. A loving cup will go to the relay event winners. The meet will be held under the sanction of the American Athletic Union.

"We are planning for a record breaking number of entries," Mr. Oss said Saturday. "With the enormous crowd that will be attracted to Minneapolis by the Norse American Centennial and a fare and a third rate on all railroads, we expect to fill the stadium each day of the competition. Stars famous in the athletic world will come here from all parts of the United States."

While the list of distinguished competitors has not been completed, the management announced it will include John Watson, Osborne, Mellor, and other members of last year's Olympic team in Paris. All entries will close June 2.

Big Field Promised for Norse Centennial Meet

Flood of Communications Shows Interest in Athletic Event in June

After scanning a flood of communications he had received over the weekend, Arnold C. Oss, general chairman of the Norse-American games in the University Memorial Stadium, June 8 and 9, announced today that the big horseshoe in southeast Minneapolis would entertain the greatest crowd in its brief existence during the Norwegian centennial.

Judging by the reports the chairman has received, practically every club, athletic organization and civic body in St. Paul and Minneapolis are ready to join hands with the arrangement committee to make the undertaking the greatest thing of the kind ever held in the middle west.

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with a rush," Mr. Oss said. "Although our plans are now in a rather nebulous state, we have received enough assurances of support to make us feel sure of the result. Invitations to more than 200 schools in the northwest will be sent out early this week and from what I can learn, we are going to have a pleasing number of entries."

Headquarters of the games committee were opened today in the Nicollet hotel with the general arrangement committee of the Centennial activities. Mr. Oss or other members of his committee will be in attendance at all times. Associated with him on the games committee are Mayors George E. Leach and Arthur E. Nelson, John F. McGovern, Karl Anderson, Edward Brunsdale, Fred W. Luehring and Edward J. Lee.

Mr. Luehring and Dr. L. J. Cooke of the university athletic department have endorsed the undertaking heartily and have promised to furnish the support of the school as far as possible.

St. Paul, Minn., Dispatch
MONDAY, MAY 11, 1925

Many Bodies Join Norse-American Centennial Plan

Minnesota U. Civic Bodies to Co-operate for Big Track Meet at Stadium.

The University of Minnesota, athletic organizations, civic bodies and the city governments of St. Paul and Minneapolis today were enrolled under the banner of the Norse-American games to be held at the University stadium, June 8 and 9, in conjunction with the Norse-American centennial.

Arnold C. Oss, chairman of the games committee, reported today that the preliminary assurances of co-operation received by his body indicated a statewide interest in the two-day program of games, track and field events, baseball, soccer, drills, turning and bicycle races.

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Associated with Mr. Oss on the committee are Mayors George E. Leach and Arthur E. Nelson, John F. McGovern, Dr. Karl Anderson, Edward Brunsdale, Fred W. Luehring and Edward J. Lee. Working headquarters of the committee have been opened at the Nicollet hotel in the Centennial suite.

The committee has gone on record as believing that the Twin Cities are

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Track Program for Centennial Card Arranged

Ray, Ritola, Osborne and Other Olympic Stars to Compete.

The complete list of track and field events for the games in connection with the North-American Centennial celebration, was announced Thursday by Chairman Arnold C. Oss. The list does not take into consideration the special events which will supplement the two-day program set for June 8 and 9 at the University Memorial stadium. The program:

Senior Class A.
(Open to members of universities, colleges and registered athletes of A.A.U.)
100-yard dash, 440-yard run, 120-yard high hurdles, one-mile relay, discus throw, shot put, pole vault, broad jump, two-mile relay.
Special Invitation and Open Events.
120-yard high hurdles, one-mile run, special race and high jump, featuring Jole Ray, Willie Ritola, Harold Osborne, Roy Watson, Charley Mellor, Karl Anderson, W. Stenroos and other Olympic stars.

Class B.
(Open to members of Norwegian colleges and clubs or participants unattached of Norwegian descent).
220-yard run, 220-yard low hurdles, 880-yard run, 1 1/2-mile relay, high jump, javelin throw.

Junior Events.
(Open to high schools and academies).
100-yard dash, 440-yard run, medley relay, 440, 220, 880 and one-half mile.

Special.
Ten-mile bicycle race, noon, June 8. Send entries for this event to Emil Iverson, care athletic department, University of Minnesota.

Entry blanks for the meet may be obtained at the University athletic department or at the North-American Centennial headquarters, Nicollet hotel, Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., Star
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1925

OLYMPIC TEAM MANAGER WILL OFFICIATE MEET

Prominent Stars Assure Manager of Appearance on June 8, 9

Charles A. Dean, chairman of the athletic committee of the Illinois Athletic club and manager of the American Olympic team at Paris in 1924, will be the starter for the Norse-American games scheduled for the University Memorial stadium, June 8 and 9.

Dean Is Popular

Dean is known wherever amateur athletics are discussed and ranks with the most popular of those in the game. In a letter received today by Arnold C. Oss, general chairman of the games committee, Dean said:

"I am more than glad to be in Minneapolis during the centennial and to officiate at the games you are arranging. From what I hear in Chicago, it seems that your undertaking will be the outstanding track and field event of the year. You should make it a little Olympic and with the number of

schools you have to draw from I know it will be a great success."

Because of the vast detail connected with the undertaking, Mr. Oss' committee today moved into larger quarters in the Nicollet avenue side of the Nicollet hotel. The committee will hold forth there until the meet.

Ritola, Ray, Osborne and the other stars entered for the meet have written to the management that they have made all their plans to be in Minneapolis for the occasion and all have guaranteed that there will be no slip-up.

Will Name Officials

With the selection of Dean as official starter, the committee today began the selection of the other officials for the two-day tournament. Men prominent in athletics all over the country will be named for these jobs.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Argus-Leader
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1925

PRES. COOLIDGE MAY OPEN MINNEAPOLIS GAMES

Minneapolis, May 13.—President Coolidge has tentatively promised to open the games here June 8 in connection with the Norse-American centennial celebration at the state fair grounds June 6 to 9, centennial officers announced late yesterday.

Arnold C. Oss, chairman of the games committee also announced that athletic stars who will participate in the games include Jole Ray, Harold Osborne, Willie Ritola, Ray Watson, Charley Mellor, Dr. Karl Anderson and Willie Stenroos, the last named winner of the last Olympic marathon in Paris.

St. Paul, Minn., News
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1925

Coolidge to Attend Big U Track Meet

Pres. Calvin Coolidge will lend official sanction to the Norse-American games at the University Memorial stadium June 8 and 9 unless last minute changes in program forbid, Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg today notified Arnold C. Oss, general chairman.

The president will be in the Twin Cities for the centennial celebration and will be at the big university horseshoe unless there are eleventh hour changes.

Mr. Oss said that entries for the games were pouring in faster than was anticipated and that all indications pointed to the greatest affair of its kind ever projected in this part of the country.

Minneapolis, Minn., Trib.
 THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1925

Famous Finns in Centennial Athletic Games

Runners' Program to Be Fixed to Assure Their Ap- pearance Here in June.

Frederick Rubien, president of the Amateur Athletic union, was asked Wednesday to take a hand in the straightening out of the dates of Willie Ritola, Finnish long distance runner and Willie Stenroos, winner of the marathon race at the Paris Olympics, by those in charge of the Norse-American games here June 8 and 9.

Owing to the great demand for the appearance of the athletic marvels the pair has tied itself up with more engagements than they can fill. Rubien was called into the dispute and Chairman Oss reported Wednesday night that the matter would be adjusted so their appearance in Minneapolis would be certain.

With the selection of Charles A. Dean, manager of the 1924 Olympic team as starter for the games, the balance of the officials will be announced in a few days. Men of national renown in the athletic world will be selected.

Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg has urged President Coolidge to be present at the stadium for the formal opening June 8, the secretary said in a letter to the committee Wednesday. Only some unforeseen circumstance will prevent the president's attendance, Mr. Kellogg indicated.

Winona, Minn., Herald
 SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1925

10-Mile Bicycle Race On Program of Norse Games at Centennial

MINNEAPOLIS, May 23. — Bicycles that have been resting peacefully in garrets and woodsheds for many years are being called back into service as a result of the Norse-American games at the University of Minnesota stadium, June 8 and 9. The games will be one of the features of the big Norwegian Centennial in Minneapolis.

One of the oddities of the games will be a 10-mile bicycle race for which more than a score have entered to date. John S. Johnson, one of the world's famous riders a quarter of a century ago and now a resident of Minneapolis, has agreed to participate.

Arnold C. Oss, famous football star at the University of Minnesota, is in charge of the project. Associated with him is a large committee of prominent Minnesota men. He announced this week that at least 100 schools and colleges of the northwest will be represented in the games. Athletic stars of world fame will appear.

Word received from Washington says that President Calvin Coolidge

will formally open the games at 11 a. m. June 3, unless press of engagements prevents. Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg will accompany the president to the Twin Cities.

Minneapolis, Minn., Journal
 THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1925

68 YEAR OLD SPEED BOY IN CENTENNIAL

John McGovern Signs J. C. Har- per of Enderlin, N. D., to Run Dash Events

John F. McGovern turned scout for the Norse-American centennial games on the recent friendship tour of Minneapolis business men into North Dakota. McGovern is a member of the games committee that is planning the meet at the University Stadium, June 8 and 9.

Not to be outdone by the ivory hunters of the big league, the former Gopher quarter snoop around every town he visited in quest of candidates for the stadium tournament.

At Enderlin, N. D., his quest was rewarded in the person of J. C. Harper, general merchant. Harper claims the 68 year old championship in short distance races for the entire country. He convinced McGovern that he had some right to the laurel. Before the tourists left Enderlin, McGovern proved he was a regular go getting salesman by having Harper's name on the dotted line of an entry blank.

The Enderlin man claims he can run 100 yards in 12.1-5 seconds. He says that he ran in Minneapolis about 1889 when Minneapolis defeated St. Paul for the athletic title of the two towns.

Word received today indicates that the Illinois Athletic Club of Chicago will be strongly represented at the stadium. In addition to the club star, Joie Ray, John Behr, coach, writes that he will bring along half a dozen other wearers of the I. A. C. colors.

Minneapolis, Minn., Mor. Tribune
 SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1925

Event Is Called Greatest of Its Kind in West

Ritola, Watson, Stenroos, Ray and Osborne Are Among Those Who Will Take Part in Games.

With the college intercollegiate season out of the way the eyes of the sport world turns to Minneapolis one week from tomorrow when the Norse-American games, in conjunction with the centennial, open at the university memorial stadium.

No such meet has ever been attempted before in the northwest country. For the wealth of celebrities that will participate; for the number of entries; for the novelty and diversification of features the coming affair will make athletic history in the middle west.

Men whose names are known in all corners of the world where feats of athletic prowess are discussed will be on hand. Entries have been pouring

in on Chairman Arnold C. Oss with such a persistence that he has been kept busy arranging his program.

Possibility that the president of the United States, the American secretary of state and the Norwegian minister to this country will be on hand for the formal opening gives the tournament a formality befitting an Olympic contest.

Headlining the program that will last two days are Willie Ritola, second only to the great Nurmi as a distance runner; Albin Stenroos, winner of the Olympic marathon last year in Paris; Joie Ray, the American mile and two-mile marvel; Harold Osborne, winner of the decathlon at the Paris Olympics and world's champion high jumper, with a mark of 6 feet 8 1/4 inches; Charles L. Mellor, winner of the American marathon at Boston this year, and Dr. Karl Anderson of Minneapolis, one of the world's most famous high hurdlers.

Virtually all the colleges in this section of the country and more than a score of high schools will be represented in the various events. In addition to this, many individuals will perform without any special representation.

The Norwegian-American Athletic Club of Chicago is sending a delegation of 50 athletes. Included in this contingent will be soccer, track, field, gymnastic and special athletes. During the meet the Norse-American college baseball championship of the world will be decided with St. Olaf and Luther colleges looming up as favorites.

Chairman Oss, Saturday, reported the ticket sale brisk and predicts record crowds at the stadium both days of competition.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE
 SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1925.

Norwegians Leave for Minnesota Meet

The Norwegian-American Athletic Club yesterday sent fifty athletes to the Norse-American centennial celebration now in progress at the State Fair Grounds, Minneapolis, Minn. Among the aggregation were the regular soccer football team, track and field stars and turners. They will stage every type of athletic exhibition.

COAST PREP STARS TO RUN IN NORSE GAMES

Portland, Oregon Athletes Boost Academy, Arrived to
15; Soccer Team From Chicago Will Arrive
Twice at Stadium.

Two of the best high school athletes in far-away Portland, Ore., Wednesday night joined the horde of college, scholastic and unattached athletes that will compete in the mammoth Norse-American games at the University Stadium next Tuesday afternoon in connection with the Centennial.

Roland Rensro and Gerald Barnard are the two athletes who will carry the colors of Franklin High school of Portland in the high school division of the Norse track and field program. They entered their names as they passed through the Twin Cities en route to the National Interscholastic track meet in Chicago Friday and Saturday.

Rensro will pit his speed against the fastest among the high school entrants in the Northwest in the 440-yard dash, while Barnard will compete in the 100-yard dash as well as give a special exhibition of javelin throwing. He has a record of throwing the spear 188 feet.

The entry of these two Pacific Coast luminaries boosted the number of schools and academies in the meet to 5 from five scattered states in the country. The Portland boys will come to the Twin Cities Monday for a day's rest before Tuesday's competition.

Another former collegiate star of some note, Dr. J. C. Harper, now practicing in St. Paul, joined the big list of entrants in the weight events for Class A open. He's a former University of Virginia star and has taken up residence in the Sainly City only recently.

The athletes who will compete in the two-day athletic carnival will start trekking into Minneapolis and St. Paul Sunday morning. The baseball teams from St. Olaf, Luther and Concordia will arrive here Sunday night for the preliminary games Monday morning and the finals Tuesday morning.

A special train, carrying 50 members of the Norwegian American Athletic club, will arrive Sunday afternoon from Chicago and will be guests of the Norse A. C. of Minneapolis at a dinner and entertainment that night. The Chicago organization is sending a crack soccer team to play the Norse A. C. Monday in the

Stadium at 10 A. M. and the Norse Sports club Tuesday morning. In addition, these athletes will stage a special turning exhibition during the track meet Tuesday afternoon as well as a gymnastic drill by the entire squad.

Most of the out-of-town track stars will not come to the Twin Cities until Tuesday morning. The committee in charge of the Norse games has decided to stage all the track preliminary and final events Tuesday afternoon with no trials in the morning.

High School Entries
Minneapolis, Minn., Star
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1925

SIoux FALLS ENTERS TEAM IN NORSE GAMES

South Dakota High School
to Send Nine Athletes
Here in June

The first high school out-of-state Minnesota to register for the Norse-American games at the University Memorial stadium, June 8 and 9, reported Friday in the person of the Sioux Falls, S. D., high school.

Howard Wood, athletic director, sent in the names of nine athletes to Chairman Arnold C. Oss, for participation in the medley relay race. Those who will compete are C. Benson, R. Lane, H. Beach, H. Barton, R. Sears, B. Brubaker, E. Morrow, M. Strong and G. Zimmerman.

L. A. (Bert) Page, president of the "M." club of the University of Minnesota, announced Friday that his organization would give all possible help and co-operation to the Norse-American games. At a recent meeting the undertaking was discussed and acted upon favorably.

"We are more than glad to assist in every way the Norse-American games," Mr. Page said today. "We will be glad to furnish officials and to do everything possible to make the undertaking a success."

Mayor George E. Leach and John F. McGovern, members of Chairman Oss' committee, now on the Minneapolis Civic & Commerce Friendship tour, wired in today that they will do everything in their power to make the games a success following their return from North Dakota Saturday.

In the meantime, Chairman Oss and Frederick Rubien, president of the Amateur Athletic union, have been busy boys over the telegraph wires trying to straighten-out the involved engagements of Ritola and Stenhus. Oss announced today that the tangle would be readjusted in a day or two. It seems that the famous Finns are better on the cinder track than they are in keeping engagements. For that reason, they have been obliged to call in outside assistance in unravelling their difficulties.

Minneapolis, Minn., Eve. Tribune
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1925

Fargo High Athletes to Compete in Norse Games

Fargo, N. D., May 29. — Coach Charles Kimball of Fargo high school announced today that he had entered track and field stars in the Stagg Interscholastic track and field meet in Chicago June 5 and 6, and in the Norse centennial games in the Twin Cities June 9.

Minneapolis, Minn., Eve. Tribune
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1925

Oles to Take Part in Norse Program

Northfield, Minn., March 25.—That St. Olaf men will, with three other Scandinavian colleges, participate in the diamond tournament of the Norse Centennial celebration to be held at the state fair grounds the first part of June, is the announcement made late today by Coach Endre Anderson of the Viking nine.

Four Northwest teams will take part, according to present plans, diamond men from Luther college of Decorah, Iowa, Augsburg seminary, Minneapolis, and Concordia college of Moorhead, besides St. Olaf, entering the competition.

June 8 and 9 have been set as the dates of the baseball series.

St. Paul, Minn., Dispatch
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1925

Norse-American Baseball Title to Be Decided at 'U'

St. Olaf, Augsburg, Luther and Concordia Entered in Tourney June 8.

For the first time in the history of American intercollegiate sport, world series between Norwegian-American colleges will be played off this year. It will be held June 8 and 9 in Minneapolis at the University Stadium as one of the events on the Norse-American games schedule.

St. Olaf of Northfield; Luther of Decorah; Augsburg of Minneapolis and Concordia of Moorhead, will be the competing nines. On June 8, the first games will be held. On the following day, the survivors will meet for the title. Details of the meeting have been completed by Arnold C. Oss, general chairman of the sports program.

The Norwegian-American Athletic club of Chicago is laying elaborate plans for representation at the stadium meet. This organization has promised to enter fifty all-around athletes, who shine in soccer, track and field events and in fancy gymnastic exhibitions. Many old time stars of the famous National soccer team of Norway will be in the soccer lineup. This outfit will play two games in Minneapolis. One will be with the Norge Athletic club of Minneapolis and the other with the Minneapolis Norsk Sports club.

Great pressure is being brought to bear on President Calvin Coolidge to appear at the formal opening of the games June 8. A committee from Centennial headquarters met with Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg on his recent visit to the Twin Cities and he promised to lend every possible assistance in getting the president to agree to open the festivities at the stadium.

Minneapolis, Minn., Eve. Tribune
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1925

Ames College Relays Stars in Centennial

Record Smashing Team Will Compete in Games Here on June 8, 9.

The Ames college relay team, the sensation of the season in college athletic circles, is planning to compete in the Norse-American games at the University Memorial stadium June 8 and 9, according to word received today by Chairman Arnold C. Oss.

This team has one of the most brilliant season records ever achieved by such an organization. In every meet this year, the flying athletes from Iowa set a new record. They defeated Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Notre Dame, Nebraska and the Kansas Aggies. They won the relays at Kansas, Illinois, Kansas Aggies and a special event at Cleveland. Their best season record for the two miles was 7.51½. Conger of the Ames outfit has never been defeated in the mile and is anxious to take on Jole Ray and Ray Watson here.

Entries continued to pour into the games headquarter today. Carl Schjoll, Louis Gross, Tom Rugg and Max Conrad of Minneapolis will participate under the colors of the I. A. C. If their showing is noteworthy, they have been promised representation from the I. A. C. to the national intercollegiate in San Francisco next July.

Frank Kelly of the South Dakota college entered today. He is a record-breaker in the high hurdles and will clash with Harold Osborne in the invitation class. His college will send half a dozen men. Fargo high school will have six representatives in both relays and in the 100 and 440. Three boys will be here from the Brookings high school.

Brainerd, Minn., Dispatch
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925

Norse Centennial Games at St. Paul Stadium

(By United Press)

St. Paul, Minn., June 8. — The Norse Centennial games opened here today and will continue through tomorrow. They are being staged at the University Stadium. Arnold Oss, former Gopher football star, is in charge of the games and says that over 100 high schools and colleges of the northwest will take part in the 2-day meet. A ten-mile bike race will be one of the features. Among the entries is John S. Johnson, holder of several world records in the old days when bike racing was in its prime. Johnson says he is too old to make more records, but that he will be in the front rank at the finish.

IOWA WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO TRACK EVENTS

Four Crack Freshmen to Compete in Norse Games at Minnesota Stadium Tuesday.

PARADE OF ATHLETES MAY BE FORMAL OPENING

The University of Iowa will have four representatives in the class A track meet of the Norse Centennial games next Tuesday afternoon at the Memorial Stadium. Arnold Oss, chairman of the athletic committee, announced today.

The Hawkeyes will be represented by their four best freshmen speeders. Their entries were received this morning. They will run unattached because of the Big Ten rule forbidding the participation of first year men in competition of any kind under their school colors.

The Iowa squad will be made up of Frank Cuhel, Lyman White, Gerald Pratt and Jack Harris. They will compete in the mile relay against two teams from the University of Minnesota and St. Olaf and Luther colleges. They will also run in the 100 and 440 yard dashes in the open competition for Class A athletes.

Crack Mile Teams.

The entry of the Hawkeyes in the mile relay means one of the hottest races of the afternoon, Centennial officials state. Coach Willaman of Ames has promised to send his record-breaking racing crew to the event. They with Iowa, Minnesota, and state colleges will battle for the one-mile relay honors with the chances of new records.

The Norse games next Tuesday will take on the aspect of the Olympic games in Paris last year under plans which were in the making today by the committee. Efforts are being made to stage a big parade and a review of all the participants before Tuesday afternoon's competition gets under way. Plans are to march all of the athletes from the stadium dressing rooms, around the cinder path and come to a halt before boxes specially reserved for Secretary Frank E. Kellogg, cabinet representatives from Norway and Canada, governors of six Northwestern states and other dignitaries.

The St. Olaf and Luther bands will head the parade and review, according to present plans.

Iverson Heads Bikes.

Emil Iverson, in charge of the 10-mile bicycle race for the Twin Cities championship, today urged all riders who intend to compete to send their entry blanks at once to his offices at the University so that he will have some idea of the number who will compete. The lists will be kept open until next Monday morning, but the earlier entrants will receive the best positions.

St. Paul Central and Mechanic Arts high schools as well as Central and Roosevelt of Minneapolis, entering under the colors of the "C" and "R" clubs respectively will compete in the scholastic division with schools from every section of the Northwest.

The entry lists for all the events officially closed this morning with the officials swamped with last-minute applications.

ST. OLAF BECOMES NORSE FINALIST IN DOWNING COBBERS

Cleve Hurls Oles to 8-0 Victory; Brevik Is Batting Star of Game.

St. Olaf became a finalist for the baseball championship of Norwegian colleges by pouncing out an 8-to-0 victory over the Concordia of Moorhead in the opening program of the two-day Norse American games at the Northrup field diamond today.

St. Olaf had little difficulty connecting for hits off Reed, Concordia's hurler, gathering six hits, two of which were home runs. Cleve, St. Olaf twirler, was master of the situation throughout, holding Concordia to two singles. Brevik, St. Olaf centerfielder, was the hitting star of the opening seven-inning game, with a triple and a home run. His home run came in the fourth inning with the bases jammed.

Loose fielding by the Concordia nine helped St. Olaf to victory.

Augsburg seminary of Minneapolis and Luther college of Decorah, Iowa, hooked up in a second engagement after the St. Olaf-Concordia clash to decide the other finalist for the championship. The first game got underway an hour late, but a good sized crowd braved the chilly weather to watch the championships.

COLLEGES IN FINAL CONTEST

St. Olaf and Luther Enter Finals In Baseball Tourney

St. Olaf college of Northfield and Luther College of Decorah, Iowa, meet today for the baseball championship of the Norwegian colleges. The game will take place at the stadium at the University of Minnesota and is one of the sports features of the Norse-American Centennial.

Yesterday St. Olaf defeated Concordia college of Moorhead 8 to 0, and Luther College won over Augsburg Seminary by a score of 7 to 2, thus putting St. Olaf and Luther in the finals for the Norwegian college championship.

ST. OLAF, LUTHER WIN NORSE BASEBALL TILTS

Frank Cleve Gives Concordia Two Hits; Augsburg Falls, 7 to 2.

The St. Olaf and Luther college baseball teams registered decisive victories Monday in the Norwegian college championship series being played at Northrup field. St. Olaf, with Frank Cleve on the mound, shut out Concordia college of Moorhead, 8 to 0, and Luther walloped Augsburg of Minneapolis, 7 to 2.

In the soccer game Monday played as another feature of the Centennial the Norse Athletic club, composed of Minneapolis emerged victors by a 2 to 1 score over the Norse Sports club of Chicago.

Heed, Concordia twirler, was nicked for only six hits during the seven inning game, but four of them were for extra bases, two home runs. The four-base clout of Brevick, St. Olaf centerfielder, in the fourth inning, came with three men on the paths and virtually clinched victory for the Oles. V. Anderson, Ole backstopper, also connected for a home run in the second, with no one on base.

With a baffling slow ball and excellent control, Cleve managed to keep the Concordia batsmen well under control, allowing but two hits in the abbreviated game. Loose work in the field by the Moorhead team, helped the Oles to victory.

It was not until the seventh in-

ning in the Luther-Augsburg contest that the victory was clearly decided. Luther batsmen, with a scant one-run lead, piled up in the opening inning, pounded the offerings of Red Aasen, Augsburg hurler, viciously and, coupled with two walks, sent five runs across the plate before the inning was ended. Box scores:

Luther	AB.	H.	P.	A.	E.	Augsburg	AB.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Larson lf	3	0	0	0	0	Aasen p	4	0	4	4	0
Roddy rf	2	0	0	0	0	Crose 2b	4	0	1	1	0
Roddick 3b	4	2	1	1	0	Judal ss	3	0	2	1	0
Dewell 1b	4	2	1	0	0	Fjeldt 3b	3	1	0	0	0
Wron 2b	4	0	1	1	0	Kreimo 1b	2	0	0	0	0
Tele p	3	0	2	3	0	Struck lf	2	0	2	0	2
Piran cf	2	1	0	0	0	Goff cf	3	0	2	0	0
Olson ss	3	1	0	1	0	Vane c	3	0	2	0	0
Andren c	1	0	7	2	0	Roan rf	2	1	0	0	1
Totals	26	6	21	8	0	Totals	25	2	21	6	3

Two-base hits—Orwall, Roddick. Three-base hits—Orwall, Roddick. Stolen bases—Larson, Vane, Roan. Double plays—Tele to Orwall. Left on bases—Luther 6, Augsburg 8. Bases on balls—Tele 5, Aasen 5. Struck out—By Tele 3, by Aasen 6. Wild pitches—By Tele 1, by Aasen 1. Umpires—Smith and Jackson.

St. O.	AB.	H.	P.	A.	E.	Con.	AB.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Cleve p	3	0	0	2	0	Ostby 2	3	0	1	2	0
Swanson s	3	0	2	2	1	Anstad m	3	1	2	0	0
Flaten 3	2	0	1	2	0	Brewer 1	3	0	0	0	0
Munson 1	2	1	0	0	0	Lwince s	3	0	1	0	0
Brevick m	3	2	1	0	0	Urthdal 3	3	0	0	1	3
Jhnsu r	3	1	0	0	0	Urthdal 1	3	0	1	0	0
Tele 2	3	1	1	1	1	Boe r	2	0	0	0	0
V Adsn c	3	1	0	0	0	Thron c	2	1	1	0	0
Arns 1	3	0	2	0	0	Reed p	2	0	0	4	0
Totals	25	6	21	7	1	Totals	24	2	18	8	3

Two-base hits—Johnson. Three-base hits—Brevick. Home runs—V. Anderson, Brevick. Stolen bases—Swanson, Flaten, Munson, Brevick, Thronson, Anstad. Sacrifices—Swanson. Left on bases—St. Olaf, Concordia 3. Bases on balls—Off Reed 1. Struck out—By Cleve 8; by Reed 3. Hit by pitcher—By Reed, Swanson and Flaten. Wild pitches—Cleve, Reed 1. Umpires—Smith and Jackson.

NORSE CENTENNIAL ON FINAL DAY'S PROGRAM OF SPORTS--ORATORY

ST. OLAF AND LUTHER COLLEGES
BATTLING FOR BASEBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

By Associated Press
Minneapolis, June 9.—Final reunions of the thousands of visitors attending the Norse-American centennial celebration and athletic carnival, marked the closing day's program of the gathering today.

While the athletes were performing at the University of Minnesota Memorial stadium here, prominent Norsemen were addressing the centennial meetings at the Minnesota state fair grounds.

St. Olaf college of Northfield, Minn., and Luther college of Decorah, Iowa, met today for the baseball championship of the Norwegian colleges. Preceding the baseball game, the Norwegian A. A. team of Chicago and the Norse Sports club of Minneapolis, were to stage a soccer contest.

More than 200 college, high school and unattached athletes were on the program for the Norse-American track and field contests at the Memorial stadium. The stars included Harold Osborne, Olympic all-around champion; Helen Filkey, phenomenal girl athlete of Chicago; Joie Ray, Ray Watson, Charles Mellor and Egil Krogh.

There were three classes—senior class A, an open event, class B, for Norwegian colleges and clubs and the junior class, for high school and academy athletes. In the junior class were high school athletes from the Twin Cities, many towns in Minnesota, North and South Dakota as well as several entries from Portland, Oregon.

LUTHER BEATS ST. OLAF 5 TO 0 IN TITLE GAME

Orwall Holds Down Oles to Two Lone Hits—Strikes Out 16 State Champions—Northfielders Held Hitless Until Fifth.

Minneapolis, June 9.—Behind the superpitching of Ossie Orwall, Luther college of Decorah, Iowa, sailed through to a 5-to-0 victory over the St. Olaf nine and the baseball championship of Norwegian colleges in the opening attraction of the Norse-American centennial sports program at the University today.

Orwall sent sixteen St. Olaf men back to the bench via the strikeout route and allowed but two hits, both

singles. Beltz started on the mound for St. Olaf, lasting five innings during which time the Luther team piled up its five runs. Cleve, who succeeded him, held the Luther boys scoreless in the three closing innings.

Hitless for Five Frames

Orwall's fork-handed fast ball had the St. Olaf men swinging wildly and it was not until the fifth inning that he allowed a hit, Beltz marring his second attempt to turn in a no-hit contest when he tapped one over the infield. The cold, clammy weather didn't seem to bother the Iowa twirler who by his victory squared accounts with the Oles for the defeat they handed him earlier in the season when he held them hitless.

In the sixth, Orwall lost temporary control of his speed ball and two walks and a passed ball filled the bases, the closest St. Olaf came to scoring, but the Luther southpaw steadied and struck out Johnson, pinch-hitting for Beltz. Cleve pitched clever ball in the last three innings, allowing one hit, but his mates couldn't fathom Orwall's delivery.

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Helen Filkey Entered in Centennial Games

Famous Chicago Girl to Compete in Dash, High Jump and Hurdles—Stenroos, Ritola Unable to Appear.

Helen Filkey, the wonder girl athlete of Chicago, has returned to Minneapolis to compete in the Norse centennial sports games at the University of Minnesota stadium Tuesday afternoon. The little Chicago star will compete in three events, the 100-yard dash, 50-yard low hurdles and high jump.

Miss Filkey first appeared in the Twin-Cities during the Paavo Nurmi program at the Hippodrome in April and made a decided hit with track followers by her brilliant performances.

Twin City girls will compete against Helen in each event. Mariam Clark of St. Paul is expected to give the Chicagoan her hardest test in the high jump. The St. Paul girl is said to have made a leap of 4 feet 11 inches, a new world's record. But since it was not made in competition, it has not been recognized as a record. The mark is several inches above the world's record which she will endeavor to establish at the centennial games Tuesday.

Helen Grunau and Dorothy Davies of Minneapolis will run against Miss Filkey in the 100-yard dash and Miss Davies also is entered in the hurdles and high jump in competition with the little Chicagoan.

Albin Stenroos, Olympic marathon champion, and Willie Ritola, famous Finn distance star, will be unable to compete on Tuesday's program, it was announced today. Stenroos and Ritola were in Chicago Sunday but have an engagement in the east Wednesday, mak-

ing it impossible to make the jump to the Twin Cities.

However, Charles Mellor, American marathon champion, will compete in a five-mile special race against a field of five runners to be selected by Arnold Oss.

Joie Ray and Ray Watson, America's crack milers, will meet Egil Krogh of Chicago and Lester Ettor of the Minnesota freshman team in a special mile run.

Harold Osborne, champion all-around athlete of the United States, will compete in the high jump, broad jump, discus throw, pole vault and high hurdles against the entire field of entries in these events.

WORLD RECORD SHATTERED BY GIRL AT GAMES

Helen Filkey Knocks Four-Tenths Off Sixty-Yard Hurdle Mark.

MAY BE DISALLOWED

Strong Wind Aided Athletes at Norse Games; Ray Defeated.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 10.—One world's record was broken yesterday at the track and field meet held at the University of Minnesota in connection with the Norse-American Centennial celebration.

Helen Filkey of Illinois A. C., Chicago, covered the sixty-yard low hurdles in 8 4-10 seconds, or four-tenths of a second better than the former world's mark for women. Officials of the meet said, however, that it was doubtful whether the new mark would be recognized because of the strong wind.

Renfro, wearing the colors of Franklin high school, Portland, Ore., turned in two performances which compared well with the achievements of his more seasoned rivals for glory. He sped to an easy triumph in the 100-yard dash in ten seconds flat in the junior class, defeating Powlison, Fargo, N. D., and Kent, St. Thomas, St. Paul, who finished in the order named.

Renfro finished second in the 440-yard dash, which was captured by Percy Hobbs, Bersford, S. D., with Rindlaub, Fargo, third. The time was 52 7-10 seconds.

Jole Ray of the Illinois A. C. bowed in defeat to his clubmate, Egil Krogh, in the mile run, finishing fifteen yards in the rear. Krogh's time was 4:37 6-10. Harold Osborne, I. A. C., won the high jump at 6 feet 6 inches, less than an inch from the world's record.

Among the high point winners of the day were Osborne, 12; Helen Filkey, 13; Krogh, 10; Louis Gross, I. A. C., 10.

In the competition among Norwegian schools and organizations, Luther college of Decorah, Iowa, placed high with 11 points.

Cuhel of the University of Iowa, but running unattached, won the high hurdles in Class A in 15 1-10 seconds.

Mattice, University of Minnesota, was second and Kelly, South Dakota State, third.

In the junior class for high schools and academies, the "C. club," Minneapolis, won the medley race. Sioux Falls, S. D., high was second. The time was not given. The "C. club" also took first in the half-mile relay, with St. Paul Central high second, and Fargo high third. The time was 1:35 5-10.

Denver Girl Smashes Low Hurdle Record at of Minnesota Meet

Minneapolis, June 10.—(By Associated Press.)—One world's record was broken Tuesday at the track and field meet held at the University of Minnesota in connection with the Norse-American centennial celebration.

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FRESHMAN AT IOWA IS STAR OF NORSE GAMES IN STADIUM

Helen Filkey Turns in Only Record Performance as Athletes Run in Wind, Rain—Harold Osborne High Jumps Six Feet Six Inches

That the University of Iowa will have one of the supreme hurdlers of the country next year was clearly demonstrated yesterday in the Norse Centennial athletic games at the Memorial stadium.

Frank Cuhel, Iowa freshman, stepped away from a fast field in the 120-yard high hurdles to win in 15.1 seconds. He beat Frank Kelley, South Dakota State, and Craig Mattice, Gopher captain, in the race.

One Record Made

The meet at the stadium failed to bring out the record breaking performances expected. Only one new mark was set, and that will probably go unrecognized because of the wind conditions. The athletes were under a severe handicap, running in wind and rain.

Helen Filkey, Chicago girl athlete, broke the only record of the meet when



she ran the girls hurdle event in 8.4 seconds. The time beat her own world record by four-tenths of a second.

Bill Gruenhagen, Gopher star sprinter, and Bill O'Shields, University of Minnesota freshman, ran the best race of the day in the 100-yard dash. Gruenhagen won, nosing out the freshman flash in the last few yards. His time was 9.7 seconds.

Harold Osborne, Olympic star, high jumped 6 feet 6 inches, but failed when he attempted 6 feet, 8. He won the broad jump and tied for second with Tommy Rugg, former West high boy, in the pole vault.

Krogh Surprises Ray

The surprise of the meet was furnished in the special one mile run between Egil Krogh and Jole Ray. Ray, recognized as America's supreme at the distance, led until the final stretch when Krogh passed him to win. Krogh ran a pretty race. He let Ray break the wind for him until the final dash and then called on his reserve which won the race.

Helen Filkey, besides winning the hurdles in record time, ran 100 yards in 11.4 seconds and tied for first in the high jump at four feet eight inches.

Marion Clark, St. Paul girl athlete, upset the Chicago girl in the high jump when she tied for first. Miss Clark is one of the leading girl athletes in the northwest. The complete story of her athletic career was told in the magazine section of The Sunday Journal recently.

Exhibits

Jewell. Ia., Record
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1925

NEWS OF THE NORSE CENTENNIAL

Plans are going along fine in preparation for the Norwegian-American centennial celebration that is to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds in June. Ticket sales in states all over the nation, particularly in the midwest, are good and indicate a generous support and a prospective large attendance.

Among the national celebrities who will appear upon the various programs of the celebration is President Calvin Coolidge, who will speak Monday afternoon, June 8th.

Among the various exhibits that will be shown are the following: pioneer life in America, churches, schools, farming, the press, literature, men of Norse descent in public life, art, charity and mutual aid, women's department, music, societies and organizations, engineering and architecture, Norwegian ski sport in America, labor, prominent men of Norwegian descent in the professions and industries.

On Tuesday evening, June 9th one of the interesting features will be presented, an historical pageant representing the story of the first one hundred years of the people of Norwegian descent living in America, and of the contribution of these people to American life.

On Saturday, June 6th, the various "Bygdelags" will hold their special conventions, each group in a separate building on the fair grounds.

Fairmont. Minn. Sentinel
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1925

NORWAY CURIOS
AND RELICS ARE
SOUGHT FOR SHOW

Minnesota Centennial Committee Sends Out Call
—Will Pay Express Charges

The Norse-American Centennial committee, Minneapolis, is collecting relics and curios of all kinds either from Norway or early pioneer days here, which are of historical value as illustrating the race, heritage, and the development of the people during the last 100 years in this country.

It will exhibit handicrafts such as weaving, tapestries, (Aaklaer) embroideries of all kinds, jewelry and metal work of all kinds, wood carv-

ing and china either made in Norway or having Norwegian designs or handicrafts made by Americans of Norwegian descent.

The last type will be in the nature of a competitive exhibit and will illustrate the combined influence of the home life of both in wood carving; it would be interesting to demonstrate this fact by a fine exhibit of wood carving.

For the music exhibit the committee would like old instruments such as salmodocum, langeleig, violins, pianos, in fact, musical instruments of all kinds either from Norway or made by people here either of Norwegian birth or extraction whose work is recognized; also original scores and pictures of composers and musicians.

If possible, have a historical sketch with each article, stating when it was made or brought to this country, or any interesting or instructive information about the design, etc.

There will be an exhibit of painting and sculpture. A competitive exhibit of recent work by artists of Norwegian birth or extraction and a loan exhibit of work by Norwegian masters or recognized artists of Norwegian descent.

The committee would be very grateful for names and addresses of private owners of Norwegian art or of artists of Norwegian descent whose work has been accepted at some art exhibit.

The committee will pay express charges to and from exposition grounds and insurance in transit and while at exposition grounds. Blanks for listing exhibits will be supplied on request either by the state chairman or local city chairman of exhibits or by Herborg Reque at Norse-American Centennial Headquarters, New Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, not later than April 30.

Minneapolis. Minn., Journal
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1925

Leach Arranges New
Viking Ship Contest

Mayor George E. Leach today announced he will conduct another Viking ship contest, this time the preliminary contest being conducted in Oslo, Norway, the three winning models to be sent to Minneapolis by June 1, for the final contest. The new contest will be conducted in connection with the Norse-American centennial in June. Mayor Leach received a cablegram today from the American consul in Oslo, saying that proper authorities will arrange the preliminary contest for the model Viking ship.

Minneapolis, Minn., Eve Tribune
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1925

Viking Ship Model to
Be Exhibited by Mayor

A 20-foot model of a Viking ship is to be placed on exhibition late this week in the mayor's reception room. Mayor Leach said the exhibit has been arranged to call attention to the Norse-American centennial exercises to be held in June.

Arcadia (Wis.) Leader
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1925

EBUILD NORSE 'MAYFLOWER'

First Scandinavian Immigrant's 50-Foot Sloop to Be Copied Exactly

Minneapolis—In the state fair grounds, workmen were busy building a tiny sloop which would seem hardly seaworthy for the navigation of one of Minnesota's lakes, so small is it.

But in that sloop they are re-creating the "Mayflower of the North," a vessel of only 45 tons, which crossed the Atlantic ocean in 1825, with 53 passengers who proved themselves the vanguard of the great Scandinavian emigration to America.

When thousands of visitors come to the Twin Cities in June to join in the Norse-American Centennial which will celebrate the coming of the Scandinavian settlers to this country, they will see an exact reproduction of the boat in which that first party braved an ocean. Under direction of the Osterdalslaget, a national American-Norwegian organization, the sloop is being rebuilt in every detail.

Decorah (Ia.) Republican
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hanson of Chicago have been here during the past week, renewing acquaintances on college hill. Mr. Hanson is assisting Prof. K. T. Jacobson in preparing the book exhibit for the Norse-American centennial.

Rushford, Minn., Record
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925

O. S. Retrum of Peterson and S. H. Tofstad of this place are gathering relics that will be of especial interest to Norwegian-Americans to be placed in the display at St. Paul during the centennial Norwegian-American celebration, to be held in that city in June.

St. Peter, Minn., Herald
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1925

Bottle Made In 1790 Loaned To Centennial

Mrs. E. O. Mork Collected Sixteen
Norse Heirlooms of Merit for
Exhibit in June.

Among the curios which will be on exhibit at the Norse centennial at Minneapolis from June 6th to 9th, will be a fancy glass bottle made in Norway 135 years ago, the oldest Norse relic to be collected in Nicollet county. There will also be a basket made in 1832. These two items were the most interesting of a group of 16 collected by Mrs. E. O. Mork among the Norwegian families of this county and sent to the centennial committee on antiquities.

Mrs. Mork reports a most generous response to her appeal for relics made through the Herald early in April. The items which she collected all have genuine historical value and throw much light on the early prowess of the race. The terms included several handworked table cloths, fanciwork, pictures, glassware and basketry. They have been loaned by the donors for the exhibit and will be returned immediately after the conclusion of the centennial.

Several hundred Norwegians from this community plan to attend the centennial, which will be the greatest conclave of Norsemen ever held in the United States. The affair will be staged at the state fair grounds and half a million visitors are expected from all parts of the United States, Canada and European countries. Special trains will be arranged to bring the crowds here, and a special rate of one and a third for round trip tickets have been granted by the western railroads. President Calvin Coolidge will be the speaker on the opening day, June 6th. That same evening, six governors of Norwegian descent will be present. National conventions of 30 bygdelags will be held on the opening day.

Sunday, June 7th, will also be one of the features. The Academic choir of 50 voices from Oslo, Norway, will sing. The famous St. Olaf College Choir will take part in the program. The Luther college band of 75 pieces will arrive from Iowa. The St. Olaf and Concordia college bands will also play. The Augsburg college chorus and a male chorus of 500 voices comprising members of the Norwegian Singers' association are big attractions.

Monday, June 8th, will be America Day. A feature will be a living flag composed of 420 St. Paul school children. An historical pageant will

also be staged depicting the life of the Norse pioneers in America. The concluding feature of the pageant will be on June 9th.

Arnold Oss, famous University athlete, has charge of a big athletic program. The navy department has been asked to send the giant dirigible, Los Angeles, and a fleet of 50 airplanes to the twin cities for the event. The exhibit of relics will be the most pretentious ever gathered by any race in America for a similar occasion.

Bagley (Minn.) Independent
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925

TO EDITORS OF NORSE BLOOD

The Norse-American Centennial executive committee seek to obtain a copy of every newspaper published in Minnesota by men and women of Norse blood.

These copies with the name of the publisher or editor will be placed on exhibit during the celebration. The committee requests a card containing the name of the Editor or publisher (6x9 inches) also name of paper and where published.

Any of our exchanges who can show a trace of "Norck" are request to notify B. K. Savre, Glenwood, Minn.

Atwater (Minn.) Press.
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1925

EDITORS OF NORSE BLOOD IN NEWSPAPER EXHIBIT

Editor B. K. Savre of Glenwood has been requested by the Norse-American Centennial Executive Committee to secure a copy of every newspaper published in Minnesota by men and women of Norse blood or descent for an exhibit at the celebration. The letter of request has been sent to all papers where it is thought possible that there is some Norse blood in the editor or publisher.

In compliance with this request the Republican-Press will be among the newspapers on exhibit at the big Norwegian celebration the coming month.

White Bear, Minn., Press
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925

RARE JEWELRY TO BE AT NORSE CENTENNIAL

A rare collection of jewelry, heirlooms in her family, and a wall rug, hand worked on felt depicting a chalet mountain girl will be loaned by Mrs. J. M. Gruber, St. Paul, for the exhibit to be held in the woman's building at the State Fair grounds in the Norse-American Centennial in June. The collection is authentic in its Swedish origin.

A number of rare pieces of jewelry, including entire sets of a ring, ear-rings, bracelet and brooch, furniture, rugs and china, have been added to the original donations.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Argus-Leader
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1925

NOTED SCULPTOR BORN AT BALTIC

Works of Gilbert Risvold to Be Among Art Exhibits at Norse Centennial

The art exhibits of work done by sculptors and painters of Norwegian birth or derivation are expected to be one of the great attractions of the Centennial at the Minnesota State Fair grounds.

Among the sculpture exhibits will be specimens of work by Gilbert Risvold, who was reared on a farm south of Baltic, and who has numerous relatives in that community. Risvold has risen to fame for his work. He received a prize of \$10,000 for one piece of work.

An interesting story is told of the manner in which he found his talent. As a boy in the district school his teacher found him one day bending over his desk engaged in doing something other than his lesson. She silently walked behind him. In his hands were a piece of wood and jack knife. But it was more than a piece of wood. He had carved a head of President McKinley, which was a remarkable piece of work.

The teacher then went to the boy's parents and told them that it would take a greater one than her to direct his talents in the proper direction. Risvold later attributed his start to his teacher's interest, and though he had many severe obstacles to face on account of his parents' lack of means for an education, rose to fame. The last heard of him was that he resided in Chicago.

Windom, Minn., Citizen
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1925

CENTENNIAL WORKERS GATHER FORTY CURIOS

Many Interesting Relics Secured by Local Committee

The local committee in charge of the gathering of curios for the big Norse-American Centennial, headed by Mrs. Jens Anderson, has been unusually successful in its work, and recently sent some over forty unique relics to the Centennial headquarters.

The curio collectors have been laboring diligently for many weeks, and now that their work is completed, they have a perfect right to feel that they have carried on a difficult task and accomplished it well.

We cannot give space to the publication of all the interesting curios that have been secured, but shall tell of some of them. Among those sent in are: A snuff box 100 years old; powder horn 132 years old; drinking cup 126 years old; wedding shawl 100 years old; weaving scarf, hand made, 80 years old; linen thread from the old country, 90 years old; tray holder embroidered on felt; slire kniv med slire av messing, 150 years old; laas av messing 200 years old; ornament made of hair; knitted bed spread; brudeplag ifra selbu made of home-spun and woven linen with drawn work border, 150 years old; silver pin; solv svamphus 150 years old; embroidered table spread of felt, folv fiske spade fra Norge; old leather pocket book from Norway; high brass candlestick; handcarved brass top for small handbag with date it was made, 1750, engraved; black figured "dilke torvlaede" with fringe; home woven linen tablecloth 100 years old; faestapige torvlaede av sile 150 years old; hand carved wooden box 150 years old; embroidered tapestry from Norway; solje used on underwear "saerke solje" from Selbu, Norway; sukker sax; cream spoon made in 1760 in Norway and later perforated and used for sugar; pipe 100 years old.

This makes up a collection of curios that alone make an intensely interesting display. This collection will be grouped with the collections of all the other committees throughout the state and nation and will make one of the most interesting display ever exhibited.

The Centennial committee, in response to a rumor that the housing problem would be serious during the celebration, is anxious to have it known that there will be ample room for all that wish to come.

St. Cloud, Minn., Times
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1925

Women Hunt Norse Relics for Exhibit

A large collection of antiques and relics from the boyhood home of former Senator Knute Nelson, in Voss, Norway, will be among exhibits at the Norse-Centennial celebration and exposition at the state fair grounds in June.

Women members of the celebration committee are in charge of exhibits.

Miss Herborg Reque, vice chairman of the exhibits committee, announced Saturday that in the art exhibits will be an oil painting of Captain Roald Amundsen, explorer, painted just before he left on his expedition to North Pole in 1921.

"Each day brings information from various parts of the country of highly interesting collections, or individual articles for exhibition in the various departmental exhibits at the centennial celebration," Miss Reque said.

New Ulm, Minn., Journal
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1925

GEORGE BOCKMAN SENDS ANCIENT DOCUMENT TO THE NORSE CENTENNIAL

A document older than the American Declaration of Independence, will be George Bockman's contribution to the relics that will be displayed at the Norse Centennial next month, says the Springfield Advance-Press. It is a diploma entitling his great-grandfather, Nils Bockman, to follow the trade of cabinetmaker in Sweden. It bears date April 22, 1763, and is signed by an examining board of four officials, bears the king's seal and required a 16 ore tax. Nils Bockman was a Norwegian, but plied his trade in Sweden at the time he qualified as a journeyman. The faded document is 14 inches high and 22 inches wide and executed in ink by hand on parchment. It is well preserved. Mr. Bockman also sent a few other heirlooms that have been handed down in his family.

Duluth, Minn., Herald
SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1925

Find Old Relics Here for Exhibit At Centennial

Tireless Effort to Make Norse Gathering Success, Made by Duluth Women.



AFTER many months of tireless effort and labor the plans for the Norse-American centennial to be held in Minneapolis and St. Paul June 6 to 9 have been completed. The plans for this great affair, which will be one of the largest gatherings ever held in the Middle West states, could not have been completed, however, without the assistance of the women.

Many committees have been working in the Twin Cities to make the three-day meeting a success, and these committees have had working a network of subcommittees assisting them throughout the state.

Hard Work in Duluth.

One of the committees in Duluth, which has worked untiringly to make the exhibits an outstanding feature, is that headed by Mrs. W. E. Kern, assisted by Mrs. S. H. Hamstad, who has acted as secretary for the committee, and others in the community.

This committee has gone throughout the city and the surrounding country and has collected old relics from the pioneers who migrated to the Northwest decades ago from the Scandinavian countries. It is interesting to know some of the antiques that were collected.

Among the collection is an old vanity case, which the possessor claims is more than 250 years old. The little case resembles a pepper shaker, with a locket attached at the end for the sweetheart's picture. It is made of solid silver. Another odd piece is a historical fish spoon. This serving spoon has a very long handle and is made of silver and gold.

National costumes, which for years have been carefully packed away by children and grandchildren of the old immigrants have also been contributed to the committee, and several skauters (headresses) which graced the village festivals of the past ages are in the collection.

Fine Things in Exhibit.

Fine old tapestries, scarfs, caps, dresses and fancy work, done by the nimble-fingered before the days of machine embroidered costumes, complete this exhibit.

The committee has carefully packed and insured the Duluth exhibit, which has been expressed to the Twin Cities, and which will be shown as their contribution in the woman's building at the state fair grounds.

Co-operation for the preparation has been shown on every hand, as is clearly shown by the government stamps which are being issued during this time, with a picture of the historic old Restaurationen, which was the ship on which the first Scandinavian immigrants arrived in the States in 1825.

Special trains are being scheduled for the centennial and hundreds of Duluth women and their families are planning to leave Duluth Friday evening for the three-day celebration.

FASHIONS VIOLIN FOR NORSE MEET

KALISPELL MAN TO SUBMIT INSTRUMENT FOR PRIZE AT CENTENNIAL

Exquisite Old-Country Hardanger Made by H. Hanson Has Been Tested By Many Artists; Has Eight Strings and Beautiful Tone

For the Norse Centennial in St. Paul, H. Hanson of Kalispell has fashioned an exquisite old-country Hardanger violin which he plans to take to the exposition and submit for a prize in the contest which the Norwegian National Music players will have there.

The desire to make the instrument was aroused in Mr. Hanson's mind when at Minneapolis last year he saw what was supposed to be the world's finest violin at a music contest there. This instrument, he said, was made by a Chippewa Falls family who have been manufacturing old-country instruments for four generations, and, said Mr. Hanson, "I thought I could make one just as good, if not better." It was his opinion that more grace of line could be worked out in the same spruce and maple wood, mother of pearl and everything necessary and he began his violin last fall. It has taken him five months to complete it.

Mr. Hanson's instrument, made entirely by hand, is ornate. "A violin has to have decorations and pearl inlay to be of value to old-country players," he explained. So there are lovely designs in India ink wrought upon it and borders and patterns inlaid with mother of pearl, while the handle is finished with a curved dragon wearing a gold crown, strangely like the creations of the Chinese. The crown, Mr. Hanson said, has much significance among the Norse peoples. "A bride wears the crown," he said, pointing to the dragon's adornment.

Mr. Hanson's violin has eight strings, according to the old-country style, and it has a beautiful tone. Something of a violinist himself, he declared that he has had five different artists try it out during the making. Governor Erickson was much interested in it when he was in Kalispell recently.

Another piece of hand work which he is taking to the Centennial is a tiny and delicately wrought monkey carved from a peach stone by Ole Nelson of Helena Falls. "I am going to wear it down there as a watch charm," he explained.

GRAIN SEEDS ARE USED IN MAKING 3 PICTURES AT NORSE CENTENNIAL

Some day, when the sands on the shore of Lake Superior have been counted, the number of grain seeds in three pictures at the Norse centennial will be added up. The three pictures depict, respectively, "Liev Ericsson Sees Nova Scotia," a proba-

ble or improbable scene according to how you view history; "Liev Ericsson Landing in Nova Scotia," and a farm scene in Western Canada.

They are part of the exhibition sent here by the Canadian government by invitation of the sponsors of the Norse celebration. The pictures, which are 18 by 9 feet, are made entirely from grains of different colors, plus the pine needles which go to make the very real looking pine trees in one of the pictures. The seeds were placed on a canvas background and are so shaded that they closely resemble an oil painting from the distance of a few feet.

The pictures represent about three months' work of a dozen men.

EXHIBITS UNFOLD ROMANCE OF NORSE NATION'S ADVANCE

Rows of Articles Reveal Hopes and Fears of Settlers of 1825

THOUSANDS VIEW RARE CENTENNIAL DISPLAYS

Queer Old Chests, Tapestries, Needlework and Homes Shown at Fair Grounds

The romance of a nation's development, the story of a race of hardy, adventurous pioneers, silently unfolded itself today for tens of thousands of visitors to the Norse-American Centennial who visited the place where past and present meet in the Norse-American exhibits, in the woman's building at the Fair grounds.

Row upon row of articles bore testimony to the hopes and fears, the loves and sorrows of those first strangers who came to the northwest, 100 years ago. And past the relics of early days, the things that made homes for the early Norwegian pioneers, pushed all day long a never ending stream of the pioneers' descendants.

They stopped to talk, in Norwegian or English, over the needlework, the patchwork quilts and yards and yards of fancy work, calling to each other: "Remember, Olga, grandma had a spread just like that one, only the flowers were purple," and "Pa, come here! Here is something nice!"

Displays Picture Progress

In one little exhibit is typified the whole display. On one stand is a model of "Per Viking's Farm, 1886"—three log cabins, a few cows, a wooden fence—space. On another, a model of "Ole Viking's Farm, 1925"—an automobile on the driveway, electric lights and telephone in the house, modern, immaculate barns, blooded stock. That is the keynote of it all. Side by side stand dishes used before the Civil war and dishes used since the World war.

All around the showcase, full of Norwegian costumes, brilliant with colorful embroidery, with white blouses and little tightly laced bodices, wander women and girls in the slim, straight, boyish frocks of 1925.

Looking down benignly on the display of the things they have made possible is a frieze of pictures of famous Norse-American men who have played a prominent part in the development of

the northwest. Governors, ministers, soldiers, judges, school teachers, doctors, diplomats, benefactors, all have their place.

Queer Old Chests Shown

There are queer old chests, varicolored and sturdy looking, that hint of the glorious golden haired brides who married Vikings long ago. There are silver and china dishes, built like Viking ships, old books and pictures, crude wagons and cultivators and mortars.

Tapestries stand out in the exhibit. High above the crowd hangs a blue tapestry, with calm, placid ducks floating leisurely across it.

A Gobelin tapestry, on which Hiawatha strides from the woods, a deer over his shoulder, was woven by a Minneapolis woman, Miss Pauline G. Fjelde, who died a year ago last Christmas. She spent 12 years at the work. Miss Fjelde died with her work not quite finished, and her sister, Mrs. Fjelde Hansen, 3008 Park avenue, took up the task and finished it. Miss Fjelde was the sister of Jacob Fjelde, sculptor of the Ole Bull statue in Loring park and the statue of Minnehaha at Minnehaha Falls.

Famous Tapestries Attract Throngs

Three famous tapestries by Fru Frida Hansen, 70-year-old Norwegian weaver, attracted great crowds. On "Southward," seven beautiful goddesses ride on swans' backs in a lake. On another, Sigrud marches triumphantly. The third is a transparent tapestry, woven in such a way that its pattern will show through when it is hung before a light.

There are violins and pictures, church and institution exhibits and—most entrancing of all—two lifesize rooms from Norwegian houses of 1825.

One is a little room, with rude wooden benches along one side, bunks built on the other for beds, a queer square, jutting stone fireplace stuck out in one corner. The other room is patterned on the home of a much wealthier man of those days. Heavy gold framed pictures on the wall, tapestried chairs, heavy rose velvet window drapes, hanging to the floor, an "old-country" fireplace of white, even a piano, make this one a replica of the finest a Norwegian of 1825 could dream of.

LOG CABIN DISPLAYED AT NORSE CENTENNIAL

Hand hewn by men to whom the old phrase "hew to the line" still has a practical meaning, a log cabin, sixteen by twenty feet in size, was erected by the Minnesota Historical society at the Minnesota State Fair grounds for the Norse-American Centennial. The cabin, with its joists and rafters hewn with the broad ax, reproduces as accurately as possible such a home as was built by the Minnesota pioneers in the fifties.

After the cabin has served its purpose at the fair grounds, it will be removed piecemeal to the Historical building and set up as a permanent exhibit in the museum. Mr. Chilson D. Aldrich, a Minneapolis architect who donated his services for the work, drew the plans and is supervising the construction. The state timber and forestry departments have taken much interest in the project and are giving their cordial cooperation in the work.

RARE EXAMPLES OF ART WILL BE SHOWN

ANTIQUE HAND WORK FEATURES DISPLAY

Carving, Weaving, Painting, Needlework to Be Shown at Fair Grounds.

Those persons, for whom the love of hand work—be it carving, weaving, painting or embroidery—is a real joy, should not miss the exhibits at the State Fair Grounds for the Norse centennial. An exhibition will be held in the woman's building, which is being used for exhibition headquarters.



There are world famous tapestries by Frieda Hansen of Norway—tapestries so lovely that one stands awed before them, as before a great painting. "Southward," a tapestry depicting seven goddesses riding swans, hangs in the center of the building. Beyond it, like a jeweled glow of color is the "Entry of King Sigurd into Myklegaard," designed by Gerhard Munthe and executed by Frieda Hansen. And, thrown over a frame, is one called simply "Pond Lilies," as soft, and delicate in coloring as a spring sunset. More modern in treatment is "Hiawatha" by Pauline Ejelde, a Norse-American.

Old Chests on Display.

Passing to one side of the tapestries, there are old money chests to be found, iron bound rough wooden boxes that look like a detail from a Stevenson sea story. One bears the date 1518. It was brought to America by S. Aamundsen from Song, Norway, in the early days of the Norse settlements and is loaned for the Centennial by the Luther college, Decorah, Iowa.

The money boxes neighbor with old painted chests which tell a mute story of a people which made rough things beautiful with color. Beyond the chests is an ox wagon with solid wooden wheels, the neck yoke for the oxen lying across the rough pole which holds the rear and front of the wagon together. Viewed from this angle, these things stand out strikingly against a background of a modern and old Norwegian home.

Wine Bottles Figure.

Utah has sent an exhibition worth about \$3,000. To the lover of old and beautiful things it is a feast.

There is, for example, a farm home nestling beside a lake. A painting? No, needlework. There is a mother jangling her baby on her knee to the Norwegian version of "Ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross." Needlework again.

There is a calendar which looks

BISHOP OF OSLO TO READ NORWEGIAN GREETINGS TO CENTENNIAL CROWD



BISHOP JOHAN LUNDE.

When the Norse-American centennial begins officially this morning, Johan Lunde, bishop of Oslo, will have a prominent part in the divine services. At 10 A. M., at the services in the Hippodrome, he will read the greetings from the Church of Norway and will repeat the message at the 11 A. M. services before the grandstand. At 2 P. M. he will give an address at the session before the grandstand.

like a wide ruler of particularly intricate design. No one could explain exactly how to read it. There is a snuffbox 150 years old with a tiny, hand carved design.

Down in another corner there is a bottle that looks like a peculiar sort of large hourglass, with four strands of glass connecting the upper and lower portions, in addition to the center portion. Such bottles were used, in other days, by woosers to carry wine in to their sweethearts—wine being a gift used as candy is today.

In a center case are figures dressed as a bride and groom in Hardanger Norway.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE HAS BIG PROGRAM

Traffic, State Police, Public Health Among Convention Topics This Week.

Traffic, state police, motor bus regulation, public health, home rule, reduction of taxes and other problems of major importance to Minnesota cities and towns will be taken up at the convention of the League of Minnesota Municipalities next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Alexandria.

Commissioner J. M. Clancy is president of the league and Mayor Nelson is chairman of the committee on home rule, which is to be one of the principal subjects discussed. The Mayor also is to speak on "Constructive Economy." Leonard C. Seamer, chief of the bureau of assessments, is to discuss "Interest on Unpaid Assessments," and George H. Herrold, city planning director, "City Planning and Zoning."

Program to Open Wednesday.

The program will open at 10:30 A. M. Wednesday with a welcome by Mayor H. W. Ludke of Alexandria and a response by President Clancy. The afternoon session will include reports by R. R. Price, secretary-treasurer; Morris B. Lambie, executive secretary, and H. M. Gillard, field agent, and addresses on various problems concerned with municipal finance by C. H. Schuster, Biwabik village attorney; Garfield Brown, state public examiner; C. E. Camp-ton, superintendent of schools at Two Harbors; Leonard C. Seamer, St. Paul, and C. F. Keyes, Minneapolis. The Indiana plan is to come in for a general "razzing" as a finishing touch for the afternoon.

Mayor J. M. Gannon of Hibbing is to speak on public safety problems, including state police, the co-operation of cities and the smaller municipalities, and traffic matters at the evening session.

To Discuss Health Problems.

Public health will be discussed at the Thursday morning session with Dr. C. C. Leck of Austin, City Engineer John Wilson of Duluth, Dr. O. E. Locken of Crookston, Ernest Eade of Eveleth and James W. Routh of St. Paul taking up various problems. Street paving will be reported on by City Engineer J. A. McLean of Crookston and public utility problems will be considered by C. G. Hadley of Rochester, A. B. Horne of Fairmont and J. C. Bang of Litchfield.

Commissioner Clancy will speak on the league and its future at a luncheon.

J. Arthur Bensen, mayor of St. Cloud, is to speak on motor bus

regulation at the afternoon session and others who will take up a variety of problems will be Ray Anderson, Gilbert; G. A. Polley, Winona; Albert G. Loomis, Springfield, and G. H. Herrold, St. Paul. C. P. Hall, Red Wing, will give a review of legislation sought by the league at the last session. The latter part of the afternoon is to be devoted to a tour of the lake region, ending with a fish fry at the city park as guests of the city.

In the evening R. S. Thornton of Alexandria will speak on "Alexandria and the League," Mayor Nelson on "Economy" and G. W. Dowrie, dean of the school of business, University of Minnesota, on "Your Community's Job."

Mayor Nelson's discussion of home rule for municipalities, the various committee reports, election of officers and selection of a meeting place for 1926 will close the convention.

HOLIDAY FOR GUARD ASKED.

Employers Requested to Release 206th Infantrymen Monday.

Business firms employing members of the 206th infantry, Minnesota National Guard, have been requested by Colonel P. K. Gilfillan, commanding the unit, to grant the guardsmen leave of absence Monday that they may report for duty in connection with the various events of the day, including preparations for the arrival of the dirigible Los Angeles and the presence of President Coolidge and his party in St. Paul in connection with the Norse-American centennial.

Official orders covering the unit were issued Saturday morning, but in some cases may not reach individual members until Monday morning, Colonel Gilfillan said.

Olaf Lange Exhibiting at Institute

Prints by This Distinguished Norseman Are Beautiful in Design and Color

By J.K.

ETCHINGS and lithographs in color, by Olaf Lange, who ranks as foremost maker of prints in Scandinavian lands, are to be exhibited at the Art institute through June, the first view taking place today.

The exhibition of Mr. Lange's prints is the first that has been given in this country since the Panama-Pacific exposition, when a number of his works were first shown and promptly purchased by collectors. None, therefore, were left in this country to go on tour to museums and art galleries. He was awarded a medal of honor at that time.

The Norse-American celebration has been considered a fitting time to arrange a display of his work, and this has been done jointly by the Art institutes of Milwaukee and Chicago. The collection of prints will go from here to Chicago, and consequently any that may be purchased here will not be delivered until the exhibition in the latter city is over.

Mr. Lange's prints have a beauty and a distinction not easily put into words. They are masterpieces of design, informed with imagination, and finally revealed in richness and beauty of color—color that has texture as well as hue; at times almost a velvet depth.

The Summons

His subjects stir the spirit and lead one questioning. For example. The Summons, where a sad, dark multitude struggles futilely beneath a bridge whose span is broken, while above an angry spirit bends from a blood-red gash in the sky and the dim towers of a city are seen on high. The coloring is superbly rich and dark.

In The Martyr the sheer beauty of his hues and the austerity of his design set forth one knows not what allegory or legend. An ancient wall of warm, varying, changing reds, a tessellated floor in black and white—a prone white, unconscious figure, tortured and bound, supported by dark armored men, and at one side two Ethiopians bent as in some agony of the spirit—are the elements of the picture. Against the changing reds of the background he has placed a great disk of vivid greens, and another of violet hues, and within them he has wrought curious intricacies of design, while for further color he has given the prone figure draperies of faint violets and blues.

In different mood, he offers the untroubled beauty of his Herbes Maritimes. The seaweed roots itself on the rocks, grows into slim undulant figures, swaying in the tawny waters, with bent heads whose hair floats out and forms the meshes of the marine growth.

*Red River Valley
Exhibition*

Grand Forks, N. D., Herald
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1925

Red River Valley to Have Exhibition at Norse Celebration

Crookston, Minn., May 15.—The Red River valley counties will have a special exhibit at the Norse Centennial, which opens at the Minnesota state fair grounds on June 6, according to the committee from those counties which will have the matter in charge.

C. G. Selvig, Crookston, who has been named chairman of this committee, requests that all persons with suggestions regarding this exhibit and who have pictures or other material that should be included, send this material to him at the earliest possible time.

The graphic portrayal of historical events and of the progress made in the Red River valley, photographs, and all other interesting material relating to the development of the Red River valley, will form the main part of the exhibit.

The exhibit will be assembled, arranged and labeled at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston. It will be completed before May 28, as all exhibits must be installed at the fair grounds in good season before June 6.

Breckenridge (Minn.) Telegram
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1925

VALLEY COUNTIES TO CENTENNIAL

Red River Exhibit Will Be Shown
at Norse Meen in Minneapolis
in June

The Red River Valley counties will have a special exhibit at the Norse Centennial which opens at the Minnesota state fair grounds on June 6. C. G. Selvig, Crookston, who has been named chairman of a committee to prepare such an exhibit, requests that all persons who have suggestions as to what such an exhibit should include and who have pictures or other material that should be included, send their suggestions and material to him at the earliest possible time.

The Wilkin county member of the committee is George W. Burrows, Breckenridge.

Historical events and the progress made in the Red River Valley, photographs and all interesting material relating to the development of the Red River Valley, will form the main part of the exhibit.

The exhibit will be assembled, arranged, labeled and given proper display at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston. It must all be completed before May 28, as all exhibits must be installed at the Fair Grounds in good season before June 6.

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SHOW ANCIENT HOPE CHEST AT NORSE CENTENNIAL

Minneapolis, Minn., June 15.—A hope chest that some young girl in Hallingdale, Norway, was proud to keep in her room to store her fineries in back in the seventeenth century, was one of the exhibits which Norse-American centennial collectors had at Minnesota State Fair grounds for the celebration.

Exhibits of art, manufacture and history, articles of great value, were obtained for the centennial, and this rare old chest was one of those on display. It was found on a farm near Mabel, in Fillmore county, by P. F. Loughrey. It was brought there from Norway in 1858.

The old chest hasn't a straight side to its shape. Staves, top, bottom and sides alike are curved. The top and bottom are hewn from one log.

A little more than 3½ feet long and less than two feet wide, the box has 12 iron strips bound around it, the top of each being decorated.

Across the top of the chest are the figures "1694," and the monogram, A and S. The "S" stands for Sata, name of the farm, and the "A" for Aals, the name of the church district.

Warren, Minn., Sheriff
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1925

COUNTY MEN WORKING ON CENTENIAL EXHIBIT

Marshall County To Have Panel In
R. R. Valley Exhibit In Twin
Cities—Selvig Is Chairman

Appointment of a county committee to gather material here for a Red River Valley exhibit at the Norse Centennial in the Twin Cities on June 6 to 9 inclusive was announced from Crookston by C. G. Selvig, superintendent of the Northwest School of Agriculture.

The county committee was asked by Mr. Selvig to send photos, preferably unmounted, size 8x12, showing farm and other scenes in the county and with legible legend on the back side of each picture; brief statements regarding first settlements made by Norse people in the county and special stories or incidents in the history of the county with feature value and some heirloom or curiosity.

The Red River Valley exhibit will be part of a state exhibit and will not be large. Each of the fourteen counties in the Valley will be given a separate panel, Mr. Selvig wrote.

The county committee is as follows: R. C. Mathwig and T. Tunheim of Warren; N. S. Hegnes, Argyle; Arthur Skonovd, Viking; Robert J. Lund, Holt; A. G. Kvennes, Middle River; George A. Johnson, Grygla; and H. E. Myhre, Newfolden. Oscar A. Olson of Angus is a member of the Polk county committee.

Mr. Mathwig requests that any persons who have suitable material for a county exhibit inform a member of the committee.

Minn. Banner
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1925

Local Man on Committee to Arrange Special Exhibit

The Red River Valley counties will have a special exhibit at the Norse Centennial which opens at the Minnesota state fair grounds on June 6. C. G. Selvig, Crookston, who has been named chairman of a committee to prepare such an exhibit, requests that all persons who have suggestions as to what such an exhibit should include and who have pictures or other material that should be included, send their suggestions and material to him at the earliest possible time.

The Clearwater county members of the committee are L. Jensen, Clearbrook; A. F. LaBudde, Gonvick; O. T. Davids, Bagley.

Historical events and the progress made in the Red River Valley photographs and all interesting material relating to the development of the Red River Valley, will form the main part of the exhibit.

The exhibit will be assembled, arranged, labeled and given proper display at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston. It must all be completed before May 28, as all exhibits must be installed at the Fair Grounds in good season before June 6.

Norse Centennial

The Red River Valley counties will have a special exhibit at the Norse Centennial which opens at the Minnesota State fair grounds June 6. C. G. Selvig, Crookston, requests that all persons who have suggestions as to what such an exhibit should include and who have pictures or other material that should be included, send their suggestions and material to him at the earliest possible time. The Norman county members of the committee are:

M E Dahl, Twin Valley
S E Olson, Ada
L Houske, Halstad
Jos. Gaare, Perley
O D Larson, Hendrum
J J Flikkie, Shelly
Lewis Garden, Gary

Thief River Falls, Minn., Tribune
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1925

Pennington to Have Special Norse Exhibit

The Red River Valley counties will have a special exhibit at the Norse Centennial which opens at the Minnesota state fair grounds on June 6. C. G. Selvig, Crookston, who has been named chairman of a committee to prepare such an exhibit, requests that all persons who have suggestions as to what such an exhibit should include and who have pictures or other material that should be included, send their suggestions and material to him at the earliest possible time.

The Pennington county members of the committee are Olaf Ramstad, Paul Engelstad, Thief River Falls, J. P. Jensen, Goodridge; K. O. Gigstad, St. Hilaire.

Historical events and the progress made in the Red River Valley, photographs and all interesting material relating to the development of the Red River Valley, will form the main part of the exhibit.

The exhibit will be assembled, arranged, labeled and given proper display at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston. It must all be completed before May 28, as all exhibits must be installed at the fair grounds in good season before June 6.

Men, Minn. Union
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1925

FARMERS' PROBLEMS

CLAY COUNTY EXHIBITS AT CENTENIAL

The Red River Valley counties will have a special exhibit at the Norse Centennial which opens at the Minnesota State fair grounds on June 6. C. G. Selvig, Crookston, who has been named chairman of a committee to prepare such an exhibit, requests that all persons who have suggestions as to what such an exhibit should include and who have pictures or other material that should be included, send their suggestions and material to him at the earliest possible time.

The Clay county members of the committee are Dr. O. J. Hagen, A. J. Wright, Moorhead, T. H. Skrei, Glyndon, A. A. Trovaten, Barnesville, P. O. Tungseth, Hawley; A. R. Rustad, Comstock.

Historical events and the progress made in the Red River Valley, photographs and all interesting material relating to the development of the Red River Valley, will form the main part of the exhibit.

The exhibit will be assembled, arranged, labeled and given proper display at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston. It must all be completed before May 28, as all exhibits must be installed at the Fair Grounds in good season before June 6.

Crookston, Minn., Times
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1925

GATHERING DATA FOR NORSE CENTENIAL

Superintendent C. G. Selvig and family left this forenoon for an extended trip through the southern part of the Red River Valley and to southern Minnesota. Mr. Selvig will spend several days gathering and compiling data to be used in the Red River Valley exhibit at the Norse Centennial next week. He will also confer with farmers and agricultural agents regarding plans for the Red River Valley Livestock association. After visiting in southern Minnesota, Mr. Selvig and family expect to attend the Norse Centennial.

MINNESOTA TIMES JOURNAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

Red River to "Tell World" at Centennial

Crookston, Minn., June 6.—The slogan of the Red River Valley exhibit at the Norse Centennial. The exhibit is being set in place by A. M. Foker of the Northwest School of Agriculture. The committee that has arranged the exhibit consisted of representatives from each of the 14 Red River Valley counties with C. G. Selvig as chairman.

The exhibit will be 20x24 and will be located in the Electrical Building at the State Fair grounds. In the center will be shown a large map of Minnesota on which has been drawn the Red River Valley. From each county streamers will run to panels showing scenes representing the products of that section. In the center of the entrance will be found samples of grain for which the Red River Valley is noted. These will be placed under a large sign "The Nile of America."

On small placards will be shown the growth of the Red River Valley in agricultural products in the last 50 years. Charts will also show the number of inhabitants born in Norway. Norman has 2,238; Marshall 1,909; Red Lake 314; and Polk county 4,193. The total Norse population is 21,102, making up 8½ per cent of the total population of Minnesota.

Crookston, Minn., Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Crookston, Minn., Times
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

District Makes the Best Showing at the Norse Centennial, Is Report.

Visitors to the Norse Centennial made favorable comments on the Red River Valley exhibit and several thousand will have a better impression of northwestern Minnesota as a result of the showing made. The exhibit was planned by a committee from each county with Mr. Selvig as chairman and arranged and put in place by A. M. Foker of the N. W. school.

The plan in general was to show the development of the Red River Valley during the past 50 years. In the center was a large map of the state with a section showing the Valley in a prominent manner. From each county streamers ran to large panels on which the county explained the various products for which they were noted.

These items were Kittson: boys' and girls' club work, certified seed potatoes and wheat; Roseau: grasses, sheep and dairying; Marshall: wheat, Holsteins and sweet clover; Pennington: Alfalfa, dairying and accredited herds; Red Lake: beef cattle, accred-

ited herds and corn; Polk: sugar beet, Northwest School and dairying; Norman: sweet clover, dairying and early Ohio; Clearwater: alfalfa, red clover, and dairying; Mahnomen: beef cattle, flax and sugar beets; Becker: lakes, corn and dairying; Clay: potatoes, corn and Holsteins; Wilkin: wheat, dairying and alfalfa; Wadena: dairying, alfalfa, and one million dollars yearly in butter; Ottertail: the richest agricultural county of Minnesota and 20th in the United States.

In the center of the entrance were placed large samples of excellent grain and grasses. A number of Norwegian trophies had also been furnished from the Red River Valley and Dakota, chief among which were brass candlesticks and an old copper kettle by O. Ramstad, Thief River Falls. An old chest that came over in a sailing vessel and bears date 1768 was contributed by H. H. Egar of Adams, North Dakota. Placards were also used to show the yearly production of agricultural products.

Statistics were given showing that the number of Norwegians in each county were as follows and made up 8½ of the total population which was 245,811 according to 1920 census. Norman, 2,238; Marshall, 1,109; Red Lake 314; Polk 4,193; Clearwater, 1,140; Pennington, 1,511; Roseau, 1,367; Clay, 2,145; Ottertail 3,704; Becker, 1,335; Kittson, 558; Mahnomen, 151; Wadena, 218, total of 21,102.

Valley Centennial Exhibit Sent to Cities. "I'll Tell World" to be the Slogan

"I'll tell the world." will be the slogan the Red River Valley Exhibit at the Norse Centennial will tell. The exhibit will be set in place by A. M. Foker of the Northwest School of Agriculture. The committee that has arranged the exhibit consisted of representatives from each of the fourteen Red River Valley counties of which C. G. Selvig has been chairman.

The exhibit will be 20x24 and will be located in the Electrical Building at the State Fair grounds. In the center will be shown a large map of Minnesota on which has been drawn the Red River Valley. From each county streamers will run to panels showing scenes representing the products of that section. Kittson county will boast of boys and girls club work, wheat and certified seed potatoes; Roseau county has emphasized grasses, sheep and dairying; for Marshall county will be found wheat, Holsteins, and sweet clover; Pennington county mentioned alfalfa, dairying, and accredited herds; Red Lake county stated beef cattle, accredited herds, and corn; Polk emphasized sugar beets, Northwest School and dairying; for Norman county, there was sweet clover, early Ohio, and dairying; Clearwater county, laid claim to alfalfa, Red Clover and dairying; Mahnomen county boosted beef cattle, flax and sugar beets; Becker county bragged about their beautiful lakes, corn and dairy-

ing; while Clay county thought potatoes, corn and Holsteins were their chief products; in Wilkin was found wheat, dairying and alfalfa; visitors will find that Wadena in addition to dairying and alfalfa, produces one million dollars in butter yearly. Ottertail county, in addition to being the richest agricultural county in Minnesota, is twentieth in the United States.

In the center of the entrance will be found samples of grain for which the Red River Valley is noted. These will be placed under a large sign, "The Nile of America."

A number of curios will also be included. Among these will be brass candlesticks furnished by O. Ramstad of Thief River Falls, who also has sent an ancient copper kettle. H. H. Egar, Adams, North Dakota, has sent an old chest which came over from Norway on a sailing vessel and bears the date 1768.

On small placards will be shown the growth of the Red River Valley in agricultural products during the last fifty years. Charts will also show the number of inhabitants born in Norway. This will show that Norman has 2,238; Marshall, 1,909; Red Lake, 314; and Polk county 4,193. The total Norse population is 21,102, making up 8½ per cent of the population.

