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Sacred Heart, Minn. July 17th 1890

Pursuant to Notices a Republican caucus were held for Town & Village of Sacred Heart Minn. on Saturday July 17th 1890. for the purpose of Electing nine Delegates to represent said Village & Town in the County Convention to be held at Sacred Heart Minn. at 10 o'clock P.M. H.A. Paulson was chosen Chairman and F. G. Nellermor was chosen Secretary.

The following Gentlemen were elected as Delegates.

A.O. Gode, Ole Steensrud, P.P. Olson, H.O. Field, Arndt. Jernes, F.G. Nellermor, P.G. Peterson, Hon. P.P. Holstrom & Tom. O. Storien.

Dated at Sacred Heart Minn. this 17th day of July 1890

F. G. Nellermor Sec.

Republican State Convention.

A Republican Convention for the State of Minnesota will be held on Wednesday, the 11th day of July, 1894, in the Auditorium, in the City of St. Paul, at ten o'clock a. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following named offices: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and One Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

All voters who believe in the principles advocated by the Republican Party and who desire its success, regardless of their past political affiliations, are heartily invited to participate in the selection of delegates to this convention.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the committee:

Resolved, That each county shall be entitled to one delegate for each two hundred votes or major fraction thereof cast for the Republican candidate for President in 1892, and that each county be allowed in addition five delegates at large."

In accordance with the above resolution, the several counties are entitled to representation in the convention as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Counties, No. of Delegates, Counties, No. of Delegates. Lists 36 counties and their respective delegate counts, totaling 1,017 delegates.

The above apportionment was unanimously agreed upon by the Republican State Central Committee at a meeting held at the Windsor Hotel in St. Paul, Thursday, May 10th, 1894.

The State Committee respectfully suggests to the several County Committees that such a time be selected for holding the County Conventions as will be most convenient for the voters in the respective counties.

TAMS BIXBY, Chairman, HARRIS RICHARDSON, Secretary.

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HENRY BORDEWICK, formerly of Granite Falls, has been appointed U. S. consul at Christiana.

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Mike Dowling's father-in-law is the last Minnesota man to receive an appointment at the hands of the president. He gets a good consulate in Norway.

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FROM THE  
Fairfax Crescent-  
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OF SEP -4 1896 1896.

**BIRD ISLAND.**  
From the Union.  
M. J. Dowling was re-elected secretary of the National Republican League at Milwaukee, Wednesday, by acclamation.

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FROM THE  
Wabasha Herald  
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OF SEP -3 1896 1896.

M. J. Dowling has been re-elected secretary of the league of young republican clubs. We think Mike might be in better business, but since he desired the position we are glad that he got it.

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FROM THE  
Lawson Sentinel  
Minn

OF SEP -4 1896 1896.

M. J. Dowling, of the Renville Star-Farmer, was re-elected last week secretary of the National Republican league at their annual meeting in Milwaukee. Mr. Dowling has made a very efficient officer of the league and his re-election is but a just recognition of his services.

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From News  
of New Nly Minn  
Dated 7-3

HENRY BORDEWICK of Granite Falls, father-in-law of Mike Dowling, of the Republican League, has been appointed consul at Christiana, Norway, one of the finest cities of Europe.

**CONSULS SIGN THE LISTS**  
*Chronic Press,*  
EMIGRANT INSPECTION A FARCE.  
7/1 - 1897.  
Secretary Hart Tells How Insane, Paupers and Criminals Get to America.  
"Gade"

"The system of consular investigation of emigrants to the United States at the cities of Europe in its application to the cases of the paupers and insane, at least in the two places I visited, Hamburg and Christiana, is a farce," said, yesterday, Secretary Hart, of the state board of corrections and charities. Mr. Hart has just returned from a trip across the ocean as custodian of two of the alien insane recently deported under the law adopted by the legislature last winter. He was eminently successful in getting the men back to their homes and their friends, and presumably Minnesota will never be troubled with their presence again. One of the men was taken to Christiana and the other to Honfoss, also in Norway.

While in Europe Mr. Hart investigated to some extent the workings of the law compelling consular investigation of emigrants to this country. His inquiries led him to the conclusion that in its practical results it was a failure. "The list of emigrants," he said, "is made up by the steamship companies and submitted to the consuls. They go to no more trouble in the matter than to affix their signatures to the list. At least that is all I could find that they did. Under such circumstances there is nothing to prevent the people of those countries from sending their insane friends and relatives to America for us to take care of. One of the men I took back was deliberately shipped to the United States by his father for no other purpose than to be rid of him. He was insane when he left Norway, and was in an asylum in Minnesota a month after he arrived. I returned him to his father."

"From my study of the situation at New York, I am convinced that every effort is made at this end of the ocean route to prevent the insane, the paupers and the criminals of other countries from getting foot on our shores. But with all their vigilance I can see how impossible it is for the officials to detect all the cases that come under these heads. Some are certain to run the gauntlet successfully.

"Economically considered I believe the movement by the state to deport its alien insane and paupers is a success. We have already removed from the care of the state since the law went into effect enough of both classes to more than offset the appropriation made by the legislature for this purpose. The total expense of landing the two men at their homes in Europe was about \$300. It was costing the state \$70 a year for the maintenance of each of those men. One of them was in good physical condition and was likely to live twenty years. There is no difficulty in returning this class of immigrants so long as they have not become citizens of this country. New York has returned 4,000 and not a single one of that number was thrown back on their hands. Massachusetts had but one that came back to the state.

"I find that a good many of the Eastern states are taking considerable interest in this matter of dealing with the alien dependents, and I think it is only a matter of a short time when there will be legislation along the line of the new system in this state, which will be adopted very generally."

M. J. Dowling, one of the brightest young newspaper men in Minnesota, at present editor of the Star-Farmer, in Renville county, is a candidate for Chief Clerk of the house at the coming session of the legislature. There is no man in the state more worthy of the position than he. He is a true Republican and with tongue and pen did yeoman service for his party in the last campaign. We have been personally acquainted with Bro. Dowling for the past five or six years and we take great pleasure in saying that we believe him to be an A1 man.

*Egyptian (Entrepreneur)*

—One of the envelopes that came to our desk on Christmas Day contained a circular of press comments relative to M. J. Dowling's candidacy for the chief clerkship of the house. There were forty-four clippings from papers in different parts of the state, and if "chaff tells which way the wind blows," there is a very strong gale headed in Bro. Dowling's direction.  
*Bad Island Union*

**INTEREST IN LEAGUE MEETING.**  
Mr. Dowling Says Republican Nominations Will Visit Milwaukee.  
Secretary M. J. Dowling of the National Republican league was unable to reach Milwaukee in time for a conference with the convention Executive committee yesterday. He was seen for a few minutes last evening at the Union depot on the night train for St. Paul by Secretary Vivian and Chairman John T. Kelly of the general Reception committee. Mr. Dowling said that the interest of the league clubs and the enthusiasm of Republicans in the Eastern and Central states concerning the August convention at Milwaukee was much greater than at any time preceding former conventions of the league. He has received positive assurances that if either Gov. McKinley, Thomas B. Reed or Senator Allison is the nominee of the St. Louis convention he will be the guest of the Republicans assembled at Milwaukee in August. Mr. Dowling will return from North Dakota on Thursday or Friday of this week and will spend two days in aiding the work of the local organization committees, the members of which will be called to meet as soon as the date of his visit is fixed. *Sentinel* May 4, 96.

**BOOMING EDDY.**  
*News Herald*  
Crowd of His Supporters Make Themselves Conspicuous.  
Special to The News Tribune, Oct. 10. ST. PAUL, Sept. 9.—A crowd of Eddy boomers are on the trail, covering the state fair grounds and the hotels in this city, where state politics may be found.

The head of the procession is represented by C. P. Reeves of Pope county. J. J. Boobar of Stearns, M. J. Dowling of the Republican league organization, Capt. C. C. Whitley and others are giving their encouragement to the movement.

A half dozen silver mounted canes were appropriately engraved at a jeweler in this city and today presented to as many of the workers in the Eddy cause. Boobar bears the responsibility for making the presentations. Engraved on the silver-carved heads of the canes is the following inscription:  
"Eddy, 1898."  
"Nomination."  
Beneath these the initials of the person to whom the canes are presented are engraved.

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FROM THE  
Stillwater Gazette  
Minn

OF AUG 27 1896 1896.

MIKE DOWLING of the Renville Star, has been re-elected secretary of the republican league club. D. D. Woodmanse of Ohio was elected president and Detroit was selected as the next place of meeting.

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From Sm  
of morning Minn  
Dated 7-8

Mike Dowling scored a double. His mother-in-law's husband received a foreign appointment.

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FROM THE  
Benoni Monitor  
Minn

OF SEP 11 1896 1896.

M. J. Dowling was unanimously re-elected as secretary of the national league of republican clubs at the annual meeting held at Milwaukee last week. This will probably be Mike's last year in that position: not because he doesn't give complete satisfaction to the league managers, but because interest in the league is fast dying out and in a short time it won't need a secretary. Here it is only two months until election and the national league of republican clubs holds its annual meeting, a meeting of which even the republican papers speak in discouraging tones. The Evening Wisconsin, which is undoubtedly the most radical party paper in the state, says there need be no attempt to disguise the fact that the meeting was almost a fizzle. Leaving out of consideration the republicans from the state of Wisconsin and Chicago, which is only 80 miles from Milwaukee, there was scarcely a person of note from any state in the Union, in attendance. The league has evidently seen its best days and there need be no surprise if it goes to pieces before the end of another year, especially when there is no election near to keep up the interest.

While he was in town last week, M. J. Dowling laughed at the report as to his withdrawing from the congressional fight and said: "There is nothing in it except the very evident desire on the part of my opponents that it should be true. I believe that my chance of getting this nomination is very good. It appears from my point of view that I stand a much better show than either of the other gentlemen. Did I believe for a minute that there was no show for me, I would certainly discontinue my campaign. The Republicans of the Seventh Congressional District, when they go to the primaries the 16th of September, will find my name on the ballot with a square space directly after it where I hope a comfortable plurality will place an 'X' mark.—Redwood Reveille.



FOR CONGRESSMAN, SEVENTH DISTRICT,  
M. J. DOWLING.

PLATFORM:

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PRIMARY ELECTION, SEPTEMBER 16, 1902  
GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 1902

Chaplain's Greetings,  
Special Session, 1902.

Time is  
Flitting away, flitting away,  
Hour by hour, and day by day;  
Never a break in the running thread,  
Never a pause in the solemn tread;  
On through labor, on through rest,  
On when cheered, and when depressed,  
Ever our life is flitting away,  
Hour by hour, and day by day.



HARRY W. KNOWLES,  
Pastor Grace M. E. Church, Duluth, Minnesota,  
810 BEND AVENUE WEST.

IS IT NOT TRUE  
That what we are stretches past what  
we do and what we possess?

Moorhead Independent.

MEEKER & VERITY.

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MOORHEAD, MINN., FRIDAY, SEPT. 4.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For President,

McKinley's letter of acceptance is a gem of the first water. His enemies can no longer claim that he is straddling or evading any of the great questions for he has clearly defined his position on every one of the issues.

M. J. Dowling was re-elected secretary of the republican league at the recent convention at Milwaukee. "Our Mike" is all right and the league could not have chosen a better or more efficient secretary.

Republicans!

RENVILLE, Minn., Aug. 30, 1898.

To the Republican Voters of Renville:

Having concluded that there is a good chance for me to secure the nomination for State Senator from this County, I have decided to be a candidate, provided the Republicans of this community will support my candidacy.

Messrs. E. F. Collins, F. H. Berning, G. T. Christianson, J. L. Johnson, M. J. Dowling, Simon Johnson, N. F. Sherman and F. A. Bade have been decided upon by my friends for delegates. If these men are selected at the caucus this evening between seven and eight o'clock, I will go to the County convention at Olivia and be an active candidate for the Senate. Unless this ticket is carried, I will feel that the Republicans of this village do not want me to serve them in this capacity and I will refrain from going before the convention at Olivia.

Hoping and expecting to receive the support of my home town, I am,

Yours respectfully,

M. J. DOWLING.

DOWLING WANTS CASH.  
St. Paul Dispatch

Cannot Run the Affairs of the League Without Funds.  
Chicago, Sept. 1.—The first formal meeting of the executive committee of the National Republican league since the convention at Detroit in June was held at the Auditorium yesterday. Western and middle states were well represented at the meeting. Notwithstanding the fact that elections are still some distance in the future, a plan of action was drawn up and agreed to relative to the state elections in Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Iowa and Massachusetts this fall. After a warm debate it was agreed that an attendance of seven members at any regularly called meeting of the executive committee will be sufficient to constitute a quorum to act for the whole body. Senator Thurston announced that the representatives of the league in Nebraska would have everything in order for the next convention at Omaha in June. At that time the trans-Mississippi exposition will open in Omaha and President McKinley will be there to set the machinery in motion. The exact date of the convention was left for Chairman L. J. Crawford to decide. The financial discussion was given a sensational turn, it is said, by the threat of Secretary M. J. Dowling to resign unless satisfactory means for the maintenance of the organization were provided. He was persuaded to withdraw his resignation, but not until a resolution, presented by Melville Hayes, the Ohio member, was adopted, authorizing President Crawford, Secretary Dowling, Senator J. M. Thurston, I. M. Hamilton, of Illinois, and Mr. Hayes to make such arrangements with regard to finance as they may deem proper, and to call upon the national committee and tender that body the service of the league.

Secretary Dowling's resignation hangs on the report of this committee. Mr. Dowling refused to say anything about his effort to resign, but it was learned he wished to give up the place because the league has forced upon him the burden, not only of getting along without salary, but of bearing also the expense of maintaining headquarters. It is understood he took the position that the league should be made an adjunct of the national committee and look to that body for both funds and directions as to policy.

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From Money Press  
of St. Paul  
Dated 7-1 1898

Bordewich Goes to Christiana.

The name of Henry Bordewich of Granite Falls, Minn., to be consul at Christiana, Norway, was to-day sent to the senate by the president. Mr. Bordewich has passed the required examination in the state department. This appointment is made upon the personal request of M. J. Dowling, and no opposition was offered by members of the delegation, the proposition being agreeable to them. Mr. Bordewich spent some time in his native country, Norway, a year ago on account of his health, and desires to return for a few years, hoping to be entirely restored. The Christiana consulate is a small one. The salary is \$1,000 a year and the fees aggregate about \$400 additional. The present incumbent of the office is a native of Norway and a resident of that country. He has held the place since 1869. There are only three consulates in Sweden and Norway, the others being Gothenburg and Stockholm, Sweden. The annual compensation of each is \$1,500 a year.

DOWLING, MICHAEL JOHN AND JENNIE LEONHARDA BORDEWICH,  
PAPERS, 1883-1944.

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**PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION.**

Candidates for Judicial, Congressional, Legislative and County offices will be chosen by direct vote of the people, on Tuesday, September 16th, between 6 a. m. and 9 p. m.  
County Auditors will provide ballots for each party, and supply the same to each voting precinct.  
Any qualified voter may become a candidate for any office, by filing his name with the County Auditor, and paying a fee of \$10, if for a County office; and if for an office to be voted upon in more than one County, by filing with Secretary of State and paying \$20.  
Candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the Primary Election will be the regular nominees to be voted for at the General Election to be held November 4, 1902.  
M. J. DOWLING respectfully solicits your vote.

PLEASE MARK YOUR BALLOT THUS:

For Congressman, M. J. DOWLING, Republican.

X

**WILL WE**  
"Labor together for a better time,  
With all our might of press or pen?"  
**FOR**  
Believe me, 'tis a truth sublime,  
This world is worthy of better men."  
**HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?**  
That it is easier to criticise the best  
thing superbly done, than to do the small-  
est thing indifferently?  
**DOES THIS HIT YOU?**  
Ye cannot serve two masters, saith the  
Word,  
But Satan nudges us and whispers  
"Gammon."  
You bend your women-kind to serve the  
Lord,  
But give yourselves to me and worship  
Mammon.  
**DO YOU BELIEVE THAT IF**  
Truth were our uttered language, Spirits  
might talk with men,  
And God illumined earth should see the  
golden age again;  
The burthened heart should soar in mirth  
like Morn's young prophet, lark,  
And misery's last tear wept on earth  
quench hell's last cunning spark!  
**FOR**  
This world is full of beauty, as other  
worlds above,  
**AND**  
If we did our duty it would be full  
of love.  
**REMEMBER THO'**  
They who seek to serve two masters  
miss the benediction of both.

St Paul Minnesota  
1 February 1913

Hon. M. J. Dowling,  
Olivia, Minn.

Dear Sir:

You have been selected as a  
member of the Reception Committee at  
the banquet to be tendered Senator  
Thuts Nelson on February 3rd. at seven  
o'clock, P.M., at the Masonic Temple,  
St Paul.

I sincerely hope that you  
will be present at that time.

Yours very truly,

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Governor.

**DOWLING FOR GOVERNOR**

At a mass meeting held at Renville, Minnesota, August 25th, a "Dowling for Governor Club" was organized and committees appointed to push his candidacy throughout the State. The following resolutions were adopted:

WE, the citizens of Renville County, in meeting assembled, believing that we are passing through a crises in our history, and feeling keenly the responsibility of citizenship and the absolute necessity of having an able man at the helm of state, do subscribe the following resolutions.

Be it resolved that in the Honorable M. J. Dowling, we have a man of sterling worth, a citizen of the world whose patriotism is above reproach, a man who has given of his time and substance unstintingly to the service of our Country and State, a man of heart and courage, a man of keen intelligence and broad culture, a man sagacious, and statesmanlike, a man of the kindness of a McKinley and the moral fibre of a Roosevelt, a man who loves our great state and all its people.

A man who by his dauntless courage has grappled with a Minnesota blizzard single handed and alone on our boundless prairies and emerged victorious and triumphant.

A man who has conquered fate and by his own unaided efforts has risen high in the counsels of his country.

A man in short, who in his mental and moral makeup typifies the best of Minnesota's manhood, which is synonymous with the best manhood of the world.

And be it further resolved, that we hereby organize ourselves into a "Renville County Dowling for Governor Club" and pledge ourselves to use all honorable means to the end that Mr. Dowling will consent to become a candidate for governor, and that he will be nominated at the primaries and elected.

And be it further resolved that we urge upon other counties to rally to the constructive leadership of Mr. Dowling, firmly believing that to do so is to maintain the high plane that has been set by Minnesota in the sisterhood of states.

W. B. STROM  
H. C. OMHOLT  
W. A. FISS  
FRANK MURRAY  
O. T. SUNDE  
J. L. JACOBS  
PAUL ALBRIGHT

**MIKE DOWLING FOR GOVERNOR.**  
*Lake Best Advocate*  
Elsewhere in this issue of the Lake District Advocate, we quote from the Morning Tribune a contributed article mentioning the action of certain ones at Olivia, Renville county, favoring "Mike" Dowling for the Republican nomination for governor. *Don't get Johnson then*  
The Advocate favors most heartily this move to make Mr. Dowling the next governor of this state. *Simple*  
We have good and abundant reason for taking this position, and it is a matter of personal history.  
One day late in the fall of 1881 there came into our printing office at Canby, a bright-eyed boy of about 16, who in a frank manner said to us that he had been herding cows all spring and summer and wanted a chance to learn the printer's trade, asking us for the opportunity. We told him to call in the next time he was in town, and we would give him an answer.  
On his way to where he was making his home occurred the storm in which he nearly lost his life. He was brought to town and placed in the home of Jim Larson, where he was given good attention.  
That was the year of the "hard winter", when many a cupboard was bare. Our good wife arranged to get together a basket of good things, and together we went over to see "the poor boy." Instead of complaining and mourning over his hard lot in which one arm, his legs, and part of the other arm were amputated, we were amazed to find the boy in the most optimistic mood, cheerful and bright, greeting us cordially.

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Julius Sschmahl has thrown his hat into the gubernatorial ring. Whatever they say about this treacherous "dutchman" they can't say he is afraid of the N. P. L., according to report of his New Ulm speech. Just why he should be is beyond us. One party has always criticized the other and times have not changed a bit, altho the N. P. L. members get red hot at the collar if they receive criticism. 4/19

**JULIUS L. JACOBS**  
Editor and Publisher  
*Franklin Tribune*

Sept. 11 - 1919  
Vance Chapman who contributes political dope to a large number of country papers commented on the Dowling boom for governor last week and among other things said that Dowling is well aware of the activities organized in his behalf and that same have taken place with Mr. Dowling's knowledge and sanction. Vance is premature in his conclusions. Mr. Dowling has not even intimated to his closest friends that he will accept gubernatorial honors. While Mr. Dowling by this time no doubt is aware of the movement started in his behalf by his home community he has not authorized any statement as to his attitude towards the boom. The Dowling-for-governor boom was started spontaneously and without Mr. Dowling's consent. Vance further intimates that the Dowling boom is carried on with a view of damaging the prospects of other candidates who are more or less self-announced, but more especially against Julius Schmahl. The intimation is unfair since there is no truth in it. Mr. Dowling possesses merits enough as a possible candidate so that it is not necessary to resort to underhanded means against other candidates. Neither would Mr. Dowling himself, nor his friends consent to such tactics.

The Democrats are pushing Dowling of Renville for Governor. He's an able man and all that, but if he has all the Rooseveltian and other high qualities claimed for him in the circular advocating his candidacy, it is nothing short of criminal on the part of the democratic party to have kept him in the background so long at a time when true patriotic statesmanship was at a premium. 9/11/19  
*Adams Review*

#### A FAMOUS CRIPPLE

As an illustration that a man who has the right spirit can overcome almost any obstacle, Mike Dowling, an Olivia, Minn., banker, is a living example. Mr. Dowling was caught in a blizzard in 1880, when a youth, and when he finally reached a place of refuge he was so badly frozen that it was thought he could not live. But he rallied, though when the doctors got through with him he had lost both feet, one hand and practically all of the other. But he was not discouraged and he resolved that he would not be a burden on any one. He was an orphan, too, which made it so much worse for him. But a big hearted woman took him in. He studied, got an education, got artificial feet and hand, and pushed his way upward. He took his place as a man among men, and never asked for sympathy because he was a cripple. He is known as the most famous cripple in the United States. Lately he has devoted much of his time to lecturing to returned soldiers who are crippled, and so successful has he been that he was sent to France and England to tell his story over there. A late card from Dowling tells of his reception by the king of England and his visit with him at Buckingham palace. He tells of speaking to 2,700 "Tommys" at one meeting in England. His example should encourage all of us. *Barretson SD News*

Now a boom has been started for Dowling for the republican nomination for governor of Minnesota. This work is being done by his friends, started by those in his home town who know him best. They believe he is the right man for governor of the great state of Minnesota. 9/11/19

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NOV. 28, 1919

## To the Citizens of Canby and Community

THIRTY-NINE Years ago Canby was a frontier village in the midst of a broad expanse of sparsely settled and undeveloped country. Its inhabitants were few and they were poor, but possessed of their full share of the optimism and courage that goes with young and robust constitutions. How marvelous are the changes that have been wrought during the intervening period it is difficult to realize now, even for those who had become residents of Canby at that time and who have remained such to this date.

One of the young and virile inhabitants of Canby at that time was Michael J. Dowling, then a lad of fourteen years. It was here, on December 4th, 1880, he lost his way in a severe blizzard and by freezing lost his hands and feet.

To us who were here and witnessed the sad and distressing condition of "Mike" at that time, it has been great joy to note from time to time how he has overcome the great handicap under which he was then placed, and how he has by his courage, energy and sterling character merited and received a recognition from the public, which places him in the front rank as a citizen and statesman and which will accord to him a prominent place in history.

While this country was a belligerent in the World War, Mr. Dowling rendered to our government the greatest service which it was within his power to give. By his forceful eloquence, he stirred the people to patriotic efforts.

The war is happily ended, but the period of reconstruction has but fairly begun. Among the numerous reconstruction problems is the care of the wounded and helpless soldiers. Mr. Dowling has toured this country and England in their interest, and has by his unexcelled optimism and fascinating personality brought cheer, comfort and hope to many thousands of wounded soldiers.

Among the most important reconstruction problems which must be met at this time is that of law enforcement and the restoration of respect for law and order. Under such conditions it is of utmost importance that the enforcement of the law be placed in the hands of a man with a cool head and steady nerve; one who will deal out even handed justice. A man to whom the high and low, the rich and poor, the black and white are all alike, before the law.

Such are doubtless the sentiments of the great mass of law abiding citizens of Minnesota. As a result of these sentiments there has arisen and exists at this time a state-wide demand for the election of Honorable Michael Dowling to the office of Governor.

He is generally recognized as the man of all men who possesses the qualifications required by existing conditions.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, friends of Mr. Dowling of early days, do hereby extend a call to the citizens (men and women) of Canby and vicinity to meet at the city hall at Canby on the 4th day of December, 1919, for the purpose of organizing a "Dowling for Governor Club."

Dated at Canby, Minnesota, this 28th day of November, 1919.

M. S. NELSON.  
GUST O. MILLER.  
WM. COLE.  
IVER I. VIGEN.  
FRANK R. EATON.  
A. WILLIAMS.  
ERIK GJOVIG.  
N. K. SNORTUM.  
W. H. NORTH.  
H. E. SWENSEN.  
A. J. NELSON.  
M. S. NEGAARD.  
H. E. LANDRU.  
ED. M. ANDERSON.  
GEORGE COLE.  
NELS PEDERSON.  
A. BERGER.  
A. AMUNDSON.  
GUSTAV ERICKSON.  
C. N. KITTELSON.  
O. C. KNUTSON.  
A. O. SANDAKER.  
P. A. LARSON.  
OLE J. LARSON.  
OLE PEDERSON.  
M. O. PETERSON.  
J. ALFRED ANDERSON.

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Hettinger, N. D., Dec. 11, 1919.

Mr. Henry T. Ask,

Lanesboro, Minn.

Dear friend Henry:

While at present I am a resident of North Dakota, as a native born Minnesotan my love for the old state and its welfare is not lessened by my absence. I know that at this time the question as to who shall be the next Governor of Minnesota looms large in the Old Home State and is of the greatest importance in these after-war days of reconstruction and re-adjustment.

Honorable Michael J. Dowling of Olivia, Minnesota, who is being widely spoken of as a candidate of the Republican Party for governor, is a man whom I have known and greatly admired for many years. Minnesota today, possesses no man of higher character and more sterling worth than Mr. Dowling. He is truly a self-made man. A man who has battled his way against the greatest misfortunes and adversities of life to a place of highest honor and success among his fellow men. He is a man of whom, I am certain, every Minnesotan who knows his life, his struggles, and his accomplishments is immeasurably proud. As a member of the Minnesota Legislative Assembly, he was honored by election as Speaker of the House. President McKinley recognized his great executive ability by naming him as a Special Representative of the Administration to the Phillipine Islands. During the recent great World War no one in or out of Minnesota worked harder for the Red Cross and for similar war activities to give aid to our Country's cause and to our soldier and sailor boys than did Mr. Dowling. When he spoke in New York last spring to our

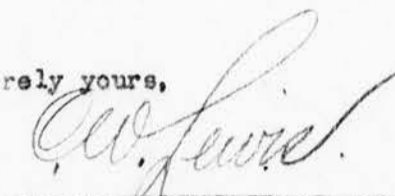
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wounded soldiers and sailors in the Government Rehabilitation Hospital, former Governor Hughes introduced him as the great Rehabilitated Minnesotan who had rehabilitated himself. After listening to Mr. Dowling's address in New York, Mr. Hughes declared that it was the greatest and most inspiring address he had ever heard. Mr. Dowling is a remarkably able man. He is of most pleasing appearance, is forceful of character, and has a wonderful personality. He would make a great Governor for Minnesota. Minnesota would be honored and enriched by his service as her Chief Executive.

Have you thought, Henry, of doing something to aid Mr. Dowling's candidacy for the Republican Nomination for Governor and for his election? Personally, I would greatly appreciate it if you would become actively interested in Mr. Dowling's candidacy and election as Governor of good, old Minnesota. Could you not organize a "Dowling for Governor" Club in your community and get up some good live organizations in your community and adjoining communities for Mr. Dowling's nomination as the Republican Candidate for Governor and later for his election? By doing this, you would be rendering a distinguished service to the good state of Minnesota. I should be pleased to have you write me and let me know what the sentiment for Mr. Dowling is in your community and what you will do for the candidacy of this splendid citizen whom any state would be honored in having as its Governor.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



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Dowling Clippings for 1919  
1920 - 1901

"M. J. Dowling of Renville County is a good business man, a man who has opinions and not afraid to express them, a true-blue American and if elected Governor would give the state a first class administration."  
Hector Mirror.

"If you want to know who we are for for Governor of Minnesota, we want you to know that we have no hesitancy in informing you. Mike Dowling is our favorite. Anybody that wouldn't want to vote for Dowling after reading a biography of his past life ought to be born again."  
Sherburn Advance-Sentinel.

"Michael J. Dowling, of Olivia, long talked of as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, filed Monday. Following his filing, Mr. Dowling issued a statement which the reader will recognize as the well considered conclusions of a forward-looking man, a man who obviously believes in constructive progress."  
Willmar Gazette.

"And still they come! The latest aspirant for gubernatorial honors is Prof. West etc., There is a sufficiency of candidates already. The Times is for Mike Dowling."  
Preston Times

"I am glad that Mr. Dowling has filed. To support Mr. Dowling for the office of Governor of Minnesota, is but a just tribute to a man of extraordinary ability and worth. If he should be chosen to govern our state and later on should be selected as President of the United States, a vigorous answer would be furnished to the agitator who says "The poor have no chance".  
Hildreth, Barnesville, Minn.

"Although not of his party, we consider it a rare privilege and honor to support a man of his splendid Americanism and outstanding ability. It is a difficult matter to forget party politics ordinarily, but when it comes to the consideration of the character and worth of a man like our fellow citizen, there can be no hesitation in the matter."  
Olivia Times.

"According to the Olivia Times M. J. Dowling filed as candidate for Governor on the republican ticket last Monday. He has many followers in this vicinity who will rally around his standard."  
Granite Falls Journal.

"On this page this week we give a short sketch of M. J. Dowling of Olivia, and it looks to the Standard as if he would make one of the best governors Minnesota could possibly have. His ability cannot be questioned by any party, sect or creed."

"Should Mr. Dowling ever become Governor of this great state, he will make one of the best executives Minnesota has ever had."  
Bellingham Times

"Among men mentioned for the office of Governor, Mike Dowling is by far the ablest businessman"  
Grimes in LeSueur News.

"M. J. Dowling, one of America's best known "self-made" men, has filed an affidavit of candidacy for the Governorship of

Minnesota, and will be, if all indications do not fail of fulfillment, the next Republican governor of the State.

Mr. Dowling is too well-known to readers of the Commercial West to need any lengthy personal history here. Suffice it to merely state he is the now grown-up man, who when a boy was caught in a blizzard and suffered the loss of feet and hands, became a county charge, and mainly through his indomitable perseverance and desire to succeed, accumulated means and a place among the most respected and honored men of the Northwest. He was never a political bigot, nor any other kind of bigot or fanatic. He is a steadfast exponent of the pure Americanism and the true Democracy enunciated in the Constitution of the United States."  
Commercial West.

"Michael J. Dowling of Olivia has filed for the Republican nomination for governor. It would be a fine thing if all others would pull out, and give the nomination to Mike. He is a winner."

"His declaration of principles is sane and sensible."  
St. Peter Herald.

"No one can truthfully say that he (speaking of M. J. Dowling) is not a good man for the place."  
Hastings Gazette.

"M. J. Dowling of Olivia is one citizen of Minnesota whose achievements should arouse the admiration of everyone. Handicapped by the loss of both legs and one arm when nine years of age, he has overcome all obstacles and made a success of life. Such grit and determination should not be unhonored, and such ability as he possesses should be placed at the disposal of our state. He deserves the honor of becoming our governor and our state needs him to guide its affairs."  
Motley Mercury.

"Mike Dowling who wants to be Governor of Minnesota and who is splendidly equipped for the place"  
Hibbing Daily News/

Comment on Mr. Dowling's term as Speaker of the Minnesota House, 1901.

"Speaker Dowling is making friends faster than a horse can trot. Mike is a genius."  
Anoka Union.

"When Speaker Dowling appointed J. F. Jacobson Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House, he made manifest his desire for an economical administration of the state's affairs."  
Madison Guard

"Speaker Dowling has taken part in a debate but once, but he has shown that he is the equal of any man on the floor in argument"  
St. Paul Dispatch

"Speaker Dowling dropped a hint to committee chairmen of the House at the opening of the yesterday afternoon session, that they would better get a hustle on, so as to have some bills on general orders early in the week and not all at the latter end."  
Dispatch, St. Paul.

"Dowling is making one of the best records as a Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives yet attained by that body, and no more popular presiding officer ever wielded a gavel. He is genial, courteous, eminently fair, ready for any and every emergency, seeks no advantage for himself, looks after the interests of all his associates, and best of all is brim full of good nature all the time."  
Sleepy Eye Dispatch.

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"For the first time in recent sessions, the House is up to date with its work. Speaker Dowling announced this morning that there remained no business for the House to dispose of, including General Orders and the calendar. Yet there have been introduced in the House thus far this session more bills than at a similar stage two years ago."

Mpls Journal.

During Mr. Dowling's incumbency as Speaker, he introduced the bill which became a law that session, increasing the pay of County Commissioners to \$4.00 per diem, he helped put through the horse-shoer's lien bill, he introduced the bill providing for accurate registration of all chattel mortgages and seed grain notes so that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ county auditors would have them in time to secure proper assessment of these for taxation purposes, he compiled a pocket manual of the Legislature, a great convenience and original with him. He cast the deciding vote for the gross earnings bill increasing gross earnings tax on railroads to 4%. This was the popular measure of this session. Primary election bill providing for direct nomination of state officers by the Australian system was also passed, The Board of Control Bill, provision for a revision of the tax laws, congressional re-appointment of the state. Mpls Journal commenting on work of this session said none had accomplished so much in twenty years.

"One of the most efficient, as well as one of the fairest presiding officers the House has ever had."

Swift Co. Monitor.

"No man who has of late years presided over the House of Representatives as Speaker has grown so rapidly in public favor as is the case of the present incumbent, M. J. Dowling. He has shown himself to be a man of commanding ability, broad, considerate and eminently fair in all his rulings, always good natured and approachable, and best of all retains his head in all trying parliamentary tangles."

Lanesboro Journal.

Speaking of the Gross Earnings Bill passed by the Legislature over which he presided as Speaker the Renville Record says "It is a source of great gratification to Renville County to know that Speaker Dowling saw to it that the bill had a fair show. It took his vote to get the bill taken from the table, but when it came to the final passage of the bill, the legislators did not dare oppose the manifest public sentiment, and the bill passed easily."

"Speaker Dowling makes a fine appearance. He is certainly a very efficient presiding officer, one of the best the State has ever had. We are proud of the professional skill of our distinguished townsman Dr. J. W. Andrews (who amputated Mr. Dowling's limbs) and also of the grit and indomitable will of M. J. Dowling."

Mankato Journal

"The Legislature adjourns Friday with a good record of work completed. The legislative work has been carried forward with more than usual rapidity so that an adjournment was secured much earlier than usual. Speaker Dowling has made a record in his office for crowding business forward and as a result many important bills were disposed of several days before the session closed."

Renville Record.

"Speaker Dowling made an enviable reputation during the session. His uniform courtesy, genial disposition and decided fairness, together with his entire familiarity with parliamentary law, have stamped him an able, far-sighted and sagacious gentleman"

Northfield News

(Can also gather many about educational investigation work in Philippines, work for McKinley's election as Secretary Nat'l Republican League, etc.)

Minneapolis, Minnesota,  
337-339 Andrus Building,  
April 14, 1920

To the friends of M. J. Dowling, and Republicans of Hennepin Co.

I am personally solely responsible for this circular. If anyone rosentts it, or gets mad, lay it to me.

It is all important that the next governor of Minnesota shall be a real republican. The only chance for this is an honest state convention of republicans, free from political intrigues or schemes. The candidates before that convention must be frankly before the people. The people must know where each stands on economy of government, efficiency of government, labor, agriculture, roads, tonnage tax, public service corporations, law enforcement, etc. To not know the attitude of a candidate is to invite division after the convention.

I believe the sturdy honesty, the unquestioned integrity, and the personality of Mr. Dowling makes him by far the best and strongest candidate. In this we may not agree. I am willing to accept the majority verdict, if it is openly and fairly arrived at.

But there are evidences on every hand that a plan is on foot to gather the Hennepin County republicans in county convention and put their strength back of a "dark horse" or "receptive" candidate. Thus the "receptive" candidate might escape making any announcement of his position on public questions, and trust to the situation after the convention, as being between such a nominee and the non-partisan league, to put him over at the primaries. It would be made to appear that it was a spontaneous action by the convention, when as a matter of fact it was a well worked out campaign, going on for weeks backed by special interests.

That such a campaign is going on actively at the present time, is known. Men skilled in political affairs are tipping it off to friends, with the whispered injunction, "that's the way things are fixed".

Men interested in Hennepin County candidates for other offices are receiving letters advising them that they should clear the track for a probable candidate for governor from Hennepin County.

Ward and precinct republican workers are being quietly summoned to St. Paul to arrange this spontaneous burst of convention enthusiasm.

In comparison with these methods your attention is called to the series of advertisements for Mr. Dowling now running in the daily papers of Minneapolis, in which he sets his position squarely before the public.

Which method do you believe is the correct one? Newspaper space is cheaper than gun shoes.

The Hennepin County Central Committee have said they want a fair expression, and an open field, without precinct tickets by candidates. I believe they are honest in that, and want to help out in it. Some insist that the organization is assisting in a political frame up. I don't believe it, for the simple reason that they must know as practical men, that such a proceeding would mean eventual defeat.

This is a time to be honest and straight-forward. It is a time that demands a man like Mr. Dowling, who is in this, like he is in life, a power that speaks best by his own sincerity in all things.

If you would like to help Mr. Dowling, kindly get into touch with me. Phone Main 2448.

Yours very truly,

*A.O. Cooney*

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Copy to Mr. D

Minneapolis, Minn.,  
April 26, 1920.

Fellow Republican:

In selecting a candidate for governor, the coming Republican State Convention must consider first the man who has the confidence of the public, and the personality that makes him strong -- such a candidate is M. J. Dowling.

Even those who favor some other candidate admit that his character is above reproach, that no man in the state has better abilities for the position, and that the facts of his life, a successful fight in the business world, although handicapped at 14 years of age by loss of feet and a hand, and his refusal to accept charity, or be classed differently than other men, makes a popular appeal, and every vote is going to be needed this year, both in the June primaries and the election.

There are only four things that have been mentioned as objections to Mr. Dowling, not one of which is any reflection on him, or his capacity as the chief executive of the state. They are:

- 1st--His physical handicaps. As a matter of fact he has none. He walks, runs, hunts, and fishes like ordinary men, works more hours per day than most of us, and has the best pair of feet in the state. They ought to be--they cost the most.
- 2nd--He is a banker. Isn't it awful that a man losing his feet should fight his way up until he becomes a successful country banker? And a banker must be a successful business man, believing in business methods. Between farmers, business men, the masses, and their banker is the closest mutual relationship. Because he is a banker makes no difference to you, if he is a good man for the position, does it? Why assume that it makes a difference to other people?
- 3rd--There is a rumor that he is a Catholic. Mr. Dowling is not a Catholic, neither is he Anti-Catholic. Mr. Dowling is an American, and still adheres to the American doctrine that people have a right to worship God, each according to his own conscience.
- 4th--Some say "Big Business" is backing Mr. Dowling. If anyone knows of any such, please notify this committee. We know of none.

After all the best thing for these times is out and out Americanism. Read the following news item taken from Brooklyn (N.Y.) Eagle:

"That's the best American speech I ever heard" and Judge Chas. Evans Hughes, recent presidential candidate, former New York Governor, and Justice of the Supreme Court, slapped the table with his hand to enthusiastically emphasize the statement he shot at the big audience as the applause subsided when "Mike" Dowling returned to his chair after speaking at the New York Hippodrome at a Red Cross meeting for crippled and disabled soldiers and sailors last summer."

The people of Minnesota need a man of Mr. Dowling's type in these times, much more than Mr. Dowling wants to be governor. Won't you help?

Yours very truly,  
THE HENNEPIN CO. DOWLING COMMITTEE  
By *H. O. Cooney*  
Secretary.  
337-39 Andrus Bldg.

Telephone: N.W. Main 2448.

[May 5, 1920]

Copy to Mr. D

Fellow Delegate to the County Convention:

In the interest of an uninstructed delegation, I expect to introduce the following resolution at the Hennepin County Convention on May 5, 1920:

"WHEREAS, it is the belief of the delegates assembled in the Hennepin County Convention that the Hennepin County delegation in the State Convention should be free and open as to the endorsement of a state ticket at the State Convention to be held in St. Paul, Minnesota on Saturday, May 8

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that each Hennepin County delegate in the State Convention have a right to vote upon any and all state officers according to his own wishes, and that at no time during the deliberation of the State Convention will the unit rule be invoked in the Hennepin County delegation, unless the unit rule is adopted by the State Convention as a whole or by the unanimous consent of the delegates from Hennepin County."

This is impossible of any double interpretation and is strictly in line with the announced policy of the Hennepin County Republican Central Committee.

Your support of the resolution is asked when it is presented.

Yours very truly,

*James Macmillan*

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*Copy to Mr D.*

May 6, 1920.

Mr. Joe. Chapman,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

The attached letter was sent to each delegate from Hennepin County to the State Convention today.

Yours very truly,

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*Letter sent to each member of committee*

Minneapolis, Minn.  
May 6, 1920.

You have been selected as a delegate from Hennepin County to the State Convention to meet in St. Paul on May 8th. Those who understand the present situation must realize that this is one of the critical times in the history of Minnesota. The State Convention in St. Paul has a difficult task which must be performed wisely, and which will have an important bearing not only on the political fortunes of the Republican party, but also upon the history of Minnesota.

All of the batteries of the Non-partisan League, the radicals, the discontented, and the political adventurers will be turned this year on the head of the ticket,--the candidate for governor. All of the arguments that can be guessed at, thought out, or imagined will be used in the June primaries and in the November election to defeat the choice of the St. Paul Convention. The best answer to all arguments is a candidate who stands firm upon unquestioned Americanism, who cannot be accused of any self-seeking interest, who is not a candidate in the interest of any set or clique of men, whose personality and life is a source of strength, and who can nearest crystallize and unite all the elements of the Republican party.

Of all the candidates mentioned, we firmly believe Mr. M. J. Dowling is the type of man who is the logical candidate this year. His unquestioned, sturdy, simple honesty, his personality, his clear thinking ability, his fairness to all classes, and his unusual campaigning ability all serve to make him a strong candidate. No faction of the party is antagonistic to him. All have a good word to say for him. He has been frankly before the people, and any weakness of his candidacy has had an opportunity to come out.

With all these things in view, and assuring you that this letter is not written to try to warp your judgment, nor from the idea that you are not competent to judge, but merely to ask you to consider these things, we hope you can see fit to support Mr. Dowling in the State Convention.

Yours very truly,

The HENNEPIN CO. DOWLING COMMITTEE

By

*[Signature]*  
Secretary.

HOC:B

The members of the Committee are: Jos. Chapman, Mrs. H. N. Stabeck, Dr. C. A. Griffith, G. A. Will, Walter A. Eggleston, B. F. Benson, L. McKecknie, E. J. Miller, Mrs. T. G. Winter, H. E. Pence, E. W. Peck, B. G. Leemhuis, Dr. W. H. MacNeil, Chas. Loring, C. W. Cartwright, H. O. Cooley.

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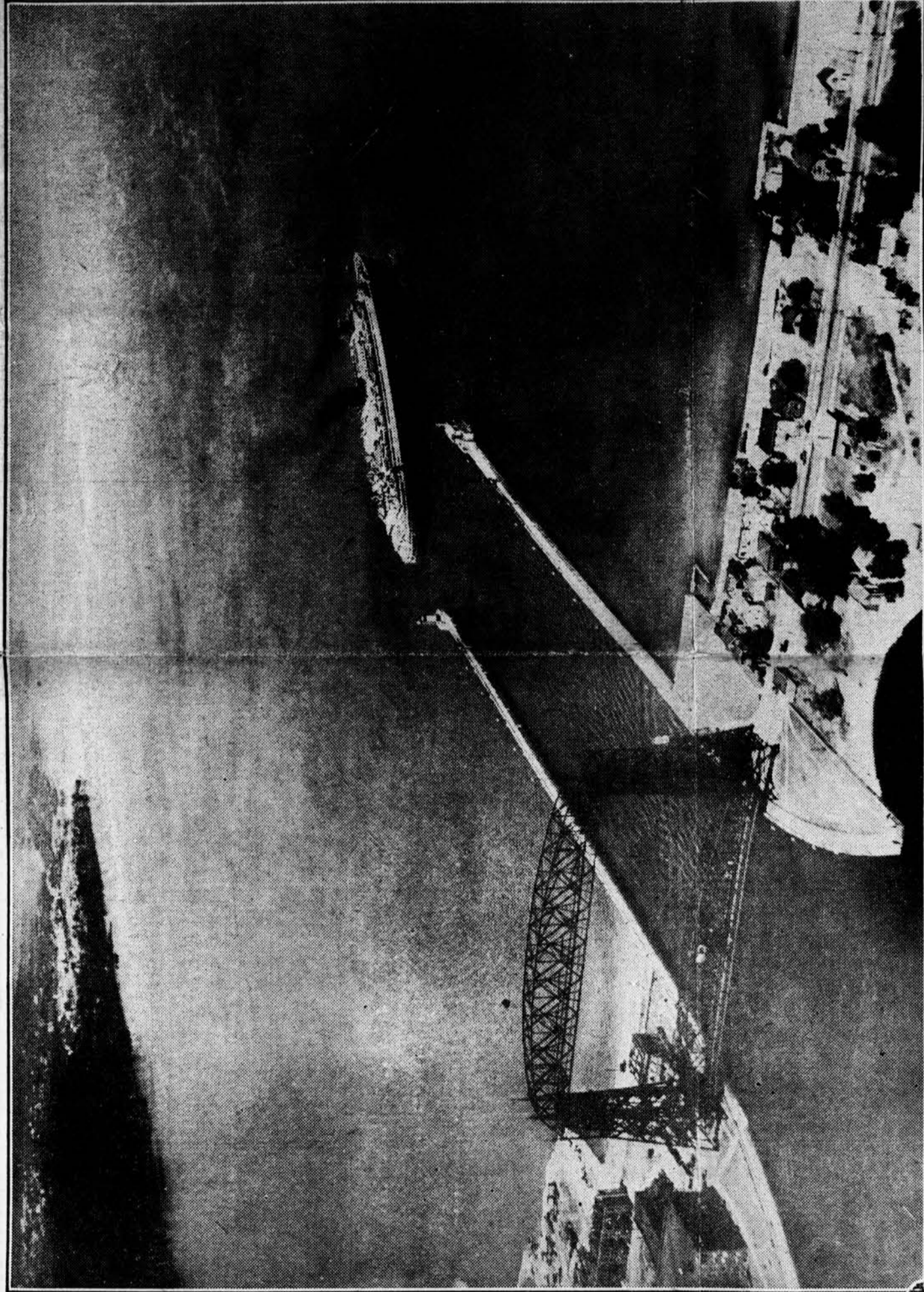
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Minnesota's Part in the Development of the St. Lawrence-Lakes Waterway

Initiative and Leadership in This State Have Played Important Part in Bringing the Project for a Sea Outlet for the Northwest to the Treaty Stage—Duluth Docks to See Ocean Freighters Tied Up Alongside the Ore Carriers of the Lakes

By Rudolph Lee



An Ocean Liner Leaving Duluth Harbor—A Possibility of the Not Far Distant Future. This Is a Composite Photograph

CHARLES CRAIG, 77, DIES; WAS WATERWAY LEADER. Tacoma, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Charles Craig, 77 years old, a resident of Washington, died here today. Mr. Lawrence Waterway association, died here today. He arrived in Tacoma September 18 to visit F. Garrett-fisher but was so ill that he died Saturday. He leaves his widow, Florence of Washington, and a sister, Mrs. A. Blanche Andrews of Silver Springs Md., who is here. The body will be sent to Washington.

WITH the nation at large rejoicing over the recent events which indicate the completion in the comparatively near future of the St. Lawrence waterway, there is added pride for Minnesotans in the knowledge that Minnesota and Minnesota citizens have played a major part in the 12 years' development leading up to the signing of the treaty whereby the United States and Canada now agree to co-operate in finishing the waterway and making it a ship canal from the Atlantic ocean to Duluth.

Welcomed in Canada as "epoch making in its possibilities as a commerce builder," and hailed by President Hoover as "another forward step in this greatest internal development improvement yet undertaken on the North American continent," the record shows that Minnesota initiative and leadership have played a leading part in the development culminating in the international agreement to go forward now and complete the waterway.

The treaty arrived unheralded. For that reason, many people think it came to pass as a result of some sudden inspiration. However, it didn't just happen. Premier Bennett of Canada and Secretary of State Stimson were not playing a weekend game of golf and bethought themselves that it was time something was done about the St. Lawrence waterway.

No, the treaty and the culminating events preceding its preparation were the result of a campaign 12 years long; a campaign that addressed itself to what appeared from time to time to be insurmountable difficulties; a campaign that had to overcome prejudice, arouse support, promote international harmony, straighten out diplomatic problems and unite suspicious factions in both countries.

Back of the matter-of-fact announcement of the treaty signing, assuring when ratified the quick completion of the seaway, there had been a great campaign, intelligently directed, loyally supported and indefatigably advanced.

It was a campaign that had its origin in Minnesota and that from the beginning was directed in large part by Minnesota men.

A Minnesota man, Charles P. Craig, in 1919, started the organized movement in this country to promote the seaway project that aroused sentiment and finally got results.

Minnesota was the first of all the states to make a legislative appropriation to support this organized movement.

Minnesota through legislative appropriation has contributed more than any other state identified with the movement.

Minnesota started the campaign to enlist the lake and other states to organize in an official way to support the project.

Mr. Craig, with headquarters in Washington, has for 12 years been continuously in charge of this organized movement of states.

A Minnesota man, A. O. Moreaux of Luverne, has since 1921, been chairman of the executive committee of this council of states, the only organization in the country devoted to promoting the seaway.

A Minnesota man, Frank B. Kellogg, as secretary of state, conducted the negotiations in 1927-28 that led directly to the preparation of the treaty.

There had been spasmodic and academic discussion of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway for more than 100 years. Each country had done some work at various places along the route but there had been no co-operative program by the two countries; and following overtures by

the Canadian government in 1915 for a joint effort to consider the feasibility of the project, which overtures were somewhat curiously rejected by our state department, negotiations as well as agitation ceased and the project fell into the realm of dreams, not much heard of except as discussed by college and high school debaters.

In the early winter of 1919, following conferences with business men and farm leaders of Minnesota, Mr. Craig called a meeting at Duluth and there set forth plans for an organized effort on a large scale, "first, to arouse interest throughout the country and in congress in a deep waterway via the Great Lakes to the ocean; second, to accent through proper propaganda its feasibility; third, to agitate its need and value; fourth, to develop similar interest and harmonious co-operation in Canada."

"This," says a congressional hearing report on the progress of the development, "was the first effort at organization in a nation-wide way to bring the seaway project to the attention of the country and promote it as a needed national undertaking."

As a direct result of the Duluth meeting and the interest aroused, the Minnesota legislature in 1919 created the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Commission: "to study and cause to be investigated, the feasibility, desirability, value and importance

to the people of Minnesota of the project to connect the Great Lakes with the Atlantic seaboard via the Welland canal and the St. Lawrence river so as to permit the passage of vessels from ports on the Great Lakes to tidewater without breaking bulk, said commission to serve without pay."

The Minnesota legislature appropriated \$12,500 for the use of the commission. It was the first appropriation made by any state for the purpose. J. A. A. Burquist, then governor, appointed A. H. Comstock of Duluth, J. L. Record of Minneapolis and M. J. Dowling of Olivia, members of the commission. It was the first state commission appointed. Mr. Dowling died in 1921 and Governor Preus appointed A. O. Moreaux of Luverne to the vacancy. Mr. Comstock died in 1926 and Gov-

ernor Christianson appointed Hugh J. McCleran of Duluth to the vacancy. Messrs. Moreaux, Record and McCleran have served continuously and make up the present Minnesota commission.

Following Minnesota's action in 1919, Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois passed legislation authorizing similar commissions. The Minnesota commission, acting in accordance with the Minnesota law, took prompt steps to co-operate with the commissions from these states and in the latter part of 1919 there was completed the national organization of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Association, an association of the commissions of the interested states.

Mr. Craig was chosen executive director of this association which was soon to include 23 states as members.

Officers were opened in Duluth, later to be moved to Washington, where they now are. Mr. Craig has been in active charge of the association and its work since. The governing board of the association is the executive committee composed of the chairmen of the several state commissions. Mr. Moreaux of the Minnesota commission is chairman of this executive committee.

Thus Minnesota men have been the active directing heads of the national association since its organization.

The following are the states which by act of their legislatures have established commissions which support with appropriations the work of the association: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Additional states which have joined the association and have membership on the council, being pledged to support the purpose of the association to get action on the seaway project are California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

During the 12 years the association has been advancing the waterway project in the two countries and building the way for the treaty, the 10 contributing states have appropriated a total of \$717,500 for its sup-

state. An appropriation has been made each legislative session since 1919 except in 1931, when unexpended balances in the association treasury made a new appropriation unnecessary.

The activities of the association, supported as it was by legislative backing in all the lake states, quickly began to bear fruit. Congress in 1919 passed a resolution expressing a desire that the International Joint Commission (dealing with relations between Canada and the United States) "investigate what further improvement of the St. Lawrence river between Montreal and Lake Ontario is necessary to make the river navigable for ocean-going vessels, together with the estimated cost thereof."

By January 21, 1920, matters had progressed so far that both United States and Canada formally agreed "to refer the matter to the International Commission."

In 1924, negotiations had culminated in appointment by the two countries of special commissions of a more or less permanent character to work out engineering problems and report with recommendations. Mr. Craig was made executive secretary of the United States commission. In 1926 the United States commission submitted its report and on January 3, 1927, President Coolidge transmitted it to congress. In April of that year, Secretary of State Kellogg began a series of "notes" to the Canadian government which paved the way for the treaty preliminaries. In April, 1928, the diplomatic negotiations had progressed to the point where Secretary Kellogg suggested that treaty making be not deferred during the settlement of engineering problems and said that "the United States is preparing to co-operate to the fullest extent with the Canadian government at any time for the purpose of accomplishing the improvement contemplated."

The treaty was completed and signed July 18, 1932. Upon ratification by the two governments it will become effective. It is estimated that the canalization of the waterway can be completed within five years from the time construction work is started. The tidewater association, originating in Minnesota, directed by Minnesota men and financed in considerable part by the Minnesota legislature, had its hand in all the developments which began actively in 1919 and continuing until the signing of the treaty.

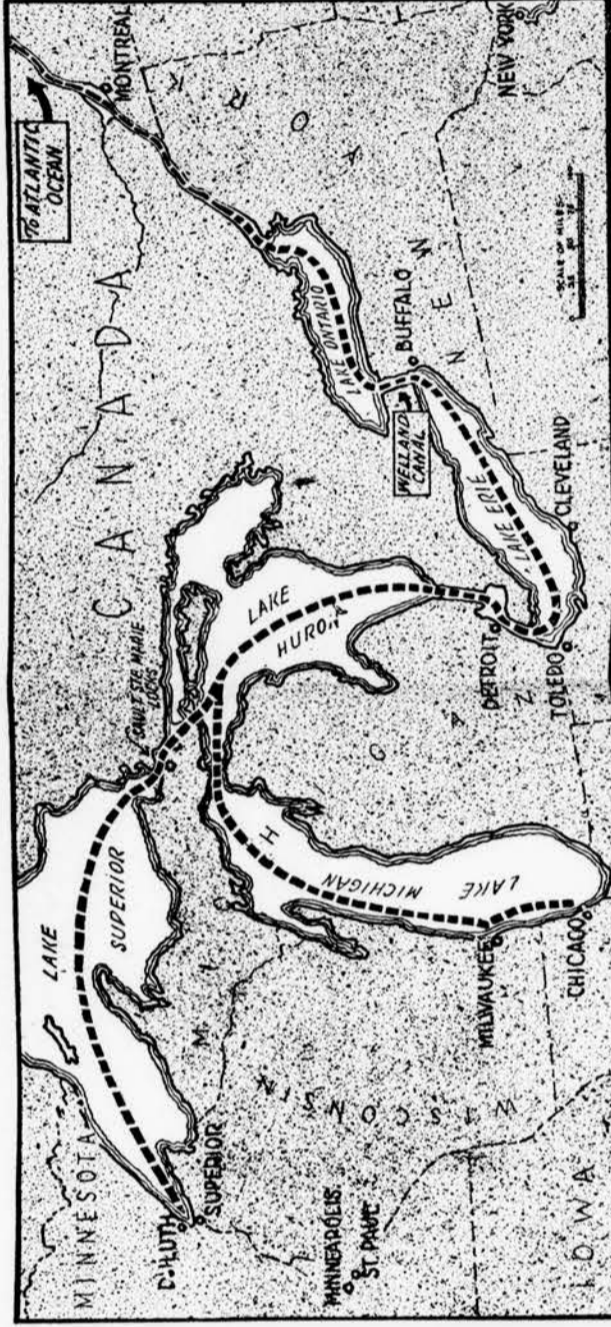
The seaway when completed will bring the Atlantic ocean to Minnesota. Ocean vessels will dock at Duluth and cargoes of northwest grain and other products will go down the lakes to Europe or to American sea-coast cities without breaking cargo. The distance from Duluth to Montreal, where sea-going vessels now dock, is 1,900 miles. However, the many miles of natural waterway, together with construction already completed, leave less than 200 miles to be improved. The complete project will require:

Some deepening of channels. Enlarging and deepening of the Soo locks.

Deepening of the rivers that connect Lakes Huron and Erie. Completion of the Welland canal now practically finished. This is the 21 mile canal that makes it possible for traffic to avoid Niagara falls.

Construction of new channels along the St. Lawrence river between Lake Ontario and Montreal.

The total estimated cost of the entire project is \$543,000,000 of which the United States will ultimately pay approximately \$272,483,000. However, enough of the work has been done such that the total remaining cost of the project to the United States is estimated to be not in excess of \$125,000,000.



Map Showing Route of Ocean Liner From Montreal to Duluth.

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Wahasha (Minn.) Herald.  
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1921

What a pity it is that all the nice things which Republican politicians have said about Mr. J. Dowling since his death could not have been said about him when he was a candidate for governor, a year ago. They were as true then as they are now; and if said then they would have made Dowling governor.—Waseca Herald.

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**LIVERNE MAN NAMED MEMBER OF TIDEWATER COMMISSION**

A. O. Moreaux Editor of The Rock County Herald, was on Saturday appointed by Governor J. A. O. Preus as a member of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Commission to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Michael Dowling, of Olivia. The other members of the commission are A. H. Cromstock, of Duluth, and J. L. Record, of Minneapolis. Mr. Moreaux accepted the appointment the first of this week.

The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Commission was created by the 1919 legislature for the purpose of promoting the project of establishing a deep water way connection for ocean going vessels between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic ocean and to permit the canalization of the St. Lawrence river from Montreal so as to permit passage of the largest ocean-going vessels. Accomplishment of the project would make Duluth and certain other cities on the Great Lakes ocean ports and make possible the shipment of the great resources of the heart of the continent to the markets of the world without breaking bulk, and therefore at a minimum of cost.

The states of Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan have similar commissions and all are co-operating in the work of promoting the project.—Liverne Herald.

*The Classmate  
Successor  
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**In the Field of Politics**

The story of Michael J. Dowling is an interesting one from the point of view of handicaps. When a boy, Mr. Dowling was caught in a Minnesota blizzard from which he could not escape. As a result one arm and both legs were so badly frozen that they had to be amputated. To-day Mr. Dowling is a successful banker, has been a speaker in the Minnesota House of Representatives, and Secretary of the National Republican League, and is still active in political circles. He has so mastered appliances to take the place of his missing members that the uninitiated cannot detect their absence.

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s the state.

**Forgotten so Soon?**

Despite the fact that the late Michael J. Dowling, received the solid vote of the Murray county republicans in the state convention, in which he was a candidate for Governor, and in spite of the fact that a Murray county man made one of the seconding nominations in his behalf, not one cent has been received at this office toward the memorial to be erected in honor of this great statesman. The Herald office has been designated the place where offerings toward the memorial should be received. Every cent sent to this office toward the fund will be published, together with the name of the contributor. Murray county's allotment is \$1200.00. At this writing the county is short just \$200.00 from reaching its quota. Will the people of the county, who were so zealous in Mr. Dowling's campaign, come forward with contributions for a memorial that will do him honor all the years to come? We wait with interest, the answer, which we trust will be forthcoming at once. We cannot believe that the life work of this great man can have been forgotten so soon.

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Duluth, Minn., News-Tribune  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1921

**AN APPROPRIATION THAT WAS MOST VITAL**

If the Minnesota Legislature had failed to appropriate funds on behalf of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Waterway, the value of Congressman Larson's membership on the River and Harbors Committee to his home city of Duluth would have been appreciably lessened. In discussing Duluth's ambitions and hopes to be the greatest of inland ports in value of merchandise shipped and received, in what position would he have been before his colleagues had Minnesota indicated any lack of faith?

With Nebraska, Iowa and a dozen more states enthusiastic about the projected linking of the Great Lakes ports with the chief maritime cities of Europe, Minnesota would have been held up to the world as a piker had it shown a faint heart. But it showed every confidence in the proposal and because it accepted without a modicum of doubt every written statement put before it by Director General Charles P. Craig, and then voted every dollar asked for, it has heartened the other commonwealths of the West into pursuing their course with relation to the greatest engineering project since the Panama canal became a reality.

Because the Legislature of this state voted funds this year it does not follow that it will do the same thing two years hence, although it probably will. It is for the people of Duluth especially to bear the project in mind so that when January, 1923, comes the members of the appropriations and finance committees may have put before them immediately, the latest data and so make the first move to insure the granting of at least as much as was voted this session.

With a third of the Union committed in hard cash to advancing the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Waterway, Minnesota, as the state which will unquestionably reap the largest benefits, will be justified in considering the project one of its stated obligations for each biennium as much as the voting of money for the University. The state commission has been geographically most representative. The death of Michael J. Dowling of Olivia, Renville county, takes the member who was appointed from that region which embraces Southern and Southwestern and West Central Minnesota. It is to be presumed that Governor Preus will appoint his successor from that part of the state.

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ADMINISTRATOR

May 3rd, 1938

Mrs. M. J. Dowling  
3745 Blaisdell Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Dowling:

I am sure you will be interested in having the attached photograph, showing, among others, your late husband and President McKinley. The picture was sent to us by the foreman of our Bronson Dam project in Kittson county. Workmen found it between the walls of the old Hazelton residence which they were wrecking.

Because of its historic and local interest, it is possible that the Minneapolis newspapers might be interested in having you show them the picture. We also are attaching a small copy made by our photographer.

Yours very truly,

  
Victor Christgau  
State Administrator

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This picture, showing the late Michael Dowling of Minneapolis visiting President McKinley was found this week by WPA workers on the Bronson Dam project in Kittson county. They discovered it between the walls of the old Hazelton residence which they were wrecking. It was signed, "Compliments of M. J. Dowling." The delegation was photographed as they visited with McKinley at his home in Canton, Ohio, August 28, 1896, when he was a Major. McKinley is in the front row, third from the left, Dowling is fifth from the left.

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