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Minneapolis Minn. Journal
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1925

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Albert Lea, Minn., Tribune
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St. Paul, Minn., News
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

Centennial Throngs Descend on St. Paul for 4-Day Program

Many Prominent Persons Among First to Reach City.

100,000 ARE EXPECTED

Hundreds of visitors from all parts of this country and Norway are arriving in St. Paul today for the Norse-American Centennial celebration.

This gathering, one of the largest ever held in St. Paul, is expected to bring 100,000 visitors to the Twin Cities.

It will be held at the state fair grounds, for four days starting Saturday, to celebrate the centenary of Norse group immigration to America.

By train and automobile, more than 5,000 persons are expected to arrive in St. Paul today for the centennial. Camping space equipped to provide for hundreds of visiting motorists has been set aside at the fair grounds. The first campers arrived Thursday night, from O'Brien county, Iowa. They are Mr. and Mrs. O. S. West, and their son; Ole Medhus and two children; and P. L. Idso.

The most important single event of the centennial will be the visit and speech of Pres. Coolidge, who will arrive in St. Paul Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, Sec. and Mrs. F. B. Kellogg, and others. Pres. Coolidge will speak at the fair grounds Monday afternoon, when his message will be broadcast by WCCO.

A committee has been appointed to welcome Pres. Coolidge to St. Paul. It includes Gov. Christianson, chairman; Mayor Arthur Nelson, Mayor George Leach, Minneapolis; Judge Walter H. Sanborn, Chief Justice Samuel B. Wilson, Judge O. B. Lewis, E. H. Hobe, Norwegian consul; Sen. Henrik Shipstead, Sen. T. D. Schall, Judge Wilbur F. Booth, Rep. Oscar Keller, Rep. W. H. Newton, Nils Jaensen, Swedish consul; T. J. Skellet, Danish consul; Lieut. Gov. W. L. Nolan, A. G. Griggs, L. W. Hill, Ralph Budd, N. W. Reay, C. W. Gordon, Charles Donnelly, R. W. Clark, C. K. Blandin, A. W. Trenholm, F. J. Ottis, H. P. Clark, C. P. Brown, G. H. Prince, Otto Bremer, M. M. Cochran, J. D. Denegre, W. J. Dean, W. D. Mitchell, William Hamm, S. W. Dit-

tenhoefer, C. J. Moos, Edwin Rustad, Oscar Hallam, Lafayette French, and from Minneapolis, Karl De Laittre, Edward Bates, F. E. Murphy, H. V. Jones, Thomas Van Lear, T. Guldbrandsen, George Mallon, C. T. Jaffray, George Dickson, F. T. Heffelfinger, Horace Lowry, S. S. Thorpe, E. W. Decker, L. W. Rolleston, R. E. Pack, Archie Walker, Arch Coleman, W. F. Brooks, Nels Elsberg and Edgar L. Mattson, and the centennial

board of directors: Prof. Gisle Bothne, N. T. Moen, A. C. Floan, J. A. Holvik, Trygve Oas and S. H. Holstad.

FORMALLY OPENS SUNDAY.

The centennial will start Saturday at 9:30 a. m., but its formal opening will not take place until Sunday. Starting the activities Saturday at 9:30 a. m., will be conventions of 32 Norwegian bygdelags, which are expected to be attended by approximately 20,000 persons.

There will be sessions in the morning and afternoon, and banquets in the evening. The business meetings will be held in various buildings at the fair grounds, but the banquets are planned in clubs, houses and other meeting places throughout the Twin Cities.

Another of the first day's events will be the concert in the evening at the First Baptist church, Minneapolis, of the Luther College Concert band, conducted by Carlo A. Sperati.

There also will be the opening of the Twin Cities air meet at the Wold-Chamberlain field, at 1:30 p. m., with demonstrations by army bombing planes.

As the visitors arrived in St. Paul today for the centennial celebration, they were greeted at the Union station by members of a welcoming committee. They are invited to visit the restroom prepared for centennial visitors in the Railroad building quarters, formerly occupied by the Red Cross.

"This centennial," said Prof. Gisle Bothne, chairman of the centennial board of directors, "will in some measure do for those of the 'Mayflower of the North,' who came over in 1825, what the tercentennial celebration at Plymouth Rock did for the descendants of the original Mayflower."

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tens of thousands of the present generation will have visualized the life of the early Norse pioneers, how they labored and sacrificed that we might gain wisdom, happiness and material comfort; and lead such lives that Norway should not be ashamed of us in America, and America should not regret that she invited us to her shores."

Lars Oftedal, Norway's official representative at the centennial celebration, arrived in the Twin Cities late Thursday night. Thomas H. Johnson, of Winnipeg, is another prominent visitor to arrive. Former attorney general for the province of Manitoba, he is the official representative of Canada. Col. E. W. Starling of the White House staff is to arrive later in the day to complete arrangements for Pres. Coolidge's reception.

Mr. Oftedal is officially a member of the Norwegian cabinet, a secretary of interior, although his government was recently defeated by a vote of confidence in the Norwegian parliament.

This vote was cast while Mr. Oftedal was on the ocean, bound for America, as Norway's representative to the centennial. To avoid embarrassment, resignation of the defeated party was delayed until after the centennial so that Mr. Oftedal may speak as a member of Norway's cabinet.

OTHERS DUE SATURDAY.

Accompanying him are C. I. Hambro, a member of the Norwegian storting; Wilhelm Morgenstjerne, chief of the American division of the department of foreign affairs, and Dr. Frederick Stang, president of the University of Oslo. Other Norwegian officials who landed in New York Tuesday are expected to arrive in St. Paul Saturday.

"We are indeed highly pleased to be able to be present at what promises to be such an historic event as the Norse-American centennial," said Mr. Hambro, who is chairman of the foreign relations committee of the Norwegian storting, "especially since this is the first time in Norway's history that the nation has sent two official representatives abroad to participate in such an event.

"We were made aware of the importance which America as a whole attaches to the Norse-American as soon as we landed in New York last Tuesday. We were sent for immediately by Gov. Al Smith, who gave us a most hearty reception, and a little later we received an urgent invitation from Mayor Hylan to visit him at the city hall. You can readily imagine our surprise when we found a large gathering in front of the city hall to welcome us."

Brainerd, Minn., Dispatch
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

100 YEARS AGO FIRST NORSEMEN LANDED IN AMERICA

SET SAIL IN SMALL SLOOP, BRAVING MYRIAD DAN- GERS

WONDERFUL PROGRAM OFFERED AT CELEBRATION AT STATE FAIR GROUNDS

(By United Press)

St. Paul, 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, 10,000 Norwegians were arriving here for the opening of the Norse-American Centennial Exposition at the state fair grounds.

They came by train and automobiles in groups and in delegations.

Members of the 36th Bydelags sponsoring the exposition will today swarm the various buildings set aside for them.

An added attraction will be the Twin Cities air meet at the Wold-Chamberlain air port.

Twenty airplanes will participate and it is believed to be the largest aerial event ever staged in the northwest.

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.

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.

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

CHIPPEWA FALLS WIS HEB
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925.

COOLIDGE WILL BE AT NORSKE DAY NEXT MONDAY

St. Paul, June 6.—(By U. P.)—Definite announcement that President Coolidge is leaving this afternoon for his scheduled address before the Norse American Centennial Exposition at the State Fair Grounds brought renewed enthusiasm of incoming delegations and visitors this afternoon. Every train into the Twin Cities brought its cargo of sturdy Norsemen.

The Centennial was opened today but the real program commemorating landing 100 years ago of the first Norse pioneers on American soil will not get under way until tomorrow.

Between 10,000 and 15,000 persons were in attendance at the meetings of the 36 Bydelags heard speakers dwell on the heritage that had been handed down from the Norse pioneers who were ancestors of the Lag members. Many of the delegates were dressed in quaint native costumes.

Sunday the Centennial exhibits will be thrown open for the public. All were closed today.

The presentation speech was made by S. A. Johnson of Leland, Ill. Among the speakers today were A. C. Anderson, Cottonwood, Minn.; Theodore Jevie, Minneapolis; A. J. Berksaker, Sioux Falls, So. Dak. Charles Oftedal, official representative of Norway at the Centennial, is to speak later in the day.

Brainerd, Minn., Eagle
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

CENTENNIAL OPENS WITH ATTENDANCE OVER 100,000 MARK

Meetings of Norwegians Bygdelags Mark Opening Day of 4-Day Celebration

RELIGIOUS AND NORSE MEETS ON PROGRAM FOR TOMORROW

Centennial Will Reach Climax Monday With Visit and Ad- dress of Coolidge

St. Paul, June 6.—(By Associated Press.)—The drama of the great American stage centered today around the opening of the North American centennial when tens of

thousands of Norsemen will celebrate at the state fair grounds for the next three days the arrival in this hemisphere of the first group of this nationality.

From north, east, south and west, by auto and train, numerous bygdelags, the Norse clans, are swarming to the twin cities. On Monday the celebration will reach its climax with the address of President Coolidge and Secretary of State Kellogg.

Attendance figures today were estimated today at over 100,000.

Tomorrow divine services will be held at 10 and 11 a. m. at the fair grounds, with the opening of the Young People's Luther league at 10:30. In the afternoon there will be flying demonstration at the Wold-Chamberlain field at 1:30, while at the fair grounds a Norse meeting will convene at 2 p. m.

Monday at dawn the giant dirigible Los Angeles will arrive and give flying performances, while in the afternoon the big feature will be President Coolidge's address at the fair grounds.

Minneapolis, Minn., Mon. Ev. 7:30
SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

Throngs of Norsemen Gather for Opening of Centennial Fete Today

36 Bygdelags to Hold Annual Reunions at Fair Grounds
Beginning at 9:30 A. M.—2,500 En route From
Chicago — Four Nations Recognize Event.

Tens of thousands of Norwegians from every part of the United States, from Canada and the "Old country," are in Minneapolis today to begin their celebration of the Norse-American centennial.

The first day of the centennial will consist entirely in reunions by members of 36 bygdelags, which have established headquarters in the various buildings at the Minnesota state fair grounds. The reunions are to begin at 9:30 a. m.

How many thousands swarmed into Minneapolis and St. Paul Friday night it was impossible to estimate. Every train that pulled into its stations carried its handful, its score or its hundred visitors. The waiting platform at the depots were thronged throughout the day. Relatives and friends gathered in such numbers that they formed lanes reaching from the gates almost to the streets, so that the visitors were forced to run a gauntlet of scrutinizing eyes. Few of them failed to recognize friends who were

waiting to entertain them during the centennial.

Even those who had none to meet them could not feel wholly ill at ease. Outside the stations the cabmen flipped up signs which invited "Kjor med os til Norsk-Amerikan hundredarfesten," and souvenir hawkers canvassed the crowds with ribbons made in Norway's national colors. Even the newsboys mixed "Skandinavens" with their Tribunes and alternated between shouting "Norsk avis" in a strange accent, and the more familiar "Tunney wins by a knockout."

One large contingent to reach Minneapolis today will be composed of Norwegian-Canadians from the western provinces. They will arrive on a special train from Winnipeg over the Northern Pacific at 9:50 a. m. In Chicago Friday night 2,500 Norwegian-Americans left for Minneapolis to attend the reunions of the bygdelags. A special train, reaching here this morning, carried Chicago members of the Norwegian National league, and another

er was loaded with delegates to the triennial convention of the Young People's Luther league, which will run concurrently with the centennial.

H. H. Bryn, the Norwegian minister to the United States, was one of those in Chicago Friday night. When he arrives today he will go to the fair grounds to attend the convention of Mjosenlaget, of which he is a member.

The centennial will commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the sailing of the sloop Restaurationen, which brought to the United States the first organized group of Norwegian colonizers.

The sloop, with 52 passengers, left Stavanger on the southeast coast of Norway, July 4, 1825, and arrived in New York harbor, October 9. The first settlement was formed at Kendall, Orleans county, New York state. In the decade which followed 1825 there was comparatively little immigration by the Norwegians. Then, in 1836, when some of those who had come to America on the Restaurationen returned to their homes and told of the advantages of the United States, the outpouring was renewed. In 1836 and 1837 two shiploads of settlers left Norway, and the stream continued until it reached its peak in the '30s.

Internationally Recognized.

The centennial was originally proposed by Stavangarlaget, an association of immigrants and descendants of immigrants from Stavanger. It is sponsored by the bygdelags, through a joint council of representatives, which two years ago selected the board of directors for the celebration. The centennial has been recognized by four nations: The United States, Canada, Norway and Iceland.

When the lags convene today their sessions will be conducted in the native dialects, many of which vary so widely that members of one are unable to understand the dialect of the others. Each lag is composed of men and women whose parents or ancestors came to the United States from a certain section of Norway. Each preserves its own traditions and customs and many accumulate funds to help their kinsmen in the old country. These gifts take a substantial form. One lag, whose members came originally from a sea-coast town, in years past purchased a life boat and equipment worth \$5,000. Several of them have endowed homes for old people.

Lag Meeting Places.

The lags, their meeting places, and their presidents are as follows:

Aakerslegten, Farn Boy's camp, Nils Aaker of Kenyon, Minn.; Agderlaget, grandstand, The Rev. T. Tjornhom of Hatton, N. D.

Bergenslaget, Concession department office, John G. Stendal of Minneapolis.

Guibrandsdalalaget, State department building, M. Casper Johnshoy of Starbuck, Minn.

Hadelandslaget, State department building, T. A. Walby of Hudson, Wis.; Hallinglaget, Poultry building, Professor K. Lokensgaard of Edborg, Alberta; Hardangerlaget, southwest corner, Machinery hall, S. S. Tveit of Albert Lea; Haugesundlaget, Concessions department office, S. Helgeson of Minneapolis; Huelalslaget, northeast corner, Agricultural building, L. Gullickson of St. Paul.

Kongsberglaget, hall No. 6, building 94, H. P. Onholt of Sacred Heart, Minn.

Landingslaget, Industrial building No. 2, Ole O. Goplen of Audubon, Minn.

Mjosenlaget, school exhibits wing, Agricultural building, Mathias J. Rohns of London, Minn.

Nordfjordlaget, west wing, Agricultural building, L. M. Gimmedstad of Orfordville, Wis.; Nordhordlandslaget, Industrial building No. 3, O. E. Wamsness of

Aneta, N. D.; Numedalslaget, hall No. 6, building 94, R. G. Reiersen of Belview, Minn.; Nordlandslaget, Boys and Girls building, H. H. Borgan of Duluth. Oslolaget, Twin City Granite Co., building, A. Sather of Minneapolis; Osterdalalaget, northwest corner, Horticultural building, N. T. Moen of Fergus Falls, Minn.

Ringerikslaget, southeast corner, Machinery hall, H. M. Heen of Adams, N. D.; Romsdalslag, southwest corner, Horticultural building, Dr. J. Tanner.

Saterdalslaget, southeast corner horticultural building, Bjorgulv Bjornaran at Wanke, Minn.; Selbelaget, honey and bee building, P. P. Hovey of Atwater, Minn.; Smallenslaget, grandstand, Olaf I. Rove of Milwaukee; Sognalaget, industrial building No. 1, E. R. Hopperstad of Albert Lea; Solorlaget, northeast corner horticultural building, C. M. Berg of McIntosh, Minn.; Sondfjordlaget, west wing agricultural building, H. C. Elkness of Overly, N. D.; Sonhordlandslaget, industrial building No. 3, the Rev. T. J. Severson of Eagle Grove, Iowa; Sondmorelaget, A.O.U.W. building No. 58, Thomas Rorstad of Milan, Minn.; Stavangerlaget, Hippodrome, the Rev. C. J. Eastvold of Northfield.

Tronderlaget, machinery hall, N. S. Merager of Grand Forks; Tellelaget, Hotel Radisson, the Rev. J. O. Sater of Fosston, Minn.; Totenlaget, public health building, J. C. Gran of Spring Grove, Minn.

Valria Sambundet, poultry building, J. E. Haugen of Minneapolis; Viknslaget, machinery hall, H. H. Ockwig of Minneapolis; Vosselaget, south wing agricultural building, R. A. Nestos of Bismarck, N. D.

Det Norske Lutheran Landsforbund for Ungdem i Amerika, Luther seminary, M. O. Wee of St. Paul.

Posters on Exhibition.

At the fair grounds Friday each lag had its representatives busy decorating the hall in which it will meet. Early arrivals for the centennial "inspected" the decorations and wandered through the buildings looking at those of the exhibits that were already in place.

A group of posters drawn by pupils in Minneapolis public schools and illustrating tales of Norwegian history were placed on exhibition in the board of education rooms in the courthouse Friday.

In the women's building at the fair grounds an exhibit of Norwegian arts and crafts has been arranged. It includes historical pictures, works of Norse-American artists, antique furniture and pottery and needle work. Among the *fine arts* exhibits are three tapestries by Freida Hansen of Oslo, which were brought to the centennial by Mrs. Oskar Bergh of Brooklyn.

Historical Exhibit.

The historical exhibit is being displayed by Luther college of Decorah, Iowa, under the supervision of Dr. Knut Gjerset, its curator. Its feature is a reproduction of a Norwegian farm of the 1825 period, contrasted with the farmhouse of today.

Virtually all of the industrial exhibits were put in place Friday in the grandstand building at the fair grounds. Several Norwegian companies, as well as importers of Norwegian products, are represented.

Professor Gisle Bothe, chairman of the board of directors of the centennial, issued statement Friday night in which he said:

Day of Reckoning.

"Like all centennials, this Norse-American centennial will have immense value as a day of reckoning and of inspiration. Great people everywhere commemorate their great events by means of centennials. America has cele-

brated several such centennials within the memory of this generation—at Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Buffalo, Portland, San Francisco and San Diego.

"In 1920 there was a ten-centennial celebration at Plymouth Rock. This Norse-American centennial will in some measure do for the people of the "Mayflower of the North" that came over in 1825, what the celebration at Plymouth Rock did for the people of the original Mayflower, who came over in 1620.

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Find Oldest Norse Vet.

After some months of investigation S. H. Holstad, managing director of the centennial, announced that Carl Nelson of Milwaukee is the oldest living Civil war veteran of Norse birth or ancestry. He will be 96 on July 25, and he has been invited to be the honor guest at the centennial.

Mr. Nelson was born in Oslo July 25, 1829, and came to America shortly after his marriage in 1851. He lived for five years in Chicago, and then moved to a newly-established Norse settlement at Ephraim, Wis., where he resided until 1913. Since that time he has been living with his children in Milwaukee.

In 1862 Mr. Nelson enlisted in Company F, Fifteenth Wisconsin Volunteers, the famous Norse regiment commanded by Colonel Hans C. Heg, who was mortally wounded in the Battle of Chicamauga in September, 1863.

All speakers and soloists on the centennial programs were asked Friday night to get in touch as quickly as possible with Professor J. A. Holvik at the headquarters in the St. Louis county building at the fair grounds.

Minneapolis, Minn. State
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36 BYGDELAGS IN SESSION AT FAIR GROUNDS

Celebration Proper Starts With Divine Services Sunday

Special trains and automobile caravans brought from 30,000 to 40,000 Norwegian-American people to the Twin Cities today, and by midnight nearly 100,000 visitors will have gathered here for the formal opening of the Norse-American centennial celebration at the Minnesota State fair grounds Sunday.

As a preliminary to the celebration proper, members of 36 bygdelags numbering upward of 20,000 people, gathered at the fair grounds at 10 a. m. today for the national convention of the "lags."

Presidential Party Leaves

President and Mrs. Coolidge and their official party were preparing to depart from Washington for the Twin Cities at 3 p. m., and will arrive at the St. Paul Union station at 10 p. m. Sunday. H. H. Bryn, Norwegian ambassador to the United States, is scheduled to arrive in Minneapolis late today, bringing official greetings from King Haakon, of Norway.

The celebration proper will begin at the hippodrome, State fair grounds, at 10 a. m. Sunday, with divine festal services. Greetings from the church of Norway will be delivered before a cast throng of Norsemen by Bishop Johan Lunde of Oslo. The festal sermon will be preached by Dr. H. G. Stub of St. Paul, president of the Nor-

wegian Lutheran church of America. Anthems will be sung by the St. Olaf College Choral society, directed by F. Melius Christiansen, and selections will be played by the Luther college concert band, directed by Prof. Carlo A. Sperati. The services will be in the Norwegian language.

Other Sunday Services

Simultaneously, services will be held at the grandstand, led by Rev. H. K. Madsen, who will preach the festal sermon. Services in the English language will be held at the grandstand beginning at 11 a.m. Liturgical service will be said by Dr. L. W. Boe, president of St. Olaf's college, and greetings from the Norwegian church will be extended a second time by Bishop Lunde.

The third triennial convention of the Young People's Luther league will be held starting at 10:30 a.m. in the horticultural building.

Norwegian guests at the celebration will be formally welcomed at 2 p.m. at the "Norse Guests Session" in the grandstand. Prof. Gisle Bothne, chairman of the board of directors of the centennial, will deliver the address of welcome in the Norwegian language. Prominent Norwegians who will respond include Ambassador Bryn, Lars Oftedal, representing the Norwegian government, Dr. Frederik Stang, president of the University of Oslo, and

Sunday at Norse Fete and Air Meet

10 a.m.—Norse-American Centennial celebration formally opens with divine festal services at the hippodrome and before the grandstand, Minnesota State Fair grounds.

10.30 a.m.—Young People's Luther league holds session of triennial convention in horticultural building, fair grounds.

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

1:30 p.m.—Airplanes stage three races and feature stunt flying at Wold-Chamberlain field.

2 p.m.—Prominent Norwegian visitors formally welcomed at Norse session of Centennial before fair grounds grandstand.

8 p.m.—Musical concerts at hippodrome and grandstand at evening Centennial sessions.

10 p.m.—President and Mrs. Coolidge, Secretary of State and Mrs. Kellogg and official United States delegation to Centennial arrive at St. Paul Union depot.

Carl Hambro, representing the Norse parliament.

Concerts in Evening

The Sabbath session will conclude in the evening with concerts starting at 8 p.m. at the grandstand and hippodrome. The hippodrome concert will witness the appearance of the students' chorus of the University of Oslo, and other famous musical organizations. The Norse-American Centennial cantata will be repeated before the grandstand. Other numbers on the program for the grandstand concert include selections by the Luther college concert band, Augustana college choir, and the Oslo chorus.

The presidential session, which will be held Monday at the state fair grounds, will be featured by an address at 2:30 p.m. by President Coolidge.

Crowds Arrive Early

Great crowds of Norwegian-Americans began to gather at the fair grounds for the opening of the bygdelag conventions shortly after 8 a.m. today. Trains arriving from Chicago alone brought more than 2,000 delegates. Hundreds of Norse-Americans from western Canada arrived on a special train from Winnipeg over the Northern Pacific road at 10 a.m., and more than 15,000, it was estimated, came today by automobile.

Conventions of the 36 bygdelags were conducted today in the native dialects. Each lag is composed of men and women whose parents or ancestors came to America from a certain section of Norway. The lags preserve their own traditions and customs, and often subscribe funds to aid their kinsmen in the motherland.

Morgenstjerne Issues Greeting

Wilhelm Morgenstjerne, vice president of the Norway World league, and a member of the Norwegian delegation to the centennial, issued greetings to Norse-Americans today in which he declared:

"Become a legal citizen of the country to which you emigrate and after the citizenship rites are over remember that the mere holding of such a privilege is not enough—be a good citizen. America is the stage of the world's greatest drama. The plot is that of the salvation of the world, the actors are living their parts. What the final curtain will bring only time can tell, but if civilization is to live it must be through the solution given in this drama."

Reception For Coolidge

The committee in charge of the reception for President Coolidge and his party announced today that the president will meet the general public for one hour at a reception at the state capitol at 8 p.m. Monday. All Minnesotans are invited to attend the function, which is being directed by Governor Christianson and members of the reception committee.

Provision was made today for the care of children in the Children's building at the fair grounds. Playground equipment has been installed in the building under the direction of the park commissioners of the Twin Cities. In addition to this, provision has been made for the care of infants in the Rest Cottage for babies.

Coolidge Special Starts for Cities

Washington, June 6.—President Coolidge will leave Washington this afternoon on the longest journey he has made during his occupancy of the White House, 1,500 miles overland to Minneapolis-St. Paul, where, on Monday, he will participate in the Norse-American centennial celebration.

Accompanying the president to the Twin Cities will be Mrs. Coolidge, Secretary of State and Mrs. Frank B. Kellogg; Senator Lenroot, Republican of Wisconsin; Secretary to the President Everett Sanders; Col. S. A. Cheney, military aide; Major J. F. Coupal, presidential physician; James C. White, secretary to Senator Butler, chairman of the Republican national committee, and E. C. Geisser, the president's personal stenographer.

Despite Mr. Coolidge's efforts, the presidential party will make the trip on what amounts to a special train. The president had intended to travel on a regular train just as he did to Chicago last December, but the railroad

company, on the plea of "safety and convenience of operation," has made up a "second section" to the Capital Limited for the Coolidge entourage. The train, which leaves Washington shortly after 3 o'clock, consists of the president's car, an observation car, a dining car, a club car and a press car. Arriving at St. Paul Sunday night, the party will be the overnight guests of Secretary Kellogg. At noon Monday, the president will attend a luncheon in Minneapolis, tendered by the Norse-American centennial committee. Two hours later, he will deliver his prepared address at the State Fair grounds and return immediately to St. Paul, where, at the state capitol, he will hold a public reception for the citizens of Minnesota. At about midnight, he will entrain for Washington, arriving home Wednesday morning.

President Coolidge will keep cool in a car liberally supplied with cakes of ice. He had a medical examination before starting and was pronounced fully able to make the trip.

PORTLAND, ORE. SPECIAL

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 6.—(Special.) Norse centennial celebration opened a four-day program today with more than 15,000 delegates and visitors in attendance. President Coolidge and Secretary of State Kellogg will arrive tomorrow night.

MADISON WIS TIMES
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1925

Thousands Arrive for Norse Festival

Visitors to be Entertained Today at Minneapolis Air Derby

ST. PAUL.—Tens of thousands of Norsemen banquetted Saturday night throughout the Twin Cities and prepared for the gala opening of the Norse-American centennial exposition at the state fair grounds today.

Divine services and the first session of the triennial convention of Young People's Luther League will claim the Northmen in the morning, but they will be entertained later in the day at an air derby being conducted in Minneapolis. Aviators from all sections of the country will compete in races, stunts, and flying formations during the meet.

The derby has taken on an added interest with the meet billed as a "preliminary" to the main event, the arrival of the giant naval dirigible Los Angeles, which is scheduled to arrive at the flying field at dawn Monday.

Although exhibits were not open for inspection at the fair grounds today, it was estimated that more than 30,000 persons passed through the gates to attend the various meetings. More than 100,000 Norsemen from outside the Twin Cities are expected to attend the exposition.

H. H. Bryn, Norwegian minister to the United States, arrived at centennial headquarters late Saturday. He will share the program Monday with President Coolidge and Secretary of State Kellogg, who are enroute here.

Minneapolis, June 7, 1925
**NORSE IN SESSION,
 GREAT CENTENNIAL**

**SAID 25,000 PERSONS TO
 ATTEND**

Minneapolis, June 6.—(By the Associated Press).—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.

Bydelag Meetings.

Today the Norwegians attended the "Bydelag" meetings, or "old home" gatherings.

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 Vesselaaget.

President Coolidge's address will be radio-cast exclusively by 'WCCO,' the Twin Cities gold medal station, it was announced tonight.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

- 10:00 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.—Session of triennial convention of the Young People's Luther league in Horticultural building.
- 11:00 A. M.—Divine services in English at grandstand at Fair grounds.
- 1:30 P. M.—Three races between airplanes and demonstrations of stunt flying at Wold-Chamberlain field.
- 2:00 P. M.—Norse session before grandstand at Fair grounds.
- 8:00 P. M.—Musical concert in Hippodrome at Fair grounds.
- 8:30 P. M.—President Coolidge arrives at Union depot.

Twenty thousand men and women, vanguard of the Viking-descended host that will celebrate this week the centennial of Norse colonization in America, thronged through the turnstiles at the Minnesota State Fair grounds Saturday to join in reunions held by the 36 bydelags preliminary to the official opening today of the centennial celebration proper.

They came, some from virtually every state in the Union, hundreds from Canada and thousands from Minnesota farms and villages and the sister states of the Northwest.



Heat No Drawback.

It was hot, unmercifully so on the sanded Fair grounds walks. What breeze there was came searing from the south. And yet those early centennial guests seemed unmindful of the heat.

Instead they lived again, in memory at least and in enthusiasm, amid the ice and snow of native fjords. It was of the motherland they spoke Saturday to fellow countrymen from neighbor bydelags. Sagas of the North they sang, gathered in the groups that represented the old communities left behind.

Use Provincial Dialects.

Mostly they spoke in native tongue, in dialect peculiar to province locale. They sought old neighbors, the older men and women who had been born and reared in Norway seeking news of neighbors whose memory was almost of name alone, tidings of village doings and of countryside where letters had been short and far between. The younger generation came to learn for elders left at home the little news that makes life in towns and neighborhoods across the sea.

Hundreds at the lag meetings Saturday wore again the gay garb of peasant festival. A costume deemed to light again the memory in eyes grown dim in a foreign land had been seen.

There was no set program Saturday. Instead it was a day devoted to old memory and reunion. Today there will be a regularly arranged schedule of devotional exercises and

Monday the reception to the centennial's most honored guests, President and Mrs. Coolidge.

Thomas H. Canfield, secretary of the Minnesota State Fair board, Saturday night estimated the total attendance at the Fair grounds Saturday at between 25,000 and 30,000 persons.

Not a single accident marred the first day of the celebration. There were three ambulance calls, all for persons temporarily overcome by heat, but no serious prostrations were reported.

Hundreds of children were among the first day's visitors, mothers being quick to take advantage of the playground facilities afforded at the Children's building where nurses and caretakers will be in charge all week.

Program speakers who will take part in the week's events and who have not already registered are urged to do so today at the office of J. H. Hovlik, program director, at the Headquarters building.

Members of the Norwegian Singers association of America, which has a part on today's program, were asked by the program directors Saturday night to assemble at the Yeomans building by 10 A. M. They will be admitted at the gates on their uniforms.

100,000 Visitors Here.

Meanwhile, as the lag reunions held the center of interest for the Fair grounds celebrants, thousands of other centennial visitors, coming by the hundreds on every train into the Twin Cities, arriving in almost endless auto caravan on every road, invested St. Paul and Minneapolis as thoroughly by midnight as any Viking host of old ever swarmed through captured sea coast town.

Neatly 100,000 Norse centennial visitors, it was estimated at midnight, had reached the two cities. Hotels were taxed to their capacity. Restaurants and cafes summoned extra help. The downtown streets were thronged with visitors whose badges told their mission for the week.

Many of the individual lags held meetings at which an arranged program was followed.

Bishop John Lunde of Oslo, Norway, was made an honorary member of the Gudbrandsdalaget at the afternoon meeting in the state department exhibit building. The bishop is the head of the state church of Norway with headquarters in that part of the country from which members of this bydelag come from.

Governor Addresses Lag.

Governor Christianson, who is a member of this bydelag, delivered the principal address.

The meeting of the Tronderlaget was featured by singing by the Nordmaendenes Male chorus of St. Paul and John Nyborg, baritone. F. L. Tronsdal of Eau Claire, Wis., gave the principal address.

More than 2,000 attended the meeting of the Stavangerlaget, one of the largest of the bydelags in point of membership, to sing the praises of the maritime province from which came Cleng Peerson, captain of the Restaurationen which left from this province July 4, 1825, for America. Lars Oftedal, Norway's official representative to the celebration, was the principal speaker at the afternoon session.

City Sends Banner.

A banner, the gift of the city of Sokendal, Norway, was presented to the bydelag at the morning session by Rev. S. A. Johnson, Leland, Wis. The principal address was delivered by Rev. A. J. Bersaker, Sioux Falls, S. D., who spoke on the "Heritage of the Norsemen." Other speakers included Anton C. Anderson, Cottonwood, and Theodore Gjevre, Minneapolis.

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**100,000 ARRIVE
 FOR FESTIVAL'S
 OPENING TODAY**

**Worship and Greetings
 From King and
 Church of Norway to
 Mark Programs.**

**THRONGS OCCUPY
 ALL FAIR GROUNDS**

Nations Pay Norse Tribute As Thousands Gather for Greatest Day of Centennial

50,000 Expected to Crowd Fair Grounds for Presidential Ses- sion — Canadian Representa- tive Extends Compliments of Dominion to Coolidge

A real "old country" wedding was conducted by Hardangerlaget. Principals and attendants were in native costume. Preceding the wedding, a business session of the lag was conducted and after the wedding a banquet was given. Prof. K. Eitheim, Decorah, Iowa, was the principal speaker on the program. Nils Rogde, Haakon county, South Dakota, old-time fiddler, also entertained the guests.

The reunions of the bygdelags, the "old home week" gathering of the centennial celebration, opened at 9:30 A. M. and continued throughout the day. Many of the official delegates and distinguished visitors joined with American citizens of Norse ancestry at the neighborhood meetings.

Dinners for Clansmen.

Saturday night members of many of the bygdelags were guests at dinners held in the different Minneapolis and St. Paul hotels or attended social functions given by the Minneapolis chapters of the various lags.

During the intermission between the morning and afternoon sessions of the lags, the visitors thronged to the pioneer portrait hall where hundreds of pictures pertaining to Norse life and portraits of prominent Norsemen were exhibited under the auspices of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers association. A staff of interpreters and an information bureau is maintained by the association under direction of W. C. Fisher, Mrs. N. P. Bloomer, Mrs. Ellen Foster, President R. H. Jefferson and Secretary George H. Hazzard.

A congratulatory message was received Saturday by the executive committee in charge of the centennial celebration from Magnus Anderson, Oslo, Norway, one of those who sailed the Viking ship from Norway to represent the Norse seamen at the Chicago world's fair.

Bishop to Give Greetings.

At 10 A. M. today divine services officially opening the centennial will be conducted at the Hippodrome and before the grandstand. The former will be in Norse and the latter in English. At 11 A. M. a service in English will be held before the grandstand.

Bishop Johan Lunde of Oslo, who bears the official greetings of the Norwegian Lutheran church, will read his message at the 10 A. M. service in the Hippodrome and at 11 A. M. before the grandstand.

The Young People's Luther League will hold its triennial convention in the Horticultural building at 10:30 A. M. and the afternoon will be featured by an open program before the grandstand at which the audience, Norse Centennial cantata and other incidental music and speeches are on the two programs.

Coolidge's Route Here.

The route which the Presidential party will take Monday morning from the home of Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg to the Nicollet hotel, Minneapolis, where the President will be the luncheon guest of the Centennial board of directors, was announced Saturday night.

The party will leave the Kellogg home at 633 Fairmount avenue at 10:30 A. M., proceeding on Fairmount to Dale street.

Dale street will be followed to Summit avenue and from this intersection the route will be Summit to River boulevard to Marshall avenue to Lake street to Blaisdel avenue to Grant street to Nicollet avenue to the hotel.

The luncheon will take place at noon with the guests including the presidential party, centennial representatives from Norway and Canada, governors attending the Centennial and other state officials from Mississippi, New York, New Jersey, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Illinois, Governor Christianson and other Minne-

222 Nations of the world paid tribute to Norsemen of America today, while Norsemen from all over the world themselves went back to the State Fair grounds, for the third day of the greatest gathering anywhere in the world in 1925.

Thousands of Twin City and Northwest residents went with them, all with the achievements of Norsemen in their 100 years in America as the central theme; in their own way, expressing their faith in Norsemen who have become good Americans.

The tribute was universal.

President Coolidge was at the top of the list, coming to the Twin Cities for his only extended trip of the year, because Norse-Americans were meeting.

Canadians Come By Thousands

Canadians came by thousands, and sent official representatives to deliver messages of good will.

Senators and congressmen and governors were there, ordinarily occupying the spotlight, but today just "among those present."

From Norway and elsewhere came other official proof that the anniversary of the sailing of a tiny sloop from Stavanger for America, bringing first Norse immigrants in the present era, was an epoch in the history of America and Norway alike.

These proofs, satisfying to the endless crowds of visitors who have come from California and Texas, Seattle and Brooklyn, Manitoba and Minot, filling hotels and homes, loading thoroughfares to capacity, packed the Fair grounds early today, in spite of threatening weather, after the first two days had

Brought 58,700 to the grounds on Sunday, exceeding many large State Fair crowds.

Brought religious services attended by more than 30,000 persons.

Been the scene of 36 bygelag meetings, attended by more than 20,000 persons.

No different from yesterday's crowd, except that the people shivered instead of perspired, the grounds early today were packed, but S. H. Holstad, managing director, said the Centennial was ready for the crowd, no matter how big it might become.

Amplifiers were ready to send the President's address out in every direction from the grandstand, so listeners could hear, whether in the stand or not. Indications were that before the day is over the total attendance would go well more than 50,000.

The grandstand and Hippodrome were packed for early meetings, but most of the crowd milled about the grounds, studying the interesting exhibits, or just wandering about meeting their friends. It was a typical Fair crowd.

Tableaux in Schools

Even the coming of the President, the coming of hundreds of thousands, was only part of the tribute to Norsemen. St. Paul school children were ready to form a living flag, first of Norway, then

of the United States, before the President. Minneapolis school children had taken part in Centennial program at the schools.

Talks on the meaning of the Centennial, tableaux, and Norse music were parts of the various Minneapolis school programs.

Speaking with pride on friendly relations between people of Canada and the British Empire and the people of the United States, Thomas K. Johnson of Winnipeg, official representative of the governor general of Canada, was there to extend compliments of Canada to President Coolidge following the Presidential address late today.

Same Ideals Control Lives

"The United States and Canada cherish the common traditions of the English speaking race," he said. "The same ideals control our national lives. May the colossal power which rests within the arms of this kindred people never be invoked to drive them asunder, but to weld them together more firmly than ever before."

He praised the qualities of citizenship of Norsemen, declaring that "it is a characteristic of Norsemen who have settled in America that they have come to stay."

Senator Henrik Shipstead was to preside at the Presidential session, and Governor Theodore Christianson was to introduce the President.

A Centennial official session in the grandstand today at 7:30 p.m. will include greetings from governors and members of congress of Norse ancestry, addresses by representatives of Canada, and an address by Senator Henrik Shipstead. The St. Olaf College Band will play.

Forenoon sessions tomorrow, a women's program in the afternoon, and the Centennial pageant at night will wind up the Centennial.

Bits of Norse History Presented

Bits out of the 100 years' history of Norsemen in America were presented for Centennial visitors today in 15 minute addresses at the grandstand and Hippodrome. Waldemar Ager was chairman of one meeting, at which addresses were in Norse, and N. T. Moen presided at the other, in English.

The pathfinder of the first Norse immigrants, for example, was the theme of Theodore C. Blegen, assistant superintendent of the State Historical Society. Kleng Peerson, who preceded the sloop "Restaurationen" by four years, was the pathfinder.

His work, bringing the first Norwegian Quakers from Stavanger, strongly parallels the coming of the Pilgrims in the Mayflower, seeking economic and religious liberty, Mr. Blegen said. Peerson truly is "The Father of Norse Immigration," he said.

Following that start, Peerson carried on by leading groups into middle west settlements, Mr. Blegen said. The pathfinder did not, however, bring the immigrants to Minnesota and the northwest, but to Illinois and Missouri.

Tells Story of "Sloopers"

Professor O. M. Norlie of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, told the story of the "sloopers," and their trip to America 100 years ago. Miss Jane S. Atwater and Rev. John L. Atwater of Chicago, daughter and son of the "sloop baby," told of early days as told them by their mother.

Praising the pioneer physician, Dr. Carl D. Kolset of Sanborn, Minn., told of some of the earlier physicians who have done much for their profession.

"The pioneer physician of our people differs in no way from the present day physician, nor from the physicians of other nationalities," he said. "They all are of the same noble character. As a man, he is dignified, and yet cheerful and sincere in his calling; in his work he is quiet; in his association with mankind he is friendly and honest. His dignity forbids him to stoop to employ the blare of trumpets and beating of drums to proclaim his oftentimes almost miraculous work.

"Again, I dare say that if there ever lived a man of whom it may be said, in the fullest and highest sense of the expression, that he sincerely tried, the pioneer physician came closer to it than others who may lay claim to such accomplishment.

"The pioneer physician, more than the present day man, forsook comfort, personal conveniences—all that was pleasant and good in his existence, including enjoyment of home—to administer to the sick and help those in need; to bring sunshine and cheer to those in need of it. And time and again he took of his small worldly possessions and gave it to those he thought needed it more than he or his. And yet his work gave but poor compensation—yes, even worse than that he often met with ridicule and slander."

Pioneer Pastor Speaks

Mighty in good works, too, have been the pioneer pastors, said Rev. I. D. Ylvisaker of Fargo, N. D., 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."

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65,000 Norwegians Brave Sun and Heat, Show Love of Country at Sunday Services

Hippodrome, Grandstand Filled With Worshipers—Leaders Tell of Exploits and Progress in Norway and U. S.—King Sends Greetings

Proof that Norsemen have an abiding love of their church and of their mother country was written into the record of the Norse-American Centennial to-day, demonstrated through the opening day of the great celebration.

Streetcars, at hundred yard intervals, poured out their scores of passengers

Throngs Fill Hippodrome

First to fill was the Hippodrome. Scene of immense throngs, attracted by hockey games or horseshows, the Hippodrome outdid itself Sunday forenoon for the religious service. Every seat, every box was filled. Rows of benches filling the entire floor space were occupied, and scores stood in the aisles, so no one could move. At every entrance, others stood, all through the two hour service.

About them hung banners of Stavangerlags. Dignitaries of the churches of America and Norway were on the platform. Above and to the rear was the famous St. Olaf College choir and its director, F. Melius Christianson. Below was the Luther College band. At the Horticultural building, too, crowds of young people sat or stood for the service sponsored by the Young People's Luther League, opening their convention.

In the grandstand, however, the greatest crowd assembled. First, they filled the upper tiers of seats, to stay within the shadow of the stand. Row after row, in a downward cascade, the seats filled, until hundreds sat in the broiling sun, refusing to move in spite of the heat, to hear the service, sent out through microphone and amplifiers.

Rev. H. K. Madsen Leads Service

The St. Olaf College band was ready to play, but unhappily no chairs had been provided, and it was after 11 a.m. before they were in place. Meantime, however, the service had started, under leadership of Rev. H. K. Madsen of Minneapolis.

There were times when the tremendous congregation could not hear all that was going on, but it stayed regardless, to hear the chorus sing "Den Store

Hvide Flok," majestic Norse anthem, and to hear snatches of the sermon. Those in the upper seats were better able to follow the services, because there was a constant increase in the crowd down below during the service.

An English service, led by Rev. O. H. Sletten, followed, in the grandstand. At each service came a message from Bishop Johan Lunde of Oslo, representing the church of Norway.

"Norway could not produce such an assemblage as this," he said. "It is like standing on the shore of an ocean. I am glad to bring tidings from the church of Norway and from the king as head of the church."

He read telegrams from several congregations in Norway, and said every church in Norway was conducting services today with the Centennial in mind.

In offering that proof, however, these Norsemen—Americans all—made it clear that "first comes our country, America."

Sixty-five thousand persons, Norsemen and citizens of home descent, thronged the grounds. It was striking proof. Despite a beating sun that drove the mercury upward and turned the entire Fair grounds into a sweltering arena, crowds in numbers that exceeded the average State Fair day pushed their way into the grounds Sunday. Automobiles drove into every gate, three abreast, and lines several blocks long waited their turns.

Dr. H. G. Stub Sounds Keynote

"Because the Norwegians in America have stuck to the faith they brought with them from Norway they have accomplished what they have," he said.

Dr. H. G. Stub, white haired, wearing the white robe of his position as head of the Norwegian Lutheran church of America, speaking vigorously in spite of his 76 years, sounded the keynote of the day.

"Our love remains strong for that land where life was an endless fight against a stony soil and a stormy sea," he said. "A land poor in gold, but where almost every child can read and write. But stronger than these ties are the bonds of faith and hope and Christian charity—that Christianity given us by our people.

"Norsemen came to America 50 or 100 years ago hoping for an easier and a better living, but found the heaviest kind of work. They fought Indians and grasshoppers, they answered the call of President Lincoln for men. And now this people is holding its place in its adopted country with honor. Our prayers go upward that all that is done may be for the good of our country, America."

25,000 Attend Three Services

Like the murmur of the sea came the sound of thousands of voices a minute later repeating in Norwegian the words of the Lord's Prayer, then again the service of worship. Quietly they had stayed through the long service in spite of heat or lack of space.

Thus these Norse-Americans proved their love of church and of nation. There had been fully 25,000 at the three services.

Then, after a hurried attempt at dinner, in crowded dining halls or on benches about concession stands, or seated on the grass here and there about the grounds, they went back, augmented by thousands of others who came for the afternoon, to fill the grandstand.

There could be no question about a crowd. The entire grandstand was filled, and the bleachers were partially occupied. But most of the crowd preferred to be nearer, and filled the race track in front of the speakers' stand,

the entire space up to the stand, and hundreds sat or stood in the field back of the stand. Others sat on Machinery hill, taking advantage of shady spots.

Crowd Presents Colorful Picture

A colorful crowd. Frequent umbrellas to ward off the hot sun. Coats thrown over arms, or not carried at all. Brilliantly colored gowns and hats, mingling with the light shirts of the men, made the entire stand bright. Eager faces, down below the speakers' stand, watched every move, ignoring little clouds of dust that floated past at intervals. Flitting breezes now and then was all that took the edge from the hot afternoon and made the long session bearable.

The new steel stand itself was an interesting picture. On the lower level stood members of the Students' Chorus of Oslo, waiting their turn to sing—girls in odd shaped blue tams, simple robes, the men in uniform caps.

Centennial officials, church leaders, a group of women who were part of the official delegation, sat on hard chairs, each ready for a brief word of greeting to the throng. Two by two the dignitaries of Norway arrived, in tall silk hats, long black, heavy swallowtailed coats, striped trousers, black shoes, dignified collars. They brought portfolios, bearing official greetings of elaborate parchment.

Nearly All Speak Norwegian

It was almost all in Norwegian. The variations from the rule—a cablegram from Stavanger, Norway, in English, and the greetings of Governor Theodor Christianson, a Norseman of the third generation, who apologized for not mak-

ing his address in Norse.

Inspiringly, the audience sang the national anthem of Norway. Then Professor Gisle Bothne, chairman of the Centennial committee, welcomed the visitors. Consul E. H. Hobe introduced the visitors from Norway, beginning with H. H. Bryn, minister to the United States, who brought the official greeting from King Haakon VII.

A parliamentary representative from Oslo, C. J. Hambro, said that "the people in Norway are proud of what the Norwegians had done in this country. It gives them the right to have the two tricolors flying together," he said.

Lars Oftedal, minister of social affairs, said that Norwegians wanted to send the prime minister, but could not do so because of the political situation.

"The government feels that the invitation to the convention was just like a handshake," he said. "In the last 100 years a very strong bridge has been built over the ocean from Norway to the United States, and a large part of the best people in Norway have gone to the United States."

Governor Speaks

Fredrik Stang, rector of Oslo University, gave a short address. Nils Collett Vogt, famous Norwegian writer and novelist, spoke on Norse culture.

Governor Christianson told how his grandparents came to America in the '40s.

"In greeting you I represent the general citizenry, and we are proud of the part the Norsemen have played in building up this country," he said.

"Men make greatest progress in peace times. Not arms and the man—but tools and the man."

He said that "in America has been written the story of the Norsemen's greatest achievement," and com-

mented them upon the fact that they had always responded to the nation's call in time of danger.

Judge T. O. Gilbert Responds

Norsemen of American love their adopted land so well they wish to live for it, but are willing to die for it when necessary. Judge T. O. Gilbert of Willmar said in response to the visitors.

"But they will never forget that there lies a land toward the eternal snow," he said. "They are bound to 'Gamle Norge' with strong bonds. We are glad that these representatives have come, showing that a better understanding of and respect for the brothers and sisters in America has been established."

Two concerts at night, both drawing from the best talent of Norse music, attracted thousands. Features were the Centennial cantata, words of which were written by S. O. Most and music by J. Rade Jacobsen.

Storm Threat Clears Grounds

The grandstand concert broke up shortly before it was completed, when a storm threatened, wind blowing dust through the stand. Crowds hurried to the exits, jamming the stands and roads out of the grounds, but the Fair grounds cleared without trouble.

COOLIDGE GREETED BY 400,000 PEOPLE SEES NATION FUSE FROM MELTING POT

Cheering Throngs in Twin Cities Line Streets for 14 Miles as President and Party Honor Anniversary of Norse Immigration to U. S.

SAYS NATION IS EXAMPLE OF BASIC BROTHERHOOD

Discordant Note by Kellogg Discussing Affairs—Official Party Starts East

From World Staff Correspondent
Special Despatch to The World

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 3.—The Northwest, assembled here today, greeted the President of the United States. It was a welcome of such generous proportions as has seldom if ever been seen here before.

Not only did the twin cities, St. Paul and Minneapolis, turn out to welcome the Chief Executive, but they came from the surrounding States, at least 50,000 in number, alive with American respect for the office of the President and for the man who holds it.

About 400,000 people turned out to

pot of diverse elements we could never draw the tested, tempered metal that is the only substance for national character.

"Even among ourselves were many who listened with serious concern to such forebodings. They were not quite sure whether we had created a nation with the soul of a nation. They wondered if perhaps we had merely brought together a large number of people in a large place.

"Had these misgivings been justified when the hour of trial came, it would have meant disaster to us and to the world. But instead of crumbling into a chaos of discordant elements, America proved its truly national unity. It demonstrated conclusively that there is a spiritual quality shared by all races and conditions of men which is their universal heritage and common nature.

"Powerful enough to hold this people to a high ideal in time of supreme trial, why may we not hope that the same influence will at length reach men and women wherever they are found on earth?"

President Coolidge praised the Scandinavian immigrants for their contribution to American life, but made no direct reference to present day immigration problems which prompted Congress to enact the law designed to limit the flow of aliens from south Europe and encourage immigration from countries in the northern part of the continent.

Scandinavia Extolled

Recalling that just 100 years ago a group of fifty-two persons set out from Norway on the 45-ton sloop Restaurationen as the first organized party of immigrants from that country, the President said that "Minnesota would not be Minnesota, the group of imperial Northwestern States would not be what they are but for the contribution that has been made to them by the Scandinavian countries."

During the period from 1815 to 1848, Mr. Coolidge asserted, immigration from Northern and Western Europe not only built the United States "into numbers, wealth and authority in the world, but had a tremendous reflex on Europe."

"But for American example and influence," he added, "the democratic movements of 1832 and 1848 in Europe might have been long postponed. The broadly democratic evolution which swayed Europe so greatly in the latter half of the nineteenth century might have failed entirely."

Immigration from north and west Europe gave "constant encouragement there to liberal thought and action," he said, "and in this country by gradually giving the North a great preponderance in numbers, hastened the downfall of slavery."

"An enormous power has come to you, but you are charged with equally enormous responsibilities. Those responsibilities you have never failed to meet, that power you have never failed to sanctify. Therein lies the sole title to all the glory you have achieved in the past and therein will lie the sole title to all the glory that you will achieve in the future.

"Believing that there resides in an enlightened people an all-compelling force for righteousness, I have every faith that through the vigorous performance of your duties, you will add new luster to your glory in the days to come.

Abiding Place With People

"Our America with all that it represents of hope in the world is now and will be what you make it. Its institutions of religious liberty, of educational and economic opportunity, of constitutional rights, of the integrity of the law, are the most precious possessions of the human race. These do not emanate from the Government. Their abiding place is with the people.

"They come from the consecration of the father, the love of the mother and the devotion of the children. They are the product of that honest, earnest and tireless effort that goes into the rearing of the family altar and the making of the home of our country. They can have no stronger supporters, no more loyal defenders, than that great body of our citizenship which you represent.

"When I look upon you and realize what you are and what you have done, I know that in your hands our country is secure. You have laid up your treasure in what America represents, and there will your heart be also. You have given your pledge to the land of the free. The pledge of the Norwegian people has never yet gone unredeemed."

Bemidji, Minn. Pioneer
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

St. Paul, June 9 (U. P.).—After reaching a great height in enthusiasm with the visit yesterday of President Coolidge, the final day of the Norse-American Centennial exposition got back to its normal basis. Officials estimated today that approximately 85,000 persons heard the president's message yesterday. Today's program started at 9:30 a. m. At 8 p. m. a pageant of a Norse spectacle of 24 scenes with 1500 actors will be shown before the grand stand. The centennial officially closes at 11 o'clock tonight.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM AT CENTENNIAL

9 a. m.—Baseball finals in centennial athletic games and preliminary track meets at Memorial stadium.

9:30 a. m.—Opening of Norse session in grandstand and international session, Hippodrome, fair grounds.

9:30 a. m.—Doors open to "Norse-Centennial Day" at Northwest Industrial exposition.

2 p. m.—All star track and field events of athletic games, University Memorial stadium.

2 p. m.—Concert by United States Marine Band, industrial exposition.

2:30 p. m.—Women's program in Hippodrome.

7:30 p. m.—Marine band concerts at industrial exposition.

8 p. m.—Staging of the pageant, the "Coming of the Norsemen," the final event of the centennial.

8:45 p. m.—Dancing at Industrial exposition.

The Industrial exposition program for the remainder of the week does not vary, excepting the style revue is featured twice daily.

Faribault, Minn.
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

300,000 CENTENNIAL VISITORS GREET THE PRESIDENT YESTERDAY

Reception at State Capital Marks Climax of Visit to the Norse Centennial.

St. Paul, June 9.—More than 300,000 persons in the Twin Cities paid their respects to the President of the United States in the twenty seven hours ending at 11:30 p. m. Monday, when Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge started on the return trip to Washington.

This is the estimate of officials of the United States secret service and officers of the Minnesota National Guard, present at all of the functions and accompanying the Chief Executive on all of his trips in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Visits of the late Presidents Roosevelt and Harding were eclipsed by that of President Coolidge. Never before have the Twin Cities shown such interest in an individual, it was said Monday night after the departure of the President.

Reception is Climax.

Climaxing the day's events was the public reception to President and Mrs. Coolidge and Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg and Mrs. Kellogg at the State Capitol. Had the President been able to remain in St. Paul until today, he could not have shaken hands with the throng that was anxious to greet him.

More than 20,000 persons were massed about the Capitol, trying every door, attempting to pass the barrier of national guardsmen. Placed in line, four deep, the crowd would have reached from the downtown section to the Capitol. Of the 20,000 less than 1,000 were able to greet the President in the one hour before he was whisked away to his train.

Breaks Harding's Record.

It was in 1920 that President Harding broke all previous records for public receptions. This record was shattered Monday night by Mr. Coolidge. Thousands of persons didn't get a chance to see the President. So large was the crowd that it was more than an hour after the President had left before the police were able to untangle the automobile traffic that was around the State House.

The President expressed to Secretary Kellogg his amazement at the reception accorded him. Mr. Kellogg replied, with a smile that showed his pride in his home city, that "St. Paul always lives up to its traditions."

Beginning with his arrival in St. Paul at 8:15 p. m. Sunday, when more than 50,000 persons lined the downtown streets, jammed the Union depot and crowded the vicinity of the Kellogg home at 633 Fairmont avenue, the stay of the presidential party was one ovation after another.

75,000 in Stands.

Another 50,000 lined the streets to watch the President's departure for

Minneapolis shortly before noon. Still another 50,000 lined Blaisdell and Nicollet avenues in Minneapolis. More than 75,000 persons were in the stands at the State Fair grounds when the President made his speech. Another 25,000 clamored at the gates and thousands sealed the fences and overran the national guardsmen to

get within sound of the amplifiers which made the speech of the Executive audible to all within 100 yards of the speaker's stand.

In the receiving line at the State Capitol Monday night were President and Mrs. Coolidge, Secretary and Mrs. Kellogg and Governor and Mrs. Christianson. The State House was decorated beautifully and adequately policed. Seven hundred members of the national guard and 150 members of the city's police force were on duty.

Frequent Applause.

At the State Fair grounds the scene was one that amazed veteran Washington newspapermen who accompanied the President. All of the stands were filled with the exceptions of a few hundred reserve seats, the owners of which were unable to fight their way through the crowds that blocked all entrances.

The President began his speech in a light rain storm. Umbrellas were raised in the uncovered sections of the stands. The crowd paid no attention to the rain. It was a crowd that was anxious to see and hear the Chief Executive. It cheered Governor Christianson as he introduced President Coolidge and it applauded the President at frequent intervals in his speech. It paid the same tribute to Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg.

National guardsmen policed the track in front of the speaker's stand. The approach of the presidential car was heralded by a bugler. The entire crowd probably the largest the President has ever addressed, arose and remained standing as he and Mrs. Coolidge alighted from the automobile.

The United States Marine band played "Hail to the Chief" and then swung into the strains of the national anthem. The President stood at salute and the vast audience stood uncovered. A windstorm swept hats and papers across the track but no one needed the storm.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

75,000 Listen To President's Fiesta Speech

Citizens Storm Gates, Climb
Fences to Get Within Range
of Executive's Voice.

TODAY'S PROGRAM.

9 A. M.—Soccer game, Norwegian American Athletic association, Chicago, against Norse Sports club, Minneapolis, University Memorial stadium.

9:30 A. M.—Speeches and songs at the grandstand, Fair grounds.

9:30 A. M.—International session. Speeches and songs at the Hippodrome, Fair grounds.

11 A. M.—Baseball game between winners of preliminary games played Monday, University Memorial stadium.

2 P. M.—Track and field meet. Exhibition drills and turning by Norwegian American Athletic association, Chicago, University Memorial stadium.

2:30 P. M.—Women's program at the Hippodrome, Fair grounds.

8 P. M.—Centennial pageant at the grandstand, Fair grounds.

More than 100,000 persons, mainly of Norwegian descent but including many whose genealogy could be traced to other European nations, passed through the State Fair gates Monday to witness the day's features in the Norse-American centennial celebration. Of this number more than 75,000 crowded and jostled into hearing distance of President Coolidge's voice as carried on the amplifiers from the microphone.

After every available inch of space in grandstand and bleachers had been taken, when even the limited space between the plaza boxes and the iron fence guarding the race track had become a sea of humanity, the crowds stormed the gates, climbed fences and took positions in the enclosure behind the speaker's tower. From machinery hill a few daring spectators led hundreds in a sortie and successfully invaded the space within the mile track.

For a few moments as these invaders and some from both east and west bleachers climbed fences, the guards attempted futile resistance. Soon, however, they ceased their efforts and the crowds moved at will.

Stands Well Filled.

Two hours before the President arrived the stands were fairly well filled. Through apparent misunderstandings of the guards and ticket takers, the filling of the huge galleries was delayed and considerable inconvenience was caused to many possessing reserved seat tickets. Several gates were not opened until almost torn down by the good-natured but determined throngs.

Eventually, all who had tickets were accommodated and many who were not so fortunate crashed through to find seats or to filter out into the open space. Thousands tried in vain to get inside. Some gave it up as a hopeless task; some consoled themselves by marching through the exhibits, but others moved restlessly outside the grandstand, hoping against hope.

Up until the very moment that the President began his address it was uncertain whether the rain or the chief executive would win. The threatening clouds had opened three or four times before his arrival to emit a few drops at a time. Just as the President's honorary bodyguard, headed by Civil war veterans, made its way to the platform, a shower suddenly ceased, as though in tribute to those aged soldiers.

10 Taken to Hospital.

So great was the press in the space before the boxes that many persons, principally women and children, had to be rescued. In all, more than a score were slightly injured and 10 were taken to the Fair grounds infirmary. None suffered serious injury. The infantrymen who were lined up before the grandstand on the race track aided in this rescue work, lifting several women and children over the spiked fence to safety.

Rows of chairs had been placed in this space by the optimistic committee in charge, but few if any sat on them. They made excellent places to stand, and the crowds were of such nature that they did not take standing as a hardship.

Although the day in the Centennial celebration contained many other features, the President outshone the field by so many candlepower that the other addresses and events were relegated to minor positions. Impatiently the throngs waited for the Chief Executive and his procession and not until he arrived was any demonstration in evidence. Even then the cheering and applause was polite although widespread. Many waved hats and caps and handkerchiefs, but none tossed them aloft.

Johnson Well Received.

Other speakers on the program were well received, but the strongest outbursts were reserved for the President and Mrs. Coolidge when she was introduced. Secretary of State Kellogg's speech was second in the popular choice and Thomas H. Johnson of Winnipeg, who brought the official greetings of the governor general and the people of the Dominion of Canada, caught the popular fancy with his witty remarks. Perhaps Mr. Johnson drew special favor because he is of Norse descent and born in Iceland.

Senator Henrik Shipstead introduced the speakers, but the honor of introducing the President was left to Governor Christianson. In response to the President's address, Professor Gisle Bothne, president of the centennial, spoke briefly. Then came the official greetings from King Haakon VII as given by H. H. Bryn, Norwegian minister to the United States and personal representative of the King. Peter Norbeck, United States Senator from South Dakota, and J. A. O. Preus, former governor of Minnesota, also were allotted places on the program.

The United States Marine band was an attraction. That noted musical organization played "Hail the Chief" as the President arrived and later followed with the "Star Spangled Banner" and "America."

Norse Session Held.

Earlier in the day the "sloopers" descendants of the first 53 Norwegian pioneers who came over on the "Restaurationen," held a meeting before the grandstand at which the deeds of their forefathers were recounted and at which plans were laid for a permanent organization.

At a session in the Norse tongue in the Hippodrome a number of prominent speakers made short addresses, including in their number Lars Oftedal, a member of the Norwegian cabinet, and Wilhelm Morgenstjerne, a Norwegian newspaper publisher and member of the Norwegian parliament.

Today the centennial will end with morning and afternoon sessions which will be followed in the evening by the

pageant. "The Coming of the Northmen." Many well known men and women will appear on the various programs during the day.

America's citizens of Norse descent were characterized by Senator Henrik Shipstead, principal speaker at Monday evening's Centennial program, as "a race that conquers by plow rather than the sword."

Hippodrome Holds Crowds.

"The Norse descendants are a peace loving people," declared Senator Shipstead. "They are builders, not destroyers. They are a race of working men and women and their achievements in this land of their adoption are proof of the sturdy qualities of their stock."

On account of the raw wind and threat of rain the Monday night program was transferred from in front of the grandstand to the Hippodrome.

Greetings to Centennial visitors and commendation of the traits of race that had given descendants of the first Norse colonists their places of prominence in the development of the Northwest were voiced in talks by Mayor George E. Leach of Minneapolis, Premier J. Bracken of Manitoba, Consul C. J. Bjorke of British Columbia, Major General C. W. Berry, speaking for Governor Al Smith of New York and N. J. Grevstad for Governor Len Small of Illinois. C. J. Hambro pronounced the official greetings from the Storting of Norway to the state of Minnesota. Musical numbers were given by the St. Olaf college band and the Norwegian Singers Association of America.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

World's Nations Greet Norse at Centennial

83,525 Hear Messages From Representatives of America Norway and Canada—Tributes Paid to Contributions of Vikings to National Life of Countries.

Two great audiences Monday heard the representatives of governments of the United States, Canada and Norway extend their greetings to the Norse people of the new and old worlds gathered for the Norse-American centennial at the state fair grounds.

From kings and premiers, governors and mayors, from the law-making assemblies of the three countries, the greetings came and were received with spontaneous outbursts of enthusiasm,—enthusiasm which reached a pandemonic crescendo when the United States spoke through President Coolidge himself.

Such a scene as was afforded by the huge throngs pressing into the state fair grounds from every corner stands seldom equalled in the northwest.

The actual attendance at the centennial on Monday, according to the ticket auditor's report, was 83,525, it was reported by Tygvo Oas, treasurer of the centennial committee.

It was a great tribute to international accord and amity.

The sudden change in weather, bringing a cold drizzle accompanied by gusty winds failed singularly to dampen in any degree the enthusiasm of the crowds for the centennial's greatest day.

The nations' greetings to the Norse of the "old country," and their immigrant sons and daughters of the United States and Canada, began at the presidential session in the afternoon, were continued through the evening at the

United States and Canada of the Norse immigrants, from the time their vanguard came 100 years ago, and pointed to the world influence of the peaceful relations between these countries.

With Congressman O. J. Kvale of Minnesota, introduced by Pauline Farseth, president of the Women's auxiliary, as chairman, the gathering, which packed the Hippodrome in the evening heard greetings, in turn, from Mayor Nelson of St. Paul, Mayor Leach of Minneapolis, United States Senator Henrik Shipstead of Minnesota, Premier John Bracken of Manitoba, Consul J. J. BJORKE of British Columbia, N. A. Crevstad on behalf of Governor Len S. Hall of Illinois.

Messages were read by the members of the congress of Norse descent, Senator Peter Norbeck of South Dakota, and Representatives August H. Andresen, Knud Wefald of Minnesota, Olger B. Burtness of North Dakota, Charles A. Christopherson of South Dakota, Gilbert N. Haugen of Iowa, John M. Nelson of Wisconsin.

Taking part in an elaborate program of music and demonstrations were the St. Olaf college band of Northfield, Minn., the Daughters of Norway drill team and the Norwegian Singers' Association of America.

To the music of the national anthem of the three countries the entire assemblage remained standing.

Mayor Leach Gives Greetings.

The official welcome of Minneapolis to the centennial hosts were extended by Mayor Leach, as he said, "mayor of the metropolis of Minnesota, and what can justly be called the Norwegian metropolis.

"In this land of liberty," he said, "it is right and proper that every man and woman shall love and take pride in their parent country.

"During the World war the lines were drawn too sharply, as they will always be in war times in any country. Love your parent country and love and be loyal to the country of your adoption.

"The eyes of the world are on the Norwegians today. The President of these United States has come to celebrate with you and your thousands of admirers the centennial of the coming of the Norwegians to America.

"The eyes of the world turn to this centennial and they turn away to look into the mystic north, where the great man from Norway is exploring a region never before seen by man.

"So sure as your success is assured here today so sure is the success of Amundsen. It is truly fitting that this intrepid explorer should have with him for his companion and friend the American, Lincoln Ellsworth. As America and Norway are joined here today in this commonwealth of Minnesota so they are joined at the north pole by Amundsen and Ellsworth.

"It is my belief that Amundsen will come back with discoveries that will startle the world and that will bring to America and Norway much honor—to science its most remarkable studies of many centuries."

"In the late war I was the colonel of the greatest Norwegian regiment in service and I know the metal of the sons of Norway, and I know what Amundsen will do.

"I hope that Amundsen makes his return to his base before you good people go back home so that we can prolong this centennial and celebrate the achievement of those men from Norway and America.

"It is a hard matter for me to be brief because one could talk for a long time about the Norwegians who settled this country in our northwest. We all know what they have done here.

"They have settled the greatest country in the world—they have been thrifty

and law-abiding and model citizens and they were loyal when danger threatened our land in the Civil war and in the recent World war. What more could any one say for any people?"

"The government of the United States has seen fit to exhaust its every means to make this centennial a success, and something that the world shall know about. What a great honor our country has paid you—President Coolidge, whom the world is learning to love and admire, left the White House and made the longest trip he has made since his election to be with you—truly a signal honor.

"Secretary of State Frank Billings Kellogg, a citizen of Minnesota, has come with his chief to doubly assure you of our country's esteem and admiration. It is indeed a wonderful act on the part of our President and secretary of state, but it is no more than is deserved and again I say that I hope we can all extend this jubilee so that we can fittingly mark the nativity of the discovery of Amundsen and his companion."

Governor Christianson said:

"It gives me pleasure, on behalf of the state of Minnesota, to acknowledge the kind greetings of the storthing of Norway. The generous sentiments you have expressed are echoed in our own hearts and the good will you extend we return in full measure.

"There are indissoluble ties which bind our country to yours. The millions of American citizens whose blood-ties run back to Norway would alone be sufficient to insure good will between your nation and mine. But there is another tie—the tie of similarity of ideals and aspirations which in both countries have found expression in a liberal and sane democracy. The love of liberty has ever been the dominant passion of your people, as it is the impelling motive of ours. Your storthing and our congress and legislature are founded upon identical principles; they are not only similar to a degree in form, but they function in the same spirit. Your members recognize the principle which the fathers of the great republic wrote into their declaration of independence, 'that all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.'

Says Amity Assured.

"Each country, under the peculiar conditions surrounding the life of its people has developed its own form of democracy. You have retained in your form of government the ancient institution of royalty. But your king is a servant, and a co-worker with the people. He is the symbol and head of the sovereignty of your people. Loyalty to him, which is steadfast and sincere, is based on respect and affection, not on subservience and fear. Your form of government fits into your traditions and satisfies the aspirations of your people. There has always been peace and amity between Norway and America. There always will be.

"Our interests are identical, our needs mutual. We revere your history, we are in sympathy with your aims. We revere your customs. We read your Ibsen. We love your Bjornson, we are stirred and raptured by the strains of Grieg. Separated as we are by a wide ocean and by national boundaries, speaking different languages and following different flags, we march together in every effort to promote the cause of common humanity in every movement to advance larger liberty, which in the years to come shall be a portion of our race."

Senator Shipstead paid tribute to the Norwegians for their contribution to

culture and intellectual life to the world.

"America has been built by immigrants and the sons and daughters of immigrants," Senator Shipstead said: "The Norsemen have contributed much to the culture and intellectual life of the world."

Senator Shipstead characterized the Norwegians as a peace-loving people who have "conquered not by the sword but by the plow."

Premier J. Bracken of Manitoba brought the greetings of Canada to the centennial.

"Long before the Norsemen came to the United States there were people of Norwegian blood in Canada," Mr. Bracken said. "Canada joins with the United States in the closest bond of friendship and in tribute to the Norse-Americans.

Presents King's Greetings.

Professor Gisle Bothne, University of Minnesota, president of the board of directors of the Norse-American centennial, replied to President Coolidge's address on behalf of the centennial. H. H. Bryn, Norwegian minister, then presented the greetings of H. M. King Haakon VII to President Coolidge, Thomas J. Johnson brought the greetings of the Canadian government and addresses by Secretary Kellogg, Senator Norbeck and J. A. O. Preus, former governor of Minnesota, concluded the program.

Norsemen have endeared themselves "to the countries of their adoption on this side of the Atlantic by their industry, piety, respect for constitutional governments, patriotism, individualism and self-reliance, and love of art, education and music," declared Mr. Johnson.

Speaking on the same program with President Coolidge, Mr. Johnson said that "while the love of their adopted countries in no sense has been diminished 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."

"Looking around this great land," he continued, "cast your eyes over the Dominion of Canada. What do you see but monuments to the splendid men and women who 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."

"Institutions of education and of charity and mercy abound all over this continent. These are not, however, their greatest nor the most enduring monuments of the hundred years of permanent Norse settlement. The noble monuments of Norse culture and civilization are woven into the very fabric of the national life of the two splendid nations of this continent.

"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."

Sloop Baby's Daughter Speaks.

The sloopers who came to America in the "Restaurationen," and those pioneer Norsemen who helped build up the northwest and contribute to the cultural, educational and material welfare as well as preserving the Norse traditions and ideals in this country, were honored Monday morning at exercises held before the grand stand at the fair grounds.

Several thousand persons braved the chilly winds and gathered around the grandstand as two children of Mrs. Margaret Allen Pearson, the "Sloop

baby," born aboard the "Restauration," September 2, 1821, as the vessel was en route to the United States, with the first Norwegian immigrants, told of the characteristics of their mother.

Miss Jane S. Atwater, Chicago public school teacher, daughter of the "Sloop baby," told the story of her mother's life, and then presented a shawl worn by Mrs. Margaret Allen Atwater when she married John Atwater at Somerset, N. D., in 1851, to the Norwegian museum at Luther college, Decorah, Iowa. The shawl was accepted for the museum by Professor O. M. Norlie.

In explaining how the "Sloop baby" received her name, Miss Atwater said her mother was named after Margaret Allen, a Quakeress preacher of England, who, in 1807, converted the "Sloop baby's" father, Lars Larson, and aroused him to organize the Norwegians to solicit money so that the "pilgrims" could sail to America, the land of the free.

"Two big factors of interest in mother's life," Miss Atwater said, "were her love of her home city, Rochester, N. Y., where her parents had settled after arriving in this country, and her love of Norway. She was up-to-date and keenly alive to all such movements as slavery, suffrage and prohibition.

"Her love of Norway was doubtless instilled during her childhood because of her mother's and father's love for the homeland. She demonstrated this love by always reading items as clipped from newspapers and magazines that in any way concerned Norway or Norway's prominent sons and daughters.

"She was a good daughter, a good wife, a good mother, a good friend, and a good woman. Her children rise up and call her blessed and Norway may well be proud of such a daughter."

Dr. John L. Atwater, former pastor of the Baptist church, Western Springs, Ill., and now residing in Chicago, a son of the "sloop baby," also told of the qualities of his mother. He spoke on "The Slooping Vanguard, Its Origin, Purpose and Consummation."

He commended Professor Rasmus B. Anderson of Madison, Wis., and Professor O. M. Norlie of Decorah, Iowa, for writing histories of the Norwegian people. Dr. Atwater urged all descendants of the sloopers to organize to preserve the traditions of the race. He said he was the oldest of the nine children of the "sloop baby," of which himself, Jans Atwater and Mrs. Mabel Atwater Truesdall were living today.

Peerson's Career Detailed.

Clegg Peerson, who blazed the way for the coming of the Norwegian pilgrims to America, was characterized by Professor Theodore C. Glegan of Hamline university, as "The most picturesque figure connected with the beginning of Norse immigration."

He told how Peerson, a native of southwestern Norway, came to this country from 1821 to 1824 as an agent of a group of Quakers in the city of Stavanger to investigate conditions in the United States. He explained how this adventurer and traveler made arrangements for the purchase of land in western New York, and of his reception of the sloopers in 1825.

"Clegg Peerson is entitled to the honor of being considered the father of Norwegian immigration," Professor Blegen said. "He established the first Norwegian settlement in the Mississippi valley. He was trusted by the immigrants and traveled throughout the country finding places suitable for Norwegian homes. He was a trail-blazer of the great movement and exerted much influence upon the begin-

nings of Norwegian immigration and settlement."

Professor O. M. Norlie, Luther college, urged the formation of a "sloopers' society" to preserve the traditions of the Norwegian race, and announced that he and H. T. Haagenson, Stavanger, Ill., were compiling a history of the "sloopers" and their descendants. He said that the direct descendants of the "sloopers" were more than 1,000, while there were still 18 descendants of the first generation now living, of which 12 were attending the centennial celebration.

The Rev. J. O. Hall, Seattle, Wash., spoke on "How We Became Americans." He urged all Norwegians in America to continue being 100 per cent Americans by transplanting moral virtue and culture in the country and helping to make the United States the most enlightened nation in the world. "The slogan of Norwegian Americans is 100 per cent Americans," he said.

"The Pioneer Physician" was the subject of a 15-minute talk by Dr. Carl D. Kolset, Sanborn, Minn. He mentioned many prominent pioneer Norwegian doctors and lauded them for "their tireless efforts in making the country a safer place in which to live and their work in aiding in stamping out disease."

The Rt. Rev. I. D. Ylvisaker, Fargo, N. D., president of the North Dakota Lutheran church, spoke on the "Pioneer Pastor." He cited the work of the early religious workers and the men prominent today in church work. He said the pioneer pastors realized the first requisite in the new country was the education of the people, and today through the efforts and work of these leaders the Norwegian educational institutions include Luther college, Red Wing seminary, Augsburg seminary, St. Olaf college and many others.

The Rev. J. C. Roseland of Philadelphia spoke and extended greetings from Pennsylvania.

N. T. Moen, Fergus Falls, Minn., who presided at the meeting, was introduced by the Rev. H. K. Madsen of Minneapolis, president of the Norwegian-Danish Society of America and district superintendent of the Red River Valley district of the M. E. church.

The Waldorf College choir, under direction of Professor Oscar Lyders, Anna Marie and O. Ottersen sang several songs.

in two ways. First he successfully demonstrated his popularity in that section of the country regarded as a La Follette stronghold, and second, he wiped out the odium of his only other attempt to address the people of the Twin Cities.

In 1922 Mr. Coolidge, then vice-president, visited Minnesota in behalf of the re-election of Senator Frank B. Kellogg, competing with an exhausting heat and the prospect of a horse race he was booed down and never completed his speech. Yesterday 60,000 people jammed the fair ground and, oblivious to a howling wind and an intermittent rain, cheered the president to the echo throughout a 45-minute address. On his way to the fair ground, sixteen miles of streets were packed with flag-waving, enthusiastic citizens.

The presidential party is returning to Washington aboard the same Baltimore & Ohio special that brought them out to St. Paul. The same group is aboard. In addition to Mrs. Coolidge, Secretary of State Kellogg, Senator Lenroot, (Rep. of Wisconsin), Secretary to the President Sanders, and the military aide and physician, Col. S. A. Cheney, and Major J. F. Coupal.

Senator Lenroot left the train at Madison, Wis., at 7:20 this morning, where a brief operating stop was made.

The president and his guests boarded their train last night at 9:30 following a public reception in honor of Mr. Coolidge, staged at the state capitol at St. Paul. For an hour, the president received personally all those who desired to meet him. It was estimated that 3,000 people filed through the line, with nearly 10,000 disappointed outside.

At Chicago, shortly before noon, the presidential special will switch over from the Chicago and Northwestern to the Baltimore and Ohio road, on which the final stretch of the journey will be made.

ASHLAND O. TIMES GAZETTE
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

60,000 PEOPLE IN TWIN CITIES HEARD COOLIDGE'S SPEECH AT CENTENNIAL

EN ROUTE to Washington with President Coolidge, June 9—President Coolidge, homeward bound from the greatest reception he ever received in his political career, was traveling eastward today towards Washington, there to stay out two weeks before embarking on a summer vacation that will keep him in New England until after Labor Day.

During the 27 hours that he stayed in the Twin Cities of Minnesota where he featured the hundredth

anniversary of the first Norwegian settlement in America, President Coolidge witnessed the largest turn-out in his honor that he has ever experienced. Approximately 60,000 people were jammed into the race track of the state fair ground to hear his speech, every street of St. Paul and Minneapolis that he traversed was lined solidly with citizens of the northwest.

Personal Triumph

The Coolidge invasion of the wheat belt was a personal triumph.

Valor of Pioneer Norwegian Women Hailed at Festival

World's Greatest Gathering of 1925 Ends Tonight With "Pageant of Northmen"—Attendance Expected to Be 250,000

Norsewomen of the world today took over the State Fair grounds, bringing the greatest gathering of Norwegians the world has ever seen to a close with a total attendance expected to reach 250,000, when final ticket sales are audited.

Achievements of Norsewomen in pushing the American front westward, in aiding scholarship and labor and social welfare, were the theme of men and women speakers in the Hippodrome late today, bringing to a close open meetings of the four day "fest," with the mammoth "Pageant of the Northmen," with 1,500 actors, set for 8 p.m. today before the grandstand, as the last feature of the greatest gathering anywhere in the world in 1925.

83,525 There Monday

Because almost 90 per cent of all Norsemen in America are engaged in agricultural pursuits, special attention to this phase of Norse pioneering was paid in an address by O. P. B. Jacobson, chairman of the railroad and warehouse commission, in an address in the grandstand today.

With yesterday's paid attendance fixed at 83,525, total attendance for the Centennial passed 200,000. S. H. Holstad, managing director, said today, and with tonight's crowd the total will be virtually 250,000, he said.

Fifteen hundred persons are to take part in the Centennial pageant in front of the grandstand today at 8 p.m. The pageant was written by Willard Dillman of Excelsior, and Johan Groseth is chairman of the committee. It pictures the history of the Norsemen through every age, and in particular traces the movement of the immigrants through the century since the coming of the sloop "Restaurationen."

Thousands at Church Sessions

The forenoon was devoted to a final series of addresses on Norsemen in America, while thousands turned from the fair grounds to conventions of Norwegian church bodies in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

"The chief mission of Norwegians in America has been to stock the national larder," Mr. Jacobson said. "Great cities have held no temptation for them. Landowning became a passion, and Norsemen proved to be ideal pioneers. Today more than 2,000,000 people of Norse blood in America are in agricultural pursuits. They have lost identity as Norsemen, and are true Americans by birth, speech and thought."

Farm wealth of Norsemen in Minnesota has been placed at \$1,000,000,000, he said, representing 60,000 farms owned by Norwegians. Of 32,000 acres or taxable land in North Dakota, 7,867,000 were owned by Norsemen in 1913, he said.

Norse-American Writings Discussed

Ole Sageng of Dalton, Minn., spoke on "Glimpses of Pioneer Life"; J. A. Holvik of Moorhead discussed Norse-American literature; Professor L. W. Boe of Northfield, the Norse-American church, and Professor Oscar Olson of Decorah, Iowa, the Norse-American schools.

Women's activities were the subject of Miss Gertrude Hilleboe, Northfield.

A companion meeting was conducted in the Hippodrome, at which greetings came from Danish-Americans, Swedish-Americans, and Icelandic-Americans. Dr. H. A. Bellows of Minneapolis discussed Norse influence on American literature and Judge Oscar Torrison, Norse influence on Anglo-Saxon law.

Tribute to Pioneer Norse Mothers

Tribute to brave Norwegian pioneer women, women who have hard toil and lowly service that their menfolk might build a new civilization in the wilderness, was paid today by descendants of those women, in the woman's program of the Centennial. The keynote of the whole meeting was gratitude to the pioneer mothers.

"They were great because they had infinite power of devotion, because they poured out their strength without stint of measure, because they gave everything and asked nothing," Hanna Astrup Larsen, editor of the American-Scandinavian Review, said in one of the principal speeches of the Centennial.

Mrs. Larsen took as the theme of her talk the life of the "First Lady of the Restaurationen," the first known Norwegian woman to found a permanent home on American soil, Martha Larson, wife of the sloop leader, and the hardships she endured.

Has Had Many Successors

"Martha Larson has had many successors," Mrs. Larsen said today. "There were the women who, as young brides, came from comfortably sheltered homes where they had been delicately and carefully brought up, to a land where families lived all winter long in one room, but, with a calico curtain as a dividing screen; where diet consisted chiefly of salt pork, and a bowl of common ordinary milk soup was a queen's dish. And the farmers' wives, what tales of courage and endurance their lives could show."

The hard work and sacrifices of these women has been the greatest contribution of Norwegian American women, Mrs. Larsen said, because they have done little in the intellectual field.

Bertha C. Peterson, Chicago, reviewed lives of some of the Norwegian heroines who helped make American history. Mrs. Susie Stageberg, Red Wing, told of privations and toil of pioneer women in the northwest. Mrs. William O. Storlie presided at the session.

Pioneer in Education Honored

A different kind of pioneer, who gave his energy to the cause of learning, was praised by Laurence Larson, professor of history, University of Illinois, is one of the principal addresses.

"The scholar nearly always is a pioneer," he said. "Whether he toils in the quiet atmosphere of archives or laboratories, or whether he seeks to penetrate the mysteries of life as it unfolds itself in the great outdoors, his work is essentially pioneering."

The slowness with which scholars develop among the early Norwegian pioneers, Professor Larson attributed to the fact that the American Norway drew its population largely from the peasant class.

But from these early pioneers developed many real scholars, Professor Larson declared.

"We find Norse-American teachers in schools and colleges, in institutions of every grade," he said. "Among the Norwegian citizens of the great republic who have won distinction as productive scholars are men who in their particular fields of learning have won the recognition that comes only with the production of a masterpiece."

"Fifty years ago the Norwegian pioneer had produced two books which an American scholar might care to read. Today there is almost a library of books and pamphlets written by Norse-American authors in the English language."

Urges Norse Library in N. W.

"Much has been said in recent years about preserving the heritage of the Norwegian race. The best way to submit this heritage is to preserve its memorials. Somewhere in the northwest there should be a library with stacks and shelves and vaults sufficient to house the entire literature of the Norwegian people."

The work for social betterment accomplished by 300,000 women in Norway who are gradually convincing Norwegian men that they shall have a voice in everything that goes on there, was outlined by Fru Betsy Kjelsberg, Oslo, president of the Norwegian Council of Women.

The Norwegian women have insisted on making housewifery obligatory in all public schools; they are working now for cheap electricity and have worked in the past for sanitation and better ventilation, she said. Since 1913, when Norwegian women won equal rights with Norwegian men, they have gradually advanced until they hold practically any position and have places on all varieties of boards and commissions.

Fru Kjelsberg spoke of the work for international peace among Norwegian women, citizens of a country which is accounted one of the most peaceful in the world, a country which achieved the first revolution without bloodshed when it seceded from Sweden.

Holfridur Arnadottir brought greetings from the women of Iceland; Fru Marie Michelet, Oslo, greetings from the women of Norway; and Dean Gertrude Hilleboe of St. Olaf's College, Northfield, greetings from Norse-American women.

Madame Bergljot Tillisch, mezzo-soprano, was one of the principal singers on the musical program. Others on the musical program were Alma Mehus, pianist; Otto Clausen, Chicago, soloist; Mme. Beatrice Gjertsen Bessen, soloist; Valborg Leland, Columbia, Mo., violinist; St. Olaf Male quartet, songs.

Centennial Crowd Called Best of Its Size City Ever Had

Minneapolis' Third Largest Crowd Goes Home — Clean Streets Set Record, Says In- spector John Galvin

The third largest crowd of people ever to assemble in the city of Minneapolis has gone home—and not a single major crime came to the attention of the police department.

Not a person complained of having his pocket picked, and nobody reported that excessive prices had been charged Centennial visitors.

That is the record of the Norse-American Centennial visitors, called "the cleanest, most courteous assembly of its size ever gathered here," by Inspector John Galvin, veteran of 40 years in the Minneapolis police department.

"I know from many years experience in police work that no other city has shown the president of the United States such a fine condition of streets as Minneapolis did Monday," Inspector Galvin said. "Traffic reports show two fatalities which in no way could be controlled by the police department. They were in districts free from congestion, and both of them occurred outside rush hours."

Except for the convention of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Republican National convention, Minneapolis never had so many people on its streets, overflowing its hotels, crowding to the limit its transportation facilities at one time.

"The Centennial crowds were good, clean and obedient," Inspector Galvin said. "They were courteous to our traffic officers and patrolmen. They quickly grasped our traffic rules and regulations, which accounts for the fact that there was no increase in personal injuries from traffic mishaps while Centennial crowds were in the city."

Minneapolis, Minn. Mor. Tribune
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1923

Total Attendance at Norwegian Centennial Meetings Placed at 212,973—Revenue Will Pay All Expenses

Officials of the Norse-American Centennial Wednesday were checking accounts while the homeward exodus of the visiting thousands was in full swing. The day saw the departure of the great majority of the visitors, but several hundreds remained for church and other meetings, which were arranged for the centennial period.

It was announced Wednesday that the total attendance for the four days of

the centennial was 212,973. President Coolidge drew the largest crowd, Monday's attendance for the presidential and other sessions having been 91,169. The figures for the other days were: Saturday, 30,000; Sunday, 59,755; and Tuesday, 26,138.

A partial check of the expenditures and revenues indicated that all obligations will be met without incurring a deficit.

The old people who had been born in the land of the Midnight Sun and who had left home and friends to find a home in a new country. Their faces beamed with joy as they met old acquaintances whom they had not seen since they left the old country. To them as they met and talked in their own dialect it was like going back to their little valley in old Norway. Old friends from the same valley were here and conversation brought many incidents that memory had cherished so well.

The many exhibitions showed what the Norse people had done in the works of art and industry. A person could spend days and yet see only a part of the many exhibits that the Norse people had gathered. The history of the Norse people in the school work and church work was well exhibited, as was their record in the wars of this country.

Sunday was given over to church services. Although services were held in many places at the same time, all the people could not be taken care of.

The big day of the Centennial was Monday, when the President of the United States spoke at the Fair Grounds. It is estimated that close to 100,000 people heard the President speak. We shall not attempt at this time to give the President's speech, as all papers have given full publicity to his remarks as well as those of the other noted speakers.

The cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul did everything in their power to show courtesy and kindness to the visitors. The police were always on duty to help along strangers.

In spite of the magnitude of the gathering it must be said that the whole Centennial was well handled. There were places where arrangements could have been improved, but on the whole everything went along smoothly.

Caledonia (Minn.) Journal

210,000 NORSE PASS GATES IN 4 DAYS OF FETE

The total attendance for the four days of the Norse-American Centennial celebration at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds last week was more than 210,000, it was announced last Wednesday.

The attendance for each day was: Saturday, 30,000; Sunday, 63,605; Monday, 91,169; and Tuesday, 28,199. The exact number of persons who passed through the stiles Saturday could not be determined because no admission was charged that day.

With the celebration at an end, directors of the Centennial corporation formed to take charge of the celebration for the 36 bygedelags interested, made plans to meet at once, get a report of finances and if enough money is left to plan a Norse-American Memorial 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 get started at once if funds are available.

"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 will undoubtedly be a balance in the fund."

Glenwood, Minn., Tribune
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1923

THOUSANDS GO TO CENTENNIAL

Norsemen From All Corners of America Gather at Fair Grounds to Honor First Norse Settlers.

The great Norse-American Centennial which took place at the State Fair Grounds at Hamline this week is now history. The largest gathering of Norse people at any time in the past and perhaps in the future has taken place. To picture the Centennial in a news story in this paper is an impossibility. All that we can do is to give a glimpse of the great gathering.

The Centennial impressed the people of this country that the Norsemen as a race were a people who had come to this country and had given much to this country. The Norsemen through physical toil have helped to transform this western wilderness into the well improved country it is today. They have built churches and schools which stand as monuments to their respect for religion and their desire for learning. Out of this race of Norsemen have come men and women who have made great contributions to the fields of science, literature, arts and government.

Saturday of the Centennial was given over to the meetings of the various ags. Each met in a different building. These lags meant everything to

Aberdeen, S. D., News
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1925

STATE NOTED FOR NORSE GOVERNORS

Hans Ustrud, Former State Official, Declares State Has Had More Norwegian Executives Than Any Other State in Union.

Pierre, April 20.—South Dakota has had more governors of Norse descent than any other state in the union, according to Hans Ustrud, former state official and chairman of the South Dakota committee of the Norse-American Centennial to be held in the Twin Cities this summer. Mr. Ustrud has compiled a sizeable list of the constitutional officers of the state since its admission to the union who trace their ancestors directly to Norway.

Andrew E. Lee, governor from 1897 to 1901; Charles N. Herreid, governor from 1901 to 1905; Peter Norbeck, governor from 1917 to 1921 and Carl Gunderson, present executive, all are of Norwegian parentage. The latter two are natives of the state. Minnesota is the closest rival of South Dakota in this regard, with three executives of Norse descent. The latter three of the governors held the lieutenant governorship before their election to the governorship and all four are residents of South Dakota today.

Three secretaries of state in South Dakota—A. O. Ringsrud, Thomas Thorson and O. C. Berg—have been Norwegians. The latter two are dead.

Ringsrud is the present chairman of the state board of charities and corrections. Two state treasurers—George G. Johnson and Gus H. Helgeson—have been Norse. The former is now an insurance man at Canton, and the latter, a native South Dakotan, and a resident of Mitchell, is now commissioner of insurance.

Two superintendents of public instruction have been Norwegians. Mr. Ustrud himself held that office from 1907 to 1911, and was the first native South Dakotan to be elected to any state office. C. G. Lawrence, now president of Southern Normal at Springfield traces his ancestry to Norway.

The nation has been represented in the commissionership of school and public lands by O. C. Dokken from 1907 to 1911, and is now represented by O. P. J. Engstrom.

Peter Norbeck, the state's first native born governor, is now in the United States senate. Two of the state's three congressmen are Norwegians—C. A. Christopherson, of the first district and William Williamson of the third district.

Only one man of Norse descent has sat on the state supreme court bench. He is Frank Anderson, who resigned and was succeeded on April 1 as a member of the court.

WATERLOO IOWA COURIER
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925.

Governor and Wife at Norse Centennial

Des Moines, June 8.—Gov. and Mrs. John Hammill are in St. Paul, Minn., today attending the Norse-American celebration. They will be in the receiving line tonight when Gov. Theodore Christianson of Minnesota holds a reception for President and Mrs. Coolidge.

Minneapolis, Minn., Mor. Tribune
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1925

Six Governors of Norse Blood to Attend Fete

All to Deliver Addresses at
Centennial Celebration
June 8.

150,000 Expected to Hear
Speech of President
Coolidge.

Word was received Wednesday by directors of the Norse-American Centennial to be held at the Minnesota State Fair grounds in June that Governor H. L. Whitfield of Mississippi is of Norse blood, and that he expects to attend the celebration.

Although persons of Norse birth or ancestry constitute less than 3 per cent of the population of the United States, six states—one-eighth of the total—at present have Norse governors.

Besides Governor Whitfield of Mississippi, they are: Governor Christianson of Minnesota; Governor J. J. Elaine, Wisconsin; Governor Carl Gunderson, South Dakota; Governor A. G. Sorlie, North Dakota, and Governor J. E. Erickson, Montana.

President Coolidge is expected to speak to at least 150,000 persons at the scene of the celebration Monday afternoon, June 8. The same evening has been set aside as "Governors' night," when all six executives of Norse blood will speak.

Senators Reed, Smoot of Utah, Irvine Lerroot of Wisconsin, Peter Norbeck of South Dakota and Wendell Shipstead of Minnesota, all of Norse ancestry, have accepted invitations to attend and take part in the centennial celebration.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Press
SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1925

NORSE TO HEAR S. D. EXECUTIVE

Gunderson, Norbeck, Augustana Choir Listed on Program June 7, 8, 9

Pierre, S. D., May 22.—Gov. Carl Gunderson, U. S. Senator Peter Norbeck, and the choir of Augustana college of Sioux Falls will represent South Dakota on the program of the Norse-American centennial in the Twin Cities on June 7, 8 and 9. A copy of the first complete program for the centennial celebration has been re-chairman for South Dakota of the centennial committee.

The Augustana college choir, directed by Prof. Carl A. Youngdahl, will sing at a concert in the grand stand of the Minnesota state fair grounds as a part of the program on Sunday evening, June 7. The choir will sing again at a morning session Tuesday, June 9, in the grandstand, having three places on the program and being the only musical organization to appear at that session.

U. S. Senator Peter Norbeck will respond on behalf of the Norse-Americans to the greeting to guests by Frank B. Kellogg, secretary of state, on the afternoon of Monday, June 8, following an address by President Calvin Coolidge at 2 o'clock.

At a government officials' session Monday evening at 7 p. m. in the grandstand at the state fair grounds, Gov. Carl Gunderson will be one of a number of Norse-American governors and congressmen to speak.

Van Hook, N. D., Reporter
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1925

Governor Sorlie Praises Centennial Activities

Gov. A. G. Sorlie has endorsed the Norse-American Centennial, which will be held in the Twin Cities in June and which will be attended by hundreds of North Dakota residents.

"The Norse-American centennial to be celebrated in June, is an event of importance to the entire country," the governor said. "To us who are of Norse descent, and to those of us who live in this section of the United States that is so largely populated by Norse people, the event has a real significance. We Americans of Norse ancestry are proud and thankful that our forefathers chose to settle in the United States. We are proud of the

contribution the Norse people have made in the development of this country. We are proud that those first Norse settlers brought with them to this country independence of thought, high ideals, and true culture.

It is fitting that this 100th anniversary should be celebrated. It is an event that will serve as a link to bring the people of the United States and the people of the old country into closer relationship, and assist to develop the spirit of common understanding between the democratic nations of the world."

Waverly, Ia., Independent
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Governor John Hammil attended the Norse centennial at Minneapolis this week. On his way home to Des Moines he stopped at Mason City, where the encampment of the G. A. R. is held this week. The governor spoke at the campfire Tuesday evening, and among other things told them: "We have the best government that has been devised by man. It is a heritage that we have received only thru human sacrifice. It is, therefore, our obligation to preserve that inheritance and guard the constitution on which the principles of the privileges we enjoy are built. * * * These men of the Grand Army of the Republic were builders. They have displayed a splendid citizenship and played a leading role in every department of farming, manufacturing and banking. They have been a dominant factor in the development of the nation since the Civil war."

Great Falls, Mont., Leader
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925

ERICKSON WILL VISIT ST. PAUL

Helena, May 13.—Governor and Mrs. John E. Erickson have been invited to attend the Norse-American Centennial which is to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds at St. Paul on June 6, 7, and 8. The present plan of Governor Erickson is to attend the celebration.

The Norse-American Centennial is held to commemorate the arrival in New York in 1825 of the sloop "Restaurationen" which became known as the Norwegian Mayflower.

Lieutenant Governor W. S. McCormack of Flathead county will come to Helena to be acting governor during Governor Erickson's absence from the state.

Helena, Mont., Independent
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

GOV. AND MRS. ERICKSON LEAVE FOR ST. PAUL ON GREAT NORTHERN TODAY

Governor and Mrs. J. E. Erickson will leave over the Great Northern this evening for St. Paul, where they will attend the Norse-American centennial, which is to be held at the fair grounds in that city, June 6, 7, and 8. Governor Erickson is among six governors invited to attend the celebration which is held to commemorate the arrival in America of the Norwegian "Mayflower."

The celebration will be an elaborate one, and Governor Erickson will deliver an address. A program of entertainment has been arranged for the visiting governors and their wives for each one of the three days' session.

Lieut.-Gov. W. S. McCormack of Kalispell arrived in the city yesterday to assume the duties of the office of governor during the absence from the state of Governor Erickson.

Sidney, Mont., Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1925

NORWEGIAN CENTENNIAL IS HISTORY

GOVERNOR JOHN E. ERICKSON MEETS WITH ROUSING WELCOME WHEN HE ADDRESSES LARGE AUDIENCE AT ST. PAUL CELEBRATION

The Norse-American centennial held at St. Paul is history and the Sidney and other Kootenai county people who attended have returned to their homes declaring it to be the biggest event of its kind they had ever seen.

According to estimates given out

by those who attended the celebration there were 280,000 visitors in St. Paul. The exhibit of old Norwegian relic swasso big that it was impossible to see it all. The hotels were taxed to accommodate the guests.

Among the prominent men who delivered addresses at the celebration were President Calvin Coolidge and Governor John E. Erickson of Montana. Those who heard Governor Erickson's address say that the Governor received a great welcome and that they believe that the many thousands of people who heard him will sing Montana's praises long and loud. Pete Sveta said the governor made him feel proud of the fact that Norwegian blood coursed through his veins.

Among the features of entertainment that especially attracted the visitors, was the thirty-voice Norwegian chorus that was sent to this country from Norway. The old folk songs that as children Norwegians of this country used to sing in their native tongue and country were refreshed to memories of the past.

Those who attended the celebration from Sidney, and who have returned from the trip are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stratta, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sveta, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Johnson and family, and Mrs. Emil Johnsgaard of Fairview, and her daughter, Mrs. Nick Hansen will not return until today noon or Saturday.

Moorhead, Minn., Press
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1925

WELFALD DELIVERS ORATION AT EAUCLAIRE, WISCONSIN

Congressman Knud Wefald was the speaker at a big Seventeenth of May celebration, at Eau Claire, Wis. last Sunday. Mr. Wefald will also be one of the speakers at the Norse-American Centennial which is held at the state fair grounds in Minneapolis, June 7, 8 and 9th.

After the centennial has been held a large county picnic is being planned for Clay county. It is expected that this picnic will be addressed by Congressman Wefald, United States Senator Shipstead and other well known men of Minnesota.

SUPERIOR WIS. TEL.
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925.

Greetings from Blaine and Congressman Nelson to the Norse Gathering

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Among formal greetings presented at the Norse-American centennial were one from Gov. John J. Blaine and one from Congressman J. M. Nelson of Wisconsin. Other prominent men of Norwegian descent from whom there were greetings were Governors Theodore Christianson of Minnesota, Henry L. Whitfield

of Mississippi, J. E. Erickson of Montana, A. G. Sorlie of North Dakota, Carl Gunderson of South Dakota, Senators Peter Norbeck, South Dakota, Henrik Shipstead, Minnesota, Reed Smoot, Utah; and Congressman August H. Andresen, Harold Knutson, O. J. Kvale, and Knud Wefald, Minnesota. O. B. Burtness, North Dakota; C. A. Christopherson and William Williamson, South Dakota; Gilbert N. Haugen, Iowa; M. Alfred Michaelson, Illinois.

Attendance by States

Alaska

Colorado

St. Paul, Minn., Pioneer Press
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1925

ALASKANS TO COME HERE.

Will Attend Norse Centennial; 25,000 North Dakotans Expected.

People from Alaska will visit the Norse-American Centennial at the Minnesota State Fair grounds in June, according to information received at Centennial headquarters Saturday from William Britt, Norwegian vice consul at Juneau.

Mr. Britt's letter also requests that advertising matter be sent him for distribution, saying that more Alaskans no doubt will come to the United States for the celebration if they are advised of its attractions.

Former Governor R. A. Nestos of North Dakota called at headquarters Saturday and reported that at least 25,000 North Dakotans will come to the celebration.

The Tri-State Postmasters' association, comprising Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota postmasters, has fixed the date for its annual convention this year for June 8 and 9, in order to give the members opportunity to take part in the celebration, according to a letter received Saturday at headquarters from N. A. Thorson, Crookston, secretary-treasurer of the organization.

California

Leon, Ia., Reporter
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

Richard Kolden of Oakdale, Calif., arrived in Waukon Saturday and remained until Tuesday in a visit with his brother, Anton Kolden, and his nephew, Alfred Kolden. He came here from Minneapolis where he had attended the Norse-American centennial, and then here went to Chicago expecting to go on to the Atlantic seaboard, also, before returning to his western home.

Dawson, Minn. Sentinel
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Iver Larson of Oakland, California, arrived here a few days ago for a few days visit here and at Montevideo. Mr. Larson says he is on his way to the Twin Cities to take in the Norse Centennial celebration and will go from there to New York at which point he will sail for Europe. He expects to spend about three months visiting in that country. We wish him an enjoyable trip.

DENVER, COLO. NEWS
MAY 23, 1925

Denver Norwegians Plan To Attend Centenary

Leaving Denver on June 1 over the Union Pacific railroad, a special car carrying a delegation of local Norwegians will go to Minneapolis to attend the Norwegian centennial celebration.

according to the Rev. K. Seehuus, Norwegian Lutheran minister, of 1275 Marion street.

The national celebration in the Minnesota city will commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the landing in New York harbor of the Norwegian Mayflower, a small sloop carrying fifty-two passengers, that required four months in crossing the Atlantic.

The gathering will be addressed there on June 8 by President Calvin Coolidge. The bishop of Oslo, the Canadian premier and American representatives of Scandinavian countries will attend. In honor of the occasion the federal government has authorized the striking of two special stamps and a medal.

BOULDER, COLO. NEWS-HERALD
JUNE 18, 1925.

H. A. Hansen and son Henry, of 1511 Tenth street, returned home yesterday from a five-weeks trip to Iowa, Minnesota and points in South Dakota. They also attended the Norse Centennial celebration at Minneapolis and St. Paul. Mr. Hansen reports drouth conditions exceedingly bad in that section of the country although considerable rain has fallen in the last week.

BELVIDERE, ILL., REPUBLICAN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925.

Capronites Attend Big Norse Gathering

Capron, June 9.
Among those from here attending the Norse-American centennial at St. Paul are Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Larson, O. E. Thompson and Leonard Hermanson.

Hutchinson, Minn., Press
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

—Lieut. Harold G. Peterson of Chanute Flying Field, Illinois, visited Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam G. Peterson. Lieut. Peterson had brought a flying machine to Minneapolis to take part in the flying exhibitions held in connection with the Norse-American Centennial. He returned to Chanute on Monday evening and flew back to Chanute field the following day.

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Chicago Ill
6-10-25

HUMBOLDT PARK

The evening of June 5th saw the officers and members of the Norwegian National League set out in their special train for Minneapolis to attend the National Centennial celebration. President Coolidge delivered an address before the immense gathering on Tuesday.

On June 6th the Norwegian Turners left for the National Centennial at Minneapolis. A part of the great festivities will be an exhibition by these same Turners. A special train was chartered for their convenience. The Chicago Norwegian papers came out with special editions last week, over twice their usual size.

CHICAGO ILL. NEWS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925.

NORWEGIAN LUNCHEON TO-DAY

Affair Public to Enable All to Meet
Guests of the Centennial.
[By The Associated Press.]
State Fair Grounds, Minn., June 10.—
With the Norse-American centennial celebration brought to a close at the Minnesota state fair grounds last night arrangements were made for a public luncheon to-day 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 North Men," at the fair grounds. The pageant depicted the achievements of the Norse race in America.
Prof. 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.

DE KALB ILL INDEPENDENT
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1925.

DEKALB COUNTY PEOPLE TO GO TO MINNEAPOLIS

Norwegian Centennial Celebration to be held June 6 to 9.

MAKING GREAT PLANS

With special fare concessions announced by nine railroads entering the Twin Cities, a large delegation of DeKalb county Norwegian-Americans is expected to attend the Norwegian centennial celebration in Minneapolis June 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Railroads have announced round trip rates of a fare and a third to the Twin Cities.

The exhibition, which celebrates the sailing of the first detachment of Norwegian immigrants from Norway to America in the sloop Constitution in 1825, is expected to be a summing up of the Norwegian contribution to American culture and industry.

The Minnesota state fairgrounds have been taken over by the exhibition committee and products of Nor-

wegian-American origin will be displayed, including hundreds of relics of the first "sloopers" who settled in New York state in 1825, founding the first Norwegian settlement. One of the feature exhibits will be 21 violins made by Heland and owned by five successive generations in the old country and America.

A united Norwegian chorus from five states will sing at the Sunday feature of the centennial. Monday President Calvin Coolidge will speak. On the platform with the president will be 20 old Norwegians who fought in the Civil War for the union. On Tuesday the student chorus of Oslo university (Christiana), which is touring America, will sing. There are thirty women and twenty men in the chorus.

PEORIA ILL STAR
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925.

LOCAL NORSE

TO BE AT FETE

NORWEGIAN CENTENNIAL AT-TRACTS MANY TO TWIN CITIES

Many Rockford Norwegians are planning to attend the Norse-American centennial, to be held for four days beginning next Saturday at St. Paul, on the Minnesota State Fair

grounds, where one of the finest programs ever held in the country is planned, including speeches by notables of both Norway and the United States.

Although special railroad rates of fare and a third for the round trip have been offered by every railroad entering the twin cities and by every railroad entering Rockford, either over the same road or through connections, it is expected that most of those going will use their autos for this trip.

A partial list of those expecting to attend the celebration includes the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sonnack, of the Norwegian-Danish Lutheran church, and family; Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hanson, 703 Auburn street; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Anderson and family, 1612 Eleventh street; John Johnson, 908 Eighth avenue court; Jacob Johnson, 946 South Third street; Jacob Riderchall, rural route 5; Magnus Riderchall, rural route 5; Steve Severson, 1003 Thirteenth avenue; Miss Anna Carlson, 317 Adams street; and Miss Ingar Larson, North Main road; the Rev. Peter Sonnack announced yesterday.

ROCKFORD ILL. REPUBLIC
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1925.

ROCKFORD FOLK TO TWIN CITIES FOR CENTENNIAL

Twenty Announce Intention of Attending Norwegian Centennial Early in June.

A dozen Rockford people have made definite plans to attend the Norwegian-American centennial at Minneapolis June 6 to 9, and several others are arranging vacations so they may attend.

The centennial, which starts Saturday, June 6, and runs through Tuesday, June 9, is being held in honor of the first Norwegian group settlement made in America in 1825.

President Calvin Coolidge will address the centennial crowds on Monday, and a complete program of musical numbers, including a student choir

from Oslo, Norway, and historical addresses has been arranged.

The following Rockford Norwegians will make the trip, either by auto or rail.

Mr. and Mrs. Sten Severson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Sofus Michelson, Miss Anna Erickson, Jacob Riverdahl, Jacob Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hanson, Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Sonnack of the Norwegian-Danish Lutheran church here.

Railroads are offering special rates to the centennial.

Rake, Ia., Register.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Andrew Gaard and family were on our streets this forenoon. They had come up from Illinois to the Centennial Celebration at the cities and on their way home by auto they took a swing around over the country to see more of their relative and old-time friends.

Iowa

Mumboldt (7th) Independent
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Bode and vicinity were well represented at the Norwegian centennial which was held in Minneapolis from the 6th to the 9th of June in connection with the Luther League convention. The Norse Centennial marks the 100th anniversary of the arrival in New York Harbor of the first shipload of Norwegian immigrants to the United States. President Coolidge was the chief speaker on Monday. There were 10 choirs and choruses, two

bands and one orchestra which appeared at the convention. Among those who enjoyed the centennial and Luther League convention were: Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gangestad, Mrs. Viola Granseth, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Arne, Mrs. Osmund Watrem, John Olson. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Arne, Haldor Dale and wife, L. L. Kinseth, Chris Nordlie, Mrs. Beata Kinseth, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Dale, Ole Hoff and daughter, Geneva, Clarissa Hoff, the latter a delegate from the local Luther League, also Marshall Torgerson the other delegate, A. H. Roberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pederson, Rasmus Knudsen, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Espe and Hans Larson

Clear Lake, Ia. Mirror
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

LOCAL PEOPLE ATTEND CELEBRATION

Clear Lake Represented at The Big Norse Celebration At Minnesota State Fair Grounds.

A number of Clear Lake people will attend the one hundredth anniversary of first landing of Norwegians in America at the Minnesota State Fair grounds, June 7, 8 and 9. Rev. S. M. Stenby and Mrs. Stenby left Tuesday morning, who will also attend a meeting of the Lutheran Synod, of which he is president. Others who will be in attendance are Eric Erickson, P. J. Peterson, Iver Hodenfield, Andrew Jorgensen, Gae Stenby and family. T. H. Stall and wife go today. Mr. Stall will spend six weeks in a summer school preparatory fitting himself better for his work in the Clear Lake public schools.

It was one hundred years ago in June, 1825, the little ship Restauration came to New York harbor from Norway with 53 passengers who were also its crew. These were the beginnings of the Norwegian immigration to America in modern times. Since then Norway has contributed a greater per cent of its people as immi-

grants and settlers to the United States than any other country in the world, Ireland being a close second. Today there are more Norwegians in America than in Norway itself.

The federal and a number of state governments have joined in the Centennial Celebration of the event which will be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds June 7, 8 and 9. President Coolidge will dignify the occasion by his presence and several other representatives of the federal government will attend.

The best in Norwegian-American art and literature will be on exhibition. There will be great addresses and inspiring music, rendered by bands, choirs and orchestras from leading Norwegian Students' University Chorus direct from Oslo, Norway.

The government will send the large dirigible, the Los Angeles, escorted by a fleet of fifty airplanes. The department of agriculture is expending \$10,000 in special exhibits, and Canada will send an exhibit nearly as large.

Special trains will be run from all parts of the country for this event, and no doubt many from this section will attend.

Colfax, Ia., Tribune
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925
Return from Minneapolis

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hughey and son George of Colfax, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Andreas of Killduff and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker of Ira, Iowa, returned home the first of the week from a four days trip to St. Paul, Minn., attending the International Dog show given under the directions of the American Kennel Club. Messrs. Hughey and Andreas, proprietor of the Maple Grove Kennels of Colfax and Killduff, have taken several prizes with their kennel dogs, one a German Police dog and one a buckskin Greyhound.

While in the twin cities the party had the honor of meeting President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, while on their way to the Minneapolis Hotel for dinner.

The party also attended the Norse-American Centennial exposition which was being held at the State Fair grounds and had the pleasure of viewing an old time yoke of oxen and hundreds of other ancient relics.

In viewing the crop situation they claim that Iowa looks a great deal better than her neighboring state of Minnesota.

Waukon (7th) Independent
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1925

A special train of five coaches and a baggage car carried 250 persons out of Decorah Saturday morning bound for the Twin Cities to attend the Norse-American centennial. The delegation included the Luther college band of 50 pieces and the college baseball and track teams, which will compete in the athletic events.

Decorah, Ia. Journal
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

250 PASSENGERS BOARD SPECIAL MPLS. TRAIN

DECORAH WELL REPRESENTED AT CENTENNIAL IN THE TWIN CITIES

A large crowd gathered at the Milwaukee depot Saturday morning to see their friends and relatives board the special train at 8 o'clock for Minneapolis. Two hundred and fifty passengers were on this train, and only two stops were made between Decorah and Minneapolis. The stops were made at Ridgeway and Austin. Below is a list of some of the passengers who were on this train. We regret we were unable to secure all the names. With the exception of a few, the people mentioned below went to the Twin Cities to attend the Norse-American Centennial.

The Luther College Concert band in a coach by themselves.

- Andrew Lane
- Miss Torgrimson
- B. K. Schjeldahl
- J. O. Johnson
- Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Amundsen (Mr. Amundsen is a delegate from the United Lutheran church.)
- G. M. Oyløe
- Mrs. Anna Winggaard.
- Mrs. Carrie Jergens
- Mrs. Julia Gjerno
- Mrs. E. T. Vick
- Mrs. Gilbert H. Vick, Ridgeway
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams
- Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Ness. (Mr Ness is a delegate from the F. N. E. I church).
- Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Estrem
- Mrs. Nels Korsen
- J. O. Flatland
- Miss Anna Hoyme
- C. O. Wiltzin

Miss Dorothea Dreng
Miss Marie Hegg, R. No. 1.
Dr. and Mrs. Otto O. Svebakken
Sander Bidne
Olga Bidne
Miss Florence Bureson
Miss Lillian Johnson

(Miss Bureson and Miss Johnson are delegates from the United Lutheran church Luther league.)

Miss Bertha Hegg
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. P. Haugen
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Fjelstul,
Ridgeway

Mrs. H. Aakre, Ridgeway
Mrs. Marie Bakken, Ridgeway
Mrs. Sigurd O. Hansen
L. A. Wangsness, Calmar
Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Holm
Tom Halvorsen, Calmar
O. K. Strand
Allen Realph
Lewis Larsen
Lars Seim

Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Bidne
Mons Askelson.

Louis Forde

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Seim
Rev. and Mrs. O. Brevik
Mr. and Mrs. Reier Halstenrud
Martha Lindanger
Mrs. A. L. Tyler and girl
Ole Halvorsen, R. No. 2
Mrs. Haatvedt
Ida Juve

Peter Hoffland

Miss Sofia Kvale

Mrs. Lanstrud

C. J. Henderson, Cresco

Rev. Bjerke, Cresco

Millard J. Knudson

Oscar Lequin, Locust

Mrs. H. J. Fretheim, Ridgeway

Prof and Mrs. O. A. Tingelstad

and Mrs. Tingelstad's mother.

C. Horgen

John I. Hagen

Mrs. K. Stensland, Calmar

Mrs. Norval Stromseth, Calmar

D. E. Grindeland, Spring Grove

R. No. 4

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Istad

Halvor Nelson, R. No. 2

Harold Ellickson

Marian and Jennevie Rudly,

Cresco

Miss Hoime

Mrs. Tom Rovang

Miss Helga Swenson. (Miss

Swenson and Joel Nelson are del-

egates from the F. N. E. L. church

Luther league.)

Miss Edith Daubney

Mrs. Mathilda Larson and Mild-

red, Ossian

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Landsrud

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Olson

T. T. Istad

Ole Anderson, Ossian.

J. H. Austad

Miss Alice Austad.

Christen Sorenson

G. Steine

Mrs. Norman Willett

Peter C. Johnson

Knut Lanstrud

Mrs. T. A. Nasset, R. No. 6

Mrs. F. S. Kendrick

Mrs. Frank Goltz

Mrs. A. Ellickson

Miss Clarice Rovang

Miss Lillian Digre

Miss Cora Tokvam.
M. Tolstad
Postmaster Wm. Linnevold
George P. Ode
Miss Esther Ode
Miss A. Gravce Odden
Miss Esther Wells
Miss Adel Hustvedt
Mr. Kolseth
Mrs. O. N. Handy
Miss Noble Handy
Miss Hildegard Moe
Mrs. Otto Arneson

Decorah (Ia.) Republican THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1925

—Prof. O. M. Norlie left on Saturday last for Minneapolis to attend a committee meeting of the Norse American Centennial. He was accompanied by his daughter Gabriella, who will visit her grandmother, Mrs. M. Bonhus.

CEDAR RAPIDS IA GAZETTE TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925.

HAMMILL AT ST. PAUL FOR NORSE CELEBRATION

DES MOINES, June 9.—(AP)—Governor and Mrs. Hammill are in the Twin Cities to attend the Norse-centennial celebration. Tonight they will be in the receiving line in the reception for President Coolidge given by Gov. Christianson of Minnesota. Tuesday the governor will attend the Grand Army encampment at Mason City where he is scheduled for an address in the evening.

Eagle Grove, Ia., Eagle THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

F. M. Doyen returned Tuesday from Minneapolis, where he attended the Centennial. Mr. Doyen heard President Coolidge speak Monday and was very much disappointed that the Los Angeles did not make the flight to Minneapolis.

Elkader, Ia., M... THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Those who left during the week-end for the Twin Cities to attend the Norse-American Centennial were: Mr. and Mrs. Asbjorn Gulsvig and Evelyn Gulsvig, Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Stearns and Thelma Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Embretson and Mamie Embretson, Rev. and Mrs. Tysdal, K. H. Knudson, Neva Lien, Arthur Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Thompson, Mrs. E. E. Lemkuhl, Ole Thoreson of Farmersburg. Of this number some went by train but most of them went by motor.

Estherville, Ia., Democrat WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1925

K. K. Nau says he and his family had a nice trip to Minneapolis last week during the Norse Centennial celebration. They stopped at the home of Mrs. Nau's brother, Jacob Lein, and also at the home of V. A. Combs in St. Paul. Mr. Combs and Mr. Lein are both doing well in the cities.

Estherville, Ia., Republican WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Myhre and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson leave Friday for Minneapolis to attend the big Northwestern Centennial. They will stop at Northfield, Minnesota on Friday night to attend the Commencement exercises of St. Olaf College.

Fenton, Ia., Reporter TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Jens Nordahl and Ralph Ross drove to Minneapolis Sunday to spend Monday at the Norse-American centennial. They also heard the president deliver his speech. This centennial was held to commemorate the landing in this country of the first organized party of Norwegians, which occurred 100 years ago.

Forest City, Ia., Summit THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Prof. Ove S. Olson and family left today for Minnesota where they will visit relatives and attend the Norse-American centennial. The Olsons return to Washington, D. C.

Forest City (Iowa) Republic THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Professor and Mrs. Lyders and baby daughter, and Misses Emily Lyders and Ida Lyders, left today for Northfield to attend the commencement exercises and will go from there to Minneapolis for the Norse Centennial which starts Saturday. Professor Lyders and family will then go to Menominee, Wis., for a visit at the parental home of Mrs. Lyders. The Professor is planning on attending the Northwestern University at Evanston later on in the summer so they will not return to Forest City until the beginning of the next school year.

MASON CITY IOWA GLOBE SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925.

Waldorf Choir to Attend Centennial

FOREST CITY, June 6.—Through the kindness of the Forest City Commercial club and local automobile owners the traveling expenses of the Waldorf college choir have been raised so that their attendance at the Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis is assured. They have been invited to sing before the Centennial Sunday evening, June 7, and Tuesday morning June 9. This is indeed a "feather in the cap" of this organization, to sing before the President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge and to appear on the same program with the world renowned St. Olaf choir.

FT DODGE IOWA MESS
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1925

MANY FT. DODGERS TO ATTEND NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

They Will Be Among Half a Million People There; Four Nations Officially Recognize Gathering

Large numbers of Norse-Americans in Fort Dodge and the vicinity are planning to attend the Norse American centennial celebration and exposition which takes place June 6 to 9 at the Minnesota state fair grounds between St. Paul and Minneapolis.

From Minneapolis comes the information that the celebration will be the largest ever held in the northwestern part of the United States, nearly half a million people being expected.

The celebration will be virtually a world's fair crowded into a four days' celebration. Four nations have officially recognized the centennial and celebration—the United States, Canada, Norway and Iceland and each will have its official representatives.

Chief among the representatives from the United States will be President Calvin Coolidge who will speak at the fair grounds Monday afternoon June 8. On the evening of this day, which has been designated as "Governor's Day" there will be six governors of Norse blood present and each will give a short address. These governors are: Theodore Christianson, Minnesota; J. J. Blaine, Wisconsin; Carl Gunderson, South Dakota; A. G. Sorlie, North Dakota; J. E. Erickson, Montana; and H. L. Whitfield, Mississippi.

The centennial and celebration is to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the landing of the first Norwegians in this country. They made the trip from Norway, a small band of fifty-two persons, in a small sloop called "The Restaurationen" and landed in New York from

which place they emigrated to all parts of the country.

Special Stamps Issued

In special recognition of the centennial the United States government is issuing special postage stamps of two and five cent denominations. None of these stamps have appeared in Fort Dodge yet, although a number have been ordered. Forty thousand special coins are also to be struck off by the government commemorating the centennial.

The opening day Saturday June 6 will be devoted to the national conventions of about thirty "bydelags," organizations of Norse immigrants and their descendants from the various "bygds" or counties of Norway. Sunday June 7 there will be concerts by various and nationally and internationally known organizations. Among these are the internationally famous Academic choir of fifty voices from the University of Norway; the well known St Olaf college choir, the Luther and St. Olaf college concert bands and a number of other singing organizations.

There will be many and varied exhibits in the fair buildings during the four days. These exhibits will include: antique Norse jewelry, woven tapestry from ages back furniture, musical instruments, household utensils, needle art, besides many other exhibits showing the Norse-American development and contribution to the country.

Athletic events will also be featured during the week. These events will be in charge of Arnold Aas, star University of Minnesota athlete of a few years ago.

Grinnell, Ia., Register
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1925

Attended The Big Celebration

The following attended the Norse centennial in Minneapolis last week: Bert Tokle and son Carl, Louis Larson, Tunis Stangeland, Iver Iverson and daughter, Ed Larson, Rinert Larson, Eric Erickson and Anna Pederson. There have been more but we failed to get the names. Mr. Tokle said it was a wonderful meeting and the largest he ever attended. President Coolidge made an address that will be remembered. He said he met a couple of men that he attended school with in Norway thirty years ago that he had not seen since they were boys together. Mr. Tokle met a brother there he had not seen for some time.

Hubbard, Ia., Review
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1925

Many residents of Hubbard, Radcliffe and vicinities of Norwegian descent are making plans to attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration and exposition to be held on the Minnesota fair grounds between St. Paul and Minneapolis, June 6-9. Plans to accommodate an attendance of not less than 250,000 persons are now being made, and it is estimated by some that as many as 500,000 will be present. The celebration is officially recognized by the United States, Canada, Norway and Iceland, and a large delegation is expected from Canada with Norway and Iceland also represented. President Coolidge will be an honored guest, and will address the assembly on June 8. The evening of the same day is designated as "Governors' night," when it is expected that six state governors of Norse descent will be present and make short addresses. These men are the governors of Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Mississippi, North Dakota and Montana. There will also be an exhibit of historic articles showing the contribution of Norse-Americans to the development and history of America in educational, religious, industrial and historical lines.

MASON CITY IOWA GLOBE
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925.
Attend Norse Celebration.

HANLONTOWN, June 9.—Those who attended the Norse Centennial at Minneapolis from here are Misses Palma Grove, Laura Rye, as delegates from our Luther League, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Brunsvold, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kaasa, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Burtness, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Brunsvold, Mons. Monson, Olaf Forde, J. M. Knutsen, H. E. Brunsvold, John Hendrickson Henry Gesme, Mr. and Mrs. Lyder Aasen Mrs. O'Lea Torgeson and daughter, Miss Therese.

Harlan, Ia., Republican
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Norwegian-Americans Attend St. Paul Meeting.

Marcus Benson, Theo. Axland, Cyrus Monson and son Edwin, George Nelson, Marcus and Martin Axland, Andrew Anvick, John Hamre, Ole E. Johnson, Ras Anderson, Emanuel Hansen and daughter, Mrs. Adolph Olson, went to St. Paul this week to attend the 100th anniversary of the landing of the first shipload of Norwegian emigrants to the N. S. A., and incidentally to see and hear President Calvin Coolidge. Rev. Itse and wife are also in Minnesota and I suppose attended the meeting.

FT DODGE IOWA MESS
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Larson will drive to St. Paul Saturday, where they will attend the Norse-American Centennial.

Gilman, Ia., Dispatch
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925.

Attend Norwegian Celebration

Those from Gilman and Dunbar and vicinities who attended the Norse-American centennial celebration at Minneapolis were E. D. Modhus, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Roseland, Carl Roseland, Mr. and Mrs. Osman Tweed, Mr. and Mrs. Torkel Tufteskog, and Mrs. Alfred Strand.

Inwood, Ia., Herald.
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

L. B. Holland, A. O. Anderson and Chas. T. Halstenson took the train at Alvord Saturday morning for the Twin Cities to attend the great Norse-American celebration. Saturday evening Postmaster L. H. Severson and Jeweler M. O. Knutson departed from Alvord on the evening train for the same destination and for the same purpose. Mr. Knutson returned the first of the week but Mr. Severson intends to take a more extended trip and prolong his vacation for a few days more.

Inwood, Ia., Herald.
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Inwood People Attend Norse-American Centennial

Among those in attendance at the Norse-American Centennial, held at St. Paul, Minn., were Mr. and Mrs. Hans Leholmen, Lars Watland, M. O. Knutson, L. H. Severson, L. B. Holland, Chas. T. Halstenson, and Mr. and Mrs. Christian Leivestad and son Christian, Jr., and A. O. Anderson. Rev. O. A. Berge of Everett, Wash., former pastor of Bethlehem and Our Savior's Lutheran churches in Inwood, is reported also to have been in attendance.

Jewell Ia. Record

TO ATTEND CENTENNIAL THIS MONTH AT MINNEAPOLIS

Quite a number of people from Jewell and vicinity, are planning to attend the Norse Centennial which is to be held in Minneapolis this month. So far as we have learned the following will attend: O. Ostrem, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stangeland, Torger Nelson, Mrs. Carrie Lee, Mr. J. B. Thompson and family, and John O. L. Johnson all from Jewell; R. R. Halsne, Sver Valde, Mrs. Chris Charlson, and Sigvald Christianson, all of Williams John M. Johnson, John J. Sathre, O. Randall, and Iver J. Hia, B. P. Holt and Rev. Carl Naglestad, all of Ellis worth.

Kanawha Times
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

NUMBER FROM HERE ATTEND CENTENNIAL

The Norwegian Centennial at Minneapolis last Saturday, Sunday and Monday was attended by the following Kanawha folks: Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hanson, Knute Larson, Joe Anderson, John K. Johnson, Ole Fosen, Nels Anderson, Jim Shaw, Ole Eliason, Rudolph Hartwig, Clarence and Nels Thorson, Fred Brower and Chas. Deibler. There may have been more from this immediate vicinity who were present but if so we have not learned of it.

Those attending report an excellent program and an enormous crowd in the Twin Cities. President Coolidge spoke in the fair grounds on Monday afternoon and although a windstorm made it rather inconvenient both for him and his audience he gave a splendid talk and was listened to attentively by the vast audience gathered to hear him.

The Los Angeles, scheduled to fly over Minneapolis on Monday, was forced to return east on account of engine trouble which fact was a disappointment to those in attendance.

Manilla, Ia., Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

ATTENDING CENTENNIAL

John Harne of Greeley township left this week for Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., to attend a gathering of 36 "Bydelags," or unions of groups from the same sections of Norway, which marked the informal opening of the Norse-American centennial celebration at the Minnesota state fair grounds. The celebration was arranged to celebrate the centenary of Norse groups of immigrants to America who sailed from Stavanger, Norway, July 4, 1825. The celebration will continue until Tuesday. High officials of four governments—of the United States, Canada, Norway and Iceland—will participate. President Coolidge is one of the principal speakers.

MARSHALLTOWN, IA., REPUBLICAN
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925.

E. D. Medhus left Thursday morning with friends from Dunbar in his automobile to attend the centennial anniversary of the landing of the Norwegians in this country, which is being held in Minneapolis. Mrs. Alfred Strand left Wednesday morning to attend.

MARSHALLTOWN, IA., REPUBLICAN
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925.

Miss Sadie Pederson, manager of the Credit Guide Company, went Saturday night to Minneapolis to attend the national convention of the Retail Credit Men's Association, which will be held June 9-12. While there she will also attend the Norse-American centennial celebration, and spend two weeks visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arseth.

MASON CITY IOWA GLOBE GAZETTE
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925.

IOWA NORSEMEN REACH CENTENNIAL

Celebration of "Bydelags" Features Opening of Big Observance.

North Iowa residents of Norse descent who migrated northward Friday and this morning are taking part in the gathering of 36 "bydelags" or reunion of groups from the same section in Norway, which marked the informal opening today of the Norse-American centennial celebration at the Minnesota state fairgrounds.

The centennial sponsored by the "bydelags" was arranged to celebrate the centenary of Norse group immigration to America in the slope 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.

The principal speaker Monday will be President Coolidge.

MASON CITY IOWA GLOBE GAZETTE
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925.

HAUGEN TO START HOME THIS WEEK

Forced to Abandon Plans for European Trip but Will Attend Norse Event.

By EMMET DOUGHERTY.
WASHINGTON, May 14.—A greatly improved condition in the health of Representative Gilbert N. Haugen has prompted his physicians to consent to his going home the latter part of this week. Accompanied by his son and secretary, Lauritz Haugen, the venerable Iowa legislator will leave for Northwood on Friday, and will go directly home. His physicians do not believe that the railroad journey will be too much exertion, but if the trip becomes tiresome, it is planned to break the journey with a stop at Pittsburgh or some city about mid-way to Iowa.

Mr. Haugen plans to attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration at St. Paul early in June, and he also has consented to be present at the 75th anniversary of the settlement of Paint Creek, which is scheduled for May 31 at Waterville in Allamakee county. At both these celebrations, he will be accompanied by Lauritz Haugen. The Iowan has been specially invited to sit on the special platform at the St. Paul celebration on the day that President Coolidge will be present, and he hopes to remain throughout the centennial celebration in the Twin Cities.

Recuperation Chief Business.

No other engagements which might take Mr. Haugen away from his home have been made, and none will be made before his return to Iowa. He plans spending as much of the time during the summer as possible in resting up and permitting the process of recuperation to proceed without any interruption so he will be physically fit when congress reconvenes this winter to resume his important work as head of the house agricultural committee.

Mr. Haugen has been coming down to his office in the house office building for the past few days, and has remained for several hours going over correspondence and reading important communications, but he has made no attempt to resume his old daily task of directing his office. He has determined to take things easy for the balance of the congressional vacation, and as he expressed it—"avoid any setback in my gradual return to normalcy."

Four Plans Abandoned.

Mr. Haugen has given up all plans for going abroad, as he had intended before his illness set in on March 4 last.

"I was taken to the hospital nine years ago with this same trouble, but didn't think it was necessary at that time to undergo an operation," Mr. Haugen said today. "I wish I had resorted to surgery then, and thus avoided the severe illness which I am now getting over. I have been a very sick man, but I am gradually feeling myself again, and with an easy summer and fall, during which I will spend my time leisurely in my own district and among my own people. I am sure that I will be completely restored to my old self. I have lost two full months by being in the hospital, however, and I can not spare the time to go abroad this summer. The trip may be hard, for there is much that I would want to do and want to see abroad, so my doctors think the safest thing is for me to go back to Iowa and spend an easy summer and fall getting back into my old shape."

Mr. Haugen lost considerable weight while ill, but he is gradually taking this on again, and looks very robust despite the ravages that illness made upon him. He looks forward with great expectancy to several months of association with the people of his district, and says he will profit much both physically and as a legislator.

NEVADA IOWA JOUR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925.

Rev. G. Smedal of Minneapolis dropped in the city today for a brief visit at the home of his son, Carl, and family. He will be returning home soon for the Norse-American Centennial celebration.

NEVADA IOWA JOUR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smedal and Annette returned home Tuesday morning from Minneapolis where they had spent the week end and attended the first sessions of the Norse-American Centennial celebration.

Northwood (Ia.) Anchor THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

J. O. E. Johnson, little son Buddy, and Elmer Haugen, who had been visiting here a few days, drove to Minneapolis last Thursday and from there on to Pelican Rapids, Minn., where they met Mrs. J. O. E. Johnson and daughter Mary Elizabeth, and Mrs. G. I. Kaasa and Mrs. A. O. Johnson. The ladies had gone on to Pelican Rapids to visit relatives after attending the Norse Centennial at Minneapolis. Elmer Haugen remained with his parents at Pelican Rapids and the rest all returned here Monday except Mary Elizabeth who stopped off at St. Paul to visit friends for a few days.

Northwood, Ia., Anchor THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

L. O. Brown, of Osage, and his brother-in-law, J. K. Ofsthus, of this city, drove to Hamline Saturday to attend the Norse Centennial, returning early Tuesday. The Anchor has not learned how many persons took off their hats to Mr. Brown but it is a fact frequently commented upon that "Louie" and President Coolidge look very much alike.

Onawa, Ia., Sentinel THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925 TO ATTEND NORSE-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

E. C. Moen and son Virgil, O. C. Bakke, Mr. and Mrs. Sever Jetmundson and Rev. Rosland are among those from here who will be in attendance at the Norse Centennial celebration which will be held in Minneapolis next week.

Paullina (Ia.) Times THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

George Axdahl and John Meling will be among the Paullina folks who will attend the Norse-American centennial at St. Paul next week. After the close of the centennial they will leave for New York City from where they will take boat for Norway. Mr. Axdahl will visit with his stepmother, a sister and a brother and with other more distant relatives. It has been twenty-two years since he has been in Norway to see his folks.

Redcliffe (Ia.) Signal FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

P. T. Friest and children left yesterday for a ten days visit with relatives in Minnesota and will also attend the Norse Centennial celebration in Minneapolis. They will visit Adolph Friest and family at Swea City, Joe Friest and family at Mankato and the Albert Friest family at Cosmos.

Sioux Rapids (Ia.) Press THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

A number of the Rembrandt people who attended the Norse Centennial returned Wednesday evening and others returned Friday while a few remained over Sunday. It is estimated that President Coolidge addressed a gathering of over 100,000 people on Monday and altogether the Centennial was most successful.

Sioux Falls (S.D.) Dispatch THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

E. G. Sando and family and Martin Jensen and family left last Friday morning for Minneapolis to attend the Norse Centennial celebration. They were both fortunate in having relatives and friends in the cities to stay with during their visit because hotels were crowded to capacity during the celebration and rates were exorbitant.

Rock Rapids (Ia.) Review THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Karl Sater leaves this week for the Twin Cities to attend the Norse-American centennial celebration. It was just 100 years ago that the first Norwegian immigrants landed in the United States, the vanguard of hundreds of thousands of fine men and women who later came to this country to seek their fortunes and to make good citizens. The immigrants of 1825 settled on a tract of land in Orleans, N. Y. The celebration in the Twin Cities will be made notable by the attendance of President Coolidge, who is to speak on June 8.

AMES IA TRIBUNE & TIMES TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1925

Quite a few from Roland are planning to attend the Norse-American centennial celebration at the Minnesota state fair June 6 to 9.

Roland (Ia.) Record THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925 MANY ATTEND CENTENNIAL

Quite a large number from here were in attendance at the Norse-American Centennial celebrated in the Twin Cities on June 7, 8, and 9. The list as near as we have been able to get it includes the following:

Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Sumstad, K. K. Teig, T. J. Jacobson, Iver Johnson, S. H. Twedt, Abel H. Twedt, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Peterson, Marjorie and Jeffrey Peterson, W. T. Andrew and Leonard Wierson, Mrs. Jacob Erickson, Miss Selma Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Selvig, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Anenson, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hemmes, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Savim, Lewis Savim, J. J. Hill, J. O. and John Josen-dal, L. Shaffand, L. M. Olson, Mrs. Eli N. Nelson, Tollef T. Thompson, Ben Swenson, Tom and Martin Evans, Miss Betsey Evans, O. M. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Knudtson, M. O. Rod, A. L. Boyd, A. b. Shold, T. A.

Sorem and O. J. Severeide.

Among those from McCallsburg in attendance were O. J. Solyst, T. O. Hegland, and A. Hougen, and from Story City, Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Myrah, Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Heimarek, P. A. Olson and T. T. Henryson.

Rolfe, Ia., Arrow THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925 Helvigs Have Fine Trip

The M. I. Helvig family left Friday for the Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis. They camped one night at Minnehaha Falls, then journeyed on to the Fair Grounds, where the big celebration was held. Sunday the St. Olaf's band and orchestra of Northfield, Minn., was heard in concerts, and church services were held in both English and Norwegian. Monday was the big day, with 250,000 in attendance. Lutheran representatives were present from all over the United States, Canada, and Norway. President Coolidge made an address and the U. S. Marine Band played a fine concert. Four Hundred school children dressed in red, white and blue, marched and counter marched to form the Norwegian flag, and then by a quick manouever changed it to the Stars and Stripes. Tuesday a chorus of fifty voices direct from Norway furnished entertainment. A fine arrangement was made for the visitors to find their old friends and relatives. Each county or province of Norway was represented with a lodge or tepee labeled with the name of the province, and visitors were asked to register at the lodge representing their province, or place of nativity, and a representative from that province in Norway was there to tell them about their relatives and friends of the old country. There were thirty-seven of these lodges. Mrs. Helvig found some of her cousins and many old friends, as did also the Simonsons and Mr. and Mrs. Haldar Dale.

Rolfe, Ia., Arrow WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Osterhus and daughter, Lenora Osterhus, Mr. Tore Amundson and Harold Wigdahl were in attendance at the Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis last week. They enjoyed the event very much, though they were unable to hear much of President Coolidge's speech, due to the strong wind. Dr. Oliver Wigdahl and family of Mason City were also present.

Sheffield, Ia., Press THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Al Ingebretson went to Minneapolis Friday and returned Tuesday after attending the Norse-American Centennial celebration held there at that time. He says that the fair grounds were as crowded as they are at the state fair. He also had the privilege of seeing President Coolidge and hearing him make his address.

Sibley (Iowa) Herald THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

KOOPMAN SEES PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AT ST. PAUL

Attorney E. H. Koopman was in St. Paul Sunday and had the privilege of seeing President Coolidge, when he arrived Sunday evening to attend the Morse Centennial, where he delivered an address Monday.

Mr. Koopman says an immense crowd gathered at the depot to welcome the nation's chief executive and the city was filled with people from all over the world, who came to attend the centennial event.

SIoux CITY IOWA JOUR FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925.

Auto Party to Go to Norse Centennial

Mr. and Mrs. Luverne Sigmond, their son, Roland, and Frederick Wick will leave by automobile Saturday morning for Minneapolis to attend the Norse-American centennial. Mr. Wick will serve as director of the centennial chorus. Dr. and Mrs. George Ingledue and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Showalter will accompany the party.

SIoux CITY IOWA JOUR SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1925.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO CELEBRATION

200 Sioux Cityans off to Attend Norwegian Centennial.

About 200 Sioux Cityans of Norwegian descent departed on a special train at 11 p. m. Friday night for Minneapolis where they attended the opening ceremonies of the Norse centennial celebration Saturday.

The Sioux Cityans occupied four special coaches. At Worthington, Minn., four more cars were added to the special train which arrived in Minneapolis at 7:45 o'clock Saturday morning.

O. C. Scherer, general agent for the Omaha road, over which the special train was routed, said that no arrangements had been made for a return special train, as the Sioux City delegates expect to return at various times as the centennial progresses. The celebration will continue until Tuesday.

Story City (Ia.) Herald THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925 Going to the Centennial

Among those who have reported themselves as on the way or soon to go to the Norse Centennial in Minneapolis are the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Erickson
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Henderson
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Myrah
Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Andersen
T. T. Henryson
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ericsen
T. T. Holm
Miss Christine Hanson
Miss Rachel Vangness
T. E. Rafdal
Edwin Olson
Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Heimarek
Rev. and Mrs. Paulsrud
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boyd
Hans L. Valen
Mrs. Belle Thompson

Story City (Ia.) Herald THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

Oscar Henderson drove to the centennial in Minneapolis and also drove back. Those who should know say that he came back in another car, that he made a mistake in Fords. Oscar says he should worry. The car he came back in is as good as the one he went up in. He does think, however, that Henry Ford ought to make a larger variety—say about fifty-seven—then it would be a little easier to pick out your own in a million or so.

Story City (Ia.) Herald THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

M. M. Teigland of Randall among the many people we met at the Centennial in Minneapolis. He had just got back from North Dakota, where he had visited the Skorpen family, and left them well and happy and with a prospect of a good wheat crop. Plenty of rain up there, he said.

Waukon (Ia.) Democrat THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

Among those who have gone to Minneapolis to attend the Norse-American centennial celebration are Albert Hagen, Eric Gjeffe, H. H. Larson, Ed. Hagen, Gregor Hogstul and son Oscar, and Mrs. C. C. Gran.

NEVADA IOWA JOUR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Smedal and Annette and Mrs. Smedal's mother, Mrs. Handeard of Roland, expect to drive to Minneapolis Saturday and will visit at the Smedal home there while attending the Norse-American Centennial celebration.

Waukon (Ia.) Democrat.
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1925

Waterville

Abner Hendrickson, who is a student at Luther college, will have the pleasure of accompanying the college band on a Pacific coast tour which commences with a three-day engagement at the ~~Norse American Centennial~~ at Minneapolis. From there the band goes west on the Northern Pacific and will return via the Great Northern road. The entire trip will occupy nearly two months and they will visit over fifty of the large cities in the west and other places of interest.

WEBSTER CITY IA FREEMAN JOUR
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925.

Mrs. Martin Olsson, Mrs. George Nelson and daughter, Miss Joyce Nelson, ~~departed~~ left for Minneapolis last week, leaving here Tuesday morning. Miss Joyce went as a delegate to the Luther League convention. They also planned to attend the Norse centennial, while in the city and enroute they will spend several week visiting with relatives and friends.

WEBSTER CITY IA FREEMAN JOUR
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925.

Arthur J. Nelson, Mrs. Carrie Lee and Miss Emma Lee left overland this morning for Minneapolis and St. Paul where they will spend a week at the Norse-American celebration.

Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

Mrs. E. A. Elliott and two grandchildren left Sunday night for Minneapolis, Minn. The children have spent the past few months with their grandparents and are now returning home. Mrs. Elliott planned to attend the Norse-American ~~Centennial~~ Celebration at the twin cities and will probably be gone two weeks.

Kansas

Everett to ~~Everett~~

JUNE 11, 1925.

Mr. and Mrs Otto Dahl and Mrs. B. F. Torkleson left last Friday for Minneapolis, Minn., to attend the one hundred anniversary of the arrival the Norsemen to America.

Minnesota

Ada, Minn., Herald WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

Supt. of Schools E. K. Sampson leaves tomorrow for Minneapolis to attend the Norse-American Centennial. Mr. Sampson has been selected to take charge of Norman County for one day at the Centennial.

Ada (Minn.) Index THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Attended Centennial—O. P. Rognes and Martin Anderson and party were in Ada yesterday enroute to their homes in Hendrum after spending several days at the Norse Centennial in Minneapolis. They made the trip by auto and the only bad roads enroute were between Mahanomen and Ada.

Adams (Minn.) Review THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Adams was well represented at the Norse Centennial at St. Paul the following were there: Mr. C. K. Hegge, Mr. Hovland, N. V. Torgerson, John Lewison, M. and Mrs. Ole Bergene, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Benson, Ed. Boe, Loui Asper, Theo. Gullickson, Joh Boyum, A. Torgerson, Rev. and Mrs. Brenna, Alger Thune, Tilman Hawkins, Ole Uglum, Knut Gurvin, and daughter Nellie, M. Ole Alrick, Ray Willinger, Mis Anna Uglum, Mr. Lars Slindet, Ole A. Ulven, A. O. Austinson, Ole Qualey, Jr., Anfen Amble, and the Kolass sisters.

Aitkin, Minn., Republican FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Carlson will go to St. Paul Saturday morning to be present Sunday night at the baccalaureate services to be held in honor of Macalester College graduates. Their son, Paul Carlson, is a member of the class completing college courses. Rev. and Mrs. Carlson will remain over Wednesday, on the morning of which day commencement exercises will be held. They also plan to attend various events at the Norse-American Centennial celebration.

Albert Lea, Minn., Tribune FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Back From Cities—M. G. Boyd and Julius Thomposn went to the Twin Cities for the Norse Centennial. They heard President Coolidge and as Boyd met a number of friends whom he had not seen for forty years. Both men enjoyed the trip very much.

Albert Lea, Minn., Tribune FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Visit in Twin Cities—Mr. and Mrs. Jens O. Jordahl, Valborg and Orville, also Mr. O. K. Wangen and daughter, Ellen, returned from the cities last Wednesday evening, after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ingebritson in Northeast Minneapolis. While there, they also attended the Norse Centennial celebration at the fair grounds. They report a very good time.

Albert Lea, Minn., Tribune SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1925

Visiting Here—Miss Laura Simonson and Miss Laura Johnstad, former teachers at the Luther academy, returned home with Mrs. J. H. Myrwan from St. Paul yesterday noon. They have been attending the Norse-American centennial. They visited at the home of Charles Ackland, 317 Charles street. The teachers will visit a few days at the Myrwan home before returning to St. Paul.

Appleton, Minn., Press FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Many From Here Attend Centennial

A list of visitors from this community to the Norse-American Centennial at the state fair grounds from Saturday until Tuesday, would be near to a complete directory of residents here who are of Norse birth and ancestry, together with numerous other persons attracted to the scene of events by the importance of the occasion and the excellence of the program.

Every day of last week marked the departure of numerous visitors to the event, and every day of this week has seen the return of a portion of those in attendance. Individual statements are to the effect that it will be marked as the event of a life time.

Argyle (Minn.) Banner THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Among those who went from Argyle to attend the Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis this week were: O. L. McFarland and daughter, Miss Adele, Lauritz Melgaard of Kennedy, Christ Solum, Miss Nora Skarstad, Henry Larson, Clarence Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Skarstad, H. P. Krogh. Mr. Krogh will also attend the Lutheran church convention while in the cities as a delegate from Our Saviors Lutheran church of Argyle.

Aitkin, Minn., Age SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1925

Mrs. L. J. Foss and son, Roy Foss, of Glendive, Montana, mother and brother of Mrs. Chas. Lowrey, attended the Norse Centennial in Minneapolis and then came to Aitkin the first of the week for a visit at the Lowrey home. Mr. Foss returned home the middle of the week but Mrs. Foss will visit here until the last of next week. Miss Ina Foss, Mrs. Lowrey's sister, also of Glendive, came to Aitkin Monday from Hibbing where she had been visiting and leaves for Montana to-morrow.

Atwater (Minn.) Press FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

MANY FROM HERE AT CENTENNIAL

Atwater and Vicinity Well Represented Among Thousands Who Greeted Coolidge.

Atwater and vicinity were well represented at the Norse-American Centennial held on the state fair grounds Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. On Monday especially many were present from this section who were not members of the "Lagets" that were represented there, the big drawing card being the visit of President Calvin Coolidge. Another big attraction was the giant airship, Los Angeles, which however, failed to appear and this proved a big disappointment.

Practically all the members of the Selbo Laget from this section were in attendance, especially at this society's meeting held on Saturday. P. P. Hovey was re-elected president.

Monday's attendance, which was the biggest during the four days' celebration, was estimated at 75,000 by the city papers. It was a big day for everybody and in spite of the disagreeable weather the thousands of people remained on the grounds and enjoyed the days' doings.

The principal exhibit on the grounds was that at the women's building, where many Norse relics in art and other lines were shown in an immense historical exhibit. The full-sized model of the Norwegian sloop "Restaurationen," erected on the grounds, was one of the big attractions.

Many notables in both America and Norway took part in the daily programs and the song festivals and other musical features were very enjoyable events.

Albany (Minn.) Press
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

N. L. Larson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Larson and Mrs. Hoyer Mickelson, motored to the cities Monday morning to be visitors at the Norse-American Centennial celebration. They returned Tuesday with the exception of the latter who remained for a longer visit at the homes of members of her family.

Mrs. Helen Johnson, Miss Addie Glader, and Mrs. B. A. Holm were in attendance last week Thursday at the Women's Home and Foreign Mission

Austin, Minn., Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olson, who drove to the Norse Centennial, stopped on the way to visit a daughter at Austin. They also called on relatives at St. Croix Falls and spent some time at Interstate Park, which is located near that city and across the river at Taylor's Falls on the Minnesota side. The park, they say, is a wonderful place.

Austin, Minn., Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Rev. H. Noss and family returned yesterday from the Twin Cities after attending the Norse-American Centennial. Rev. Noss will conduct services as usual at St. Olaf Lutheran church at 10:30 Sunday morning.

Beaver (Minn.) Independent
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Among the Bagley people who attended the Norse-American Centennial were: Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Renne and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carlson, Mrs. G. Olson and daughter, Agnes, Rev. A. Sorenson, N. O. Nelson, John Oversea and son Alfred, S. M. Bugge, Olof Olson, E. Sletten, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lee and family, Mrs. Anna Leet and children, Mrs. Wick and daughter, Anna, Mrs. A. J. Higdem and son, Winden, Gilbert Tollefson and daughter, Clara, accompanied by Anna Lindgren.

Beaver (Minn.) Review
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925
CENTENNIAL VISITORS

Among those from this vicinity who attended the Norse-American Centennial in the twin cities this week were: Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Solum and daughter Ruth, P. O. Solum and family, M. L. Felde and son George, Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Romness, Attorney and Mrs. N. B. Hanson, son Jimmy and daughter Sarah, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Tweeton and daughter Ruth, Hon. and Mrs. S. P. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Stuveland, Ole Spillum, Ole Fjar, John Stromness, Mrs. N. Wefflen, John Thingvold, Edward Anderson P. E. Melbostad Mrs. L. M. Norby, Loren Norby, Stella Norby, Dora Pederson, Mr. and Mrs. Rube Wohlwend, Hans Solum, Mr. and Mrs. Hartvig Nelson.

Beaver (Minn.) Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

—Hon. Wm. L. Carrs of Proctor, member of congress from this district, was a caller at The Herald office last Tuesday afternoon. He was on his way home from the twin cities, where he had been attending the Norse Centennial celebration. Mr. Carrs has strong faith in the policies of President Coolidge and has pledged himself to use his influence to help carry them out. He says that the president unquestionably has the confidence of a very large majority of the American people to a greater extent than any public official he has ever known.

Baudette, Minn., Region
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1925

MANY FROM BAUDETTE ARE GOING TO THE NORSE FETE

Although the Norwegian Centennial celebration does not open in the Twin Cities until early in June, many Norwegian residents of Baudette and vicinity are already making plans to be present, and it is likely that fifty or sixty will go from this section. President Coolidge is to be one of the speakers.

Baudette, Minn., Region
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

MISS NORTHEY TO TEACH IN THE WEST

Miss Northey, principal of the Spooner school, left Thursday afternoon for Minneapolis, where she will take in the Norse Centennial. She was accompanied by Mesdames C. O. Ness and Ole Noss of this village. We understand that Miss Northey will leave for California soon to take a summer course in the University and that she will teach in that state this year.

Beaver (Minn.) Independent
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Among those from this community in attendance at the Norse-American Centennial celebration held in Minneapolis were: Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Aldrich and Herriek, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Simpson and Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sandager and Florence, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hagen and family, Mrs. K. Granne, And. Solberg, Hallward and Carl Holt, Sam Holt and Arthur, Oscar Johnson, Andrew Omtvedt, Bertha and Selma Holt, Alice Boklep, Gunder Holt, Ole Flaata, Ole Kittlesland, L. K. Eide, Christ Mardahl, Jacob

Stokke, Bert Knutson, Halvor Tufto, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. Marie Monson and Inga, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Enestvedt and Harold, Halvor Huseby, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lyslo, Carl Peterson, C. O. Gimmetstad, Mr. and Mrs. Knute Hegdal and Pearly

Beaver (Minn.) Independent
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Gimmetstad and Walter drove to Northfield Friday to be present at the St. Olaf College graduation exercises, their son Alfred being a member of the class finished at this time. They went to the cities from Northfield to attend the Norse-Centennial. Alfred and Walter accompanied by Albert Monson came home from the cities Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kittil Johnson and Oscar drove to Mankato Friday to get their daughter, Minnie Jacobson, and go to Northfield where they attended the graduation exercises of St Olaf College. John Johnson was a member of the graduating class. From Northfield they drove to Minneapolis to attend the Norse Centennial, returning Tuesday by way of Mankato where Minnie remained to complete her course in the Mankato State Normal. She has accepted a position to teach in the public school at Echo the coming school year. John has been elected to a position in the schools at Claremont, South Dakota.

Beaver (Minn.) Independent
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Anderson, Mrs. Andrew Monson and Evelyn, left Friday morning for Northfield to attend the graduation exercises at St. Olaf College, Albert Monson being a member of the graduating class. They, also, attended the Norse Celebration in Minneapolis, Evelyn being a delegate to the centennial.

Review (Minn.) Independent
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rierson and Gyda, Anders C. Grannes, Florence C. Hagen and Mrs. Martin Strandjord left Friday for Minneapolis where they attended the Norse-American Centennial enroute to New York from whence they leave today aboard the ship "Stavangerfjord" sailing for Norway.

Bemidji, Minn. Pioneer
SATURDAY, JUNE 6 1925

Miss Stella Hilleboe of the college faculty and her mother left last night for the twin cities where they will attend the Norse-American centennial with her sister and husband, Governor and Mrs. A. C. Sofie of Bismarck, N. D., and from there will return home with them for a visit. Miss Hilleboe will accompany them on a trip east where the Governor will attend a Governor's meeting, and Mrs. Hilleboe will remain in Bismarck while they are gone.

Bemidji, Minn. Pioneer
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1925

T. J. Nygaard, who attended the Norse-American Centennial in Minneapolis, returned home Friday evening. He reported a very enjoyable trip, having met friends from Norway whom he had not seen since he left there twenty-five years ago.

Bemidji, Minn. Pioneer
FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1925

FLYING CIRCUS TO BE FEATURE

Aviator Roberts Returns With
Plane Which Will Be Used
Here on July Fourth

V. L. Roberts, Bemidji aviator, who is chairman of the Legion committee in charge of the flying circus, auto polo and auto push ball features for the American Legion's Fourth of July celebration, returned to Bemidji Thursday night from Minneapolis where he participated in the flying events at the Wold-Chamberlain flying field during the Norse-American Centennial and reports having completed arrangements for a number of real features for the program.

Flying a plane belonging to Mr. Nopp of Red Wing, Mr. Roberts arrived here Thursday evening, circled above the city a few times and

anded north of town. He expects to leave again shortly for Mountain, N. D., where he will fly next Monday and will fill several engagements in North Dakota before July Fourth. He will return here shortly before July 4 and with Al Reynolds, old-time daredevil balloon man and human fly, will stage the flying circus for the Bemidji celebration. Reynolds is one of the best in the game today, specializing in wing walking, parachute drops, rope ladder acrobatics, hanging by his heels and also by his teeth, and standing up on the top of the plane while the ship makes the loop the loop.

For the auto polo and auto push ball features, expert players with specially constructed machines have been secured, the same men and the same machines which annually appear at the Minnesota State Fair and other fairs and celebrations of that order. Bemidji is very fortunate indeed to secure such an attraction for the Fourth and these players come here very highly recommended as among the very best in the game.

The plane which Mr. Roberts is now flying, having sold his own machine, is a standard ship with a Hispano-Suiza motor of 180 horsepower.

Big Fork, Minn. Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Gust Westvik and Chas. Larson went to the Minnesota fair Grounds last Friday to attend the Norse-American Centennial held at that place. They returned home Wednesday and report a very large attendance at the occasion. Gust says he saw more Norwegians than he ever dreamed of.

Black Duck (Minn.) American
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

—H. E. Bondy, left on Thursday night's train for Minneapolis to attend the Norse Centennial and also to visit at the home of a sister and other relatives whom he has not seen in several years. Mr. Bondy who is past 80 is one of the few surviving veterans of the Civil War residing in the vicinity of Blackduck.

Plooming Prairie (Minn.) Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mrs. Falle Nelson and K. Lestrud, leave Saturday morning for the Cities where they will attend the Norse-American Centennial. They intend to stop off at Northfield and attend the commencement exercises at St. Olaf college Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Brainerd, Minn. Dispatch
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925

Mrs. Ella McMahon in company with Mr. and Mrs. Jay P. Brewer of Pine River motored to the cities yesterday to attend the Norse-American Centennial where they will meet President Coolidge at the Kellogg residence this morning. Mrs. McMahon and Mr. Brewer are cousins of the president.

Brainerd, Minn. Sentinel
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

A large number from this community attended the Norse-American Centennial this week. Among those from Brainerd who went were E. O. Lund, M. M. Monson, T. O. Oren, O. A. S. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lund, C. L. Fink, George Halverson, L. G. Larimer, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson, Mrs. Starbuck, Misses Stella and Amanda Fosness, Lars Flo, Lars Jelle, Vincent Hunt and Rev. J. Pedersen.

Buhl, Minn. Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

VISITED IN TWIN CITIES

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Cronberg and Mr. and Mrs. John Wadd motored to St. Paul Sunday morning where they attended the Norwegian Centennial celebration. They report hearing President Coolidge when he gave his talk at the state fair grounds Monday afternoon. Miss Irma Cronberg, who has been attending school in Minneapolis returned home with her parents for the summer.

Caladonia (Minn.) Journal
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

O. E. Burtness and family departed on Thursday of last week for Northfield to attend the graduation exercises at St. Olaf College, their daughter, Charlotte, being a member of the class of 1925. From Northfield they journeyed to Minneapolis to attend the Norse-American Centennial. Mr. Burtness also attended a meeting of the Tri-State Postmaster's Association held in Minneapolis on Monday.

Coleraine, Minn. News
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

This locality is to be well represented. It is impossible to secure a list of all from here that will be at the celebration, but the following are said to be expecting to attend: Ole and Ed Reien, Erik Johnson, of Bovey; Hans Martinsen and family, Linus Berg and family, Mayor Johnson, A. M. Peterson, R. F. Rippe, A. Y. Peterson and A. E. Ellickson, of Coleraine; L. A. Willman, Fred Madsen, Martin Madsen, Oscar Benson, Ole K. Sherman, O. L. Sherman and

Fergus Falls Minn. Journal
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

CARLISLE WELL REPRESENTED

Carlisle, June 9. — Carlisle was well represented at the Centennial. Some went down by car and others by train. Among those who went were Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sether, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Hegseth and son Theodore, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fjestad, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fjestad, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Larson and children, Mrs. Sigurd Skistad, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sethre, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Norman, Hans Ronnevik, Frank Fjestad, Henry and Edw. Haldorson, Albert Hexum, Mrs. C. Evjen and Alta Evjen, Chris P. Sether, Martha Martin and Carl Sether, Halvor and Gustine Wide.

Cass Lake (Minn.) Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

LEADS THE NORSE

MRS. C.M. TAYLOR RETURNED SUNDAY FROM THE NORSE CENTENNIAL

Mrs. C. M. Taylor returned Sunday from St. Paul, where she attended the Norse Centennial. Mrs. Taylor was chairman from Cass County and put in a great deal of time and effort gathering specimens of Norse handicraft for the exhibit.

Chokio, Minn., Review
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Berg returned Tuesday from the Cities where they attended the Norse Centennial. They report a wonderful time and were well pleased with the exhibition and the entertainment.

Stanton (Minn.) Advocate
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

THESE WERE AT THE CENTENNIAL

Following are some of those who attended the Norse-American Centennial from this section:

Mr. and Mrs. Ole I. Steen.
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Larson.
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Haugen.
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Martinson.
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson.
Rev. and Mrs. K. Knutson.
Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Steen.
Mr. and Mrs. Berge Nelson.

Mrs. Olai Steen.
S. M. Steen.
Volner Steen.
Olaf Mickelson.
Ole Jacobson.
Arthur Steen.
Bennie Nelson.
Abraham Steen.
Chris. Steen.
Martin Steen.
Rev. S. M. Moe.
George Steen.
Matt Eide.
John Moberg.
Ed. Larson.
Jens Huselid.
Mrs. Anna Martinson.
Miss Ida Steen.
Miss Esther Martinson.
L. A. Larson.
Able Eastman.

Crookston, Minn., Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Enroute To Centennial—Martin Tunheim and R. Oswald of Warren stopped here at noon today enroute to the Norwegian Centennial in the twin cities. Mr. Tunheim is one of the early Norwegian settlers in Marshall county. They are making the trip by automobile.

Crookston, Minn., Times
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925

Register of Deeds in Minneapolis—John Saugstad, Polk county register of deeds, left Saturday night to attend the Norse Centennial celebration in Minneapolis. Mr. Saugstad was chairman of western Polk county for the sale of tickets for the Centennial. At the close of the Centennial, he will attend the convention of the United Lutheran Church of America to open in Minneapolis Wednesday morning, as a delegate from the Lutheran church of Crookston. Rev. L. A. Roseland and Rev. P. E. Moen will also attend the Lutheran convention. Mr. Saugstad is expected home Sunday.

Dassel, Minn., Dispatch
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

MEEKER COUNTY IS WELL REPRESENTED AT NORSE CENTENNIAL

100,000 Line Sidewalks To See President Coolidge on Monday.

Meeker County attended the Norse-American Centennial in Minneapolis in large numbers.

Cars have been constantly passing our office enroute to the great exhibition ever since last Friday. Many were Meeker County folks and hundreds were from the western and southwestern part of the state and from North and South Dakota.

Miles and miles of men, women and children greeted the President of the United States and Mrs. Coolidge when they came to Minneapolis Monday.

From the time the presidential party left the residence of Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg a 633 Fairmont avenue, St. Paul, until the Nicollet hotel, Minneapolis, was reached there was one great mass of humanity.

President Coolidge, Frank B. Kellogg, secretary of state; Senator Peter Norbeck, South Dakota, and representatives of Norway and Canada paid tribute to the contributions of the Norwegian immigrants to the rebuilding of the United States in addresses a the "presidential session" of the Norse-American Centennial at the Minnesota State Fair grounds Monday.

The session, the most important of the centennial program, drew an enormous gathering of Norse-Americans and citizens of the Twin Cities and the entire northwest. More than 30,000 persons had entered the grounds at noon and it was estimated that when the chief executive appeared before the grandstand at least 75,000 joined in welcoming him.

Led by the Luther college band, the vast throng joined in singing the national anthem after Governor Theodore Christianson, himself of Norse-American ancestry, introduced the president.

Plans for the night exhibition flight of five Martin bombing planes over the Twin Cities at 8 p. m. Monday were called off Monday noon because of adverse weather conditions. The flight was to have been the closing feature of the air meet.

Two unprogrammed thrills featured the aviation meet Sunday afternoon. George Vaneslow, 1715 Stevens avenue, civilian flyer, injured his back when a strong wind forced his landing after a parachute jump of 2,000 feet. Sergeant Edward J. Tuitt of Langley field jumped from one of the Martin bombing planes and his parachute narrowly missed a house at Sixtieth street and Thirty-eighth avenue south.

Doubtless at this Centennial there was one of the biggest crowds ever congregated in the cities.

Every train carried its quota. Wednesday the departure of the Norse celebrants for every corner of the United States, Canada and Norway continued.

Duluth, Minn. Herald
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1925

CLOQUET NORSEMEN OFF TO CENTENNIAL

Cloquet, Minn., June 6.—(Special to The Herald.)—Cloquet will have a large representation at the Norwegian-American centennial to be held at the Twin Cities starting today and which will last for four days, ending Tuesday, June 9. Those who left today to attend are Rev. T. T. Roan, Dr. T. O. Braafladt and son, Harold, Olaf Birkeland, Fred Swanson, Robert Robbestad, Lawrence Hendrickson, Carl Lunde, Rasmus Ladeen, John Nordlie, Ole Lovick, Mrs. Anna Heimerson, Miss Alphild Hanson, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. S. Raiter, Mr. and Mrs. John Bedahl and Mrs. Gilmore Sorenson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Seim, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Berg, Mr. and Mrs. John Myrnel, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Solem and Mr. and Mrs. Jalmer Larson.

Elgin, Minn. Monitor
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Geyer, Mrs. Ralph Gordon, Miss Mary Galbraith and Glenn Holton drove to the Twin Cities Monday. While there they attended the Norse-American convention that is convening there and saw President Coolidge and heard his address to the convention.

Friskne, Minn. News
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

G. D. Aakhus returned last Tuesday morning from Minneapolis where he has attended the annual convention of the postmasters of the state and incidentally saw a portion of the centennial celebration.

Fairmont, Minn. Sentinel
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Mrs. J. I. Daffer of Fairmont accompanied United States Senator Norbeck and wife (Mrs. Daffer's sister) at the reception given by Governor and Mrs. Christianson to the president and wife. The function included meeting the high officials, both from this country and Norway, who honored the occasion with their presence. Other representatives of Martin county on the distinguished occasion were Mrs. C. S. Miller, Fairmont, and Andrew and Iver Levik of Truman.

Faribault, Minn. News
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

Among the many Faribault people who have attended the Norse Centennial since its opening Sunday are: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Peterson and daughter Marion, Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Bjorlie, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Brekke and daughter Mildred and son Gordon, Einar Hammer, John Markuson, Charles Swanson, Miss Alma Ulvenes, Hans Ulvenes, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lidstrand and family, Misses Cora and Mabel Aslaksen, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Turner and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brekke and daughter Viola and Eiland E. Tokvan, H. W. Sellner and family, Alfred Sellner and Fred Sellner, Miss Mertis Bryant, Miss Jennie Oleson, Mrs. William Gohlke, Mrs. Ole Robertson, Miss Florence Robertson and Miss Clarice Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haugh.

Fergus Falls, Minn. Journal
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

Among the guests of Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Simonson at Bethlehem church pasonage the past week were Rev. Olaf Guidseth of Minneapolis and Rev. and Mrs. N. J. Lochre of Mayville, N. D. Mr. Lochre is general secretary of the Norwegian Lutheran church of America, and was on his way to the annual meeting, as well as the centennial celebration at Minneapolis.

Fergus Falls, Minn. Journal
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Boyum and two daughters, Blanche and Hazel and Lyndon Brown left this morning for the cities and Northfield to attend commencement. Mr. and Mrs. Boyum will go to Fillmore for a day or two and return in time for the Norse Centennial. The young people will spend the week at Northfield and return for the Centennial next week.

Fergus Falls, Minn. Tribune
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. Jens P. Berger of Dane Prairie are leaving Friday for Minneapolis to attend the Centennial celebration and to visit with friends. Mr. Berger is also a delegate from the Tordenskjold church to the Norwegian Lutheran church convention which will be held the latter part of next week. Their daughter, Magna who is employed at the state school in Owatonna will join them in Minneapolis for a few days' stay.

Fergus Falls, Minn. Journal
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

MAYOR LISTENS TO PRESIDENT

Day Was Very Cool, but Even Then, Quite a Number Fainted in the Crush

Mayor Benson, J. P. Johnson, W. J. Courtney, and Paul Stortroen were among those who returned from Centennial celebration in the Twin Cities last night. Mayor Benson has been in some very large gatherings but says that the crowd that assembled to see and hear the president was the largest he has ever seen or ever expects to see. It was estimated that there were 100,000 people on the Fair Grounds and they all gathered in one place when the president spoke. If the weather had been as hot as it was Sunday, there would have been heat prostrations in large numbers. As it was, the day was cold enough for overcoats, and there was an occasional sprinkling of rain while the president was speaking, but even then quite a number of people fainted in the crush. The displays arranged in connection with the centennial in the fair buildings were very interesting and some of them were very beautiful. The display arranged by the Norse-Americans from across the line in Canada was perhaps the most striking of all the exhibits. The centennial is quite a fair, and the displays are all very interesting, among them being numerous relics of pioneer times. Mr. Benson says the address given by President Coolidge could be heard very distinctly through the use of amplifiers, and that it thoroughly pleased the people, both in tone and sentiment.

Fergus Falls, Minn. Journal
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

ATTEND NORSE-AMERICAN

Ashby, June 9. Among those who are attending the Norse-American John Halverson, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hauge, Mrs. Nick Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Jorgenson and daughter, Dagmar, Mr. and Mrs. August Slotsve, Mrs. O. C. Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Eian, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hoff, Rev. P. M. Troen, Mrs. E. K. Teisberg, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Haugejorden, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Thoreson and daughter, Lucille, Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Norman, Erling Grevstad, Dagmar Grevstad and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mikkleson.

Fergus Falls, Minn. Journal
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925

ATTEND NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

Among those who left Friday for the Norse-American Centennial were: Mr. and Mrs. Ludvig Ericson and daughter, Lorene, Peter Aune, Leonard Iverson, M. H. Foslie, Margaret Foslie, T. H. Foslie, Ole T. Nyhus, Julius Langness, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lund, Corinne Lund, Mrs. Tillie Lund, G. N. Rakstad and daughter, Huldah, Peter Eide, O. Ulsby, and Peter Norum.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Journal
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

O. P. B. JACOBSON SPEAKS

O. P. B. Jacobson has been quite seriously ill at his home in St. Paul, but left a sick bed to deliver the principal address at the pageant at the Centennial. In speaking of the address, the St. Paul Dispatch says:

"Mr. Jacobson, speaking on 'Norse Contributions to Agriculture,' traced the spread of Norse immigrants throughout the Northwest in the past 100 years, showing how great a part Norsemen and Americans of Norwegian descent have played in the agricultural development of the country.

"This explains," he said, "why the upper Mississippi valley has been called the New Norway."

"More than 2,000,000 persons in Norwegian descent now are engaged in agricultural pursuits in the United States," he declared, and, although many of them have become so Americanized as to be scarcely conscious of the fact that they are descendants of the Vikings, they and the United States owe much to their Norwegian blood.

"Norwegian farmers always have been quick to adapt themselves to whatever conditions they encounter, and to avail themselves of new methods," he said.

O. B. Ottummo, former president of the St. Paul General Land bank, presided at the meeting addressed by Mr. Jacobson and gave a brief talk.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Journal
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

SHOOK HANDS WITH COOLIDGE

Rothsay People Report Interesting Time at the Centennial

Rothsay, June 9.—O. H. Ekoren, O. F. Grangard, M. F. Fiering and Jorgen Dehlie went to Minneapolis Saturday by auto to attend the Centennial. They returned Wednesday and spent a fine time and an enormous crowd. They, with Miss Huldah Feiring, who joined their party in Minneapolis were among the first to shake hands with President and Mrs. Coolidge Monday evening at the reception.

Franklin, Minn., Tribune
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Ness and family of Hendricks, Minn., called briefly at the J. V. Hage home last Friday morning on their way to the Twin Cities where they intended to attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration and visit relatives and friends. Mr. Ness is in the general merchandise business at Hendricks.

Frazee, Minn., Press
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

John Boltz and Nick Lyendecker went to the cities Sunday to flock with the Norse Fete celebrants and especially to get an eye full of the big dirigible, Los Angeles. The big boat failed to show up and their disappointment was greater than when the 18th amendment was put across.

Grand Rapids, Minn., Independent
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1925

TOOK IN THE NORSE CENTENIAL CELEBRATION

Martin Mattson, Trout Lake pioneer, left the last of last week for Minneapolis to take in the Norse centennial celebration and to spend a few days visiting old friends. Mr. Mattson was formerly a book binder in Minneapolis and he has many old time friends there whom he will enjoy seeing and meeting again. Mr. Mattson came to this country and settled on his farm more than 25 years ago when there was no road to the Trout Lake country and that section was pretty wild, and he has not made many trips back to Minneapolis, so this outing should be a delightful one for him.

Grand Rapids, Minn., Independent
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1925

John A. Johnsen and M. C. Nygard returned Monday night from the twin cities where they had attended the Norse-American Centennial. Webster Tyndall, who drove with them as far as the cities, went on to Rochester to go through the Mayo Bros. clinic.

Greenbush, Minn., Tribune
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Roseau county was very well represented at the Norse Centennial held at the State Fair grounds over Sunday.

Hanska (Minn.) Herald

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

AMONG THE NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENIAL VISITORS

While this issue of the Herald carries a few names of persons who attended the Norse-American Centennial at the State Fair Grounds, no effort has been made to obtain a complete list of Hanska and community people who attended the event. The names appearing are those who were brought in or that we were chanced to pick up.

Ole Stone, Jorgen Lien and daughter, Miss Petra, Mr. Mrs. A. E. Hanson, Knute Troidahl, Christ Christoferson, Bennie Bjerteson, Mr. and Mrs. Siver Haugen, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Kjelshus, Tore Oren, Syver Rolstad, C. C. Lilleodden, Olaf Fladmark, Gilbert Fladmo, Harry Haugan, Louis Stokke, Dr. O. J. Pederson, Ole Rusten, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Frederickson, Mrs. O. K. Troidahl, A. O. Amundson, Fritz Lee, Paul Thordson, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thordson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olstad and Mr. and Mrs. Anton Torgrimson autoed down on Saturday, returning on Wednesday.

J. A. Johnson and Theo Synstebey autoed down early Monday morning and returned on Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs P J Blien, A. O. Ouren and daughter Mrs. Nora Ouren left Saturday morning returning Wednesday afternoon.

Cashier and Mrs. C. O. Strom left by way of Madelia, by auto on Saturday.

Postmaster and Mrs. H. P. Becken and Mrs. A. E. Norman autoed down on Saturday afternoon returning on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Olson, Mrs. Bennie Kjelshus and son Bjarne, Miss Adelia Haugen and Burnis Erickson autoed down last Friday morning and are also visiting friends. Expect to return today.

Hawley, Minn., Herald
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Fifty people would be conservative estimate of the number who are going to take in the Norse-American centennial at the Twin Cities on June 6 to 9th. The centennial is to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of Norse immigration to America.

Hawley, Minn., Herald
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

The following plan on attending the Norse Centennial at Minneapolis June 6-8;— Rev and Mrs. S. G. Hauge, and family Mr. and Mrs. Nick Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Heimark and family Mr and Mrs Knud Torgerson; and Mr and Mrs Emil Thysell and family.

Hawfield, Minn., Herald
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

MANY FROM HAYFIELD AND VICINITY AT CENTENNIAL

Among the thousands who attended the Norse Centennial just closed, Hayfield and surrounding country were well represented. Although it was impossible to get the names of all who went from here, the Herald has knowledge of the following residents who attended:

Senator and Mrs. F. J. Thoe, Dr. and Mrs. O. I. Refsdal, Messrs. and Mmes. J. H. Myster, O. A. Baken, Alfred Grene, George Espe, Amund Strandem, Lauritz Aarhus, Knut Myster, N. J. Alrick, A. C. Wall, Lauritz Haukom, F. O. Larsen, Hans Mohn, Henry Lampland, Ole Himle, O. H. Gulbranson, H. H. Evje, Hellick Aakre and E. E. Nichols; Mmes. John Wall, Beret Lampland, Jake Thoe; Misses Ella Lampland, Anna Anderson and Blanche Myster; Messrs. G. G. Dalen, T. H. Evjen, O. K. Mogen, C. O. Bergan, Oscar Saterdalen, John Jondal, Henry Brekke, Fred Dahlen.

Hawley (Minn.) Mirror
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Quite a number attended the Norse Centennial Celebration held at the State Fair grounds, among those were W. B. Strom, E. O. Lokensgard, E. M. Ericson, Martin Mathison, P. H. Peterson, Miss Josephine Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doney, Mr. and Mrs. Torgerson Hanson, Miss Thea Hanson, Mr. Oscar Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Rodmyre.

Henning, Minn., Advocate
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Among those from here who attended the Norse-Centennial are: Mrs. N. B. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Anderson and children, Mrs. Lizzie Vaugen and daughter, Rev. Drage, Harvey Christenson, Frederick Ellenson, Mrs. August Westad, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmal Masdal and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson.

Hibbing, Minn., News
SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1925

REV. FARSETH ATTENDS MANY CONVENTIONS

Reverend Forseth, pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran church of this city, has returned after a two weeks absence from the city, during which time he attended four large conventions.

The first convention was the Semi-Centennial Celebration of Saint Olaf's church at Northfield. From there he returned to the Twin Cities where he attended the Norse-American Centennial, the largest one of its kind ever attempted. And according to Reverend Forseth it was a huge success from every standpoint.

The National Convention of Norwegian Lutheran churches was held at Saint Paul, Reverend Forseth attending this, and last but by no means least, Reverend Forseth attended the International Lutheran League Convention at Minneapolis.

At this convention \$15,000 was received. This, it is stated, will be used for scholarships at Lutheran schools.

Reverend Forseth will occupy the pulpit of his own church Sunday morning, and will have a message of interest and importance for the congregation.

Hills, Minn., Crescent
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Rev. and Mrs. Chr. G. Jorgensen left for Minneapolis yesterday to attend the Norse-American Centennial, and from June 9th to 14th will attend the annual meeting of the Lutheran Free Church to be held in the same city. They were accompanied by her father E. S. Larson and his son Altrad.

Hills, Minn., Crescent
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Grytness and three children, Charles, Ingeborg, and Paul, from Ambrose, N. D., arrived last Thursday evening from Minneapolis where they attended the Norse-American Centennial. They visited here until Monday with her mother Mrs. Ingeborg Herreid and other relatives when they left for the Black Hills to spend a few days before returning to their North Dakota home.

Hutchinson, Minn., Press
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

—Mrs. H. Bast Brewster returned Monday night from the Twin Cities where she spent three days attending the Norse Centennial and renewing old acquaintances at the meeting of "Valdrislaget" where she met several of her girlhood friends and school-mates.

Ivanhoe, Minn., Times
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1925

Hibbing — Hibbing will have representation at the Norse-American centennial celebration at the State Fair grounds, St. Paul, in June, not only in the hundreds of Norwegians who will attend from here, but also in the form of a mining display of ores.

Jasper, Minn., Journal
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Quite a number of people from Jasper and this community departed the latter part of the past week for the twin cities where they attended the Norse-American centennial. Many went by automobile others took the train. From all indications everyone who attended had an unusually good time, and those who have returned report that the gathering was all and more than could be expected of so big an event. The only disappointing feature of the program was that the large dirigible, the Los Angeles failed to reach the cities, because of engine trouble which was experienced at Detroit. It is reported that over 60,000 people were present to hear the address given by President Coolidge. Newspaper men who were present from all corners of the United States representing their respective papers report that it was the largest gathering that they had ever attended and that it would be sometime before such a large gathering would again be held any place in the United States.

Kerkstad, Minn., Advocate
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1925

The following are planning on going to Minneapolis at the Norse Centennial celebration: C. S. Swanson and wife, Mrs. Blomsness, Eldor Eliason, K. J. Lind and wife, Jack Murray, Hedlin and possibly a few others.

Kiester, Minn., Courier
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

Many people from Kiester and vicinity are planning to attend the Norse Centennial celebration at the Twin Cities next week— June 6, 7, 8 and 9. Among those who will attend the big doings are: S. P. Dollum, Lars Ovrebø, Rev. J. E. Lee and wife, L. L. Thorgerson, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Almberg, Einer Almberg, Albert Dahle and wife, E. K. Olson, Clem Johnson and wife, Simon Larson and wife, Andrew Mikkelsen and wife, Lars Jelle and Martin Lovic and wife.

Redwood (Minn.) Banner
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Many people here and surrounding territory attended the Norse-American Centennial held at Minneapolis June 6-7-8-9. Among those from here in attendance were the O. G. Hough, H. C. Rustad, A. Westerdahl, and And. Nelson families, O. G. Kambestad, Wm. Estrem, H. S. Gordhamer, Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Peterson, Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Weeks, Misses Olga and Sophie Thonvold, Miss Tina Gordhamer, C. Langehaug and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Nelson.

Lakeville, Minn., Leader
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925
Norwegians Are Some Kickers.

Among interested spectators at the Norse-American Centennial celebration at the State Fair grounds was none other than County Commissioner E. P. Ruh who enjoyed the festivities immensely. In the folk dances Mr. Ruh says that the performers showed wonderful agility and one in particular kicked over 12 feet in the air.

Lindstrom, Minn., Press
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925
Quite a number of Lindstrom people spent at least one day at the Norse Centennial celebration at St. Paul, which closed last Tuesday evening. With an address by President Coolidge as the chief attraction last Monday, people flocked to the state fair grounds by the thousands.

Little Falls, Minn., Transcript
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

Tillie Kemp
Presents Bouquet
To the President

Mrs. C. W. Kemp and daughter Tillie returned last evening from the Twin Cities, where they visited relatives and attended the Norse-American centennial celebration. Miss Kemp is quite proud of the fact that she personally presented a large bouquet of peonies to President Coolidge Monday as he passed along Lake street enroute from St. Paul to Minneapolis. As the president's automobile approached Miss Kemp stepped to the street and offered the bouquet. The driver of the car slackened its speed and the president accepted the flowers, thanking Miss Kemp for them.

Long Prairie, Minn., Leader
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

M. O. Scow and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lee motored to Milaca Sunday, where they were joined by Mrs. K. Scow, the party then continuing to Minneapolis and the Norse-Centennial celebration. Matt says an immense throng gathered at the Centennial Monday to hear President Coolidge, but he doubts whether the President's address was heard by any great percentage of the crowd owing to the unfavorable weather conditions.

Luverne, Minn., Star
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

ROCK COUNTY FOLK GO
TO NORSE CENTENNIAL

Special Train for Hills, Jasper and Garretson Visitors; Many Luverne Folk Leave Today and Friday

Rock county will send a quota, adequately representing its Scandinavian population, to the great Norse Centennial, being staged at Minneapolis this week, if the plans that innumerable Rock County "Norsemen" have announced materialize.

The event has a tremendous popular appeal to those who have immigrated to this country from across the water and the opportunity to see and visit old friends and relatives from "bygdjegene" of the fatherland, once more, is being seized with enthusiasm by many.

Among those from Luverne, who will attend, are: Mr. and Mrs. John Nesgutte, Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Steine, Einar Lorange, A. M. Solberg, Mrs.

Mandus Hanson, Mrs. Nels Haakenson, Mrs. J. P. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kartrude and H. C. Jordahl. The railroad companies are charging only one and one-third for round trip tickets to the cities.

Special accommodations have been arranged for Hills, Jasper and Garretson folk, who will leave on a special train, in which they will headquarter while at the centennial.

Luverne, Minn., Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Rock county was especially well represented at the Norse-American Centennial celebration held in the twin cities the latter part of last week and the first part of this week. Among those who went from here were A. M. Solberg, Jens Thorson, Gabriel Thompson, Andrew Haugen, S. B. Nelson, Tom Haaland, John Stadum, Halvor Jordahl, Jorgen Gunderson, Tallak Vegge, Einar Lorange, Ole T. Olson, Knute DiVick, Knute Kartrude, Sam Hanson, A. O. Shelby, Olaf Skyberg, T. E. Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kartrude, Miss Marian and Miss Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Haakinson, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Skyberg, Mandus Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hoiland, Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Mundahl and son, Junior. The majority of those above mentioned went by rail.

Luverne, Minn., Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Ole K. Tysver left Monday for New York City, from which place he will sail today on the Stavangerfjord, of the Norwegian-American steamship line, for his old home near Stavanger, Norway, where he will remain for about three months. This will be his first visit back to Norway since he came here in 1896. His mother, now seventy-eight years of age, is still directing the operation of the old home farm. He also has one brother, who is engaged in the clothing business at Haugesund. Mr. Tysver had not intended to return to the old country at the present time, but while in Minneapolis last week to attend the Norse-American celebration he met a friend who had an upper deck reservation on the Stavangerfjord, who was unable to make the contemplated trip and Mr. Tysver decided to purchase his reservations, for since the death of his father about a year ago he had felt that he should return to Norway and assist his mother in straightening up her farm interests, as he is the eldest son. He has no intention of permanently remaining there, however, and he plans to get back here either the last of August or the first of September, so as to be able to again take

up his work as contractor and builder. He particularly wanted those for whom he has been doing carpenter work to bear the date of his return in mind.

Mabel (Minn.) Record
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

CITIZENS ENJOY
THE CENTENNIAL

Although it is impossible for us to mention the names and exact number of all of those from Mabel who attended the Norse-American Centennial in the Twin Cities, we estimate that there were several dozens from here attending. Some returned home on Tuesday and Wednesday, and we noted on their faces a sense of satisfaction at having enjoyed the celebration.

"I expected the Centennial to be a big affair, but it went way my expectations," said one Centennial visitor on his return to his home here.

Besides to many farmers who attended from here, more than a half dozen prominent business men from the village attended.

A special train carried Centennial visitors from Decorah to the Twin Cities Saturday, and Decorah poured a big representation into that train. The Luther College Concert band of Decorah occupied a coach on the special by themselves.

Minneapolis, Minn., Eve. Tribune
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

DR. AND MRS. JOHN A. LYGNG of Aldrich avenue south, are entertaining as their house guests during the Norse-American Centennial the Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Ristad and sons from Manitowoc, Wis.

Minneapolis, Minn., Eve. Tribune
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

LEGIONNAIRES WILL ATTEND CENTENNIAL

President Coolidge To Be Visitor; Airship Los Angeles And Marine Band Coming

Hundreds of Legionnaires, many of whom are Americans of Scandinavian descent, will attend the Norse-American centennial at the State Fair grounds. The three premier attractions for most of those who will go, will be President Coolidge, the airship Los Angeles, and the Marine Band.

President Coolidge, according to present plans, will leave Washington at 3 p. m. Saturday, and will be a guest of Secretary of State and Mrs. Frank B. Kellogg in St. Paul. He will motor to Minneapolis to attend a luncheon preceding an address at the Fair Grounds Monday. Before boarding a train for Washington Monday night the President and Mrs. Coolidge will be guests at a reception to be given by Governor Christenson at the State House.

The dirigible Los Angeles is scheduled to arrive at the Wold-Chamberlain airport about dawn Monday. It will leave Lakehurst, N. J. at noon Sunday. The ship will require about 20 hours for the 1500 mile trip, the average speed being 75 miles an hour. The crew will number 30.

Members of the 109th Aero Squadron, members of the St. Paul Association, Minneapolis Civic & Commerce Association, and representatives of the Aero Corporation perfected plans at a meeting Monday night.

Minnesota (Minn.) Mission
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

K. S. Kvanbeck was one of the Centennial visitors from this locality. Knute is a Telemarking and had been back there some over a thousand years ago he would have been king of Telemarken and Harald the Fairhaired would have had one more unruly Norwegian to subdue—all of which would have meant that the Icelandic "Landnama" would have contained the name of Knute Kvanbeck, along with Egil Skallagrimson and a few others.

Moorhead, Minn., News
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Sondral of this city are among the many in this locality who contemplate on attending the Norse-American centennial, June, 7, 8, and 9th, at the state fair grounds at St. Paul.

Montevideo, Minn., American
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

Local People Will Attend Centennial

Among the many people from Montevideo leaving to attend the Norse Centennial in Minneapolis are Hans Vines, Iver Larson, John Solberg, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Haakenstad, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bergendahl, Mrs. S. O. Ostenson, Mrs. Emil Halvorson, Mrs. Pete Nelson and Peder Saue and Henry Aarsef. These people were among the many who left yesterday morning, taking Train No. 13 to Minneapolis.

Moorhead, Minn., News
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

600 RESIDENTS OF COUNTY AT CENTENNIAL

REV. J. A. AASGAARD TO PREACH SERMON AT SUNDAY MEETING

Moorhead and Otter county, will be represented by a group of from 600 to 800 people, who made the trip to the twin cities by automobiles and trains. The county will also be well represented as taking active part in the many programs and events of the three days. Rev. J. A. Aasgaard, D. D., president of Concordia college and vicepresident of the Norwegian Lutheran church of America will give one of the three sermons which will be preached at three different gatherings Sunday morning. The Concordia college choir will sing. The Concordia college baseball team will play in one of the athletic events. Congressman Knud Wefald of Hawley, Prof. J. A. Holvik, executive secretary of the Centennial, as well as others will give short talks.

Among the people who are attending the Centennial are, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Aasgaard, Prof. and Mrs. Herman C. Nordlie, Prof. J. A. Holvik, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wentzell, M. O. Wentzell, Mrs. Edith Godfrey, Mrs. H. O. Tiegen, Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Sorenson, Mrs. Julian P. Melberg, Mr. and Mrs. Hans C. Ryen, Fred and Christ Lynne, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hilde, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Tang, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Alrick, Mrs. A. E. Lerberg, T. H. Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sandness, Prof. and Mrs. T. C. Wollan, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dosland, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bogenrief, Miss Delia Dahl.

Moorhead, Minn., News
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925
Holvik Returns From Minneapolis

Prof. J. A. Holvik of Concordia college, secretary of the Norse-American centennial committee and program director during the progress of the exposition, returned to Moorhead this morning for a short stay before returning to Minneapolis to wind up the business affairs of the exposition.

Prof. Holvik said that offices are still being maintained by the centennial officers and probably will be for several weeks.

"The most orderly crowd of its size ever handled in the twin cities" is the way the centennial visitors were characterized by the St. Paul and Minneapolis officials, he said.

New London (Minn.) Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

A large number of our people of both Norwegian and Swedish descent attended the Norse-American Centennial of the Minnesota State Fair Grounds Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

The Centennial was a unique occasion in many respects and on Monday drew the largest crowd of people that has probably ever gathered in one place at one time in the state of Minnesota. The main attraction of course was the presence of the President of the United States who addressed the Centennial at the grand stand in the afternoon. On this occasion there were several other prominent speakers including representatives from King Hoakan, the Norwegian Storthing and, the Premier of Canada, Gov. Christianson, Secretary of State Kellogg, Senator Norburg of South Dakota and others. The President's Band furnished music. A feature was several hundred school children arranged to form a living flag, first the Norwegian and later the stars and stripes. Saturday was the occasion for the gathering of the various Logs. Sunday was devoted to religious services held

King Sends Greetings
Greetings from King Hakon VI at Moorhead, Minn.
It dropped several messages and turned toward an easterly direction. These messages said the dirigible had been turned back because of engine trouble, and feared going into the storm in its condition.

Northfield, Minn. News
FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

Many From Here to Attend Centennial

With the St. Olaf Lutheran choir, the St. Olaf college band, and the St. Olaf baseball team on the official program, Northfield will be well represented at the Norse-American immigration centennial which will be celebrated at the state fair grounds in the twin cities Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Besides students and teachers at St. Olaf, hundreds of residents of the Northfield community are expected to attend the celebration.

St. Croix (Minn.) Banner
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

MANY PENNOCK PEOPLE ATTEND NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

Those from Pennock who attended the Norse-American Centennial were the E. L. Thorpe, P. C. and Norman Greenfield families, O. H. Johnson, John Foshag, and Hanson and J. L. Jarrett.

Belton, Minn. Tribune
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

MANY LOCAL NORWEGIANS ATTEND N.-A. CENTENNIAL

St. Paul and Minneapolis are Hosts to Largest Convention Held in Entire Country

A large number of people from this community were in attendance at a reception given at the various buildings on the Minnesota State Fair grounds last Sunday, one of the big features of the Norse-American Centennial which convened for three days. The meeting of fifty or more "Bydegelags" or organizations of Norwegians in America who came from as many different communities in Norway, was another interesting part of the program and attracted many thousands of people. Sunday was devoted to religious services almost entirely. Special music rendered by a choir from Oslo, Norway, the St. Olaf college choir; the Luther college, St. Olaf and Concordia bands, and a male chorus of 500 voices. President Calvin Coolidge spoke at the fair grounds on Monday afternoon. In the evening, six governors of Norse descent gave addresses. The famous American airship was to be present, but owing to mechanical trouble and adverse winds, had to turn back to the home hangar after reaching Cleveland, Ohio. There was a track meet in which world famous athletes took part. Exhibits of old Norse relics were also features of the celebration.

It was a gathering long to be remembered by all who attended and a vast sum of money and time was expended to make the Centennial the marked success the affair proved to be.

Red Lake Falls, Minn. Gazette
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

P. S. Hilleboe returned Tuesday from Minneapolis where he had been to attend the Norse Centennial. Mr. Hilleboe stated that he never knew there were as many Norwegians in America as he saw in the Cities during his stay. He met with many old friends whom he would have been able to see no other way and some of whom he had not seen since he was a boy. Mr. Hilleboe returned via Crookston where he was a witness in the *Selle vs. Lappen* slander suit which was tried before the Polk County District court this week.

Red Wing, Minn. Republican
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Returns From Centennial. — "The Norse-American Centennial in the Twin Cities the first of the week was the most wonderful and most forceful Christian gathering in the history of the country and for that matter of the world," was the opinion of Mrs. S. S. Lundquist, who has returned with her children, Evelyn, Richard, Gladys and Aleda, after spending several days visiting in Minneapolis and attending all sessions of the great conclave. "It marks a great era in Christian history and is one of the finest things that has ever come to the Northwest," she continued. E. G. Quamme of Minneapolis, former president of the Federal Land bank, and brother of Mrs. Lundquist, who extended the invitation to President Coolidge to attend the Centennial, acted as financial chairman for the event and was one of the busiest men who had a prominent part in its success. Due largely to his untiring efforts the Centennial resulted in all expenses being met and a neat surplus remaining. Mr. Quamme was with the presidential party during the stay of the president in the Twin Cities, riding in the procession and being on the speaker's platform during the address by Mr. Coolidge.

Renville (Minn.) Farmer
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

NOTABLE FAMILY REUNION AT NORSE CENTENNIAL

Ten Brothers and Sisters of The Lien Family Held a Reunion in Minneapolis.

Renville is interested in the following since one of our earliest pioneers L. E. Lien is one of the following honored party as given by the Minneapolis Journal:

Ten brothers and sisters of a single family, ranging in age from 48 to 72 years, had a reunion at the Centennial, going to hear President Coolidge together and celebrating at the home of one of them, Mrs. Ella M. Lee, 2307 Irving avenue N. They

were the Liens, who came originally from near Cambridge, Wis., in the Koshkonong district. In the group were Lars, Renville, Minn.; George, Granite Falls; Martin, Edgerton, Wis.; Joseph, Madison, Wis.; Rev. A. E. Lien, Portland, N. D.; Herman, Cambridge, Wis.; Gustav, Windsor, N. D.; Oscar, Rio, Wis.; Mrs. B. K. Savre, Glenwood, Minn. and Mrs. Lee.

Rockchester, Minn. Bulletin
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

OLMSTED COUNTY PEOPLE TO ATTEND CENTENNIAL

"Hundreds of people of Norwegian extraction in Olmsted county will go to St. Paul and Minneapolis next week to attend the Norse-American centennial," said Oscar Giere this morning. "I look to see Rock Dell and Salem townships especially well depopulated next week," he said.

Mr. Giere, however, believes that many more people than those of Norse extraction will go to the celebration. "From what I can read of it," he said, "it will be of great interest to all old settlers of the county for it will depict events as the pioneers and frontiersmen met them back there in those early days.

"For the same reason," he continued, "it will be of interest to us people of the second generation. We can get some idea of how our parents and grandparents what trials they were confronted with."

Mr. Giere said that many Olmsted county people will go to the cities and stay there throughout the entire week, missing none of the events which are scheduled on the program.

Rothsday (Minn.) Enterprise
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Rothsday Visitors At Centennial

The following from Rothsday board ed the G. N. special for the Centennial Friday: Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Nordrum, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wigdahl, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Braatlien, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Lillevoll, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Rosum, Swend Larson, Olaf Ronningen, A. O. Grefsrud, John Nymcen, Alf. Malingen, Eric Aarness, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Eide, T. J. Olson, Rev. U. D. Johnson, Rev. Salvesson, Rev. Bjornson, Knute Strand, Ole T. Gronseth, Mrs. Anne Sorlie, Mrs. R. O. Johnson.

Rushford, Minn., Record
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925
AFTER FIFTY-FOUR YEARS

Mrs. Ole Erickson attended the Norse-American Centennial, going by way of Winona on Saturday, June 6. Fifty-four years ago on the same date Mrs. Erickson was in Winona on the last lap of the journey from her native home in Bergen, Norway. Conditions have changed greatly since those days, says Mrs. Erickson. There were 1575 immigrants on the boat we came over on, and it took four weeks to make the journey to Olmsted county where they settled.

Mrs. Erickson listened to the speech President Coolidge made at the centennial, and could appreciate in every particular his tribute to the sturdy Norse pioneers who endured the hardships and by faith and thrift have had such a large share in the growth of the farms in this section of the country.

One of the many pleasures of the mingling and meeting together of people from the "home land" to Mrs. Erickson, was the meeting, incidentally, of two men who years ago knew her father and mother and had been at their home in Bergen.

Rushford, Minn., Record
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

O. S. Petrum, C. O. Swenson, Hans Lyberg and Carl Hjelle made up an automobile party to attend the Norse-American centennial. They returned Tuesday evening, highly pleased with the trip. Mr. Petrum has promised to furnish the Tri-County Record with a story relative to the many relics that he gathered in Peterson and vicinity and in Rushford and vicinity for the exhibit at the big gathering.

Spring Grove, Minn., Record
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

Spring Grove and vicinity were well represented at the Norse-American Centennial held at the State Fair Grounds, Hamline, Saturday to Tuesday, June 6th to 9th, and the program as advertised was carried out, with the exception of the non-appearance of the giant dirigible of the air, Los Angeles, which was forced to return to Lakehurst, N. J., after coming as far west as Cleveland, Ohio, where owing to the fact that only three of its engines were working and they were six hours late, they returned.

President Calvin Coolidge spoke to the large gathering on Monday afternoon, and a few excerpts of his speech are given:

"It is not possible, as it is certainly not needful on this occasion, even to summarize the story of Norwegian immigration. But it should be explained that while the settlement of 1825 in Orleans County, N. Y., was the first Norwegian settlement and represented the first organized immigration, these pioneers of the Restaurationen were not the first Norwegians to come here. Considerable numbers had come even before the Revolutionary War and some as far back as the earliest colonial years. There were Norwegians in both army and navy during the Revolution and the War of 1812. But the fact remains that the great movement which established Norwegian communities all over the northwest and contributed so greatly to the building of that part of the country began with the voyage of the Restaurationen. It is said that Norwegians and their descendants in this country are now just about as numerous as the population of Norway itself. Norway is credited with furnishing a larger number of settlers to the United States in proportion to its population than any other European country except one."

"It is frequently noted regarding immigration that the newcomers from Europe commonly sought climatic conditions here like those in which they had been raised. So the Scandinavians are found chiefly in the northern parts of this country. About 80 per cent of the population of Norway is agricultural, the remainder maritime and industrial. These proportions are closely carried out in the occupational distribution here. A great majority sought the land, but considerable numbers have always followed the sea. Some of the coincidences in connection with this migration are oddly interesting. Thus we have noted that the little sloop Restaurationen brought a cargo of iron; today Minnesota has more Norwegians and produces more iron ore than any other state. Again, Norway is a land of wonderful fresh-water lakes, and it is closely matched by Minnesota."

"Our America with all that it represents of hope in the world is now and will be what you make it. Its institutions of religious liberty, of educational and economic opportunity, of constitutional rights, of the integrity of the law, are the most precious possessions of the human race. These do not emanate from the government. Their abiding place is with the people. They come from the consecration of the father, the love of the moth-

er, and the devotion of the children. They are the product of that honest, earnest, and tireless effort that goes into the rearing of the family altar and the making of the home of our country. They can have no stronger supporters, no more loyal defenders, than that great body of our citizenship which you represent. When I look upon you and realize what you are and what you have done, I know that in your hands our country is secure. You have laid up your treasure in what America represents, and there will your heart be also. You have given your pledge to the Land of the Free. The pledge of the Norwegian people has never yet gone unredeemed."

Among those who attended from Spring Grove and vicinity were John Gran, O. S. Johnson, Elmer Hallan, Henry Hallan, O. B. Nelson, J. D. Johnson, M. Magnusson, Rev. O. M. Peterson, A. J. Johnson, Eiling Karlsbraaten, Lars Lane, Martin Langland, Mrs. Robert Roppe and children, Louise Wenness, Mrs. Christ Skaaden, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Wolden, Leander Wolden, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fladager, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kroshus, K. L. Grundeland, Gustine Langlie, Alma Quandahl, Selma Morken, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Onsgard and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schansberg and children, Mrs. Ole Tweeten, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ristey, Oliver Onsgard, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Evenson and son Emil, O. K. Dable, Oscar Gilbertson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hohum, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wenness and son.

Staples, Minn., World
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

STAPLES RESIDENTS ATTEND CONVENTION

More Than Seventy Attend Norse Centennial Celebration at St. Paul.

More than seventy Staples people left here last week to attend the Norse-American Centennial at St. Paul. Special silver medals had been cast in honor of the occasion. The rail road made special rates to the settlers and everything was done to make the celebration an event in the lives of the hardy old pioneers. The fair grounds were packed with people for all the days and trainloads were arriving daily. Most of the railroads found it necessary to make special accommodations for the influx of passengers.

President Coolidge and a party of governmental officials were in attendance at the convention, Tuesday, he delivered an address to many thousands of people. He spoke of the part the Norse people had played in the building of Minnesota and of their importance in our national, economic and social life. At the close of his address he called the attention of the crowd to their pledge to America. He spoke of the future of America and her people and the part that the Norwegian people would play in it.

Starbuck (Minn.) Times
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

MANY FROM STARBUCK ATTEND CENTENNIAL

Scores of people from this community attended the Norse-American Centennial at the fair grounds the early part of this week.

Saturday was devoted to the meetings of the various lags and Sunday to religious services in the various buildings on the grounds.

Monday, President Coolidge spoke to a packed grandstand, containing perhaps the largest number of people ever crowded in it. The street in front of the stand was also packed to the large cement wall. So great was the crush that several women fainted, and C. M. Pederson, who was present, assisted the police in hoisting them over the fence where they could be revived. It was rumored that a six year old child was crushed to death, but it was impossible to verify this.

The great audience arose when the President entered the grounds and remained standing while the band played the "Star Spangled Banner." The president praised the work of the pioneers and made a plea for unity of the nations as there has been a unity of nationalities in this country, men and women of different temperaments, ideals and languages being welded into a homogeneous American people. Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg delivered an address containing a severe indictment of the extreme radicals. Representatives of the Norwegian Storting, the King of Norway and the Dominion of Canada brot greetings. Senator Shipstead presided and introduced the speakers.

Saturday and Sunday were extremely warm and many people came down with only thin summer clothing. At the meeting Monday afternoon it was very cold with a high wind and intermittent rain. Many had to borrow wraps, some took blankets from their cars, and others used newspapers to protect themselves from the wind and rain.

At the entrance to the grounds was a replica of the good ship "Restaurationen", in which the first considerable body of Norwegian immigrants came to America after being tossed on the seas for 14 weeks. Thousands looked over the boat and found it hard to believe that such could cross the ocean and house 53 people and a crew necessary to man it.

The most wonderful thing at the celebration was the exhibits of tapestries, paintings, curios and relics at the women's building. Only the eye of an artist could appreciate and the pen of a Shakespeare adequately describe the beauties and artistry of these wonderful tapestries, paintings and curios. So great was the jam in this building that it was exceedingly difficult to get a good view of them unless one spent a great deal of time.

While going thru this building, we noticed Peder Engebretson taking in the exhibits with all the delight of a much younger man. T. O. Lee was also there and seemed to be enjoying the wonderful sights.

On Tuesday evening a pageant depicting the history of the Norsemen in America from the time they first

landed to the present, was presented in front of the grandstand. Col. Hans Heg of the 15th Wis. regiment was the central figure in the pageant.

The big disappointment for many was the failure of the big dirigible airship, Los Angeles, to come Monday morning as planned. It left Lakehurst, New Jersey, and when it arrived at Cincinnati, Ohio, it had to turn back on account of engine trouble. Heavy winds made it difficult for the aeroplanes to go thru all their maneuvers Saturday and Sunday afternoon, but fairly good exhibitions were seen.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pederson, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Moen, Carl Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Norby, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Olson, Irving Stenson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Field, Olaf Wollan, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Merrill, B. O. Kleven, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Flak and daughter Astrid, Peder Engebretson, Josephine Landmark, Dr. Larson, W. C. Markland, G. I. Engebretson, A. G. Fossen, Knut Hidem, Tilman Smedstad, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Christenson, Miss Lilly Wrolson, Dr. and Mrs. Opheim, Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Johnshoy, Rev. G. O. Forde, Laura Forde, Osm. Aslakson and daughter Magdlene, Mae Olmeim, H. L. Gorder and daughter Dagny, Magna Peterson, Casper Gorder, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Kirkvold, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Wollan, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Vang, Mrs. Gronberg, Mr. and Mrs. Ole S. Ronnei, H. L. Ronnei, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dahl and daughter Edna. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stoen, Leo Sylvester, Carl, Emelia and Mabel Spangrud, Adolph and Arnold Bardahl, Martin Kaldahl, C. O. Rorvig, Jorgine Strandness, Tom Lee, Magnus Troen, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moe, Rev. and Mrs. T. Kleven were among the many who were down to the Centennial.

Storden, Minn., Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

On Friday morning of last week a special sleeping car left Storden with about forty-five good old Norwegian residents for the cities to take in the Norse American Centennial. Storden is the only town in the county which was able to charter a car of this kind.

St. Cloud, Minn., Times
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925

R. E. Knutsen is in Minneapolis for the next several days where will renew old acquaintances with friends from near Oslo, where he formerly lived. Quite a few native residents of the section have come to the United States to attend the centennial here.

St. James, Minn., Plaindealer
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1925
BUTTERFIELD SENDS

MANY TO CENTENNIAL

Butterfield—Butterfield was well represented at the Norse-American Centennial. Those from here were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Brogger, Mr. and Mrs. O. Ulvestad and son, Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. T. Tonnesson, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Haatvedt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Slaalien, Mrs. Bertha Finch, Mrs. C. Melheim, Mr. Knudson, Mr. Wethal, Mr. and

Mrs. Haatvedt, who also attended the wedding of their son, Otto, to Miss Emma Molv of Minneapolis. They were married June 6.

Elvin Ulvestad, accompanied by Miss Ragnhild Slaalien and Miss Marie Harder, went by car to Duluth early last Saturday morning for a visit of a week or ten days.

Miss Catherine Harder is clerking at Sundt's store while Ragnhild Slaalien is absent.

Mrs. E. Brogger entertained a few friends last Thursday in honor of Miss Ruth Regan, a June bride to be.

Miss Ruth Schwelert came home from Sioux City, Ia., Monday. She has attended school there the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Haatvedt have been visiting friends and relatives here this last week and started Monday morning by auto for a trip to Duluth, Brainerd and Port Arthur. They will be back in Minneapolis and go to housekeeping here after June 20.

Miss Sarah Friesen, telephone operator, resigned June 15. Mrs. Toews is taking her place for the time being.

Miss Myrtle Knudson was a Mt. Lake visitor Monday.

St. James, Minn., Plaindealer
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1925

Mrs. Oscar Benson Attends Centennial

Rosendale—

Mrs. Oscar Benson attended the Centennial at Minneapolis. It was the most wonderful doing she ever attended. All the programs were excellent and the exhibit was more than ordinary. She does not think one could see any more at a world's fair in the line of heirlooms and relics.

Mrs. Benson had the pleasure of meeting and old friend from Norway, Lars Oftedal, a member of the cabinet, who came here as one of the representatives from Norway. Mr. Oftedal is a very good speaker and spoke at the grand stand after President Coolidge had made his fine speech. One of the speakers said there are now two Norways, one across the sea and one in America.

Mrs. Benson also took "a trip to Norway" while in the Cities. It was a movie from different parts of Norway. There were nine reels and it took just three hours to see it all. It surely was wonderful and instructive, she said. She also saw Knute Nelson's old home and also the fine statue that was raised in his honor.

St. Paul, Minn., News
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Reserves 250 Seats.

T. C. Borg, proprietor of Borg & Powers furniture store, has reserved 250 seats in the grandstand at the state fair grounds for the Norse-American centennial performance.

St. Peter, Minn. Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

Many Local Norwegians To Attend Norse Centennial

Mrs. E. O. Mork of this city has received a special invitation to attend a reception at the horticultural building at the state fair grounds in St. Paul on Sunday, June 7th, one of the feature affairs of the Norse Centennial. A large number of local people plan to attend the big event in the twin cities. It opens today. Tomorrow there will be conventions of the various bygdelags. Sunday will be devoted to religious services. Special music will be rendered by a choir from Oslo, Norway, the St. Olaf college choir, the Luther college, St. Olaf and Concordia bands, and a male chorus of 500 voices. President Calvin Coolidge will speak at the fair grounds on Monday afternoon. In the evening, six governors of Norse descent will speak. The famous American airship, the Los Angeles, will be present during the celebration, and there will be a track meet in which world famous athletes will take part. Exhibits of old Norse relics will also be a feature of the celebration.

Thief River Falls, Minn. Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Attend Centennial

Among local people who attended the Norse centennial the past week not mentioned elsewhere in The Times are: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Evenson, Mrs. A. Dybvig, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Hofdal, Rev. and Mrs. O. O. Sande, T. K. Rynestad, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Letnes, Carl Christopherson, Mrs. Netteland and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Sund and daughter and Hans Jorstad.

Twin Valley (Minn.) Times
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

The Reverend and Mrs. Opdahl will leave Friday for the cities to attend the Norwegian Centennial festivities and the Annual meeting of the church at St. Paul. Mr. N. O. Skauge and John Erickson are delegates elected from W. R. and Immanuel congregations for the meeting. Miss Elvina Thompson and Otto Braget are delegates from the Hope Y. P. Society for the Luther League convention.

Two Harbors, Minn. Chronicle
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Two Harbors Norsemen Off For Centennial

LARGE DELEGATION SET OUT FOR CELEBRATION OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST LARGE GROUP OF NORWEGIANS TO LAND IN AMERICA

A large caravan of automobiles set out from Two Harbors Saturday and the number was materially augmented by those who took advantage of reduced fares on railroads to attend the Centennial celebration at Hamline. Preparations have been made for several weeks for the trip and the local arrangements were made by J. M. Bergerson and Mrs. Nels Oversee, who were the local chairmen.

Mr. Bergerson, while a hundred per cent American, takes great pride in his ancestry from the sturdy race of Norsemen and has made a study of the history of his race from which he has compiled some very interesting facts. Mr. Bergerson is ready to question the right of Christopher Columbus to the honor of being the discoverer of our wonderful country and he has some interesting facts dating before the time when Columbus set out on his celebrated voyage in search of the westward route to the Orient. "Historians have squabbled for years," says Mr. Bergerson, over the legends of early Norse visits to America. From time to time "true" stories have been found which have been wildly sung as incontrovertible evidence of those visits and as hotly condemned as outrageous pranks played upon the credulity of the simple minded.

There can be no doubt that the hardy Scandinavian adventurers combing the sea for their prey, discovered Iceland and Greenland and, if these, then in all probability Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New England and possibly lands still farther south and west. That they actually came to America in the ninth century is not so hard a thing to believe as that they came in open boats similar to those mentioned in "Beowulf," earliest of the Anglo-Saxon epic poems of the sea.

Most of the doings of these sturdy adventurers is lost in the mists of legend and buried deeply in the puzzling boastings which characterized the reports of all returned explorers. It is upon a slender thread of established fact that the entire tale of the doings of the Norsemen in America hangs.

In 863 a Dane named Gardar found and named Iceland. Eleven years later Ingolz colonized it and made it a republic. In 977 the mountains of Greenland were first seen by Gunnbjorn. In 983 a Norwegian murderer, Erik the Red,

called Eirikur from Iceland. As he was banished for his crimes first from Norway and later from Iceland he no doubt sailed on past Greenland in search for a more congenial clime.

In 986 Bjarni Herjulfson-Bjarni, in a journey from Iceland to Greenland was driven out of his course a great distance. From the fragments of the narrative of this trip which have survived in Icelandic records geographers have reached the conclusion that they actually explored to sea coast as far as Long Island.

In 994 Leif Erickson, son of Eric, the Outlaw, bought the Bjarni "ship" and with 25 men set sail over the same course. They appear to have wintered not far from Nantuxet and Cape Cod. Some geographers establish the place definitely as Mount Hope bay.

Returning to Greenland Leif turned his ship over to his brother Thorwald, who sailed south and west with 30 men and in the year 1002 wintered at "Vinland," where the former expedition had sojourned. These last remained in America two years and "explored the interior"—how far, no one can say. Possibly some of them reached the

In 1007 Thorfinn Karisnafne, a wealthy Icelandic merchant descended from Danish, Norwegian and Swedish princes, and his wife Gudrifa, sailed to Vinland. That autumn a son was born to them on American soil, "Snowl," the first European blood to give tongue to infant lamentations upon these shores.

Thorfinn remained here three years and trafficked with the Indians. One of his camps he named Hop. The Puritans six centuries later found the Indians calling that locality Hump. The Puritans kept the traditions, calling the place Hump Hop.

How abruptly the stories of the Norse voyages to America ceased. Why, no one can do other than guess. Possibly the trips were unprofitable. Certainly they were hazardous to a degree.

Historians grudgingly give the men from the North credit for any of this. It is claimed that the journeys were accidental. That they all

came about by one of the first being blown off from his course from Iceland to Greenland. In this connection it should be recalled that Columbus was in search of a westward path to Cathay and that he inadvertently found a continent barring his way.

It may be that some day evidence will be unearthed which the geographers and the historians can not gainsay and either Leif or Erick may snatch from the brow of the great Christopher Columbus that wreath of laurel which has crowned him since 1492.

One thing must be granted these hardy North men. They financed their trips themselves, they sailed by the stars without compass or quadrant, in open boats, and they foisted upon the natives neither their rum nor their religion."

Nick Nelson and Soren M. Jensen, Silver Creek farmers, attended the Norwegian Centennial which took place the first part of the week in Minneapolis.

Tyler (Minn.) Journal
FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. M. Glemmestad are leaving tomorrow morning, Saturday to attend the Norse Centennial at Minneapolis. Dr. A. L. Vadheim and wife also leaves for Minneapolis Saturday morning, and a great many visitors from this part of the state will be en route for the big national occasion which commences with an elaborate three days program on Sunday. The ocean steamer "Stavangerfjord" arrived at New York from Oslo last Tuesday carrying a number of officials from the old world. Sunday afternoon there will be a reception at the Horticultural Building at which the Glemmestad and Vadheim families are among the invited guests; Monday President Coolidge will deliver his address, and in the evening the student singers of Oslo will give a concert. But there are a great many other events during the Centennial, and the visitors will no doubt enjoy many happy and impressive moments during their stay at the twin cities.

Ulen, Minn., Union
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Hans Rustuen came back from the Centennial meeting Monday. He met many old time friends and relatives. One of these was Jacob Sletten who was wheatbuyer here at one time. He met a relatives he had not seen for 46 years and another he had not met for 22 years. On his trip Mr. Rustuen wore a suit made in Norway, also had with him a Norwegian knife and case and wore buttons of Norwegian manufacture in his cuffs. It will be understood from this that Mr. Rustuen is a genuine Norwegian product and that he takes great pride in all things that have made the Norwegians such a noted race. He was very much pleased with his trip and had a very good time.

Wanamingo, Minn., Express
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

A large number from Wanamingo and vicinity attended the Norse-American Centennial celebration at Minneapolis, a majority of them being present on Monday when President Coolidge delivered an address. It would be impossible to list all who attended the celebration, as we have no means of securing the correct list. Those in attendance, so far as known, were: N. O. Romness, Andrew Skaar, Mr. and Mrs. John Dale, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Norby, Mr. and Mrs. John Carlson, Mrs. O. E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zane, P. O. Simonson, Roy Steberg, L. J. Trygstad, Theodore, Louisa and Emma Trygstad, Henry M. Halvorson, Ralph, Martha and Helen Halvorson, Nels J. Olness, Jacob N. Olness, Olaf Sundvik, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fossum and son, Reuben, Alfred Albertson, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. A. Swenson, Ludvig Greseth and Ole Wold.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Henry M. Halvorson of this village was a member of the reception committee which extended greetings and hospitality to representatives of the King and Queen of Norway, at the Norse-American Centennial in the twin cities last Saturday evening. Mr. Halvorson says it was a very pleasant social affair.

WELLS, IOWA, JUNE 5, 1925

SPECIAL TRAIN TO GO TO CENTENNIAL

Warrenites May Go To Crookston On Morning of June 5—Marshall Exhibit Making Progress

A special train from Crookston on June 5 will carry Marshall county residents to the Norse-American Centennial in the Twin Cities June 6 to 9, according to information received by O. H. Taralseth, chairman of the county ticket sale committee. While many will go down by train it is expected that others will make the trip by automobile.

A Marshall county exhibit at the Centennial is materializing as a result of efforts of a special committee appointed by C. G. Selvig, of Crookston, chairman of the Red River Valley Centennial exhibit.

The special train will leave Crookston at 8:55 a. m. starting from Grand Forks at 8 a. m.

The famous Oslo University mixed chorus, a feature of the Centennial will sing at Grand Forks on June 3 and many Warrenites are planning to hear the famous Norwegian singers.

Those in position to know are now variously estimating the attendance for the four days' celebration at from 250,000 to 500,000.

Special trains are being arranged for to carry the crowds from all points of the compass. Automobile caravans are also being planned from many sections within reasonable driving distance of the Twin Cities. The railroads west of Chicago have made a rate of one and one-third for the round trip.

A world's fair will virtually be crowded into the four days' celebration. The celebration has been officially recognized by four nations—the United States, Dominion of Canada, Norway and Iceland, and these countries will all be officially represented.

President Calvin Coolidge will speak before the grandstand on Monday afternoon June 8. On the evening of that day, designated "Governors' Night," it is expected that all six governors of Norse blood will be present and make short addresses. They are: Governor Theodore Christianson, Minnesota; Gov. J. J. Blain, Wisconsin; Gov. Carl Gunderson, South Dakota; Gov. A. G. Sorlie, North Dakota; Gov. J. E. Erickson, Montana and Gov. H. L. Whitfield, Mississippi.

The opening day, Saturday, June 6, will be devoted to the national conventions of the about 30 "Bygdels," organizations of Norse immigrants and their descendants from the various "bygds" or counties of Norway. These have membership ranging from 300 to 5,000.

Sunday, June 7, will be devoted to religious services and concerts. Pastors of various denominations will preach and the music at their services will be rendered by some of the leading musical organizations in the country, including the internationally famous Oslo chorus, the equally famous St. Olaf Lutheran choir of Northfield, Minn., the Luther College Concert band of 75 pieces from Decorah, Ia., the St. Olaf college band, Concordia College choir and band, Moorhead, Minn., Augsburg Seminary chorus, Minneapolis and a male chorus of 500 or more voices from the Norwegian Singers' Association. There will also be special concerts by these musical forces.

The exhibits will be large, varied and highly interesting, including antique Norse jewelry, woven tapestry, furniture, musical instruments, household utensils, needle art, besides exhibits showing the contribution of Norse Americans to the development and history of America in many fields, education, religious, industrial and historical. There will be 22 departments of exhibits arranged under the general direction of Dr. Knut Gjerset, curator of the museum of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

A "living flag" of 420 St. Paul school children will be a feature on Monday, June 8, "America Day" and a wonderful historical pageant depicting the life of the Norse pioneers in America during the last century will be the concluding feature on Tuesday night. Several hundreds of persons will take part in this pageant.

The United States government has recognized the importance of this celebration of the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first shipload of Norse immigrants in America by authorizing the issuance of special Norse-American Centennial postal stamps, a two-cent and a five-cent stamp, and the minting of 40,000 commemorative silver medals, the first time in the history of the country that such medals have been authorized by Congress. The medals sell for \$1.25 and will be sent to the buyer direct by registered mail, only one medal to each person. Mail orders, accompanied by draft or check to Norse-American Centennial, 11 Washington Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.

The Navy department will send the giant dirigible airship, the Los Angeles, to the celebration and that will be accompanied by a fleet of 50 airplanes.

Winnipeg, Minn., Journal
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Martin Berg states on his return from the Norse-American centennial that he feels that he is a better American than before.

Waseca, Minn., Journal
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1925

Mrs. T. K. Alland came down from Minneapolis Friday to visit at the home of her son Joe and other relatives and friends before leaving on her trip to Norway after the Norse Centennial. Her daughter Aletta will accompany her to Norway.

The Minn. Mirror
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Miss Electa Byrne, left last Tuesday morning for Minneapolis where she attended the breakfast given in honor of the foreign women delegates to the Norse Centennial, at the home of Mrs. Andreas Ueland. Seventy-five guests were present. Miss Byrne reports that the addresses given by the prominent women from abroad were interesting in the extreme. Miss Byrne remained in the Cities until Thursday, when she went to Northfield to be present at the state convention of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

West St. Paul, Minn., Booster
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Joe Kennedy who wore a 'special police' star at the Norse-Centennial celebration, seemed to make it his duty to collect pictures and addresses of beautiful Norwegian girls. Of course, the girls couldn't miss seeing the star.

Willmar (Minn.) Tribune
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

MANY ATTEND NORSE CENTENNIAL

Willmar Represented by Large Number of Citizens at Norse Centennial Programs

Willmar was well represented at the Norse Centennial programs held at the State Fair Grounds on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. It is estimated that hundreds attended from this county. The total attendance computed by the Norse Centennial officials is placed at about 250,000 with some 80,000 on Monday alone when President Coolidge addressed the audience. This address was also broadcasted over the radio and was heard by other hundreds of thousands in the nation.

Among those who attended from this community we hear of the following: C. E. Witso, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Halvorson, Ole Hustupt, J. T. Langager, G. P. Smith, O. R. Berkness, W. W. Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. John Skattos, C. F. Baker, Joe Sneckenberg, Ralph Bergstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Burdick Bjornberg, Nels Bredeson, Luella Berg, Ed Benson, Mrs. G. Nelson, T. G. Nelson, Mrs. Arnold Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bassebo, N. J. Osteraas, S. O. Diefendorf, Mr. and Mrs. Olof Dale, Anna Abrahamson, Almeda Sjoquist, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Sundberg, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Odell, Mayor and Mrs. P. B. Hong, and children, Mr. and Mrs. Eben E. Lawson, A. O. Hildahl, Lauritz Baklund, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tallakson, N. H. Tallakson, Rev. and Mrs. Arnt Vaaler, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Baklund, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Kallevig, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Dale, N. N. Abrahamson and daughter Laura, Mr. and Mrs. Sigrid Berkness, Christ Johnson, and son Roy, P. C. Rierson, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Handy, Ed E. Olson, Albert and Hat-tie Thompson and hundreds of others.

ST. LOUIS CITY IOWA JOUR
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1925

Norsemen Charter Special Car.

Worthington, Minn., April 30.—Special: Worthington citizens of Norse ancestry have chartered a pullman for the journey to the Norse-American centennial at the Twin Cities in June. The sleeper will be parked at the state fair grounds throughout the three-day celebration.

Zumbrota, Minn., News
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

A large number of people from Zumbrota and vicinity were visitors in the twin cities this week attending all or part of the great Norse-American Centennial program, and it has been impossible for us to get the names of all, as there has been hundreds of guests from this section of Goodhue county.

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Butte, Mont., Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Attend Centennial and Visit Among Old Home Folks

Mrs. A. L. Vadheim and son, Albert Lewis, Jr., left on Wednesday for Minneapolis and other points in the central states. Mrs. Vadheim plans to be present at the Norse-American Centennial to which she has a special invitation, and is assured a good time by her brother-in-law, who is president of "Hallingslaget" which has membership of 3,000, of which over 1,000 delegates will be present. 3 "Lags" will be represented. Mrs. Vadheim is looking forward to meeting schoolmates and friends whom she has not seen for years, and also plans to spend considerable time with her mother, Mrs. L. J. Breen. Mr. Vadheim and Carlyle accompanied Mrs. Vadheim and "Bobbie" to Billings, where Mr. Vadheim also gave business affairs his attention.

Conrad, Mont., Observer
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925
TO ATTEND CONVENTION

A. L. Erickson and Rev. G. O. Fjesholm, of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, left this morning for Minneapolis where they go to attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration, to be held in that city on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of next week, June 7, 8, and 9. This celebration is being held in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the landing of the first Norwegian settlers in America, and will be attended by many notables of the country. President Coolidge is to deliver an address at the meeting Monday, and the governors of six states, all descendants of Norway, will be attendance. Governor Erickson, of Montana, will be among the distinguished guests of the meeting. After attending the Centennial, Mr. Erickson and Rev. Fjesholm will attend the national convention of the Norwegian Lutheran churches to be held in Minneapolis.

Culbertson, Mont., Searchlight
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1925

Rev. O. J. Hagen left yesterday for a trip to Helena and Livingston, and from there will go to New Salem, N. D., where he will visit his daughter Miss Inga, and then will go to St. Paul to attend the Norse-American Centennial to be held from the 6th to the 9th of June. The annual Lutheran convention will be held there following the centennial in which he will take part. He will also visit his mother at Slayton, Minnesota, before returning. She is ninety-one years of age. He expects to return to Culbertson the latter part of June.

Elkalaka, Mont., News
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL.

We learn from the Camp Crook Gazette that Carter county was represented at the Norse-American Centennial celebration in Minneapolis.

The Gazette says: "John Teigen of Capitol, returned from Minneapolis and the Norse-American Centennial celebration on Monday's Marmarth stage. Mr. Teigen says he was unable to shake hands with President Coolidge because he couldn't get within a half mile of the speaker's platform. John says he never did see such a crowd. He states, however, that he met several boyhood friends with whom he went to school in the old country, and, needless to say, he enjoyed his visit very much."

The celebration marked the hundredth anniversary of the sailing of the tiny bark carrying the first company of Norwegian immigrants to this country in 1825.

The Norwegian influence has done much to shape American life, especially in the northwestern states. "Of the many accretions to its citizenship," says the New York Tribune, "America can set the Norse immigration apart as one of the most welcome and wholesome. Our Scandinavians have made good citizens and sturdy patriots." President Coolidge in his address gave Lief Ericson and the Norsemen the credit of visiting America hundreds of years before Columbus came.

Glasgow, Mont., Democrat
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1925

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Will Attend Centennial

A party composed of Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Livdahl and Mr. and Mrs. M. Sektan, of this city, and Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Akre of Hinsdale, expect to leave next Monday for Minneapolis, Minn., where they will be present at the Norse-American centennial celebration, which opens at the Minnesota state fair grounds June 7 and continues for three days. They will make the trip by car.

Glasgow, Mont., Courier
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

DELEGATES LEAVE TO ATTEND FIRST NORSE CENTENNIAL

Many Valley County Norwegians Will Be In Attendance At Mammoth Meeting Which Opens On Saturday.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE THERE

Complete Program Announced For Celebration To Commemorate First Norwegian Settlement In America.

That Valley county will be well represented at the big Norse-American centennial which opens at St. Paul Saturday morning, June 6th, is evidenced by the fact that the following delegates have already left to be present for the opening day:

Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Livdahl, Glasgow; Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Akre, Hinsdale; Mr. and Mrs. M. Sektan, Glasgow; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sektan, Glasgow; Sig Holter, Glasgow; Arne Raade, Glasgow; T. G. Dahl, Tampico, and Lars and Anders Rogne, of Glasgow; O. T. Onarheim, Glasgow; Mrs. Ole Bronstad, Glasgow.

We understand that there were several more who left during the week whose names we were unable to learn. The general Lutheran church convention will be held in St. Paul at the same time as the centennial and Lutheran pastors from every section of the globe will be in attendance.

Glasgow, Mont., Times
FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1925

Centennial Was on Large Scale

Valley county people who attended the Norse-American centennial at Minneapolis declare it was the biggest event of its kind they have ever witnessed. Rev. A. N. Livdahl, who with Mrs. Livdahl, returned Tuesday from Minneapolis, says that President Coolidge in his address declared that the crowd he faced, of 100,000 persons, was the largest he had ever appeared before.

"The program as carried out, was of too large proportions to be taken in, in its entirety, by an individual," said Mr. Livdahl. "Throughout most of the centennial three separate programs were in progress at any given time. The affair was on such a vast scale that any personal impression of it only partially covers the scope of the entertainment offered."

Mr. and Mrs. Livdahl encountered very bad roads in North Dakota and were compelled to leave their car at Fargo and continue to the Twin Cities by train. The entire Red river valley was flooded.

Throughout his entire trip, Mr. Livdahl did not see any grain comparable to that which greeted them on the Valley county north bench as they returned home.

*Great Falls Tribune
Mont.*

May 10th 1925

NORSE CENTENNIAL WILL ATTRACT MANY

President Coolidge to Speak at
St. Paul on Monday,
June 8

Quite a number of Great Falls residents of Norse birth or extraction, as well as many others in Montana and northwestern states, are making plans to attend the Norse-American centennial celebration to be held at the Minnesota State fair grounds, June 6 to 8.

This celebration is to commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of Norse emigration in 1825, to the United States. Fifty-two emigrants arrived from Norway that year, on the sloop "Bestaurationen," and established their first colony in New York state. With those following in later years, the natural westward call led to the west and

northwest, and today the Twin Cities is the acknowledged center of activity of the Norse race.

Many of those attending, from the northwest, will continue their journey and join an ocean excursion to Norway. After the Minnesota celebration, special trains will carry these tourists via Niagara Falls and other scenic points, to New York, where they will embark June 12 on the chartered Norwegian-America Line steamer "Stavangerfjord" on a pleasure cruise to their native land. Arrangements are being made for entertainment and appropriate festivities on shipboard and after their arrival in Norway. Most of the visitors will return to the United States within three months.

Glenwood, Minn., Herald
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Harold Branae, wife and two children of Grey Cliff, Montana, stopped off in Glenwood this week on their way home from the Norse Centennial in the Twin Cities for a visit at the home of Mr. Branae's sister, Mrs. Emil Vollum, and his uncle, A. P. Branae, and other relatives and friends in this section. This is Mr. Branae's first visit here in nine years. Until eleven years ago he was a resident of this county, at which time he went to Montana and is engaged in farming in one of the irrigated sections of that state.

Kalispell, Mont., Inter Lake
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bjorneby left this afternoon by automobile, to attend the graduation of their daughter, Miss Jeanette, from St. Olaf's college, Northfield, Minnesota. The graduation day is June 4. Mr. and Mrs. Bjorneby are going by way of Corvallis to meet their daughter, Miss Margaret, who is teaching there, and the four will also attend the Norse centennial at St. Paul and the annual Bethlehem Lutheran church meeting at Minneapolis. Mr. Bjorneby will then return and the others will motor to Waterville, Iowa, to visit Mrs. Bjorneby's mother and other relatives, being away from Kalispell several weeks in all.

Kalispell, Mont., Inter Lake
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

MANY KALISPELL PEOPLE
GO TO NORSE CENTENNIAL

Joining a number of Kalispell people who have already left for the Norse-American Centennial, which is to be celebrated at the state fair grounds between St. Paul and Minneapolis June 6 and 7, are Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Hjelmervik and children, Miss Clara Moe and Mrs. H. E. Robbin, all of whom go tonight, Miss Mabel Gilbertson and Miss Inga Rask left Sunday evening.

H. Hanson, with his already famous violin, departed this morning for the celebration.

The Norse-American Centennial is a commemoration of the migration of people from Norway to America, and indications are that some 100,000 people will be in attendance.

Rev. and Mrs. Hjelmervik are also planning to attend the Interna-

tional Luther League convention in Minneapolis while east, and Mrs. Hjelmervik, as president of the Rocky Mountain district, will also attend the National Women's Missionary Federation convention of the Bethlehem Lutheran church. Misses Moe, Gilbertson and Rask are also delegates to the Luther League convention, and Mrs. E. G. Bjorneby and Mrs. Robbin are delegates to the Women's Missionary Federation convention.

Kalispell, Mont., Inter Lake
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1925

GOVERNOR ERICKSON
TAKES PART OF VALET

Poplar, June 13.—Attorney and Mrs. G. E. Erickson's journey to Twin Valley, Minn., enjoyed an unusual experience when the train officials and passengers of the Oriental Limited mistook them for Gov. J. E. Erickson and his wife.

The governor, on his way to the Norse centennial at the Twin Cities, boarded the train quietly at Helena, Mont. Hearing from the porter that "Govnah" Erickson of the state was getting on at Poplar and traveling in his coach, the governor knew that it must be his friend from that city, and decided not to correct the error.

Consequently when G. E. Erickson boarded the train he was greeted with loud acclaims from the porter as "Govnah." Attorney Erickson paid small heed to this salutation, as he is frequently called this by his friends, until he saw the governor. The two friends agreed that the governor travel as valet to the pretending governor.

The governor made an excellent valet carrying messages and ordering meals, etc., while the attorney enjoyed the comforts of the drawing room offered to the honored guest with the compliments of the Great Northern railway.

The masquerade was carried on successfully to the end of the journey, both men enjoying their roles. The governor mingling with the men in the smoking car heard kindly criticisms regarding himself and his administration, which the attorney

Kalispell, Mont., Inter Lake
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925

SENDS GREETINGS FROM CENTENNIAL

Greetings to Park county folks in behalf of the Norse-American Centennial were received yesterday by the Enterprise from Frank Larsen who is among those from Montana who are in Minneapolis celebrating the anniversary of the first organized immigration of Norwegians to America. Mr. Larsen's message follows:

Livingston Enterprise:—

Greetings from Norse-American Centennial to the people of Park county. Attendance Monday, two hundred thousand, the greatest celebration in the world during 1925. Governor J. E. Erickson acquitted himself with honor. President Coolidge has grown in love and esteem.

Frank Larsen.

Mr. Larsen is one of a delegation of fifteen from Park county, who is attending the centennial. A large portion of this delegation intends to remain in the Twin Cities for some time after the close of the celebration to attend a conference of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

Livingston, Mont. News
FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1925

LARSEN TELLS OF NORSE GATHERING AT MINNEAPOLIS

Reports from the Norse-American Centennial, which was held at Minneapolis, Minn., were given out yesterday by Frank Larsen, who was included in the Livingston delegation to the meeting.

The meeting was in commemoration of the landing of the first shipload of Norwegians in America, and was one of the largest meetings ever held. On Saturday June 6, the Bygdelags, in the form of a county organization, met, to make plans for the week and talk over the conditions of the country. Mr. Larsen, at this meeting was called upon to give a general talk on Montana, and others from the states in the country were also called upon, among whom was Harry Shipstead, Congressman from Minnesota. The chairman of this organization was Rev. Johnhog of Starbuck, Minn., and his speech was delivered to a total of 15,000 representatives.

It has been estimated that on June 6, a total of 80,000 were present and Sunday 110,000 while on Monday when President Coolidge delivered the principal address of the convention, 200,000 were in attendance.

Governor Erickson, gave an exceptional talk. Mr. Larsen said, a rill was received with a great applause.

Representatives from Norway, representing the King and the Parliament, the King, being unable to attend, were in attendance, and The Right Rev. Johan Lunde, representative of the Church of Norway, and Bishop of Oslo, Norway, was one of the most distinguished guests of the Centennial.

Among those who were representatives from Livingston were: Frank Larsen, Sam Olsen, Tom Johnson, Mrs. Lunde, Mrs. Crowley and Mrs. L. Krough.

Livingston, Mont. News
FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1925

NORSEMEN RETURN FROM CENTENNIAL

GREATEST GATHERING FOR 1925
IN THE WORLD; 200,000
HEAR COOLIDGE

Frank Larsen and others who attended the Norse-American Centennial at the Twin Cities last week returned the first of the week to Livingston.

Mr. Larsen states that the Centennial was a magnificent affair, and much credit is due Prof. Gisne Bothne, professor of languages at the University of Minnesota, who was president of the Centennial association.

Some 200,000 people were in attendance at the Centennial, including prominent Norse-Americans as well as church and political leaders of Norway.

The Centennial opened Saturday, June 6, with a meeting of the Bygdelags, at which Norsemen from various sections of the country made brief talks. Mr. Larsen addressed one of the meetings, telling of Montana and her opportunities.

The whole Centennial, so far as was possible, was conducted in the Norwegian language. President Coolidge, Governor Erickson of Montana, and one or two other speakers delivered the only addresses in English.

The Twin Cities, says Mr. Larsen, were decorated with American and Norwegian flags and many displays portraying the life and history of Norway. A reproduction of the Restaurationen, the first Norwegian emigrant ship to America, was on display.

Mr. Larsen states that Park and Sweet Grass counties had practically the only colonization literature at the Centennial. He states that much interest was shown in Montana by the Norsemen, and that it is probable results from the advertising will be good.

Plentywood, Mont. News
FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1925

Erickson, Lundeen and Eng. Torstenson Back

County Attorney Erickson, County Commission Chas. Lundeen and County Treasurer Torstenson arrived in Plentywood Monday after spending two weeks in Minneapolis and enjoying the Norse Centennial.

County Attorney Erickson stated that he met many people from Sheridan county attending the Centennial celebration, which was a mammoth affair.

Chas. Lundeen and Bert Torstenson helped to launch the Radium Remedies Co. on its way. They state that Sen. Taylor is now very busy preparing and letting advertising contracts, J. A. McGlynn and Ed. Weiss are looking after the manufacturing and office work and Art Rueber and Jasper Holland are out on the road getting orders and interviewing dentists.

They report a very favorable outlook for the company and the success of Pyradium.

Winnett, Mont. Times
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1925

TO ATTEND CENTENNIAL

A. K. Ingebo will leave the latter part of this week on an extended trip thru South Dakota and Minnesota where he will visit friends and relatives. Before returning he will attend the Norwegian Centennial at Minneapolis. The meeting will be addressed by President Coolidge.

Wolf Point, Mont. Herald
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1925

STENNES RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Stennes accompanied by Mrs. H. C. Ditmarson returned Friday afternoon from Minneapolis where they have been attending the Norse Centennial. They saw the main exhibition at the fair and heard President Coolidge's speech. They report that among the most interesting features of their visit in Minneapolis were the special exhibitions put on by the commercial firms and the dishes of Norwegian food which were served in all the first class hotels and restaurants, prepared by Norwegian chefs.

Nebraska

Broken down Nebraska

JUNE 4, 1925.
Mr. and Mrs. O. Chilson and Hazel and Cora Ellingson left Friday for Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota to visit friends and relatives. They will also attend the Norse-American Centennial and the Convention of the Lutheran church which is being held there the first two weeks of June.

Dakota City Nebraska Herald

JUNE 11, 1925.
S. A. Stinson went to St. Paul, Minn. Sunday night, not exactly to attend the Norse-American centennial celebration and take a look at President Coolidge, but to spend a few days buying goods for his store.

Northwood, Ia., Anchor
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925.
Prominent Men at Norse Centennial

Brig. Gen. A. W. Bjornstad, first Norse-American to attain a general's rank in the United States Army, now stationed at Ft. Omaha, Neb., accepted the invitation to attend and was present. The general born and raised in St. Paul, Minn., while both his father and mother were born in Norway.

Six states are represented by Governors of Norse ancestry, namely: Theodore Christianson, Minnesota; J. J. Blaine, Wisconsin; A. G. Sorlie, North Dakota; Carl Gunderson, South Dakota; John E. Erikson, Montana, and H. S. Whitfield, Mississippi. Gov. A. Smith, New York, had appointed three delegates from the Empire State, namely Maj. Gen. Chas. W. Berry, commanding the National Guard, Capt. S. J. Arneson and Rev. C. O. Petersen, while Gov. Len. Small, Illinois, had appointed Hon. N. A. Grevstad, Chicago, former United States minister to Paraguay and Uruguay, as his personal representative.

The United States government established two precedents in connection with the Norse-American Centennial. For the first time in its history Congress authorized a commemorative medal and for the first time in history the postoffice department has issued two-color stamps for a commemorative celebration. No special stamp issue has ever created such a stir among stamp collectors as did the Norse-American Centennial issue.

Hartington, Neb., News
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925
HARTINGTONITES GOING TO NORSE CENTENNIAL

BIG CELEBRATION TO BE HELD AT MINNEAPOLIS WILL BE A NOTABLE AFFAIR

Among the 300,000 people who are gathering at Minneapolis this weekend for the great Norse-American Centennial, which will be held on June 6-7-8-9, are a number of Hartington people of Norwegian descent, who wished to attend one of the greatest gatherings to be held in America this summer.

Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Peterson left Tuesday for the meeting, Arthur M. Olson and Archie Anderson went on Wednesday, Gilbert Mengshol intends to go today, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Nelson are going to Minneapolis on Friday, and Mrs. Alice Howe will go Saturday. Mr. Nelson goes as a delegate to the Luther League Convention which will be held there at the same time, while Mr. Mengshol is a delegate to the national church conference.

Official representatives of these governments, America, Norway and Canada, are to be present at the meeting, which celebrates the 100th anniversary of the first great influx of Norwegians to this country which began in 1825. These hardy Norsemen came first to the eastern states, but gradually spread westward until now Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana are largely settled by Norwegians. Five governors of Norwegian descent are to be at the Centennial celebration, they being from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Montana and Mississippi.

President Coolidge is to give an address there on June 8, as one feature of the meeting. Another prominent event will be the appearance of a chorus of 50 voices from the university at Oslo, Norway. The St. Olof's choir and band from Northfield, Minnesota, will also be there.

HARTINGTON, NEB., HERALD,
JUNE 18, 1925.

Attend The Big Norse Centennial

A party of Hartington people returned this week from Minneapolis where they attended the great Norse Centennial celebration which was held in that city.

Those who attended the celebration say that it was a wonderful occasion and that the attendance was enormous.

One of the features of the celebration was the address by President Coolidge, and Hartington people speak in the highest terms of his speech.

At the same time the national meeting of the Lutheran church of America was held in the Twin Cities and this was also largely attended, a number of delegates being present from Hartington.

Among those who attended the celebration and the convention were G. O. Mengshol, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Nelson, Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Peterson, Edwin E. Collins, Mrs. Alice Howe, Wm. Jacobson, and Arthur Olson.

L. A. Nelson was also a delegate to the Luther League.

NEWMAN GROVE, NEB., REPORTER
JUNE 3, 1925.

Ed Johnson went to Madison, Wisconsin last Saturday where he will visit for a time. He will attend the Norse-American Centennial before returning to Newman Grove.

Norfolk, Neb., Press
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1925.

RETURNED HOME FROM CENTENNIAL

Newman Grove Norse Americans Are Enthusiastic About Big Celebration at Twin Cities—President Coolidge Speaks

"It was a wonderful affair, that celebration at St. Paul and Minneapolis June 6 to 11 when in song and story, in oration and play and pageant the achievements of the Norse race in America were presented before Americans from far and wide including the president of the United States who commended in the highest terms the centennial celebration." These are the words of a member of the Newman Grove delegation who enjoyed that wonderful inspirational and educational event. Among the delegation from the Newman Grove territory were: Mr. and Mrs. P. Skillstad, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Myhre, Mr. and Mrs. I. Maurstad, Ole Haave, Oscar Engelsjgerd, Rev. O. C. Hellekson, Erling Hellekson, Ed Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Tisthammer and son, Miss Anna Gutru, Joe Tisthammer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Aase, Andrew Turmo, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vaage, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ol-

son, Chester Olson, C. Anderson, Miss Anna Tisthammer, Elmer Langass and Mrs. C. H. Bakkerud, Rev. A. Turmo, M. Broberg, Miss Skare, Tillie Evans, Hans Qualset, Herbert Qualset, George Olson, Steven Olson, Caryl Olson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hauge, Mr. and Mrs. Knute Peterson, Nels Haave, Mr. and Mrs. O. Skillstad, Mrs. A. Satre and Iver Satre.

Albion, N. B. Alum
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

**DELEGATES RETURN FROM
NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL**

Among the delegates returning from St. Paul this week were M. A. Saarem and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Skillstad. Mr. Saarem was a delegate from the Immanuel church of South Branch to the Norse-American Centennial at St. Paul and Minneapolis. Mr. Skillstad represented the Lutheran League and Mrs. Skillstad the three Ladies Aid societies. They report a meeting full of interest and inspiration and considered it a golden opportunity to attend such a gathering.

New Jersey

New Jersey

Tracy, Minn., Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925
**REV. A. BERGH DELEGATE
TO NORSE CENTENNIAL**

Rev. A. Bergh of Jersey City, N. J., will be a member of the committee of two appointed by the Governor of that state to represent the people of Norwegian birth in New Jersey at the Norse-American Centennial which is to be held in the Twin Cities June 6 to 9. Rev. Bergh who formerly filled the pastorate of the Zion church this city will be accompanied by Mr. Alfred Beck of Jersey City, president of the Norse societies of New Jersey. Mr. Bergh will represent the ecclesiastical part of the state at the centennial.

New York

BORO NORWEGIANS GO TO CENTENNIAL

Delegates representing more than 45,000 persons of Norse descent living in Brooklyn will go to St. Paul to attend the Norwegian centennial celebration to be held there June 6 to 9. President Coolidge is expected to speak.

Six Brooklyn ministers prominent in the life of the Norwegian-American colony are among those who will go to St. Paul. They are the Rev. Carol O. Pedersen, director of the Norwegian-Lutheran Deaconesses Home and Hospital, 46th st. and 4th ave.; the Rev. S. O. Sigmond of Trinity Lutheran Church, 46th st. and 4th ave.; the Rev. Helmer Halvorson of Zion Lutheran Church, 63d st. and 4th ave.; the Rev. J. C. Herre of the Norwegian-Lutheran Inner Mission; the Rev. Lars J. Heggem of Bethany Lutheran Church, 72d st. and 10th ave., and the Rev. Oscar Bakke of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Henry st.

An official delegation headed by Maj. Gen. Charles W. Berry, Brooklyn commander of the State National Guard, will go to St. Paul to represent the State.

Home Talk
South Brooklyn

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STATE DELEGATES TO NORSE CENTENNIAL RETURN TO BROOKLYN

Major-General Charles W. Berry, Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur V. McDermott, Captain S. J. Arnesen and Rev. C. O. Pedersen, superintendent of the Norwegian Hospital, who were selected by Governor Smith as the representatives of the State of New York at the Norse American Centennial held last week at the fair grounds, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., returned to Brooklyn on Saturday. The trip was a most delightful one and the convention one that never will be forgotten by those attending. While at the Twin Cities the State delegates lunched with President Coolidge and later on went on a sight-seeing tour.

SUPERIOR WIS TELE
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1925.

Governor Smith of N. Y. Names Delegation of 3 for Norse Centennial

MINNEAPOLIS—Gov. Al Smith of New York, has taken official recognition of the Norse-American centennial to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds in June by appointing a delegation of three men to represent the empire state at the celebration, according to a message received by S. H. Holstad, managing director. The three official representatives named by Governor Smith are: Major Gen. Charles W. Berry, commander of the New York National guard; Capt. S. J. Arneson and Rev. C. O. Pederson, the latter two of Brooklyn. Word was also received at centennial headquarters that Gov. Len Small, of Illinois, has designated N. A. Grovetad, Chicago, former United States minister to Uruguay, to be the governor's personal representative to the centennial.

North Dakota

Little Falls, Minn., Transcript
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

North Dakotans Going to Centennial

Indications today are that a good share of North Dakota's citizenry will be in attendance at the Norse-American Centennial celebration at the state fair grounds between Minneapolis and St. Paul next week. An almost steady stream of automobiles carrying North Dakota license plates has been passing through Little Falls today from the northwest towards Minneapolis. Hundreds of Minnesota tourist parties have also gone through the city today, headed southward, probably to attend the celebration, which opens Monday.

St. Paul, Minn., News
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1925

25,000 North Dakotans to Attend Norse-American Centennial Meet

Many Visitors Expected From Alaska—Gov. Nestos Won't Be Able to Attend, Sends Ticket to Norway.

At least 25,000 North Dakotans will visit the Norse-American Centennial celebration here in June.

This was the word brought to Centennial headquarters, Nicollet hotel, Minneapolis, Saturday by former Gov. R. A. Nestos of North Dakota, on his way from his home at Minot to deliver a series of about 140 Chautauqua lectures throughout the south.

NESTOS INTERESTED.

As his tour is so arranged as to prevent his attending the celebration, Gov. Nestos took advantage of his visit to headquarters by placing an order for one of the centennial commemorative medals to be forwarded to his aged mother in Norway. He also purchased a supply of admission tickets by way of contributing to the celebration, although unable to be present.

A delegation of centennial visitors may be looked for from Alaska, according to a letter received Saturday by S. H. Holstad, managing director, from William Britt, Norwegian vice

consul at Juneau. "I know of many who are planning to make the trip," writes Mr. Britt, "and I believe many others will decide to go when they learn of the splendid program that awaits them. Please send me some literature for distribution along the Alaskan coast."

4 POSTMASTERS COMING.

Word was received Saturday that the Tri-State Postmasters' association, comprising the postmasters of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, has arranged to hold its annual convention in Minneapolis on June 8 and 9, in order that the members "can avail themselves of the excellent program you are arranging," according to the letter to Mr. Holstad from N. A. Thorson, Crookston, Minn., who is secretary-treasurer of the organization.

This association has also invited Pres. Coolidge to give a short talk to the members some time Monday, June 8, the day he is to address the assemblage at the centennial celebration.

Garrison, N. D., 7
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1925

STATE A FAVORITE AT CENTENNIAL

Bismarck, June 16.—"North Dakota received the greatest ovation of any state at the Norse-American centennial held at the Twin Cities," said Governor Sorlie today.

"There were representatives there at the fair grounds from every state in the union as well as from Canada and Norway. All these representatives were called on to speak to the throng and most of them spoke from manuscripts.

"I knew that the crowd was there for a good time and not to listen to a lot of wearisome statistics and so I just attuned my talk to the spirit of the crowd and kidded them along a little.

"Some of the other speakers had told the great gathering that all the land was gone in the east and that settlers are now coming west. When I said that people are not coming to the west but to the 'best of the west' I received an ovation as was not accorded any other speaker.

"This indeed, surprised me. I had always thought that the nation had a bad impression of North Dakota, but I find that the nation's sentiment toward the state has changed materially."

Bottineau, N. D., Advocate
FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1925

P. E. GAARDER WRITES ABOUT CENTENNIAL

The following letter was received by The Advocate from P. E. Gaarder, of Starbuck township, who went to the Twin Cities to take in the Norse-American centennial, and who is visiting at Starbuck, Minn., his old home:

Starbuck, Minnesota.

We went down from Kramer Monday June 1, to the centennial. There were Lewis and Edmar Tangen and I in one car, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Christ Engh and daughter in another. We met the following Bottineau county people at the centennial: Mr. and Mrs. Eilert Vedquam and family, Ole L. Gorder, wife and boys, C. G. Gorder and wife,

John G. Johnson and wife, Nels Brekke, L. J. Glomseth and Nels Magnusen. Ye correspondent got close enough to hear every word of the president's speech.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gorder, who have been visiting here a few days, left for Duluth.

The following families are visiting around Starbuck: Sven and Sigurd Mortenson, Martin H. Haugen, Rosgard Johnson, Otai Higgs and Anton Moum.

John Vedquam was at the centennial and was also delegate to the church meeting in St. Paul, but I did not meet him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Johnson went down from the centennial to Greenwood, in Clark county, Wis., to see the former's mother, who is 84 years old. They are now visiting with old friends around Starbuck.

Lewis and Edmar Tangen are visiting with friends around Cyrus.

I met Rev. N. J. Njus at the G. N. depot in Minneapolis. He greets his old friends. I also met Rev. C. D. Eikeness in St. Paul near the auditorium where the church meeting was held, but I met none of our local pastors.

The centennial will go down in history as the largest gathering of Norwegian clans on this side of the Atlantic. The local authorities did not find it necessary to employ extra police force or call out the militia, so I suppose we were offered the freedom of the city. We were about 250,000 strong. I met many relatives at the fair grounds whom I had never seen and many old neighbors. I came down here with the Tangens. We stopped at Fargo. Some of the trails had not been graveled yet, so we had to make detour in many places. East of Fergus Falls we had to drive through four hog pastures before we got on the trail through Alexandria to Glenwood. Ole Johnson, who was in our company, left his car at Glenwood and went down on the same train as I. Met some people from New Jersey and one Ove Trapness, a brother-in-law of Carl O. Berg, Landa.

He is farming at Florence Alta. He left his wife in Minneapolis. I stopped at the same hotel in Minneapolis as my nephew, Martin Gaarder, stops. He used to be up in Bottineau county working at the carpenter trade. He is working for a contractor who puts up residences in the suburbs. Martin is a foreman. The last bungalow they built cost \$17,000. He took me around one evening in his car to Lakes Harriet, Calhoun and Minnetonka. We also saw the Ford plant. Martin has done well since he came down here. His sister Laura is married to a creamery man in Starbuck, N. B. Grindy, an old school mate of Martin Hendrickson of Souris. The creamery shipped to New York 30,000 lbs. butterfat last month. Last Monday they churned 3160 lbs of butter.

I am stopping here with my brother, S. L. Gaarder, a jeweler. Will be here for some time.

—P. E. Gaarder.

Bowman, N. D., Pioneer
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

Renal Evjin will be with the multitudes at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds between Minneapolis and St. Paul June 6-9 in commemoration of the landing of the "Restaurationen," a sloop landing on the Atlantic seaboard just one hundred years before, as the first of the Norsemen to come to our country which now has its many thousands of this nationality, making much of the best citizenship of our great country, particularly in the Northwest.

Dakota, N. D., Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

Martin Morgan returned Wednesday from the Norse-American centennial in Minneapolis. He reports a wonderful program and a great time. The only thing is: Now he's so proud of being a Norwegian that he will hardly notice any other nationality!

Devils Lake, N. D., World
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1925

Many From Lake Region to Attend Norse Celebration

A large number of people from Ramsey and adjoining counties of Norwegian descent are planning on leaving next week for the Twin Cities to attend the Norse-American Centennial to be held at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds on June 6, 7, 8 and 9, when a four days program will be put on in remembrance of the hundredth anniversary of the arrival in the United States of the first Norwegian ship carrying immigrants.

Prior to 1825 a number of Norwegians had immigrated to the United States by the way of England, Holland or France, but not until that then did a Norwegian ship carrying immigrants arrive here. After this one ship made the trip the immigration to this country from Norway has been steadily increasing, and as most of these immigrants came to the northwest, this celebration is being put on in a convenient place where mostly all of Norwegian descent will be able to attend it.

Every day will be a big day, the time being taken up from early morning until late at night. Speakers of national reputation will deliver talks mostly on the pioneer days.

Zap. N. D., Enterprise
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1925

PLANCENTENNIALEXCURSION

30,000 North Dakota Norsemen Expected At Minneapolis Festival

Fargo, N. D.—Thousands of North Dakotans of Norwegian descent will flock to the Twin Cities for the Norse centennial, June 6 to 9, at the Minnesota state fair grounds, at which the coming of the first real Norwegian settlers to America in the fall of 1825 will be celebrated, according to plans for this state, formulated under the direction of John J. Lee of Bismarck, chairman for North Dakota. Residents of the state are being asked to buy 30,000 tickets for the event.

Originated at a meeting of Norse societies in Minneapolis about three years ago, the huge celebration which 250,000 persons are expected to attend, will be woven around the fascinating story of adventure of the sloop "Restaurationen" which left Stavanger, Norway, on July 4, 1825, and arrived in New York October 9, 1825. Expeditions of the Vikings are said to have reached America centuries before the discovery of America by Columbus. Individuals and bodies of Norwegian adventurers also came to America during the early colonial period, some of them finally settling in New York. But the first actual organized immigration of Norwegians to the new world is credited to have taken place when the famous Norwegian "Mayflower" landed in 1825 with its 53 passengers.

Fargo, N. Dak., Forum
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

Black to Leave for Centennial Thursday

W. E. Black, Canadian government agent of Fargo, will leave Thursday for St. Paul to help arrange an exhibit for the Norse Centennial for the Canadian government, he announced Tuesday.

Mr. Black stated that extensive preparations are being made in Canada for the centennial. There will be three separate Canadian exhibits, one for the government and one each for the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railroads.

Thomas H. Johnson of Winnipeg will be the official representative from Canada and each province will send a representative. Bodies of representative Scandinavians will attend from western Canada, Mr. Black said.

The Canadian government exhibit will consist of products raised in the various parts of Canada and the railroad exhibits will represent some of the old Norse traditions.

Mr. Johnson will give an address on the same day President Coolidge speaks.

Fargo, N. Dak., Forum
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

Norsemen Desert Fargo For Centennial Sessions

Hundreds Depart From Cass and Clay Counties Despite Bad Weather; 24 Special Cars Needed By Great Northern Yesterday

With the outgoing trains and motor parties today, Fargo will be as deserted by the Norsemen as it has been crowded during the past few days.

Not for many years, according to C. O. Lindvig, proprietor of the Viking hotel has there been so many Scandinavians together at one time in Fargo. Hundreds drove in to hear the singers chorus and then drove on to the twin cities today. Other hundreds came in by train, stayed over for the concerts, and left Friday evening and today.

Between 600 and 800 have gone down from Moorhead and Clay county, according to J. P. Moberg, publicity chairman for Moorhead, the majority going by car. At least 2,000 are estimated to have gone down from Fargo. The Sons of Norway left in a special car Friday night. Heat, wind, rains, heavy roads, have had no effect on the numbers planning to go.

Twenty-four Extra Cars

Altogether 24 extra cars went through Fargo on the Great Northern for the twin cities Friday. At least that many are expected to go out today. Four extra sleepers and two coaches had to be added to No. 28, the fast mail leaving at midnight, which is utilized in the emergency. So far today two sleepers and three coaches have been ordered for this train. Three extra men had to be taken on by the ticket office Friday to sell tickets and handle the crowd.

The Pullman company has had to bring special sleepers and porters to

care for them from the east and south and the railways to have secured extra brakemen and flagmen. At least two special cars in charter service from Fargo will be parked in the fairgrounds.

Many Leave

Among those from Fargo having charter reservations are J. Brandin, O. Karomo, K. M. Hagen, L. Fredrickson, C. H. Losness, C. P. Sater, Mrs. O. Malone, Mrs. A. Olson, Mr. A. Sindfor, Mrs. A. Hoge, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Termeson, J. Lohn, J. Ostby, Mr. and Mrs. I. U. Ulsaker, Mrs. A. Bergland, P. J. Iverson, C. Hagen, H. H. Thue, Theo. Waalen, A. Hegdal, A. P. Ramsey, P. Amrud, A. Rangstad, O. Uiserud, E. Lund, A. Erfjord, Mrs. H. Chelms, Mrs. A. Berry, A. Myhre, A. Jerheim, O. Brekke, A. Olsen, N. P. Meloy, E. O. Haugen, T. Salmonson, C. Rust, Mrs. Jennie Anderson, C. Flaskrud.

Among the people who are attending from Moorhead are, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Aasgaard, Prof. and Mrs. Herman C. Nordlie, Prof. J. A. Holvik, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wentzell, M. O. Wentzell, Mrs. Edith Godfrey, Mrs. H. O. Tiegen, Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Sorenson, Mrs. Julian P. Melberg, Mr. and Mrs. Hans C. Ryen, Fred and Christ Lynne, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hilde, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Tang, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Alrick, Mrs. A. E. Lerberg, T. H. Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sandness, Prof. and Mrs. T. C. Wolan, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dosland, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bogenrief, Miss Delta Dahl.

Fargo, N. Dak., Sun
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Geo. Hegland left on Monday by automobile for Northfield, Minn. where he will attend the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of St. Olaf College, and the commencement exercises at that school. He will go from there to the Twin Cities for the Norse-American Centennial, and when he returns, will be accompanied home by Orville Hegland who has attended St. Olaf the past winter.

Fordville, N. Dak., Sun
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

We began to wonder Tuesday and Wednesday if the community was to be depopulated. A general exodus seemed to be in progress. First it was the "Hallings" starting for the Forks for Hallinglagets annual convention and the concert Wednesday evening by the Oslo Singers. Then the Valdris, being neighbors of the Hallings from "Gamlelandet" got lonesome and followed, and soon the entire "Norske" population got restless and left, or will leave, for the Norse-American Centennial to be held Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in the Twin Cities.

Grafton (N. D.) News and Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

GRAFTON REPRESENTED

Grafton was well represented this week at the Norsemen centennial at Minneapolis, the delegation including Martin Berg, Selmer Tverberg, Samuel Lykken, William Lykken, Gunder Erickstead, Mr. and Mrs. William Williamson, Ludvig Ege-land and son, Mrs. Ordahl and daughter, Martin Rengsak, Hans Torkeison, M. B. Johnson, Carl Torkeison, S. Birk, Martin Torkeison, Tonnes Ivesdal, C. L. Thompson and Rev. and Mrs. Helsem.

The Graftonites heard the splendid address of President Coolidge and witnessed many of the centennial events.

Granville (N. D.) Herald
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Returns From Centennial.

John Holm returned last Wednesday from a trip to Minneapolis, where he attended the Norse-American centennial. Mr. Holm was one of the crowd of 150,000 people who heard President Coolidge speak and he says if it were left to him to estimate the number of people in that throng, he'd say that the figure should be doubled. There were a number of prominent members of Norway's official family present at the centennial, who also gave addresses. In spite of the vast crowd of people in attendance at the exercises, Mr. Holm enjoyed his stay and is pleased to have had the opportunity of seeing this gathering of notable personages. The trip was made by auto and accompanying Mr. Holm were, Halvor Johnson, Andrew Folden and E. S. Omlid. The gentlemen are all prosperous farmers residing about 10 miles northwest of Granville.

Osnabrock (N. D.) Courier
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hansen of Ivanhoe are planning on taking in the Norwegian American celebration at the twin cities and expect to leave June 4th. They will be accompanied by Mr. Hansen's brother, and his wife, who live at Luverne, N. D. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Olson near Aurelia are also among those who will take in the big gathering, and we are told that A. C. Anderson expects to go. No doubt others in this vicinity will make the trip.

LaMoure, N. D. Chronicle
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

H. C. Johnson sails on June 12 from New York for Norway, where he will visit a brother, cousins and other relatives. He will pause in Minneapolis for a few days and attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the Norse immigration to America. Mr. Johnson himself was sixty years late in taking part in the immigration movement. He came to America from Norway forty years ago, and visited his native land twenty years ago. "This will probably be my last trip to the old country," Mr. Johnson said. He added that the cost of making the round trip is now about three times what it was a score of years ago.

Langdon, N. D. Republican
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

TO ATTEND NORSE CENTENNIAL
Ludwig Pederson informs us that Cavalier county will be well represented at the Norse Centennial at Minneapolis next week. It is impossible to state just how many will go as many plan to go in automobiles, and bad weather will keep some at home. On Monday morning he stated that he was certain that the following would go: Carl Olmanson and family, Alfred Dahlvang and family of Langdon, K. O. Lien and family of Waterloo, A. C. Formo and family of Moscow township, J. J. Nelson and family of Banner township and O. C. Johnson and family of Osnabrock.

Litchville (N. D.) Bulletin
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Because of the extensive use of automobiles, it is impossible for us to give the names of all the folks from this community who attended the Norse-American celebration at Minneapolis this week. We have heard of the following, together with others reported in this paper, who went down by this means of transportation: Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Gudmestad, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gudmestad, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Benson, Mr.

and Mrs. Andrew Larson, Mr. and Mrs. John Formo and some of the younger members of several of these families. O. Amundson and Tobias Olson left by train Thursday. C. J. Hanson drove across in his International truck, rigged up with extra seats and canvas cover, and took the following gentleman: Robert Leidall, Carl Anderson, and a Mr. Larson, of Marion; Albert Bjork and Lars Siglene, of Nome, and Claus Johnson, of LaMoure. He may have taken others whose names we did not get. They left here on Friday morning. The Northwest was indeed well represented at the celebration if every community in it sent as many representatives as the Litchville Country.

Minot, N. D. News
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1925

SPECIAL WILL CARRY NORWEGIANS OF MINOT TO CENTENNIAL EVENT

EXHIBITS WILL BE COLLECTED
TO SHOW NORSE DEVELOP-
MENT IN AMERICA

Members of the Sons of Norway and the Daughters of Norway in Minot are looking forward to the Norse-American Centennial celebration which is to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds in the Twin Cities, June 6, 7, 8 and 9.

A special train is to be chartered from Minot and a large delegation will leave from this point to attend the celebration, according to plans now being considered.

To Exhibit Curios

Mrs. Olaf Lekang, 1121 Valley street, has been asked to take charge of collecting Minot exhibits which might be of interest to the centennial gathering. It is the plan of the committees in charge to have a complete exhibit of historical nature, including relics and curios of all kinds either from Norway or early pioneer days in this country, which are of value as illustrating the development of the Norse race in this country during the last 100 years.

Handicraft, such as weaving, tapestries, embroideries and laces, jewelry and metal work, wood carving and china, either made in Norway, or having Norwegian designs, or handicraft representing the work of Americans of Norwegian descent will be exhibited. The committee will pay express on exhibits to and from the Minnesota state fair grounds. Persons having objects, or handwork which they think would be acceptable for the exhibit are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Lekang.

Coolidge Will Speak

President Coolidge has accepted an invitation to be present on June 8, and will be the special guest as well as the chief speaker of the centennial program of that day.

Congress has authorized the striking of 40,000 special medals commemorative of the event, and a two-cent stamp is to be issued in recognition of the celebration. The centennial is interesting Norse-Americans of the entire North American continent, and thousands are expected to attend the four day's program and gathering in the Twin Cities.

Minot, N. D., Press
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925
LARGE NUMBER LEAVE
FOR NORSE CENTENNIAL

A large number of people from Minot and vicinity have this week left for Minneapolis to attend the Norse American Centennial. Automobile parties from the western part of the state started to come through Minot Sunday and since that time a steady stream has passed through. Many of the local residents are also traveling by car.

Minot, N. D., News
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1925

Minot Man Took Part In Norse Centennial

Ingvald Solberg of Minot returned this morning from Minneapolis where last week he had a part in a pageant which was one of the features of the Norse-American centennial. Mr. Solberg sang "Old Norway," a translation of the Norwegian lyric which was composed by Marie Lolland of Bonin-Mont. Mr. Solberg also sang Monday evening of last week at the Industrial Exposition building. His appearances at the Centennial were arranged by H. L. Halvorson of Minot.

Mr. Solberg attended the Minot State Teachers college last year and has been studying voice with Miss Dorothy McFarland. Following the Centennial, Mr. Solberg visited with relatives in Wisconsin and the twin cities.

Minot, N. D., News
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Owenson, 217 Fifth street northwest returned the first of the week from a two week's visit at Iowa and Minnesota points. They first attended the Norse Centennial at Minneapolis and then went on to Iowa to visit with relatives of Mrs. Owenson at Ellsworth, Ia. Among other points visited was Webster City. Later they went to Albert Lea, Minn., and visited other points in that state enroute home. Mrs. A. J. Berg who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Owenson to Minneapolis also returned home the first of the week, making the trip by automobile.

New England N. D. Herald
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Henry Melaas, vice-president of the First National bank, will leave with his family next Sunday for a long trip in the new Willys-Knight. They will stop for a day in Bismarck and another in Fargo and then will journey on to the Twin Cities where they will take in the Norse-American centennial celebration. They will then go to Mr. Melaas' home at Cresco, Iowa and to the home of Mrs. Melaas' mother near Des Moines. In the latter city they will visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Stribling, former residents of New England.

New England, N. D. Herald
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1925

Mrs. Harvey J. Miller, returned home last week after a few busy days spent in the Twin Cities, where she attended the Norse-American Centennial celebration and several sessions of the National Luther League. She heard the address of President Calvin Coolidge, some able addresses and some wonderful music. On June 6th she went to Northfield, Minnesota, to witness the graduating exercises at St. Olaf's College, when her brother, Sigurd Nasset, received his B. A. degree. Sigurd went to his former home at Willmar, Minn., to visit for a few days, planning to reach New England in time for the Frontier Days celebration. He will spend the summer here and at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Nasset of Shollsmade. Next fall he hopes to start his medical course in the university of Minnesota.

Fembina, N. D. Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1925

Mr. A. F. Scrimshaw of St. Vincent spent most of last week in the Twin Cities taking in the Norse-American Centennial celebration and a convention of dog fanciers on the side. He said that he never knew that there were as many Norwegians on this side of the Atlantic ocean as he saw at that gathering. But the worst of it was that all of them seemed to be talking their native language so he could not understand what was being said. Mr. Scrimshaw said that he felt sure, from the appearance of many of them, they could not speak the language, but made a stab at it so he could not understand them. It was a magnificent gathering, and President Coolidge's voice was sent through transmitters so it could be heard any place on the fair grounds. Mr. Johnson of Winnipeg was one of the best speakers he ever listened to and Canada has reason to be proud of him.

Peterborough, N. D. Herald
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Among those who will leave today (Thursday) for Minneapolis to attend the Norse-American Centennial are: Misses Mattie Leite and Carrie Barnum, delegates from the Young Peoples Society, Misses Agnes Ringstad, Ragnhild Skjervem, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Engesather, Louis Waag.

Pingree, N. Dak. Record
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Many are enroute to the Norse-American Centennial to be held at St. Paul, June 6 to 9. One party from Canada, another from Montana drove thru Pingree the other day, making the trip via auto. Several from here are also anticipating taking in the celebration.

Portal, N. D. International
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Reite returned last week, Thursday, from their trip to Minneapolis and Des Moines, Ia. They were accompanied home by their daughter, Signa, who will spend the summer months with her parents. They attended the Norwegian Centennial in Minneapolis and heard President Coolidge deliver his address. Mr. Reite said the President is a real speaker and his talk was well received. Their trip home was not pleasant on account of bad roads "North Dakota is the best farm state in the Union," Mr. Reite said.

Portland (N. D.) Republic
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

Several Portlandites are planning to attend the Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis June 6-8. Many more should attend a festival of such a nature, especially from a territory so predominant Norwegian.

Portland (N. D.) Republic
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1925

The Norse Centennial Celebration at St. Paul was in every way a great success. The attendance surpassed the most sanguine expectations, 100,000 listening to the President June 8th. The attendance on Sunday the 7th at the three services and on Tuesday, the 9th, reached possibly 80,000.

The following of local interest was clipped from the the write-up in the Minneapolis Journal in regard to the President's address: "Ten brothers and sisters of a single family, ranging in age from 48 to 72 years, had a reunion at the Centennial, going to hear President Coolidge together and celebrating at the home of one of them, Mrs Ella

M. Lee, 2307 Irving Avenue N. They were the Liens, who came originally from near Cambridge, Wis., in the Koshkonog district. In the group were Lars, Renville, Minn.; George, Granite Falls; Martin, Edgerton, Wis.; Joseph, Madison, Wis.; Rev. A. E. Portland, N. Dak.; Herman, Cambridge, Wis.; Gustav, Windsor, Wis.; Oscar, Rio, Wis.; Mrs. B. K. Savre, Glenwood, Minn. and Mrs. Lee."

Revere, N. D. Times
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. Ellickson left for Blue Earth, Minnesota Wednesday. They intend to take in the Norse Centennial at Minneapolis and Mr. Ellickson will also go on to Chicago for a while. They will be back the last of June. Mrs. Haskins will be responsible for the Times and Miss Edna Bjorum the post office while they are away.

Rolla, N. D. Star
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lorenz and their daughters Bertha and Gudrun returned last Friday evening in their family car from Minneapolis. They were absent about two weeks. They were in Minneapolis during the Norwegian Centennial, but did not go out to the fair grounds as the crowd was so dense that few could hear the address of President Coolidge. They saw the President and Mrs. Coolidge in the long procession through the street. It is estimated that over a hundred thousand visitors were in the city. The homeward trip was made in a little over two days. The roads nearly all the way are state built and good progress was made in spite of heavy rains.

Rugby, N. D. Globe
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Rev. M.N. Knutson who was here as main speaker for the nurses graduation returned to his home at Oslo Minnesota on Friday. While here he was a pleasant caller at the Globe office. He informed us that his son Melford, who is attending St. Olaf college and playing in the St. Olaf band is to accompany that organization to Minneapolis where they will play for President Coolidge during the Norse Centennial exposition.

Bottineau, N. D., Advocate

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1925

L. G. Tangen and son Edmar and John Tangen were in from Starbuck Wednesday. Edmar bought a new car while here. These three gentlemen and Miss Mary Tangen intend to drive to Minneapolis to attend the Norse centennial. They will also visit with relatives in Pope county, Minn., on the trip. They expect to leave on June 1 and be absent two weeks.

Valley City, N. D., Times-Record
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Martin Gudmestad returned from Minneapolis yesterday. Mr. Gudmestad had been to the big Norwegian centennial and while there heard President Coolidge make his speech. Mr. Gudmestad is much pleased with our president and says that his visit to Minneapolis to attend this wonderful centennial has strengthened his very much with the Norwegian citizens of the United States. Mr. Coolidge certainly made a hit not only with our Norwegian friends but with all classes and races who heard him at Minneapolis.

Valley City, N. D., Opinion
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1925

Mr. E. M. Larson returned from Minneapolis Monday. He attended the church convention there and also the Norse-American convention. Mr. Larson has lived a number of years but says that he has not seen so many Norwegians before.

Van Hook, N. D., Record
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

It is estimated that about 500 cars bearing Montana licenses passed through here last week going east for the Norse-American Centennial.

Garrison, N. D., Independent
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Washburn will be well represented among the thousands of people from all parts of the world who will attend the Norse-American Centennial in Minneapolis and the following are a few of those who have signified their intention of going: Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hanson, Thos. Grothe, Olaf Lie, Hans Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Chris. J. Hill, Rev. J. A. Diesen, Mr. and Mrs. Ole H. Holtan.

Mr. John H. Koth of the Nettle Creek community was a business call in town this week.

Hans Fischer and Olaf Lie accompanied by Harold Fischer left for the Minnesota Lake region early Thursday morning where little Harold will spend a few days while the other folks proceed to take in

Washburn (N. D.) Leader
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

BEARD MEASURES OVER 17 FEET

George Leach of Minneapolis, Monday measured the beard of Hans Langseth, Richland county pioneer, and found it to be 17 feet 4 inches long. The measurement took place when Langseth, preceded by three little girls carrying the beard to keep it out of the dirt, came to the railroad

station to greet the trade tour sponsored by Minneapolis business men. Langseth and his beard have been invited to attend the Norse-American centennial in the Twin Cities this

Franklin, Minn., Tribune
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

S. S. Jacobs of Wolseth, N. D., who had spent a couple days visiting his niece, Mrs. J. V. Hage, and family left Friday afternoon for the Twin Cities to be present at the big Norse celebration. Mr. Jacobs was also delegated to represent his church at the annual conference held in the city this week. From there he will go to Taylor, Wis., to visit his brother, John S. Jacobs, and family.

Oregon

SAYS THE EAST
IS COMING WEST
JULY 2, 1925

Among those who have gone east to attend the Norwegian Centennial at Minneapolis are Rev. George Henriksen, Rev. and Mrs. S. Lindseth, Mrs. G. Balme, Mrs. Carrie Bjontegard, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hegveit, L. C. Goplerud, Mr. and Mrs. M. Olsen.

SILVERTON, ORE., APPEAL
MAY 29, 1925

Oregon

Mr. and Mrs. Hegveit of this city left Friday, May 22nd for a visit with Eastern friends and to attend the Norse Centennial at Minneapolis in June.

SILVERTON, ORE., APPEAL
MAY 29, 1925

SAYS THE EAST IS COMING WEST

Rev. Geo. Henriksen who has just returned from the middle west, where he attended the Norwegian Centennial at Minneapolis, Minn., reports one of the largest gatherings he ever attended. Speaking of conditions, Rev. Henriksen says he saw very little building after he left the coast. Rev. Henriksen predicts the largest immigration westward during the coming two or three years the country has ever known. He says one only has to ride the trains and hear the comments to gather this information.

South Dakota

Aberdeen, S. D., News
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1923

ABERDEEN PEOPLE GO TO CENTENNIAL

Large Number From Hub City Will Go To Minneapolis Cele- bration Starting Next Satur- day.

A great number of the people in Ab-
erdeen are hearing the call of their
race and leave sometime on Friday to
attend the Norse Centennial Celebra-
tion at Minneapolis, which begins Sat-
urday morning.

The following individuals have al-
ready signified their intention of going
Mr. and Mrs. L. Vincent, Mr. and
Mrs. A. Skibsrud, T. H. Peterson, Mr.
and Mrs. O. L. Melgaard, Peter Aaro,
and Mrs. A. O. Krogh. Besides these
people there is a vast number who ex-
pect to attend but have not definitely
announced their plans.

Saturday is to be a day of special
interest to the Scandinavians who are
present, for on that day an opportuni-
ty will be afforded to the visitor to
meet all the people from his native lo-
cality in the old country. Almost every
village in Norway is sending a silk
banner with some identifying insignia
upon it, and this banner will be hung
above a certain tent or lodge at the
fair grounds to inform the passers-by
that they can meet their friends from
that section at that point.

Most of the Aberdeen people who are
going, leave Friday morning by car,
although not a few are going by rail
Friday evening.

Aberdeen, S. D., News
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1923

ABOUT THIRTY FROM CITY GO TO MEET

Hub City Sons of Norway Will Attend Meeting At Minne- apolis, Starting Saturday.

As the date for the opening of the
Norse Centennial opening at Minneap-
olis comes nearer and nearer, it is evi-
dent that quite a few of the sons of
Scandinavia will forsake the Hub City
for a few days and go to join their
comrades in the celebration of the land-
ing of their fathers. Every day makes
known the names of a few additional
Vikings who have decided to attend this
important event.

Lars Vinsend estimates that at least
20 or 35 members of the Sons of Nor-
way lodge, have signified their inten-
tion of going to the Twin Cities, by au-
to, train or foot.

The following people are quite sure
to go: Mr. and Mrs. Lars Vinsend, Pe-

ter Buns, Tom Howe, Harry Rhode, Iver
Bothol, Mr. Foss.

Saturday will be marked not only by
the home-coming feature but by a large
banquet and dance in the evening.

The railroads from Aberdeen are of-
fering a reduction of approximately \$7
and those who do not go by car will
avail themselves of this fact.

Aberdeen, S. D., News
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1923

OVER A HUNDRED TO BE AT CENTENNIAL

57 Have Already Left City by Train for Minneapolis with Estimate of 50 Traveling by Car

57 people have left over three rail-
road lines running out of Aberdeen for
the Norse Centennial to be
held in Minneapolis on June 6, 7 and 8,
reports compiled yesterday showed.

The Great Northern prepared a
special sleeper for 29 passengers which
left yesterday with the remaining num-
ber leaving over the Milwaukee and
Northwestern.

It is expected that fully 50 people
will drive to the Twin Cities by car,
making a total representation from Ab-
erdeen of over 100.

Government Officials

The centennial is to be marked by
the appearance of several prominent
United States government officials.
President Calvin Coolidge, Secretary of
State Frank B. Kellogg, Senator Peter
Norbeck and Senator Henrik Ship-
stead will make addresses before the
gathering which will number well into
the ten-thousand mark.

Another noted speaker will be Judge
G. J. Lomen of Nome, Alaska.

President Coolidge will speak Mon-
day, the last day of the Centennial.
In addition to the appearance of Pres-
ident Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg,
the government will also have on hand
the largest dirigible of the world, the
Los Angeles. This will no doubt prove
of immense interest to the thousands
of the northwest that have never had
the opportunity of observing such a
sight, especially the largest dirigible of
its kind in the world.

Aberdeen, S. D., News
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1923

MORE LOCAL PEOPLE GO TO NORSE EVENT

Many people left this morning and
are leaving sometime this evening for
the great Norse Centennial Celebration
at the Twin Cities. Their going is the
culmination of a celebration which has
been in progress all of this week.

Some of those who are known to be
going today are Mr. and Mrs. A. Skibsrud,
Mr. and Mrs. A. Vinsend, Mr. and
Mrs. K. Vinsend, Christ Olson, Mr. J.
Rorhde, Iver Bothum, G. T. Marvick,
Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Sand.

H. O. Rystan and A. Wikeund came
in from New England last night in or-
der to be ready to start with Mr. and
Mrs. Skibsrud at 4 o'clock this morn-
ing.

It is reported that the trains are so
filled with the people of Scandinavian
descent that it is necessary to use the
diners for carrying passengers.

All the people who are leaving will
probably go today so as to be there all
day tomorrow, which is the time of
especial interest to all those from the
old country, for they will be given an
opportunity to see their old friends at
that time. It is called the "Homecom-
ing day."

Beginning Monday the regular pro-
gram will be enjoyed. Addresses by
President Coolidge and the governors
of many of the western states will be a
feature of next week.

The presence of the gigantic dirig-
ible "Los Angeles" and of several gov-
ernment flying squadrons will also add
to the interest and make the occasion
one never to be forgotten.

Baltic, S. D., Booster
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1923

CENTENNIAL VISITORS TO HAVE SPECIAL CAR

Through the effort of E. J. Oyan,
who has been looking after the local
ticket sales and reservations for visi-
tors to the Norse Centennial at St.
Paul this week, a special coach has
been secured and reservations made
for 39 up to Wednesday evening, all
of whom will travel throughout the
entire trip in the party.

The car will leave Sioux Falls, the
Omaha depot, at 11 p. m., tonight, and
will return Wednesday morning to
Sioux Falls. During the stay in St.
Paul the car will be used for sleep-
ing accommodations.

The following have already made
reservations for the trip: Mr. and
Mrs. O. P. Hilmoe, Anne Larsen,
Marie Brendsel, Adolph Gunderson,
Aagot Hildahl, Gertrude Opland, Lars
Brendsel, Paul Riswold, Iver Aspaas,
Erick Brende, Iver I. Oien, Nils I.
Oyen, Roy Berven, John J. Almlie,
Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Lewi Simonson,
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Oyan, Olive, Blan-
che and Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mol-
ler, B. G. Flaamoe, Nels Nelson, Gil-
mer Dregseth, Nels Brende, R. T.
Sundal, Johannes Brekke, Bortinus
Peterson, Thos. Fersdahl, John O.
Aasen, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brende,
Mrs. S. Megaard, and Peter Moan and
son, John S. Merager and son, of Rut-
land.

Dumont S. D. News.
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

Many Plan To Attend Doings

Norse-American Centennial In Twin Cities, June 6-9 Will Draw Immense Crowd

There are many people in Brant and several in this vicinity who are planning on attending the Norse-American Centennial at the Twin Cities June 6th. to 9th. to commemorate the coming of the first immigrants to this country from Norway. The celebration will be held at the Minnesota State Fair grounds and delegates from many organizations have made arrangements to be well represented. Those in a position to know are now variously estimating the attendance for the four days' celebration at from 250,000 to 500,000. A world's fair will virtually be crowded into the four days' celebration. The celebration has been officially recognized by four nations—the United States, Dominion of Canada, Norway and Iceland, and these countries will be officially represented. President Calvin Coolidge will speak before the grandstand on Monday afternoon June 8th. On that night six governors of Norse blood will be present and make short addresses. A splendid program has been arranged for every day, and evening. There will be no scarcity of rooms for visitors as there will be thousand of the best homes in both cities thrown open to Centennial visitors for rooming purposes and very reasonable rates and the hotels have still many rooms left, in spite of the contrary rumors that every room has been "sold out."

Canton S. D. Leader
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Scores of persons from Canton and Lincoln county are leaving this week for Minneapolis to attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of Norse immigration to America. The festivities will be held at the Minnesota State Fair grounds, St. Paul-Minneapolis Saturday, June 6, to Tuesday, June 9, inclusive. June 6 is "Bygdelaag" day, June 7 is "Church and International" day, June 8 is "America" day, (when President Coolidge will attend and deliver an address), and June 9 is "Norway and Women's" day. Every day will be a Big Day.

Clark S. D. Republic
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925
PLANNING TO ATTEND
THE BIG NORSE MEET

A number of people from this section are making plans to attend the Norse-American Centennial to be held at Minneapolis on June 6th to 9th. P. O. Rasmussen has undertaken to see about getting a special car with reduced rates from Clark on Friday evening of next week, providing there are a sufficient number desire to go and will plan ahead. From all reports this is to be a big event, the greatest gathering of Scandinavians ever held in America and those planning to attend should see Mr. Rasmussen so all could leave as a party from here.

Mound City S. D. Monitor
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Thorstenson have planned a visit to Norway for this spring and summer and were planning to leave on the next boat but on application for a passage found everything taken and will now have to wait for a vacancy on another ship. They hope to be able to spend some time at the Norse American Centennial Celebration at the State Fair Grounds in the Twin Cities, June 6 to 9. Mr. and Mrs. Thorstenson richly deserve this rest and recreation trip—Walworth County Record.

Huron S. Dak. Herald
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925
TORRIS FORTUNE
ATTENDS NORSE
CELEBRATION

Torris Fortune returned home yesterday from Minneapolis, where he spent several days last week attending the Norse-American centennial. He brought back with him one of the 40,000 centennial souvenir silver coins authorized by congress. They are octagonal in shape and have a currency value of \$1.25.

Mr. Fortune heard the address by President Coolidge, declaring that the president made many friends among the Scandinavians of the nation through his candid fearlessness and forceful remarks.

Kennebec S. D. Argus-Leader
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

Hon. and Mrs. Jorgen Boe and the newly married couple, his son, Alfred and bride, and Messrs. H. Hagensen, William and Joe Boe, Susie Jorgenson, of Lead, S. D., and S. Halversgaard, spent the night in Kennebec Wednesday and the following morning continued their journey per auto for Minneapolis where they will take in that great Norse-American Centennial, where President Coolidge will be among the conspicuous figures of attraction. Mr. Halvorsgaard reported to us that morning that they were going to have the time of their lives, telling our President what a good country we have out here west of the river, meeting many of our old acquaintances we have not seen for years, and break away from the regular grind of life, so that taking it all through they are bound to have the time of their life. Three cars took them on their way rejoicing.

McLaughlin S. D. News
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925
REPRESENTED NEW YORK

At the Norse-American centennial held last week at St. Paul and Minneapolis, S. V. Arneson of Brooklyn, New York, officially represented the Great Empire State, the cradle of Norwegian settlement in the new world. Mr. Arneson was one of two delegates appointed by Governor Al. Smith to represent the state of New York. Mr. Arneson is known to a number of people in McLaughlin, McIntosh and Wapakala. He is a brother of S. M. Arneson of McLaughlin, and L. G. Arneson of Wapakala. His last visit here was two years ago when he stopped on his way to Shelby, Montana, to report the Dempsey-Gibbons championship fight for the New York Journal, the largest newspaper in New York City, with which he has been connected for a number of years.

Mitchell S. D. Gazette
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925
NORSE CENTENNIAL
WILL TAKE MANY
FROM DAVISON COUNTY

Davison county will be well represented at the Norse centennial in Minneapolis, according to announcement of the committee in charge of the county delegation. The committee is composed of Judge O. C. Thompson, John Reiersen and O. S. Leeland.

Mobridge, S. D. Tribune
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

A large number of people from Mobridge and surrounding territory are attending the Norse-American Centennial celebration that is being held in the twin cities this week. Among those to leave this morning were J. B. Eklo and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson of this city; Arne Larson of Trail City; Andy Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Knute Molstad of Glenham.

Redfield (S. D.) Observer
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Theodore Thorson, of the Journal-Observer force, visited over Sunday in St. Paul to see that the Norse-American centennial got a good start. He did not like the treatment accorded President Coolidge when, during his address at the fair grounds, drivers of cars which had brought the presidential party to the grounds drove at high speed around the race track during the speech and kept up a din that was distracting to everyone in the audience. The drivers even drove up in front of the bleachers where big crowds were sitting. It was not only disconcerting to the listeners but was a marked discourtesy to the distinguished speaker.

Rosholt, S. D. Review
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

The Peter Nelson family got home Wednesday, from their trip to the cities, and other points in Minnesota.

Martin Anderson returned from his trip to the Norse Centennial at Minneapolis Wednesday morning. He saw Coolidge and heard him speak, and tells of a very interesting trip. He says it was the event of his life. Martin says he couldn't get a bed in the hotels and had to sleep in a barrel.

Volga, S. D. Tribune
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

A large number of Norwegians of this vicinity are attending the Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis. Some driving in cars, while others took the train. Among those who are attending are: B. S. Thorsness, A. O. Borsvold, Nels Verlo, P. S. Hanson, Inga Hanson, Bert Anderson, Mrs. Carlson, Andrew Thorsness, Alfred Myhre, Olof Fillingsness, Mrs. O. I. Stime, Edward Evenson, H. G. Tommervik, John Oines, L. T. Larson, O. A. Quail, A. E. Quail, Harold Quail, C. A. Myhre, E. O. Ness, Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Halvorson, Rev. and Mrs. O. F. Johnson, Adolph Quail and Mike Ulvestad.

Volga, S. D. Tribune
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Among those from this city and vicinity to attend the Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis this week are: Mr. and Mrs. Ole Oines, Dr. E. E. Torwick, Alfred Martinson, Julius Martinson, N. J. Hymes, Herb Hymes, J. C. Lee, Andrew Berg, Mat Hagen, Mr. and Mrs. John Grusseth, Chris Roso, Severt Odegard, Nels Rude, Sween Peterson, Ole Anderson, Tom Jacobson, Jacob Hougstad, Tom Knudson, Carl Knudson, Rev. and Mrs. Mannes, Hadley Pundsness, Ed. Hamre, And. Erford. There may be others, and if we have omitted anyone it is because we have not been informed as to their

Sisseton, S. D., Courier
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

Mrs. O. M. Knutsen took her mother to South Shore Thursday where she will remain while her daughter, Mrs. A. Carlson attends the Norse Centennial.

Sisseton, S. D., Courier
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

Ida Maria Axness Beck will leave for Minneapolis the first part of next week to be present at the festivities of the Norse-American Centennial. During the days of the centennial, she will be one of the honor guests of the Norwegian organization, "Valdres-Samband," at whose big program the "Bygdelag" day of the centennial, she will be soloist and general entertainer. This program will be given on the night of June 6 in the building where the Valdres and Halling "lags" congregate for their concerts.

Sisseton, S. D., Courier
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

MANY ATTEND NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

Sisseton and Roberts County will be well represented at the big Norse-American Centennial celebration to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds June 7, 8 and 9. Among those who will go from Sisseton are Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hendrickson, Anton Bondickson, Andrew Marvick, son Otis and daughters Ethel and Beatrice, Peter Myrhaug, Dr. C. M. Peterson, Oscar Rolstad and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stavig, Lars Fagerland, Elias Johnstad, M. O. Eikum, Irene Stavig, Ben Swanberg, Ralph Thurston Ed Twitero, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Thompson, Bird Borah, Martin Peterson, Andrew Lotsberg and family, Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Hofstad, Hans Stavig and family, M. L. Stavig, daughter Gladys and son Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Torvik and daughter, Ole Torvik and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Torvick and daughter, Iver Hagen, Mr. and Mrs. Berger Bergerson, Ed Lund, Peter Bothum and undoubtedly many others that we missed.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Argus Leader
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

NORSE START FOR BIG CELEBRATION

Hundreds From Here Leave By Train and Car for Centennial in Twin Cities

The helra of hundreds of persons of Norwegian-American blood to the Norse Centennial in the Twin Cities Saturday through next Tuesday was expected to start in large volume tonight. A special train on the Chicago & Northwestern is due to leave here at 11 p. m. There were also a large number who left last night and this morning. For tomorrow night also extra accommodations are being arranged. There were also a large number left on the Great Northern at 9:30 p. m. Thursday and 7:30 this morning. An extra sleeper is to be attached tonight.

Hundreds of others were prepared to leave by car for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the coming to America of the first Norwegian immigrants.

Saturday will be taken up with meetings of the bydelags, which correspond to the Scottish clans, and of which there are 36 meetings at the Centennial. There will also be many exhibits marking progress in the economic, educational, and religious life of the Norwegians in this country. On Monday there will be an address by President Coolidge, and that night six governors of Norse blood will speak.

A large number of people from this community leave today to attend the Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis June 6-7-9. J. T. Jacobson, L. K. Bru and Gunder Dahl are the representatives from Aurora county. President Coolidge will also attend the Centennial and will speak at 2:30 Monday afternoon, the 8th.

Volin, S. D., Advance
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

H. Hoxeng returned Tuesday morning from the Twin Cities where he had attended the Norse-American centennial. He reports that there was an immense crowd at the celebration. He says he failed to hear much of President Coolidge's speech Monday owing to the fact that he was unable to get within good hearing distance of the speaker's stand.

Wentworth, S. D., Progress
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925

Leonard Kirkeby and Joseph Moen, delegates of the Lake Park Luther League to the Tri-ennial Conference held at Minneapolis during the Norse-American celebration, returned Friday. They had a most pleasant trip but were unable to get within hearing distance of President Coolidge, there being over a quarter of a million visitors there and the grandstand, holding 86,000, being filled in less than two hours. On their return they passed through the flooded river valley and the hailstorm district at Rochester where crops were completely destroyed. They also noted hail in many other sections. A report of the Luther League meeting and other incidents will be found in another column.

Yankton, S. D., Press & Dakotan
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

It is probable that Yankton county will be well represented at the Norse-American celebration in the Twin Cities next week. People of the hardy Norwegian stock make up a good proportion of this county's population.

Yankton, S. D., Press & Dakotan
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

The Great Northern pulled out of Yankton last evening a well equipped train with two sleepers, in which 14 berths were sold to people of this vicinity going to the Norse centennial celebration in the Twin Cities. All along the line the demand for tickets has been heavy, Agent H. D. Knudsen said, and by the time the destination was reached it was expected the train would be filled.

Washington

ABERDEEN, WASH. WORLD
MAY 29, 1925
**SPECIAL CARS TO
GARRY NORSEMEN**
**Big Train To Take Norwe-
gians To Convention**

For the Norse-American centennial celebration to be held on the Minnesota fair grounds near Minneapolis and St. Paul June 6-9, the Northern Pacific Railway company will furnish special Pullman sleeping cars from Seattle on a train leaving at 7:30 o'clock the evening of June 3, according to an announcement today by H. H. Griffin, local representative of the railway company. The train will be joined at Spokane by special sleepers sent out by the Southern Pacific company from Portland and the entire special train will then leave Spokane for St. Paul and Minneapolis.

In addition to the Norse-American centennial celebration, important Norwegian-Lutheran conventions will be held in Minneapolis and St. Paul at the same time. President Coolidge has accepted invitations to speak at all of these gatherings. Bishop J. P. Lunde, of Oslo, Norway, also will be one of the speakers. From every part of the United States, representatives of the Norwegian-American citizenship are expected to attend.

Wisconsin

Ashland, Wis., Press
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1925

MANY ASHLANDERS TO NORSE CELEBRATION

Many Ashlanders are planning attending the Norse American centennial celebration which is to be held at the State Fair Grounds at St. Paul starting next Sunday. Two hundred tickets have been sold to Ashland residents and many others who have not purchased tickets already will be in attendance.

Aksel Holter has just returned from the State Fair grounds, St. Paul, after getting sports exhibit ready for the Norse American centennial. He states the best way by auto is 24, as 14 from Ladysmith west to Turtle Lake is under construction many places, so going is slow and troublesome, and this way by 13 to Phillips, 111 to 14 is about 40 miles further than by Spooner. From New Richmond it's best to take 64 by Stillwater and the north road around White Bear Lake for beautiful scenic drive, and one avoids paying toll charges at Hudson. 24 runs through from Ashland to St. Paul, leaving 14 1/2 miles west of Turtle Lake and joining 64 and 46 outside New Richmond.

The complete program for the Norse American centennial celebration is now out, and among other things of interest we note, President Coolidge will speak on Monday afternoon, while 50 army and navy airplanes will circle over the grandstand together with the big airship, Los Angeles. The immense Pageant of the Pioneers with a thousand participants in costumes will be staged on Tuesday the 9th. A life-like reproduction of the "Restoration," the 45 ft. sloop bringing the first Norwegian settlers to this country is being built on the grounds. Exhibits of all kinds are filling the State Fair buildings and the grounds being put in shape to receive the immense crowds who will gather for the festival. The special postage stamps will be placed on sale June 17th, Norway's day of independence and the U. S. commemorative medal will be ready from the mint at Philadelphia in a few days, 40,000 of these being struck by act of congress.

Ashland will be well represented as nearly 200 season tickets have been sold here according to Aksel Holter, county chairman, and many will go without buying tickets in advance.

Automobiles may be parked during the entire festival of 4 days in the grounds for 50c, but if taken out, the same amount must again be paid to re-enter. Regarding camping sites inside or near the grounds, Holter will be able to give definite information when back from Minneapolis, where he will go in a few days to complete arrangements for the sports exhibit. All the framing of pictures for this exhibit is being done in Ashland, Mr. Holter states, there being about 100 of these of different sizes, depicting all branches of sports, in which Norwegians are active in America, and when ready, will be brought to the exposition by automobile in or-

ASHLAND WIS PRESS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925.

ASHLANDERS LEAVING FOR BIG NORSE MEET

About 250 Will Drive to Minneapolis to Attend Centennial Celebration June 6 to 9.

About 250 Ashlanders will leave tomorrow, Friday and Saturday by auto and train to attend the centennial celebration of the Norse Americans at the State Fair grounds, St. Paul, June 6 to 9 inclusive.

There are camping facilities on the grounds free of charge and under police protection for all desiring to bring tents, while tents and cots may be rented on the grounds as well. There are still accommodations available in many hotels both in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The Marine band of Washington, D. C. will play Monday at the time of President Coolidge's address as an added attraction to the great assembly of musical talent both from Norway and the United States.

There will be a grand concert at the Hippodrome Sunday evening and a historic pageant Tuesday evening.

Ashlanders desiring information or aid in any way may call at the sports exhibit, Liberal Arts building, where Aksel Holter will be in charge. The Holters leave tomorrow morning by auto to help finish the exhibit, which includes a perfect model in steel and wood of the Milwaukee ski-hill. This model is 18 feet long by 8 feet high and is a beautiful piece of engineering. A larger hill of wood is being constructed also. Ashland county spruce and balsam form the outdoor decorations and everything is covered

with snow. The Glassblock store of Duluth has asked Mr. Holter to bring part of the display to their store after the centennial, and two outdoor sports expositions desire the entire exhibit.

Among the Ashlanders to leave Friday will be: Rev. L. R. Lund and family, Judge Risjord and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson and Vivian Nelson, Ole Ecklo and family, Hans Thorson and family, Christ Lokken and wife, Mrs. and Minnie Stensland, Andrew Thone and wife, Ole Larson and family, Mrs. C. Olson and brother, Peter Peterson, Inga Ellingsen, Josie Hovseth and many others.

Superior, Wis., Telegram
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1925

Barron Co. Expecting to Send 6,000 to Centennial

(Special to The Telegram.)
BARRON, Wis.—A committee consisting of the Rev. E. B. Swenson of Barron, Andrew Gulickson of Cameron, and Charles Peterson of Almena, has appointed a sub-committee of 51 Barron county people, all of whom are already at work on a proposition to have at least 6,000 Barron county people in attendance at the American Centennial celebration in the Twin Cities June 6 to 9.

Special trains will be run from Barron County. There are 3,400 members of Norwegian Lutheran churches, besides many people of Norwegian blood who do not belong to the church.

BELOIT WIS NEWS
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925.

BELOITERS GO TO NORSE CENTENNIAL

The Rev. M. W. Halverson of Our Savior's Lutheran church left last evening for Minneapolis where he will attend the Norse American centennial celebration from June 6 until 9. While there he will also attend the annual meeting of the Norwegian Lutheran church of America. Gunder Hansen will also go as a lay representative from Our Savior's church.

Among others from here going to the Norse centennial are Mr. and Mrs. Slevert Anderson, 956 Eighth street, who are leaving tomorrow morning.

Rock River Falls
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925.

—Rev. L. C. Foss left Monday for Minneapolis and Mrs. Foss left this morning for Eau Claire, where she will be joined by her husband. They will go from there to Long Lake to visit a brother of Rev. Foss, and then will go on to Minneapolis to remain until after the Norse-American Centennial, which will be held June 7, 8 and 9. They have been visiting Mrs. Foss' sister, Mrs. P. I. Peterson, in this city, for several weeks, and will perhaps come back here before departing for their home in Seattle, Wash.

Bloomer (Wis.) Advance
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

A number of people from Bloomer and vicinity are planning on attending the Norse-American Centennial which opens in St. Paul on Saturday, June 6th and closes on Tuesday, June 9th. The event is the commemoration of the arrival in New York in 1825 of the sloop "Restaurationen" which is often referred to as the Norwegian Mayflower. President Coolidge will speak on Monday afternoon and other noted men will also speak.

CHIPPEWA FALLS WIS GAZ
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1925.

Local Norwegians Plan to Attend Centennial

A large number of Chippewa Falls and Chippewa county residents will be in attendance at the Norse-American centennial to be held in Minneapolis June 6 to 9, it develops from talks from day to day with local Norwegians. While the chief inducement is the nature of the affair, pertaining to celebration, there are others such as reduced rates on railroads and the announcement that President Coolidge will participate in the program.

Askel Halter of Ashland, secretary of the National Ski association, has just completed an essay on Norwegian national sports and their influence on Canadian and American people. There will be a miniature ski slide to illustrate the essay. Another exhibit will relate to the Fifteenth Wisconsin regiment of Civil war period, which was composed almost exclusively of Norwegian men. The collection for this exhibit is in charge of W. Ager of Eau Claire, and Prof. Julius Olson of the Wisconsin university has charge of the state at large.

Many Norwegian families in Chippewa county have relatives residing in Minneapolis, and the occasion will be a home-coming in connection with the centennial.

CHIPPEWA FALLS WIS GAZ
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1925.

NORWEGIANS TO VISIT EXPOSITION

Many Local Residents to Attend Celebration at Minneapolis in June

Two thousand or more Norwegian residents of Chippewa Falls and vicinity are expected to attend the Norse-American centennial celebration and exposition to be held at Minneapolis June 6, 7, 8 and 9. It will be one of the greatest events ever held in the Northwest and there will be many others than Norsemen in attendance.

Arrangements have already been made for the distribution of tickets to the Minnesota fair grounds where the programs will be rendered. O. C. Thorpe, register of deeds, is chairman of the local ticket committee and has placed them on sale at P. A. Brunstad's jewelry store, M. A. Grip's jewelry store, Peter Everson's barber shop, Sather's grocery store, Front st., by several individuals. More will be placed and Mr. Thorpe states that at least 2,000 tickets will be sold. There is an advantage in buying tickets in advance, he said. The regular price a ticket will be 50 cents, but the advance sale includes a coupon book containing three tickets for \$1.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Gazette
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

George Rand First Off for Norse Centennial

The advance guard of Chippewa Falls Norsemen who contemplate attending the Norse-American centennial which opens tomorrow in Minneapolis, is George M. Rand. He leaves tonight via Eau Claire on the Omaha, having received official notice that the Northford Lager, of which he is a member, will convene at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Thirty-six of these lodges, composed of former residents of districts in Norway will hold meetings during the week.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Herald
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

Many Norwegians left the city and vicinity yesterday and today for Minneapolis to attend the great Centennial. A number are leaving this evening and more will go tomorrow. The rear guard leaves here at dawn or before on Monday morning for the great day and to see President Coolidge and the great dirigible.

CHIPPEWA FALLS WIS HER
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925.

GUNNAR HELLAND OFF TO NORSE CELEBRATION

Gunnar Helland, the local violin maker, left this morning for Minneapolis where he will attend Norse-American Centennial. Mr. Helland will have a special booth on the fair grounds, displaying a large assortment of violins of his own make. Six of these are Hardanger violins, valued at \$500 and \$600 each. They are wonderful instruments and are always used by the Norwegian professional players. Mrs. Helland and children are visiting relatives at Hammond, Wis.

CHIPPEWA FALLS WIS HER
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925.

AND. HANSON ENJOYED NORWEGIAN NAT'L DANCES

Andrew Hanson returned last evening from Minneapolis where he enjoyed the Centennial celebration. Mr. Hanson says the dancing in one of the large buildings on the Minnesota State Fair Grounds was carried out in good style. He danced the Helleinge dance or national spring dance, dancing most of the time with two ladies and Andrew said he kept them busy. There were 250 people dancing these Norwegian national dances. The prizes were not given out for dancing but are to be given this evening for the best violinists. The first prize will be a \$600 violin and the second prize will be a carved chair. Gunnar Helland is president of the committee awarding the prizes. "Big Andrew" says the weather was quite hot on Saturday and Sunday but the dancing was nice on Monday. He says the crowds thronging the Minnesota State Fair Grounds were unusually tremendous and the people came from all over the country, east and west, from Canada, delegations from Norway. It was one vast assemblage of Norwegians.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Gazette
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1925

Many Local Residents Go to Norse Centennial

The Soo line today reported the sale of 50 railway tickets at the local station to Minneapolis on account of the Norse-American centennial which opened on Saturday. Several went via Eau Claire but the greatest number journeyed by auto in parties of two or six. It is estimated that several hundred went from Chippewa county. Traffic over highways leading through to the Twin Cities was unusually heavy Saturday night and Sunday. Trail 116 is in excellent condition, it is said, but 40 cannot be beaten, County Highway Commissioner Harold Taylor said today.

Colfax, Wis., Messenger
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925
TO ATTEND CENTENNIAL

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. S. Thompson left this morning for Northfield, Minn., having gone to attend the commencement exercises at St. Olaf college, also to attend the dedication of the new administration building at that institution of learning. They also celebrated the 5th anniversary of the college. From there, Rev. and Mrs. Thompson go to Minneapolis to attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration. They will be there Sunday and Monday and on Monday expect to see and hear President Coolidge. On Tuesday next and the balance of the week they are to attend a Lutheran church meeting to be held at the St. Paul Auditorium. There will be no services here or in Rev. Thompson's parish next Sunday.

Colfax, Wis., Messenger
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925
200 AT CENTENNIAL

D. N. Welch, local Soo Line agent, reported Tuesday morning that eighty round-trip and twenty one way tickets had been hold here for passage to the twin cities, reduced rates, on the occasion of the Norse-American Centennial celebration held Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Minnesota state fair grounds. In addition to that number from this community, many went by automobile, and it is estimated that at least 200 from Colfax and vicinity helped to swell the mammoth crowds.

Colfax, Wis., Messenger
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925
HEARD PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Swenson and little one arrived here Monday evening from Minneapolis, where they attended the Norse-American Centennial celebration. They went there from Chaska, Minn., where Edwin is principal of the High school. They expect to remain here during the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Swenson enjoyed the pleasure of hearing President Coolidge speak last Monday afternoon, being close enough to the speaker's platform to hear every word distinctly. They were very much impressed with the earnestness of the President, who paid a high tribute to the hardy emigrant from Scandinavia who settled in the north-west and helped develop this agricultural empire. Edwin said he was all the more impressed because many of the political enemies of the President had started the story that he was a poor speaker. Edwin declares that the Minneapolis address was to him a most agreeable surprise—far superior to what he had expected. "It was a wonderful address," as Edwin puts it. It is estimated that it was listened to by over 100,000 people. So great was the rush at the fair grounds to get a glimpse of the President and Mrs. Coolidge, that thirty people fainted, several of them being rushed to hospitals in ambulances. Several of our Colfax people were fortunate enough to get within hearing distance of the President.

Northland Center, Wis., Observer
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

Several from here are planning on attending the Norse American Centennial celebration to be held at Minneapolis June 6th to 9th. Alfred Russ, Norwegian conductor-composer, who will lead the fifty singers of the university chorus of Norway will be at this meeting.

STOUGHTON WIS WMA JUB
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925.

C. A. Roberts, of Dunkirk, left yesterday for Minneapolis to attend the Norse-American Centennial. He will return the middle of next week.

EAU CLAIRE WIS LEADER
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925.

Miss Minnie Thompson went to St. Paul and Minneapolis Saturday night and she attended the Norse-American Centennial convention. While there she visited Rev. Beyer and other friends and relatives. She returned home Monday by auto accompanied by her brother Bert Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Miller of Cadott and Fred Kalk of Chippewa Falls.

Tele.
Eau Claire Wis
6-8-25

SEE COOLIDGE AT NORSE GATHERING

Local Residents Enjoy Visit to Twin Cities For Big Event

Chief Fireman Charles Brecke lacked an opportunity to shake hands with President Calvin Coolidge in Minneapolis during the Norse-American centennial, but he enjoyed his visit just the same. The chief was about 20 feet from the executive at one time. It was the first president of the United States he ever saw and that was quite a treat, he says. He heard him talk in the grand stand at the fair grounds.

It was the largest crowd of people O. C. Thorpe ever saw. There were easily 100,000 in attendance on the biggest day and the program was well worth the while. It was a treat to see President Coolidge, although Mr. Thorpe, like hundreds of others, was unable to get within handshaking distance.

George M. Rand will never regret that he attended the centennial. He met people and saw things he never saw before, and now he is more convinced than ever that the world is large. Many things brought the remembrance of his childhood days in

Norway when he herded sheep on one side of the mountain, while C. T. Nelson, local tailor, was herding sheep on the other side. Mr. Rand, who remained until the program was completed, says the centennial was well worth attending and would go again tomorrow if another was to be held.

EAU CLAIRE WIS LEADER
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1925.
MANY NORWEGIANS MAKING TRIP TO NORWAY THIS SUMMER

HUDSON, Wis., (Spella)—C. E. Haugen attended the Norwegian centennial celebration at the Twin Cities, then left St. Paul for New York where he sailed for Norway in company with many others. A. Garlid of Roberts, also joined this party. They sailed on the Norwegian-American liner Stavangerflord.

Mr. Haugen will spend the summer in visiting some of the most interesting points of Norway, also spend some time at his old home at Buda, about 60 miles from Oslo. He also expects to visit in England, France, Germany and Denmark before his return.

Ole A. Anderson, Larry Olson, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Garrden and Miss Bella also Mr. and Mrs. Nick Erickson all of Spring Valley are on their way to Norway to spend the summer. They went by way of New York taking the Leviathan for the Trans-Atlantic trip to England. They are only seven of about twelve hundred who are going to Norway for the summer, A majority of whom expect to return by September 1.

Pillsburgh (Wis.) Herald
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Hundreds of Pierce county folks will attend the great Centennial in the Twin Cities next week. President Coolidge will be there Monday, and we note by the daily press that Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin and Senator Kellogg of Minnesota will be in the party. While in St. Paul President and Mrs. Coolidge will be guests of Senator and Mrs. Kellogg at their home.

Galesville, Wis., Republican
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

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Mr. and Mrs. Hans Johanneson, of West Nyack, N. Y., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Swansen. They are enroute to the Norse-American centennial celebration and will finish this trip by car in company with Mr. and Mrs. Swansen. Mr. Johanneson and Mr. Swansen are cousins.

Hawkins, Wis., Chronicle
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

To Attend Norse-American Centennial

Quite a number from here will go to Minneapolis today to attend the three days celebration of the Norse-American Centennial commemorating the first considerable Norwegian settlement in America. There will be a number of prominent persons in attendance at the affair, including the crown prince of Norway and President Coolidge. Among those from here who expect to attend are H. Thorson, Rev. Sahl, E. B. Fond, Andrew Fosshem, Erling Lund, J. Bolset and Andrew Porter. Rev. Sahl will attend a convention of Lutheran ministers at Minneapolis before returning.

Hawkins, Wis., Chronicle
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

H. Thorson, who was part of the Hawkins delegation to take in the Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis, says there must have been a hundred thousand visitors to the Minnesota metropolis to celebrate the occasion. He reports getting close enough to see the president, but not close enough to hear what he said, for there was a veritable sea of humanity present to hear the speaking.

Iola, Wis., Herald
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

The big centennial celebration to be held at Minneapolis on the sixth, seventh and eighth of June is attracting many Iolians.

This is the biggest Norwegian-American celebration to be held in this country for some years. A representative of the government of Norway, from Oslo will be in attendance at the celebration. It is reported that President Coolidge will be there and address the meeting on one of the days.

Several carloads of people from this locality will attend if present plans mature.

JANESVILLE (WIS.) GAZ
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

10 from Here to Norse Centennial

Janesville will be well represented at the Norse-American centennial celebration to be held next week in Minneapolis. Mrs. M. L. Vigdahl and daughters, the Misses Ella and Bertina Vigdahl, left by automobile Thursday morning for Minneapolis. After attending the centennial they will motor to Canada. Others who left Friday morning for the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. R. Sathre, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Johnson, the Misses Anna Bothum, Amanda Olson and Frances Johnson.

LA CROSSE WIS TRIB
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1925

No services Sunday in the Bethel Lutheran church. Pastor Ralph Mortenson and family are attending the Norse-American centennial and the annual convention of the Lutheran Free church. Mr. Mortenson is associate secretary of the latter.

Lodi, Wis., Enterprise
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

The Rev. S. L. Jacobson expects to leave Sunday evening for Minneapolis to attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of Norse immigration to America. Others from this vicinity may also attend. The celebration, which will be at the Minnesota State Fair grounds, begins Saturday and closes Tuesday evening. Monday, June 8th, is "America" day when President Coolidge will attend and deliver an address.

MADISON WIS JOUR
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925.

DR. QUILSING TO CENTENNIAL

Dr. Sverre Quisling and his mother Mrs. A. Quisling are leaving Thursday evening for Minneapolis to attend the Norse American centennial. The doctor wishes to announce to his patients that he will not be at his office again until Wednesday morning.

MADISON WIS TIMES
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1925.

Dane Family Of 10 Is Reunited At Norse Meet

Ten brothers and sisters, all of a single Dane county family, ranging in ages from 48 to 72 years, held a reunion at the Norse centennial at Minneapolis Monday. They went to hear Pres. Coolidge speak and celebrated at the home of one of them, Mrs. Ella M. Lee, Minneapolis.

They were the Liens, who came originally from near Cambridge, Wis., in the Koshkonong district. In the group were Lars, Renville, Minn.; George, Granite Falls; Martin, Edgerton, Wis.; Joseph, Madison, Wis.; Rev. A. E. Lien, Portland, N. D.; Herman, Cambridge, Wis.; Gustav, Windsor, Wis.; Oscar, Rio, Wis.; Mrs. B. K. Savre, Glenwood, Minn., and Mrs. Lee.

MANITOWOC WIS TIMES
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1925.

Rev. D. G. Ristad of the First Lutheran church will leave Thursday for Minneapolis where he will attend the Norse-American centennial. Rev. A. O. Alisen, of Chicago, will be in charge of his work.

MARINETTE WIS EAGLE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925.

GOING TO CENTENNIAL.

The Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Minne of Menominee left today for Northfield, Minn., to attend the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Olaf's college where elaborate semi-centennial exercises will be held for several days. They will also attend the Norse-American centennial at St. Paul in Minneapolis and will hear an address to be delivered by President Coolidge.

MARINETTE WIS EAGLE
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925.

FRED HANSEN WILL ATTEND NORSE JUBILEE

Fred E. Hansen, landlord of the Cholette House, leaves tomorrow for Minneapolis where he will spend a week and take in the Norwegian centennial celebration which begins on Saturday morning. The celebration will be marked among other things by a visit of the choir of the University of Christiania and besides an opportunity of seeing President Coolidge the local boniface will get a glimpse of royalty also, Prince Olaf of Norway, being among the distinguished visitors who will be entertained by the city of Minneapolis during the great celebration.

MARINETTE WIS EAGLE
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925.

FRED HANSEN HOME FROM NORSE CENTENNIAL

Fred E. Hansen returned yesterday from Minneapolis where he attended the Norwegian centennial celebration which he reports as a great success and which was honored by the presence of President Coolidge and many other distinguished guests. He was accompanied on the homeward journey by Ole Etterdahl of Menominee, who visited here until this morning before proceeding to his home.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Attend Norse Celebration

A number from Marquette went over to St. Paul the first of the week to attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration. President Coolidge's talk and the advertised presence of the big United States dirigible balloon, the Los Angeles, were the two big drawing cards; the failure of the dirigible to come was a big disappointment to Monday's crowd.

Among those making the trip were: Mrs. C. A. Andresen and granddaughter Marjorie Andresen; Mr. and Mrs. Joe May and children, Mrs. John Bix Sr., and Miss Estelle Bix, Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Martin and daughter Doris Jane, Lin Suits, and Dr. E. B. Elvis; A. J. Perkins and Frank Bauer.

*John
Bauer
June 4*

Several from this section will attend the Norse-American Centennial convention to be held at Minneapolis June 7, 8 and 9. A meeting that will be attended by a large number from the United States, including President Coolidge, and big delegations of Norwegians from Canada, the native country and other foreign shores. Among those who will leave this week are H. H. Moe and D. K. Anderson of this city. Mr. Moe has been active in calling attention to the great event and will attend a reception extended the various community leaders during the meeting. Others from this section going this week, are: Rev. and Mrs. John A. Haukon of Blanchardville, Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Wilkelmson, Wiota.

MONROE WIS TIMES
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925.

H. H. MOE LEAVES TO ATTEND BIG CENTENNIAL

H. H. Moe left today for Hamline, Minn., to attend the Norse American Centennial of the United States and Canada at the Minnesota State Fair grounds June 7 to 9 inclusive. Rev. and Mrs. John A. Haukom, Blanchardville, and Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Wilhelmson, Wiota, also planned to attend.

Ojibwa, Wis. Courier
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

Local Norwegians were all interested in the Norsk Centennial held in St. Paul this week.

Mr. Amundson, Dalen, and Storoe drove to St. Paul with their car. They reported a great gathering. They listened to President Coolidge, saw the world's greatest airship, Los Angeles and were a part of the largest crowd ever gathered in the northwest.

OSHKOSH WIS NORTHWEST
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925.

ATTEND CENTENNIAL

Oshkosh Couple Encounter Sand and Rain Storms on Auto Trip to Norsk Celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Konrad returned Thursday evening from Minneapolis where they attended the Norsk-American centennial celebration. While the trip was made for business, Mr. Konrad attended some of the exercises in connection with that celebration. He said the crowd was so great the day President Coolidge spoke there, it was impossible to get anywhere near the grandstand. Women were crushed in the crowds and were lifted over the heads of the people by policemen and carried over, from hand to hand, to the ambulance.

Some of the leading spirits in the promotion of the centennial, he said bought as many as 250 or 300 grandstand tickets at \$1 each to help the affair financially and then gave the tickets away or sold them at a discount, that being quite a different experience than that of scalpers' tactics at football games and other occasions, where the prices are pyramided.

Mr. and Mrs. Konrad went by auto on route 16 by the way of Abbotsford and on their way out they ran into a sandstorm which was so severe it was impossible to see the road more than a few yards ahead Thursday, on the return trip, they encountered a terrific rainstorm which, on the clay roads, made travel extremely precarious. There were not many machines on the highway, however, Mr. Konrad said.

At the centennial Mr. Konrad exhibited a model of a new design of folding bed of his invention, one which may be enclosed in a window seat or a wall panel.

Orfordville, Wis. Journal
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1925

Dr. Gimmestad was the unanimous choice of the program committee of the Norse-Centennial celebration for making the speech giving a comprehensive survey of the history of the people of Norse descent in this country.

STOUGHTON WIS JOURNAL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1925.

YOUNG LADIES TO GO TO NORSE CONVENTION

The Misses Edna and Ida Julseth and Elsie Norum, of the town of Porter, will leave Friday night for Minneapolis to attend the Norse-Centennial Convention to be held June 6-9. While there they will also attend the commencement exercises at St. Olaf College, Northfield. They will go on the Chicago special which carries only delegates to the convention.

Hear the following famous musical organization:

Academic Choir (50 voices) from Norway.

St. Olaf College choir and band.

Luther College concert band.

Augsburg Seminary Glee club.

Concordia College choir.

Augustana College choir.

Waldorf College choir.

Norwegian Singers' Association Male chorus.

Prominent vocal and instrumental soloists.

Among the Attractions.

Also that the following interesting attractions will be seen:

The immense, colorful historic Pageant with 1,000 people taking part.

The beautiful "Living Flags" of Norway and the United States, by 420 school children.

The full size model of the sloop, "Restaurationen," (the Norwegian "Mayflower").

The prize-winning models of the ancient Viking ships.

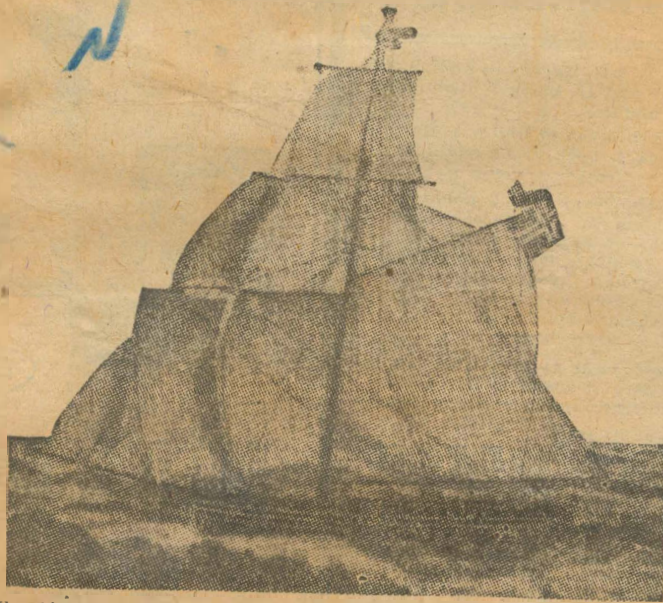
The wonderful Norse woven tapestries, worth thousands of dollars.

The baseball and tennis games, soccer game, and big program of athletic contests and races.

The official exhibits of the natu-

RACINE WIS JOURNAL
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1925.

RACINE WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED AT NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL



Fac-Simile of Ship Which Brought First Norwegians to America in 1825.

More than 150 prominent Racine Norwegian citizens, including representatives from the Sons of Norway and Wergeland society, will attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration and exposition, to be held on the Minnesota state fair grounds, June 6, 7, 8 and 9. There will be four big days, with a continuous program—educational, entertaining and inspiring.

Lawrence Brown Sr. is at the head of the Racine county committee and there are about six sub-committees. H. Hanson, at the head of one of the sub-committees, is giving a great deal of his attention to the arrangements.

Big Men on Program.

He has just received the program, which indicates that the following distinguished men of national importance will be heard in addresses:

Hon. Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States.

Hon. Frank B. Kellogg, secretary of state of the United States.

Hon. Johan Ludwig Mowinckel, prime minister of Norway.

Hon. H. H. Bryn, Norway's minister to the United States.

Rt. Rev. J. P. Lunde, bishop of Oslo, Norway.

And other official representatives of Norway, Iceland and the Dominion of Canada, also United States senators, congressmen and governors of Norse ancestry.

ral resources of the state of Minnesota and dominion of Canada.

The many paintings and sculpture by famous Norwegian and Norse-American artists.

A veritable "world's fair" of interesting exhibits in 22 different departments, including wonderful collections of old Norse relics and those from pioneer days in America—actually thousands of articles of historic value and interest.

First Settlers' Ship Shown.

One of the features of the big event will be an exhibition of a full sized ship on which 52 emigrants left Norway July 24, 1825, and came to America. They were the very first to come over and settle here. There is also to be a full-sized Viking ship on exhibition.

Besides there is to be the United States navy giant ship, "Los Angeles," and a fleet of 50 army airplanes.

Additional particulars of when and how the Racine delegation will leave for St. Paul will be given later by the committee.

RACINE WIS JOURN
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1925.

LOCAL NORWEGIANS OFF TO CENTENNIAL

Some 50 From Racine Attending Big Norse-American Celebration at Minneapolis This Week.

It is said that more than 50 Norwegian residents left on Saturday for Minneapolis, Minn., to attend the Norse-American centennial which continues through June 9. Most of the delegation took the special train out of Milwaukee. The celebration will be the greatest ever held by Norsemen in America. The program every day includes speakers of world-wide reputations and musicians known throughout the civilized world.

President Coolidge represents the United States; the premier of Canada, or a member of his cabinet, will speak for the Dominion; the prime minister of Norway will appear for the native country; a distinguished son of Iceland will represent the famous

island, where Norsemen are said to have settled a thousand years ago and from whence a party sailed to America almost 500 years before Columbus saw the western world. Hotels and rooming houses in St.

Paul and Minneapolis are filling up rapidly with visitors from all over the United States. Not less than 2,700 Lutheran congregations, the Norwegian colleges, seminaries, academies, lodges, the Sons of Norway and various other societies and organizations have been assigned places in the centennial and are actively taking part in the various festivities.

Pice Lake Wis Chron.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1925

Rev. J. E. Nord was one of the Rice Lake visitors to the Norse-American centennial at Minneapolis who enjoyed the event to the full extent, spending a number of days there. Upon his return Rev. Nord called at the Chroptype office and gave us a graphic account of it. He told of the 125,000 people who heard President Coolidge pay a wonderful tribute to the Norse people, of 100,000 who packed the Auditorium theatre at St. Paul for services, and the wonderful exhibits from Norway on display.

Exhibits of Norwegian fine arts dating back to the fifth and sixth centuries were on display, among them many beautiful specimens of weaving and metal work. A pioneer cabin was also shown and in this were some articles that belonged to Kleeng Peerson, leader of the first band of Norwegians to come to the United States in 1825. Peerson was a venturesome spirit who first settled in New York state and later ventured further over the country, finally dying in Texas.

The centennial was a great event, and Rev. Nord informs us that loud-speaker devices made it possible for everyone to hear the speakers and music.

Spring Falls (Wis.) Times

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

A large number of local people are planning to attend the Norse-American Centennial which opens at the Minnesota State Fair grounds this Saturday.

A vicious propaganda has been started to the effect that all the hotels in the Twin Cities are filled. This is not true, the Centennial headquarters informs. Some of the hotels are unable to accept any more reservations but they are able to accommodate many more thousands of people at reasonable rates. It is estimated that there is still room for two hundred thousand people more in the hotels and private homes of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Housing committees are busy in behalf of the Centennial and are listing every available and clean place in both cities.

The business places of Minneapolis and St. Paul are going to close for a half day on Monday in order that their employees may attend the Centennial and also hear President Coolidge. While the President has been ill of late he has not given up his plans to be present at the Centennial. Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin has been invited to join the presidential party.

The oldest living Civil War veteran of Norse blood, who is to be the guest of the Centennial, is Mr. Carl Nelson of Milwaukee, Wis. It is understood that Mr. Nelson is in fairly good health and will be able to attend. Mr. Burr Olson and Martin Iverson of this city are among the veterans of the Civil War of Norse blood.

The Centennial promises to be a world fair from the standpoint of art exhibits, interesting events, recognition accorded it and significant personages to be present. The mayors of the Twin Cities have recently extended a most cordial welcome to all Centennial visitors and promise every possible favor and protection.

SPRING VALLEY WIS JOURN
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Attorney T. P. Abel of our city, was one of the six Wisconsin citizens invited by President Coolidge to ride with him and on his train thru Wisconsin on Sunday, on his trip to the Norse Centennial in the Twin Cities. He enjoyed the added distinction of being the sole guest at the Sunday noon luncheon of the President and Mrs. Coolidge aboard their section of the famous Northwestern train, The Viking. Mr. Abel, together with Walter Heineman of Wausau, Judge Backus, publisher of the Milwaukee Sentinel, J. T. Fitzgibbon of Milwaukee, A. H. Wilkinson of Milwaukee and United States District Attorney Dougherty of Janesville, boarded the President's train as it was being switched from the B. & O. to the Northwestern tracks at California Avenue in Chicago Sunday morning, and rode to Saint Paul Mr. Abel's luncheon engagement with the President lasted from twelve noon until three o'clock, and this invitation was decidedly the greatest compliment paid to anyone on the trip thru Wisconsin.

Mr. Abel's acquaintance with the President began last summer when Mr. Coolidge invited him to take charge of his campaign in Wisconsin. It ripened somewhat upon Mr. Abel's visit to Washington at the time of the inauguration last March; and it is surely of more than a casual variety if they could find things to talk about for three hours on a hot Sunday afternoon.

Not before in the memory of living inhabitants has a Spartan been accorded the distinction and compliment paid to Mr. Abel on last Sunday.

Spring Valley, Wis., Sun
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

Nearly all the Norwegians in the Northwest (and we are all Norwegians when it comes to celebrating the hundred-year fest of the first permanent Norwegian colony) will gather in the Twin Cities next week. That good thrifty Norse, Karl Kvooleg, will be there also. The mayor of Minneapolis (who is also Norse) has issued a proclamation warning children against going barefoot next week, as their feet would be cut by snusbox covers and pierced by ludefisk bones. The shibboleth of the week is "Hosengarde", and the password is "braa".

STOUGHTON WIS JOURN
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Gogstad leave tomorrow for Minneapolis to attend the Norse-American Centennial festivities, and the early part of next week go on to Barnum, in the vicinity of Duluth, where they will spend the remainder of the week with Mrs. G.'s sister, Mrs. Ole Olson, and family.

Stoughton Wis. Hub
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925
STARTS OUT TO HIKE
TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Harold Everson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ever Everson, left yesterday morning for Minneapolis where he will attend the Norse-American Centennial. The young man started out with the intention of "hiking it" to Minneapolis, but should a motorist happen along the way who asks him to "jump in and take a ride," he will not refuse the invitation.

Stoughton Wis. Hub
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925
LEAVE ON MOTOR
TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS

Oluf Norland is enjoying his annual vacation from his duties at the Daylight hardware, and, with his wife, left today by auto for Minneapolis where they will attend the Norse-American festivities until next Tuesday when they cross over into Wisconsin and drive to Whitehall for a visit with Mr. N.'s brother, Peter Norland, and family and other relatives. They expect to be gone ten or twelve days. Mr. and Mrs. Norland will make the trip to Minneapolis through Iowa and Minnesota, and will motor in company with Hans Johnson, employed with Schumacher & Mellum, and wife, who, after attending the Centennial, drive on to Long Prairie, Minn., where they will visit Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Schneider. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will be away a couple of days.

Stoughton Wis. Hub
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925
LEFT THIS MORNING
FOR CENTENNIAL

John L. Erdahl is another Stoughton man who will join the Norwegians in their Centennial celebration at St. Paul. He left this morning and intends to be gone a week. Mr. Erdahl is also celebrating an event in his own family, for it is just 75 years ago since his parents settled on a farm near Stoughton. They bought their land at \$1.25 an acre, and it was a common practice in those days to travel to Milwaukee with oxen and a wooden wheeled wagon to get supplies.

STOUGHTON WIS. HUB
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925.
 Ole Hellickson leaves this evening for Minneapolis, in company with O. Moen, of Edgerton, and will attend the Norse centennial festivities now being held in the Twin cities.

Mrs. Elmer Hamsun, of Madison, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Vingum, in this city, while her husband and daughter, Eleanor, attend the Centennial program in the Twin Cities.

STOUGHTON WIS. HUB
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925.
 Alderman Anfin Moen, Chris Roberts, Ole Sundby and J. J. Hoveland, left yesterday forenoon for the Twin Cities to attend the Norse-American Centennial.

Stoughton Wis. Hub
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925
AASE CORPORATION HAS A
BOOTH AT THE CENTENNIAL

Norris Klomgaard, treasurer of the Aasen Corporation, left last evening for the Twin Cities in the interest of the local corporation which has fitted up a booth at the state fair grounds in St. Paul where the principal festivities of the Norse-American Centennial are being held. The exhibit comprises 100 of the Aasen "sleepmakers" and a number of posters illustrating various of Mr. Aasen's inventions. Officials of the Aasen Corporation feel confident that the exhibit will prove of great value in advertising the sleepmakers.

Stoughton Wis. Hub
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

LOVERUD RETURNS
FROM CENTENNIAL

Larger Crowd Than Expected
Attends Norwegian Celebration.
Weather Dismal.

Attorney E. K. Loverud returned this morning from the Centennial up in the Twin Cities after struggling through the immense crowds which filled up Minneapolis and St. Paul. He states that a larger number of people attended than was expected, and the facilities were hardly large enough to care for the crowds. At the State Fair grounds people stood in line for two hours at meal times, trying to get something to eat.

While he was unable to hear Pres. Coolidge, he succeeded in seeing him as he passed by. It is estimated that the President spoke to an audience of 200,000, although just those close to him were able to hear the speech.

Yesterday was a dismal day in Minnesota. The weather was chilly and intermittent drizzles of rain somewhat dampened the spirits of the celebrators.

SUPERIOR WIS TELE
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1925.

Expect Nearly 1,000 to Go
to the Norse Centennial

Between 600 and 1,000 Norwegians of Douglas county will attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration at the Minnesota state fair grounds next month the sale of tickets to date indicates, according to members of the general committee in charge of arrangements for the county's participation in the celebration.

and a large number will be disposed of over the weekend, it is expected. A meeting will be held at the Concordia church parlors on Monday evening at which time various reports will be made. At that time it is expected an approximation of the number who will leave from Superior on the special train to be provided for the purpose, as well as the acres who will drive in motor cars, will be available.

The county was provided with 1,300 tickets, a large percentage of which has already been disposed of. With the close of the period in which they may be purchased at reduced rates drawing near, the demand is picking up noticeably, committeemen said.

The special train which will convey Norse from Superior will leave here at 6 a. m. Sunday morning, June 7, and will return Monday evening, June 9.

Superior, Wis., Telegram
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

SUPERIORITES
TO CENTENNIAL

Norse Exodus to Begin Saturday; Large Number to Attend from Here.

Exodus of Superiorites who will attend the big Norse-American Centennial at the Minnesota state fair grounds which opens Sunday morning will get under way Saturday morning when the first delegations leave the city by rail and motor cars, it was announced today by Oscar A. Oyaas, general committee chairman.

How many Superior people will attend the celebration could not be accurately determined. It is expected that a large number will leave Saturday in motor cars and by rail and late Saturday night special cars provided by the railroads operating between the Twin Ports and Twin Cities will run to the fair grounds.

Committee Meets.
 Final plans for the participation of Superior and Douglas county in the celebration were discussed at a meeting Thursday of the general committee. It was announced today by Chairman Oyaas that all now is in virtual readiness. Mr. Oyaas will be one of the first Superior people to leave for the scene of the celebration. He will depart early Saturday and be on hand at the fair grounds to aid in the reception of Superiorites.

In a statement made today Chairman Oyaas, speaking for the general committee, extended "our thanks and appreciation to The Evening Telegram, Rotary club band, Androy ho-

tel, donaters of cars and all others, the public in general included, whose cooperation contributed to make the appearance here of the Oslo university chorus the noteworthy success it proved to be."

Among those whom it is known will attend the centennial are the following:

Going to Centennial.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Peterson, George Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. James Hanson, Miss Agnes Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Emerson, Miss Olive Emerson, Mrs. Carl Paulson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Christopherson, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Elmon, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Christopherson, Olaf Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Lundseth, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Haugen, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Boe, Oscar T. Oyaas, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Skamser, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Le-raan, Mrs. J. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson, Miss Verna Ganrud, Peter Michaelson, Mrs. G. Moen, Mrs. Alfred Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Burlse, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. H. Granhagen, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Oyaas, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Leveroos, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lund, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Knutson.

Hans Berg, Ellert Johnson, Christ Anderson, John A. Johnson, Charles Flagstad, Hans Maley, Ludvig Sotvick, Odin Olson, Christ Miller, John Emerson, A. Nodeland, A. Jonland, August Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larson, Martin Sollie, S. Olson, Ole Blackstad, Jonus Gyldenskog, Joe Grandhagen, Francis Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wick, Mrs. John Anderson, Ed Woodwick, Ed Lund, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Odegaard, Ole Sonjue, Emma Olson, Thea Sonjue, Matt Solheim, Ole Ludvigson, Louis Quam, Ragnar Quam, Mr. and Mrs. John Wold, A. Wolde, A. Lovdal, M. Jonland.

Superior, Wis. Telegram
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

TREK TO TWIN CITIES BEGINS

Several Hundred Superior Norwegians Expect to Attend Centennial

Several hundred Superior Norwegians left today, via train and motor cars, for the Norse-American centennial at the Minnesota state fair grounds, Twin Cities, June 6, 7 and 8. On the Northern Pacific and Great Northern lines leaving here special cars were attached and a special sleeper on both the G. N. at 11:45 p. m. and the N. P. at 12:05 a. m. today will be attached.

Every train leaving Superior for the centennial was crowded, although there were no special trains. On the return trip, sleeping cars will be set out at the Union depot here, allowing Superiorites returning from the centennial to make the return journey at night and stay in the cars here and get a full night's rest.

All roads led into Minneapolis and St. Paul today and traffic over state highway No. 35 to the centennial was reported as unusually heavy. The roads are in excellent condition all the way, it was stated.

Duluth, Minn., New Tribune
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1925

200 Superiorites Going to Norse Centennial

At least 200 persons from Superior will leave by motor and special train today to attend the Norse-American centennial which opens this morning at St. Paul and continues until Tuesday, according to ~~the~~ ~~arrangements~~ in charge of local arrangements.

A special train carrying Superior and Douglas county residents will take the majority of the delegates directly to the Minnesota state fair grounds, the scene of the centennial.

SUPERIOR WIS TELE
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925.

Mrs. Carl P. Pulson, 1909 East Seventh street, went to Minneapolis to attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration and to visit friends.

Taylor Wis. Herald
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1925

Many from this vicinity are planning on attending the Norse-American Centennial at St. Paul, June 6th to 9th. The event will commemorate the arrival in New York, in 1825, of the ship "Restaurationen", the Norwegian Mayflower. The annual convention of the Norwegian Lutheran church will also be held at the same time. Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, Representatives of the Norwegian government and Bishop John Lunde of Oslo, Norway, representing the church of Norway, will be there. A conservative estimate shows that there will be from 100,000 to 150,000 in attendance at these joint meetings. Reduced railroad fare are offered on all lines.

Washburn, Wis. Times
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925.

MANY TO ATTEND THE CENTENNIAL

Hundreds of People from Bayfield County to Make the Trip to the Twin Cities.

A large delegation of Norwegian Americans from all parts of Bayfield county will make the trip to the Twin Cities to attend the Centennial which begins on June 6th and continues to June 9th.

It is in celebration of the sailing of the first immigrants to this country and is to be the biggest gathering of Norwegians ever assembled in the United States.

President Coolidge, several U. S. Senators and many Governors will be in attendance.

Dawson, Minn., Sentinel
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925

The Misses Agnes and Swanhild Rondestvedt of Westby, Wisconsin, spent a few days the fore part of last week visiting at the Iver Rondestvedt and Thronrud homes and also with other relatives and friends. From here they went to Minneapolis to attend the Centennial doings.

West Salem (Wis.) Journal
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1925.

Rev. and Mrs. O. Ottersen with Ragna and Anna Marie are at Minneapolis this week for the Norse-American Centennial. They will return to West Salem at the end of the week. Monday Rev. Ottersen, Ragna and Anna Marie sang before the grand stand and on Tuesday the two girls sang in the Horticultural building.

