

# CITY FATHERS INDICATE HOW MONEY WAS SPENT

## STATEMENT FOR VOTERS OF BISMARCK

### LEVIES OF NORTH DAKOTA CITIES ARE COMPARED WITH THAT OF CAPITAL OF STATE.

### CONDITION OF THE STREETS School Taxes Boost City Rate 26.2 Mills; Distribution of Funds.

Members of the city commission prepared a signed statement yesterday to the citizens of Bismarck, which the Tribune publishes this morning. It follows:

To the Citizens of Bismarck:

In view of the recent discussions in the city relative to municipal affairs, and particularly the report of the Taxpayers' Committee, the undersigned members of the Commission feel it due to the people of Bismarck that a fair and impartial statement of facts and the aims and purposes of the Commission be made.

All who paid taxes recently discovered an increase in general tax of about 14 per cent over the 1913 tax. An examination of the county records discloses that this increase is due entirely to school taxes. It is generally understood that the City Commission has no control over school taxes or tax levies for that purpose.

Comparative Levy.  
The comparative levy as made by the City Commission for general purposes, with the amount levied, is as follows:

Year	Rate	Amount
1912	30.3 mills	\$4,659.00
1913	27.8 mills	\$4,899.35
1914	28.3 mills	\$5,222.41

This levy and the amount shown covers all money used by the City Commission for general expenses, interest on bonds and sinking funds. It should be noted that it shows a reduction of two mills since 1912.

The levy of the School Board for school purposes and amount raised during the same years is as follows:

Year	Rate	Amount
1912	14.4 mills	\$26,000.00
1913	16.2 mills	\$31,930.00
1914	26.2 mills	\$53,930.00

This will explain the increase in general taxes this year. The total tax levy for 1914 in Bismarck follows:

State and County	Mills
State and County	18.9
City	28.3
Schools	26.2

Total 73.4  
For 1913 and 1914 the levy was about 63 mills, which might be taken as an average rate for the city. The extraordinary amount levied by the School Board is necessary due to the fact that had been accumulating for several years and we understand will not occur again.

Compared With Other Cities.  
Therefore, in considering the average levy as about 63 mills we are fair, and on that basis the rate in Bismarck will average as low as any city of the same size in the state. In Grand Forks, a city more than double the size of Bismarck, the levy for 1914 is 63.6 mills, or more than the average; in Fargo it is slightly less, because of a probably higher assessed valuation. In other cities of nearer the size of Bismarck it is higher than here. For instance, the 1914 levy in Minot was 79.1 mills.

Charges of Extravagance.  
Charges of extravagance in city affairs are made, we believe, without foundation. It is an easy matter to make charges of such a character, but, in a general way, we believe the affairs of this city have been handled economically. As to what the citizens get for their taxes it is hardly necessary to enumerate them, as evidences thereof are to be seen on every hand.

The streets of Bismarck are conceded to be the best in the state, aside from such as are paved in other cities. Many contend that our streets are virtually as good as paved streets. It costs money to keep streets in this condition. Remember that after every rain last season the street crew was at work dragging the streets and keeping them smooth. Men were at work during the rainy season cleaning off the crossings daily in the business section. Even in the winter the snow has been promptly removed from all sidewalks in the city. As aforesaid, it costs money to do this when one considers we have about 18 miles of streets to care for.

Built Many Crossings.  
In addition to the services enumerated, the street department has built (Continued on Page Six.)

## COUNTRY CLUB ARRANGEMENTS

### Course to Be Put Into Shape, Tennis Courts Provided; Other Improvements.

The officers and directors and members of the house, grounds and tournament committees of the Bismarck Country Club met for luncheon at the Commercial club yesterday and talked over the plans for the coming season. It was decided to have the grounds keeper commence work on the golf course at once and the greens will be put into shape as fast as possible. Some enthusiastic golfers are already playing the game.

The house committee was authorized to make improvements in the house arrangements and the grounds committee was instructed to lay out a clock golf ground. Clock golf is quite popular with the golfers and is considered good putting practice.

Tennis Courts.  
A committee was appointed to make arrangements with the view to installing two tennis courts for the use of club members.

Officers and Committees.  
The officers of the Country Club are: F. L. Conklin, president; P. C. Remington, vice president; Burt Finney, secretary; George H. Russ, Jr., treasurer; and the directors are O. N. Dunham, William H. Webb, Jr., and G. F. Dullam.

## FARGO WILL HAVE JITNIES VERY SOON

Fargo, March 27.—The new jitney bus ordinance prepared by City Attorney Shure was read for the first time Wednesday morning. It provides for a license fee of \$75 per year for cars, up to five passengers, and for \$100 per month for larger ones. Each owner must give a bond of \$10,000 to secure indemnity of persons injured by the chauffeur. Licenses are to be revocable at any time by the commission or by the city court for conviction of violation of ordinances. The rate of transportation is to be not more than 50 cents for any one passenger to a point within a mile and a half of the city limits.

## JUDGE REBUKES A JURY

### Montana Rancher Who Killed His Neighbor Is Acquitted.

Glendive, Mont., March 27.—"Mr. Gould, you are a very fortunate man. I would advise you, however, never to kill another man, for the next time you may be tried by a jury which does not so lightly regard the taking of human life."

Such was the rebuke handed the jury and the caution given Chauncey Gould by Judge H. Huyley following the returning of a verdict of not guilty.

Gould was tried for the murder of Roy Jamison on May 22, 1914. The men had trouble over the location of fences between their farms and Gould shot Jamison with a rifle. He then gave himself up. Self defense was his plea.

## Villa Begins Attack On Carranza Forces

### Sisal Situation Is Improving and Railroad Service to Several Points Has Been Restored.

Washington, March 27.—Gen. Villa today began an attack on Matamoros, opposite Brownsville, Texas, the possession of which would give him practically undisputed control of states bordering on the American frontier. He was driven from Piedras Negras. The only ports of entry on the Texas border remaining in the hands of Carranza are Nuevo Laredo and Matamoros. There is only a small garrison at the former place, but at the latter several thousand Carranza troops are concentrated. The state department advises that the Villa-Zapata government is planning a re-establishment immediately of mail service between Mexico City and Piedras Negras, train service between the latter town and Monterey being almost completely restored. Accord-

## Mme. de Thebes Prophecies That War Which She Foretold Will End Soon With Victory for the Allies

Paris, March 27.—That the European war will soon close, with victory for the Allies, is the rather startling prediction made by Mme. de Thebes, the world famous seeress of Paris. Her Almanac for the year 1915 was recently published. Mme. de Thebes' year, incidentally, does not begin on January 1, but on March 21, so that her prophecies for 1915 are for the part of it beginning on the latter date.



Mme. de Thebes.  
The nations of Europe and of other great nations across the sea. "Nineteen fourteen will witness the birth of a new Europe. Peace will come from war." Her War Prophecy. In these words something like accurate prophecy of the conflagration.

In her 1915 Almanac the Paris seeress points out that she foresaw the present war. She not only foretold war, but stated that France would be engaged in it, that Belgium would be ravaged with fire and sword, that part of the territory of France would be separated for a time from the rest, and that bloody events would take place at Warsaw.

Her first prophecy concerning 1914 was this: "After 1913, an auroral year, we see 1914, a flaming year, the year of splendid deeds and great heroisms." She added: "A fortunate year, nevertheless, for us French, whose hearts will beat for great ideals, the salvation and regeneration of the nations. In spite of blood, in spite of tears, it will be a glorious year among the glorious years of France's past, a year of discord followed by concord, a year of hate followed by love, a year of dissensions followed by union among

how raging in Europe may be discerned, but it is nothing to her next prophecy uttered a year ago, in which, as she now says, she "formally announced the war." It ran as follows:

"There will be a struggle against the foreigner, even to the field of battle, and no matter when it comes, whether immediately or a little later, it will mean victory, victory! We have nothing to fear from such tests. France will emerge endowed with new life, remade by war or by the menace of war."

Turning to foreign countries, Mme. de Thebes had this to say in her last Almanac of a year ago:

"Italy pursues her triumphant destiny. A new Pope? Yes. And great changes with him. The attention of the world will be turned at supreme moments toward Italy."  
"Everything foreshadowed for Germany is disappointing. I say and repeat that Germany is among the nations most seriously threatened with disturbances, with profound changes in customs and institutions. Fate hangs over the Emperor more than over anybody else. It is not the eagle of victory that he hears on his helmet. "Unhappy Austria! What did its leaders need for success? More kindness, more honesty, less avarice."  
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## Important Engagement Has Begun on Western Front; French Gain Advantage

### Germany Offers to Purchase Bulgaria's Neutrality With a Slice of Turkey; Diplomacy Active in Italy.

London, March 27.—While there is some fighting along the East Prussian frontier and also in Bukovina, and in the mountains, both east and west are scenes of most important engagements at present.

The British steamer, Trostburg, lost their lives yesterday when the vessel was wrecked near Cape Spartel on the Moroccan coast at the entrance of the Straits of Gibraltar, according to Reuters. The crew numbered seventy. Three British torpedo boats and destroyers were standing by the wreck.

President Poincare left Paris for the front today.  
It was officially stated that the "German aeroplane, which had thrown bombs in the region of Badonviller, was brought down by the pilot observer and captured."

The Overseas agency says: "The Turkish general staff reports the British force defeated southeast of Casarah, with a loss of 200 men and a quantity of arms and ammunition."

The fight for position has been bitter and of many days duration. In the east the Carpathians are still the scene of the most violent battles, and the Russians are attacking night and day. They claim to be advancing successfully on Bartfeld-Uzok front. But the Austrian statement says the attack has miscarried and the Russians suffered heavy losses. The struggle here was carried on under the most terrible conditions, the men having to haul guns and make charges through the deep snow. A Zeppelin this afternoon passed over the island north of Holland, flying in a westerly direction, and an attack on the English coast is expected, but her arrival along the English coast has not been reported as yet.

Holland's request for an explanation from Germany of the sinking of the Medea and the capture of two other Dutch steamers, is creating a lot of interest in diplomatic circles, where it is pointed out that vessels of other neutral countries are not being molested.

Diplomacy is active in Italy and the Balkans. According to latest report Germany is making an offer of a part of the Turkish European territory to Bulgaria in return for Bulgaria's continued neutrality.

A Stockholm correspondent of Reuters says concerning three German steamers reported sunk in the Baltic, "Davyria encountered a violent snow storm and probably was wrecked. The Koerisberg struck a mine on Pommeranian coast some time ago. Germania was last reported at Swinemunde and probably is now safe at some German port."  
Eighteen members of the crew of

ing to the state department advice, the sisal situation at Progreso is improved. The cellier Jupiter sailed Thursday for New Orleans with a cargo of hemp and two merchant steamers are now loading. Extra duties have been collected since March 26.

## WARDEN WOLFER DYING

St. Paul, March 27.—Henry Wolfer, for many years warden of the state penitentiary at Stillwater, is dying at St. Petersburg, Fla., of typhoid fever, according to word received here yesterday.

H. J. Wolfer, manager of a local automobile agency, received a telegram in which it was stated that there is little chance for his father's recovery. He and his brothers, F. C. and C. R. Wolfer, left for Florida last night.

## MINNEAPOLIS BOY IS HELD AS FORGER

Grand Forks, N. D., March 27.—An 18-year-old boy who says he is A. O. Junkin of Minneapolis, son of C. D. Junkin of that city, is in the Grand Forks jail today on a forgery charge, prepared by a local merchant.

Junkin cashed a check for \$85, supposedly signed by his father, but the name, it is charged, was forged. The hearing will take place Monday.

Settlement has been made with the merchant and he is ready to drop the charge. Police officials, however, are as yet unwilling to abandon prosecution.

Junkin was arrested at Casselton, supposedly en route to the coast. Two more checks were said to have been found on him, both signed with his father's name.

## POLO TOURNAMENT AT THE EXPOSITION

San Francisco, March 27.—Brilliant sunshine and warm, soft air have made a Midsummer week in March for the opening games of the Universal Polo tournament which is being played on the Panama-Pacific Exposition field. Society has gathered in great form and filled the boxes, both those on the field and on the lower tiers of the grand stand.

Parasols blossomed out in the sunshine as though they were spring blossoms, corse, purple, green and blue, making a gay border beside the vivid green turf.

In addition to the box holders, thousands of people have filled the grand stand seats, proving the lure of popular priced polo to those who have never seen the game before, but who are rapidly becoming enthusiasts.

Midwest of Pasadena, with its easterners, Cooperstown without all conquering polo men, San Mateo's players, must both play polo and act as hosts; the three hard riding army teams have all been seen in play and have won their ardent followers.

Until May 1, this tournament will last and there are many cups to be competed for during the coming week. Among the recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. William Pitt of Washington, D. C., the latter of whom was formerly Miss Katharine Elkins.

STONEWALL JACKSON'S WIDOW IS DEAD  
Charlotte, N. C., March 24.—Mrs. Mary Anna Jackson, widow of General (Stonewall) Jackson, died at her home here this morning.

## THE WEATHER

Tri-state: Cloudy Sunday;  
Monday, fair.

## CAMPAIGN FIELD OF VILLA FORCES



Gen. Francisco Villa is attempting to capture the three principal ports of entry into Mexico, which are held by the forces of Carranza. From his headquarters at Monterey "the bill of the north" has dispatched three armies to strike with lightning swiftness at these points. One is moving northwest to Nuevo Laredo, across the Rio Grande from Laredo, Texas; another is moving against Matamoros, which lies across the river from Brownsville, Texas, and the third army is moving southeast upon Tampico, situated on the gulf and the center of the great Mexican oil fields, largely held by foreigners.

# "NOT GUILTY" IS VERDICT IN JIM JAM JEMS CASE

## STATE HAS PLAYED ITS TRUMP CARD

## LITIGATION OF YEARS IS ENDED

### BABY MURDER CASE AT CANDO DO PROGRESSES RAPIDLY; STATE RELIES ON THE DOCTORS.

### CLARK AND CROCKARD RECEIVE CONGRATULATIONS BY TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WIRES KEPT HOT.

Cando, N. D., March 27.—The defense in the Ebnson canny child murder case scored strongly this afternoon, subjecting Dr. Bussen of Baker and Dr. Warren of Leeds to a cross examination which greatly weakened the medical testimony of which the state placed great stress. On motion of the defense a large part of the testimony of Dr. Bussen was stricken out and it is believed that the same will be done with the testimony of Dr. Warren.

### THIS RESULT WAS EXPECTED

Defendants Have Faced Trial for Three Times on the Same Offense.  
THE VERDICT.  
We, the jury in the above indicted cause, find the defendants "not guilty" of the offense charged in the second count of the indictment; and we find the defendants "not guilty" of the offense charged in the 25th indictment.

Cando, N. D., March 27.—The state played its trump card in the baby murder case, this morning when Dr. J. W. Warren, of Leeds, coroner of Ebnson county, made the unqualified and positive statement on the witness stand that the offspring of Mrs. Betty Jones for the murder of which she and her husband, Elmer Jones, and her mother, Mrs. A. H. Sogge, are jointly on trial, lived several hours after birth, that it was normal in every way and that death was caused by exposure producing a condition of pneumonia.

Robert McBride, foreman.  
SAM CLARK'S STATEMENT.  
Have I anything to say? Yes, I think I have. Thank God for the humanity that is in all of us. Just think of it—three years of this strain—and now it is all over. I have never had any doubt as to the outcome, but I am glad that the jury has said "not guilty." Glad! That doesn't hardly express it. I think of Crockard and his wife and babies. And then I think of that little girl who has been waiting three years for this cloud to be lifted. Did I wire her that God reigns and the human race endures—Yes—I wired her that I would be there when the roses bloom again.

Under direct examination by the state and under a grilling cross examination, Dr. Warren recited the details of a postmortem examination conducted at Minnewanauk Dec. 20, 1914, proving an excellent witness for the prosecution. Every detail of the probe to solve the gruesome tragedy was recited by the medical expert.

His testimony was substantiated in many important respects by Adolph Ronglie and Harry Hunter who were members of the coroner's jury.

With little show of emotion, apparently not realizing the seriousness of the situation, the three defendants sit in the courtroom which has been jammed to capacity, listening to a network of evidence which is growing stronger with every witness. The defense up to this time has been unable to discredit the testimony of the state.

Developments Friday afternoon show very conclusively that the entire case of the state will rest on medical testimony, which will be introduced next week, in an effort to show that the off-spring of Betsy Jones, while unmarried, was a live when cast into the vault of an outhouse. The testimony of Deputy Sheriff Kibling was to the effect that the body of the infant female babe was covered with a quantity of ashes.

In a brief, but very concise statement, State's Attorney Thos. Burke of Benson county, set forth the facts which the prosecution will endeavor to prove. Among these was the statement that Elmer Jones, the girl who afterwards became his wife, and Mrs. A. H. Sogge left the Sogge farm three days before the birth of the illegitimate child, going to the Solli farm, where a relative lived, in order that Mrs. Sogge, father of the unmarried girl-mother, would know nothing of the terrible facts which the state will endeavor to prove.

The jury in the case: Willis Bucklin, Crocus; Ader Eiler, Rock Lake; W. D. Bell, Perth; Thos. Anderson, Bishop; C. A. Martin, Cando; W. R. Ishler, Rock Lake; James Atkinson, Hansboro; J. K. Alstad, Egelund; Carl Fredlund, Egelund; W. E. Rimmel, Rock Lake; J. E. Crowell, Cando; Anos Smeizer, Cando.

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Verdict is Popular.  
It was 5:45 o'clock when Judge Booth read the verdict to the defendants and counsel for the government and the defense.

Immediately after the news spread about the city that the jury had arrived at a verdict, there was a grand rush for the court room and choice seats were at a premium in a few minutes. The broad and confident smile that he has carried at all times under heavy fire by the government never left Sam Clark. It became even broader and was liberally shared by his partner and attorneys when Judge Booth read the verdict.

There was no demonstration when the verdict was read, but every face in the audience carried an endorsement of the verdict: "Not guilty."

It is understood on reliable authority that the result of the first ballot stood 10 to 2 for acquittal. Several ballots were taken before the result changed to 11 to 1, and last of the "holdouts" then fell in line on the next ballot.

News Flashed Broadcast.  
Clark and Crockard thanked and shook hands with the jurymen as the twelve men filed out of the courtroom. Then the news was flashed broadcast over the nation where thousands of friends and readers of Jim Jam Jems heard the good word. Telephone and telegraph wires were hot for hours with the exchange of this information and congratulations. Headquarters were shifted to the McKenzie hotel, and in the rooms of counsel for the defense, the joyous event was quietly celebrated. Here the telephone girl shared the same pleasant fate of the telegraph operator-making connections of friendship and congratulations over the wire from hundreds of friends of the defendants in Bismarck.

"Not guilty" had for the time being taken the place of that popular expression, "I should worry." For the distinguished counsel for the defense had stated the case was of tremendous importance. And the victory for the (Continued on Page Two.)

## Submarine F-4 Slips From Chains to Ocean

### All Hope of Saving Lives of Crew Abandoned; Divers Working Against Heavy Odds.

Honolulu, March 27.—Hope that the ill-fated American submarine F-4 will be raised before nightfall faded this afternoon when the chain loop attached to the disabled craft slipped and the F-4 settled back again on the bed of the ocean. The most optimistic naval officials conceded tonight that there is no reasonable chance of any of the submarine's crew of twenty-one being rescued alive.

The powerful dredger, California, from Pearl Harbor naval station, had lifted the F-4 fifty feet before the mishap occurred plunging the vessel back into the lips of the submarine crater in which it is believed she is lodged. Immediately fresh efforts were begun to secure another grip on the bulk of the F-4's crew if the boat could be raised to the surface before tonight.

The ocean's floor at that point, outside of the Honolulu harbor, the task of passing chains under the vessel is extremely difficult. Divers cannot work effectively at that depth, as casting about for a hold is necessarily more or less haphazard. The Alert, a mother ship of the submarine flotilla here, is lending all possible aid to the dredger. As soon as the F-4 was elevated to a point where divers can operate, the lifting chains can be made fast to the hulls bow and stern and then it will be comparatively easy for the dredger to bring the submarine to the surface. The rescuers worked with feverish haste and were cheered by the confident predictions of the officers that life will be found in some of the F-4's crew if the boat could have been raised to the surface before tonight.

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