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## A PLOT DISCLOSED

Senator Richard Hamer Lays Bare the Tactics of Sholin, Asher Howard and Kay Todd.

A Deeply Laid Plan, Which Was Frustrated, to Secure Club to Hold Over Hamer's Head.

Milaca, Minn., Jan. 3, 1920.

To the Editor of The Union:  
Ouch (grouch). That hurts. What hurts?

The irony of fate. The irony of facts, whereby the malicious charges of the Milaca Times, failing to stick, returned back home to roost. Instead of Hamer being "coached" and manipulated by certain unnamed bankers of Milaca, it is the banker member of the Times Publishing company who was implicated in a plot to entangle the senator, and the publication of this fact two weeks ago elicited a long reply in the Times of last week. We are glad that it has attempted so much discussion and put it in cold type. This discussion has several interesting features, one of which is the quality of the argument.

In this communication, however, we can consider only one of these features, viz, the connection of Mr. Sholin with the plot referred to above. As he takes exception to my account of it I will relate the following particulars which will place the matter in a clearer light:

Shortly before the so-called workman's compensation bill was considered in the senate, April 2 last, the writer was approached by Representative Asher Howard of Minneapolis in advocacy of the bill. I was not too favorably impressed with the bill, but would not commit myself to any particular attitude until further study. So he left, but said he would see me again.

On the night of April 2, after arranging with me for a private interview in my room, and after learning the number of the room and that there was a telephone in the room, he came somewhat later, bringing a Mr. K. Todd, who, on being introduced, said he was attorney for the Farmer's Terminal Packing Co. Without asking my permission they were going to have me talk with someone in Milaca. Their action roused my anger somewhat and I denounced their scheme as a trap. They were taken aback and neither one had the courage to say that I had misjudged it.

On the following day, April 3, the bill was acted on and lost, but, on Monday, April 7, it was, on motion, voted to reconsider that action on Friday, April 11. On Thursday night I met Mr. Sholin at the hotel, and he immediately began to tell me how disappointed everybody in Milaca felt, but I had in my possession positive evidence that a number of Milaca people were opposed to the bill, and Mr. Sholin was the only one in this legislative district who had expressed himself as he did. Mr. Sholin admitted that he had not read the bill and did not know its contents. He also admitted that he had a long distance call on the night of April 2, about the time that I was interviewed.

Now in view of the facts as here narrated, what are the findings?

First—After making such arrangements for that interview as he did, it was very poor observance of the rules of etiquette for Mr. Howard to bring in another man. Second—That the visit and its purpose was in accordance with a prearranged plan by the three persons involved, and that when Mr. Howard had arranged with me, he went to secure the other actors in the affair and came back when everything was ready. Third—That the purpose was not wholly to secure my support of that bill: The method of approach indicated some ulterior aim. There was no attempt to discuss or argue until after the failure to use the telephone; and the man at the other end was, according to his own confession, incompetent to discuss the bill at that time. Fourth—If they had succeeded in carrying out their program it would have placed me in such condition where they could report anything they wished regarding my statements, promises, etc., and support it by their concurrent testimony, while I could make only a bare uncorroborated statement. Fifth—This condition would place in their hands a club which they could wield over me with power of life and death politically. Sixth—When an act or acts are planned it is a reasonable inference that the effects or conditions most likely to result therefrom are also planned, which in this case become the ulterior aim

above referred to.

This construction is based on the facts in the case, and is submitted in the belief that it is sound, and that it was the design to make Hamer the victim of such disreputable conspiracy.

Who is most to blame? I do not know. I can say, however, that I do not know of any motive for Howard and Todd so acting, except as they may have been induced to do so. On the other hand there is reason to believe that it would be very gratifying to the Times, with which Mr. Sholin is so intimately associated, to have the senator so handicapped and at their mercy.

It seems that the Times cannot get over its concern over the relationship of other bankers to the senator. The following incident will represent that relationship generally. This is given without "coaching" or consultation.

On the day of the Wilcox contest in the senate last January, J. A. Allen was at the capitol and conversed with me a little while before the case came on. With all the tension that prevailed at the time, and however anxious or inquisitive he might have felt as to how I would vote, he gave me no hint, nor asked any questions; and I did not tell him how I expected to vote. Those "bankers" have not tried to manipulate the representative in the senate.

Yours very truly,  
Richard Hamer.

### The 1920 Federal Census.

If the census enumerator has not yet called upon you he will soon do so, and among the questions you will be asked to answer are these:

Sex; color or race; age at last birthday; whether single, married, widowed or divorced; birthplace of person enumerated and the birthplaces of father and mother, giving names of both country and province if foreign born; occupation, specifying trade or profession, also industry in which employed; whether attending school; whether able to read; whether able to write; whether able to speak English; whether home is owned or rented, and if owned whether home is free of encumbrance or is mortgaged; year of immigration to the United States; whether naturalized, and if so the year of naturalization; mother tongue or native language.

Enumerators will also call at every farm to secure the information necessary to fill out the questions contained on the agricultural schedule. Each farmer will be asked questions concerning the acreage and value of his farm; whether he owns, rents or partly owns and partly rents the land he farms; the value of the buildings, machinery and implements belonging to his farm; the quantity of crops raised on his farm during the year 1919, and many other questions which cover all possible farm operations.

### Legion Wins First Game.

Last Thursday the Princeton legion basketball team met and defeated the Milaca town team. The auditorium was filled with basketball fans who turned out to see the first game. The contest was an exciting one from beginning to end. The play started by Milaca taking the offensive and carrying the ball about three quarters of the way down the floor only to have it broken up by the Princeton defense and advanced for a shot at the basket. Milaca obtained the ball from the rebound and by good team work advanced it for a basket. The next play Milaca advanced the ball right from the tip off to the basket and made its second basket. About this time our guards realized that they had their work to do and went at it with a will. Milaca would carry the ball just so far and lose it. At last G. Maggart broke the ice and shot a basket from the center of the floor. Princeton needed only this encouragement and the first half ended with a spectacular shot by Smith. The score was 11 to 10 in Princeton's favor.

During the second half the play continued very much the same way, both the Princeton offense and defense working perfectly. Milaca's offense weakened a little but on the whole was very good. The final score was 23 to 16.

### Ericson-Swanson.

On New Year's eve, at the home of H. L. Zimmerman in Minneapolis, Miss Minnie S. Swanson was married to Ferdinand Ericson. On January 3 the bride and groom left for Minot, N. D., where Mr. Ericson, who travels in that state for a Minneapolis hardware concern, has his headquarters.

Miss Swanson is known to many Princeton people as she was at one time bookkeeper at the Evens' hardware store.

## 1920 ROAD BUILDING IN ANNUAL SESSION

Highway Department Announces Big Steps Toward Realization of Babcock System.

Seventy Counties of State Prepare Programs to Improve Two Thousand Miles of Road.

Setting a record in Minnesota and constituting a big step toward the realization of the Babcock system of highways, more than 2,000 miles of state roads will be improved during 1920, according to an announcement by the state highway department.

The program for 1920 calls for the paving of 192 miles of state roads, the grading of 1,805 miles and the graveling of 1,530 miles, making fully 2,000 miles of roads to be improved during the year.

Plans on the majority of these jobs now are being prepared, and the work will be advertised and contracts awarded during January, February, March and April. In May the state will start upon the biggest road building program in its history.

To meet the rapidly growing movement for good roads new gravel pits and quarries are being opened this winter, and dozens of new contractors are looking toward the new field of construction. The road building machinery of the state was taxed to the limit by the sudden growth of the good roads movement last year as a result of the Dunn law, which gave an impetus to road building in this state, and many counties had difficulty in obtaining either material or constructors.

To overcome this difficulty the state highway department has encouraged the opening of new gravel pits and quarries during the winter and has sought to attract additional contractors to the field. Already twenty-five new contractors have signed their intention of entering the field, which eventually is to result in the improvement of approximately 7,000 miles of state highway under the Babcock amendment.

The construction and improvement of the 2,000 miles of road on the program has been undertaken by counties individually in anticipation that the Babcock amendment will carry, and in this case they would be reimbursed. In our mind there is no doubt as to the adoption of this amendment, which would mean, as above stated, the improvement of 7,000 miles of highway.

More than seventy counties already have projected improvements of state highways for the year. Sixty-four counties will grade and gravel highways.

Now, take off your coats and boost for the adoption of the Babcock amendment.

### Dental Clinic January 16.

The teeth should be given a thorough examination every 6 months, dental experts tell us. A dental clinic where everyone desiring it may have his mouth examined free of charge will be held under the auspices of the Mille Lacs County Public Health association at Dr. McRae's office in Princeton on Friday, January 16, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. The dentists who will conduct the clinic are members of the oral hygiene committee of the state dental association. They will not fill or otherwise repair any teeth, but will examine such teeth and advise as to treatment, referring them to local dentists. Lantern slide lectures and demonstrations also will probably be given.

Many serious diseases of later life and much needless ill health are caused by neglected or ulcerated teeth. One dentist in charge of the dental clinics such as the one to be held at Princeton examined the mouths of 600 school children during the summer of 1918. In practically every case where there were badly decayed teeth and two or three abscesses the child suffered from headache, intestinal disorder, nervous irritability and tonsillitis. There were two under the age of twelve who had carried five or six abscesses for several weeks. Seventy-five per cent of delinquency in school children is due directly to bad teeth.

There is little doubt that such abscesses are often the cause of heart lesions which so suddenly and prematurely clip the thread of life.

The late Theodore Roosevelt carried a blind abscess twenty years and authorities claim that it was the cause of his untimely death.

The Mille Lacs County Public Health association cordially invite everyone, and especially all school children to be present and benefit by the examination and advice of the dentists.

County Commissioners Meet and Consider Matters Which Come Before Them for Disposal.

Princeton Union Designated the Official County Paper—Cater is Elected as Chairman.

The Mille Lacs county commissioners convened at the court house on Tuesday for their annual session with all members of the board in attendance. During the day, however, Commissioner Sehlin was called to his home at Ostead in consequence of the illness of his wife.

F. C. Cater was elected chairman for the ensuing year and John G. Axell, vice chairman.

The following standing committees were elected: County home, Cater, Levau and Axell; court house, Cater; road and bridge, all members of the board, Cater to act as chairman of this committee; board of health, Dr. L. E. Odell, Peter Sehlin and F. C. Cater.

An appropriation of \$300 was made from the revenue fund to pay the incidental expenses of the county for postage, express, etc., and \$500 as a county attorney's contingent fund for the ensuing year as provided by law.

F. C. Cater was appointed purchasing agent for the county home. The report of the annual fees of the following officials was examined by the board, approved and ordered placed on file: Otto Henschel, W. C. Doane, Walter Peltier, W. V. Sanford, Olof Wasenius, John F. Petterson, A. G. Osterberg and H. A. Garrison.

The bid of the Princeton Union for publishing the delinquent tax list, financial statement, commissioners' proceedings and other official county matter was accepted at full legal rates, six papers of the county to be supplied with supplements. On motion of Commissioner Sehlin, seconded by Commissioner Levau, the Princeton Union was declared to be the official paper of Mille Lacs county for 1920.

The bid of J. C. Borden to furnish 11 banks of the county with copies of the 1919 real estate tax list for the price of \$150 was accepted by the board.

It was decided that during the year 1920 the board meet on the first Tuesday in each month except July, which is fixed by law.

The board made an examination of the books of the county treasurer, counted the cash in the treasury and found the same correct.

A resolution was passed that the sum of \$1,968.42, which is credited to the special ditch fund, be transferred to the general ditch fund.

An additional appropriation of \$250 was made for the Scenic highway. At the time of going to press the board was still in session.

### Potatoes Go Higher.

In the Princeton market potato prices have made another upward jump since our last week's quotations—there has been a heavy advance in all varieties.

Dealers tell us that there is a heavy demand from outside points but that shortage of cars is a serious proposition—the transportation of seed stock, which should be in the hands of southern growers not later than two weeks hence, cannot be moved to its destination. It is high time that the railroad administration made an effort to render relief in this respect. Warehouses are filled almost to their capacity and difficulty is found in storing potatoes coming in from the growers, which are now arriving daily in large quantities.

### Lo, How Times Have Changed.

About this time in days gone by the Merchants hotel in St. Paul would be taking on color. Its lobbies would be filled with strangers and prominent in the amen corner would be seen such celebrities as Alec McKenzie, Senator Hansborough, Jud LaMoure and others prominent in the political life of North Dakota. It was slatmaking time and Bismarck would be practically moved intact into its spacious rooms and lobbies. For a brief period the Merchants hotel would to all intents and purposes be the capitol of the Flickertail state. All this color is gone now, perhaps never to return. Jud LaMoure is dead and when big Alec McKenzie last registered at the old hostelry is not within the memory of many. He has taken to more honest and peaceful pursuits and his haunts are elsewhere. As to the others, the well worn tile floor of the big lobby no longer echoes the tread of their feet or its walls their whispered deals. North Dakota's state capitol is now a clock distant and the sign on the door reads "Nonpartisan

League, A. C. Townley, President." Inside the twenty or more offices which constitute this new Bismarck many typewriters click and the musical ring of metal is heard. The employees are numerous. It is the new order of things. Alec and his followers begot Townley, and the query now is, who will Townley beget. Let us hope it will be something better than either. —Vance Chapman.

### Second Annual Farm Bureau Meeting.

The second annual meeting of the Mille Lacs County Farm Bureau association will be held in the high school auditorium at Milaca on Saturday, January 10, at 1 p. m. This will be strictly a business meeting and members and non-members are requested to be present to outline the farm bureau work for the coming year.

Mr. Cleland of the university farm has been asked to speak on the American Farm bureau federation. A vote will then be taken to decide if this county wishes to affiliate with the national association. No other outside speakers have been scheduled as it was certain that no one would know the local situation as well as our local leaders. The executive committee will give short talks on co-operative shipping associations, creameries, farmers' clubs, live stock breeders' associations, public schools, county fair, commercial clubs, etc. The county agent will give a brief report of the work of the past year and an outline of work for the coming year. Election of officers and a general discussion of the farm bureau work will complete the program. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting to get better acquainted with the farm bureau work.

### Mrs. F. T. Kettelhodt.

Mrs. F. T. Kettelhodt died at the Northwestern hospital, where she had been for 10 days, on Monday at 7 a. m. She was taken to the hospital after being confined to bed for five weeks at her home. Mrs. Kettelhodt had been in poor health for eight years.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 1:30 p. m., at Ross' undertaking parlors and at the Princeton German Lutheran church at 2 p. m. The interment will be at Oak Knoll.

Mrs. Kettelhodt was born in Posen, Germany, on September 22, 1863, came to the United States in 1874 and located at Crown, Isanti county. She was married to F. T. Kettelhodt at Cambridge on September 17, 1882. With her husband she then went to Young America, Carver county, where she lived about a year, from there going to New York city. On March 1, 1903, with her husband, she returned to Minnesota, locating in Princeton, and here she lived continuously until called by death. She is survived by her husband; one son, W. F. Kettelhodt of Livonia; two daughters, Mrs. Gust Kriesel and Mrs. Theodore Kriesel of Crown, besides seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Kettelhodt was a quiet, unassuming, home-loving woman who was loved and respected by everyone favored with her acquaintance.

### Heinrich T. Lambrecht.

Heinrich T. Lambrecht, son of William Lambrecht, died in this village yesterday morning following an illness of nine months, during which time he was a great sufferer.

He was born in Glencoe September 30, 1893, and is survived by his father, six sisters and two brothers. He also leaves a grandfather, five brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law.

Funeral services will be held from the home of his father tomorrow at 1:30 p. m.

Heinrich Lambrecht was an industrious young man respected by all who knew him.

### Johnsons in the Lead.

I note that the Johnsons are a prolific and patriotic people. Among the American families on the war's muster roll they take first place, having supplied 53,200 Johnsons for the American army, navy and marine corps during the great conflict just closed. The Smiths, who have usually led in all directory compilations, were able to muster only 51,950, thereby winning second place. The Joneses, who are usually strong in numbers and close competitors with the Smiths, could muster only 28,050, and had to be content with fifth place, having been outnumbered by the Browns and Williams families.—Boston Post.

### Eighty-two Lynched in 1919.

Eighty-two persons were lynched in the United States during the year, an increase of 18 over 1918, the department of records and research of Tuskegee university announced in its annual report. Seventy-five lynched were negroes and seven were whites. One negro woman was included in the list.

## JOINT INSTALLATION

Local Lodges of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Install Officers for the Ensuing Year.

Two Hundred and Fifty People Attend the Ceremonies, Banquet and Entertainment.

The annual joint installation and banquet of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodge were held in their hall on Monday evening and, as usual, it was an event of much interest. There were at least 250 persons present at the ritualistic ceremonies—which were particularly impressive—and the goose-banquet and entertainment features which followed.

Several long tables were necessary to accommodate the army of banqueters, and the gathering was certainly a happy one. On the previous Saturday the country was scoured for geese and something like 20 big fellows were procured for the feast, but that proved none too many. On Tuesday morning nothing but cleanly picked bones were in evidence.

The banquet was prepared and served by members of the Odd Fellows lodge, with Clarence Hill as chef, and well did they perform their work.

Speeches by Wallace G. Nye and Chas. H. Blake, past grand masters, followed the banquet and Prof. Garrison's quartet rendered some excellent numbers.

The installation, which preceded the banquet, was conducted by the following officers: F. W. Manke, district deputy grand master; John Bishop, district deputy grand warden; A. E. Gramer, district deputy grand recording secretary; Adna Orton, district deputy grand financial secretary; Chas. Klatt, district deputy grand treasurer; S. E. Vandevanter, district deputy grand marshal; and Sam Smith, district deputy grand chaplain.

Odd Fellows installed: Ernest Byery, noble grand; Jas. Brown, vice grand; E. S. Erickson, recording secretary; Olof Wasenius, financial secretary; G. A. Eaton, treasurer; Sam Smith, right support to noble grand; Archie Jones, left support to noble grand; Jas. Johnson, right support to vice grand; Fred Heath, left support to vice grand; Clair Smith, warden; Sam Sausser, conductor; Wayne Steadman, right scene supporter; Earl Henschel, left scene supporter; Jos. Townsend, inside guardian. Ralph Jones, outside guardian; Fred Schöley, chaplain.

Rebekahs installed: Mrs. A. E. Gramer, noble grand; Mrs. Swan Olson, vice grand; Mrs. J. C. Herdliska, recording secretary; Mrs. Josephine Zimmerman, financial secretary; Mrs. Carl Ness, treasurer; Mrs. Barton, right support to noble grand; Miss Lou Starr, left support to noble grand; Mrs. Win Davis, right support to vice grand; Mrs. Wayne Steadman, left support to vice grand; Mrs. Calvin Olson, warden; inside guardian, Mrs. John Bishop; outside guardian, Mrs. A. Harrington; chaplain, Mrs. S. E. Vandevanter.

### Woodcock Post to Take Over Armory.

A special meeting of F. Fremont Woodcock post, American legion, was held on Monday evening to decide on the proposition of taking over the management of the armory. The vote to acquire the institution was virtually unanimous.

A committee of three—Odin Odegard, Bob Berg and William Walker—was appointed to confer with Manager Claire Caly and the state armory board in relation to the transfer.

Coffee, sandwiches, cigars and cigarettes were passed around to the boys of the post by Legionnaires Milt Coles and Ed. Maggart, refreshment committee, following the business meeting.

### Pythians to Confer Ranks.

Tonight (Thursday) at the Odd Fellows hall, Princeton lodge No. 93, Knights of Pythias, will celebrate its reorganization by conferring the three ranks on at least 20 candidates. A picked team from Minneapolis will put the boys through their facings. Refreshments will be provided and there will be plenty of cigars. Members and candidates for initiation are requested to be at the hall at 8 o'clock sharp.

### Prohibition Act Declared Valid.

The prohibition enforcement act, defining as intoxicating any beverage containing one-half of one per cent alcohol, was declared constitutional on Monday by the supreme court of the United States in an opinion on which the justices were divided—5 to 4.