

## ONE WHITE MAN KILLED AND TWO INJURED IN TERRIFIC BATTLE WITH NEGRO GANG

### FIGHT IN BOX CAR

Altercation Ensues When White Accidentally Steps On Hand Of Negro

NINE MEN ARE HELD PENDING INVESTIGATION

Michael Levings Shot Dead And Others Are In Very Dangerous Condition

Billings, Mont., Oct. 6.—In a box car battle between negroes and white men near Nihil, in Meagher county, last night, one white man was killed, two others were severely wounded and one negro slightly injured.

The dead man was Michael Levings, who, together with C. E. Campbell, and L. Stizwell, boarded the box car to ride to a nearby town in search of work. Campbell was shot four times, but it is not believed his injuries will prove fatal. The third member of the party, Stizwell, was beaten severely about the head and body by the negroes and was picked up unconscious.

White Tried On Negro's Hand. Information reaching here today was to the effect that the three whites, said to be harvest hands, boarded the box car at Nihil, and upon entering the dark interior, accidentally trod upon the hand of a sleeping negro. The altercation followed, in which fists gave way to revolvers. Levings was the first to fall, his body being precipitated from the open door of the car, and Campbell fell to the floor of the car with four bullets in his body.

Nine Men Are Held. The two white men have identified certain of the negroes as among those who participated in the battle.

### OLD N. P. RIGHT OF WAY YIELDS GRAVEL FOR FILL

William Watson Has Contract to Surface Road Through McKenzie Slough

The long abandoned Northern Pacific right of way through the McKenzie slough will yield eighteen inches of good gravel for the surfacing of the new road through the swamp, which is being built under the direction of J. H. Dodge, veteran federal road-builder. William Watson of McKenzie has been awarded the contract for the hauling of the gravel. The haul in no instance will exceed 1 1/2 miles, and in some cases the gravel must be transported only a few feet.

### MOB RUNS SHERIFF OUT OF TOWN AND WRECKS CITY JAIL

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 6.—A mob of 1,000 citizens tonight ran Marshal Crowe and his three deputies out of the city of Augusta, an oil city, 20 miles east of here, wrecked the city jail and liberated six prisoners held on petty charges.

### APPLE CREEK FOLKS WANT CATTLE PENNED IN WINTER

Apple creek folk are opposed to having herds run wild over their winter rye, alfalfa and other cold-weather crops, and they yesterday presented to the county board a petition praying that action be taken to restrain the use of the open winter range in Burlingame county. The commission dopted a resolution to this effect and decided to pass the buck to the people at the fall election. Small ballots containing the resolution will be printed, and those interested will have an opportunity to vote on the question in November. The open range is said to be as popular in some sections of the county as it is unpopular in others.

### JAPAN'S ADVOCATE OF PEACE QUILTS



COUNT OKUMA

Count Okuma, Japan's greatest statesman and peace advocate, has resigned as prime minister to make way for a man of bolder foreign policy. Okuma has been criticized by Japanese subjects because of his mild attitude toward China.

### EUROPEAN CHAMP IS INTERVIEWED ON BATTLE FRONT

George Carpenter Turns Down Offer to Meet Jack Dillon in New York

Aviation Headquarters, behind the French front in France, Oct. 6.—George Carpenter, heavyweight champion of Europe, was interviewed today by special permission regarding an offer from fight promoters in America to meet "Jack" Dillon, in New York.

"I had already refused 200,000 francs for two 20-round contests in San Francisco early in 1915," said Carpenter. "I am too busy on the French battle front to take up such things at the present time. When the war is over, I will be glad to visit my friends in the United States."

Regarding the report of a prospective match with Frank Moran, Carpenter said he had received no offer and that the story was ridiculous, as no big boxing matches will be allowed in Paris until after the close of hostilities.

### HAS MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Jamestown, N. D., Oct. 6.—Theodore Thom, wealthy farmer, miraculously escaped death here last evening, when a portion of his eight-cylinder auto which he was driving home, was struck by the double-header of the North Coast Limited, No. 1.

Thom was picked up and taken to a local hospital, suffering from severe muscular bruises on the left side and on the right arm. A trained nurse was placed in attendance and all callers were barred from the room today.

The automobile was struck on the right side, the engine, the hood, one light, and a portion of the front axle and the right front wheel being demolished.

### SIX COACHES GO OVER DITCH; FEW INJURED

Granite City, Ill., Oct. 6.—Six coaches of Chicago & Alton passenger train No. 3, Chicago to St. Louis, overturned in a ditch four miles east of here late this afternoon. Of the one hundred fifty passengers only one was more than bruised. A mail clerk suffered several broken ribs.

## DAKOTA BANKS PASS HUNDRED MILLION MARK

State Institutions Show Total of \$100,172,311.82 — Deposits Gain

INCREASE MORE THAN 25 PER CENT IN PAST YEAR

Checking Accounts Grow From \$19,000,000 to \$34,000,000—Savings Boosted

The hundred million mark has been passed by the resources of North Dakota's state banks and trust companies. This gratifying fact is revealed by the comparative statement for calls at the close of business June 30 and September 12 made public yesterday by State Bank Examiner J. G. Johnson.

Four trust companies and 671 state banks September 12 reported resources aggregating \$100,172,311.82, as compared with \$90,935,416.30 June 30, 1916, and \$72,175,495.13 at the close of business September 2, 1915. This gain of almost thirty percent within the space of a year is regarded as remarkable, and it is a positive proof that North Dakota is prosperous and progressing.

The report shows that checking accounts have increased from \$19,000,000 in 1915 to \$34,000,000; savings accounts have grown from \$1,900,000 to \$2,400,000; time deposits have swelled the capital stock of the state banks and trust companies increased during the year \$800,000; the number of institutions operating increased from 641 to 675.

During the two months and a half covered by the statement just issued, loans and discounts gained \$2,969,115.99; the amount due from approved reserve agents, \$5,206,333.51, and the cash on hand increased \$455,615.91. There was a \$4,708,446.83 boost in deposits subject to check; an increase of \$3,378,619.47 in time certificates of deposit, and a gain of \$260,000 in capital stock. A decidedly healthy indication is indicated by the report which covers a summer term of substantial progress for the state at large.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB TO PAY PRIZES FOR CORN

Will Boost Exposition to be Held in Connection with Poultry Meet

Attractive prizes for the best exhibits of corn of the several varieties displayed at the corn, poultry and alfalfa show, to be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Missouri Slope Poultry association in Bismarck next January will be offered by the Commercial club.

The club committee on agriculture met with Secretary Milhollan of the poultry association yesterday and pledged its support to the big mid-winter show. The amount of the prizes has not been determined, but it is probable that they will aggregate \$200, and that the individual wards and sweepstakes will be made large enough to attract exhibits from all parts of the slope.

Many Prizes for Corn. In addition to the Commercial club prizes, awards probably will be offered by Morton, Dickinson and other slope counties for the best corn exhibited by their citizens, and valuable cups may be hung up by other agencies interested in the development of central and western North Dakota. State prizes will also be offered for alfalfa.

Secretary Milhollan will have his premium lists out in a few days. In point of attendance, exhibits and interest, the coming exposition is expected to prove by far the best in the history of the association. There is more interest today in poultry, corn and alfalfa than ever before noted in North Dakota.

### VIOLATED GAME LAWS

Northern Pacific Laborers in North Dakota Are Mulcted \$200. Jamestown, N. D., Oct. 5.—Fines totaling \$200 were paid by five laborers on the Northern Pacific Monday for violating the state game and fish laws. The arrests were made by Game Warden Malcolm Sinclair.

## Prize Honor Prisoner in Toils Again

Denver Woods, Paroled From North Dakota, Convicted in Montana

WENT TO MOTHER'S LAST RITES WITHOUT ESCORT

Second Degree Murder Convict From Marmath Was Much in Print Year Ago

Denver Woods, North Dakota's prize honor prisoner, is in the toils again. This news reached the penitentiary last night in the form of a dispatch from Miles City advising that Denver and his brother, Oscar Woods, had been convicted of grand larceny at Baker, Mont. The sentences drawn were not given. Evidently Denver's brother is something of an honor man himself, as the dispatch states that Oscar was released on bonds, pending trial, September 15, to permit him to attend his wedding.

Denver Woods was sent up in April, 1911, from Hettinger, Adams county, on a thirteen years' sentence for second degree manslaughter. He immediately set about becoming a model prisoner, and he succeeded so well that about two years ago, when his mother passed away, Denver was permitted to journey unaccompanied to Montana for the obsequies. He reported back to prison on the day set, and his high sense of honor won for him hundreds of columns of publicity in the state press, whose sob artists worked overtime on the story.

Honor Procures Parole. So much attention was attracted to Denver Woods through this journey and so excellent was his prison record that in December, 1914, he was released on parole. Since that time he has been in Adams county, or across the line, near Baker, Mont., in which latter place he again has run afoul of the authorities.

May Have Eight Years More. What effect Denver's strange escapade will have on his unserved sentence of about eight years in North Dakota could not be stated at the penitentiary last night. The warden was out of town, and the files were locked up. There was no question, however, that during the five years which he did spend within the prison walls Denver's record was 99.97 per cent pure, nor that he has had a perfect parole record since leaving the prison.

The specific charge in the present instance is "rustling," some strange mavericks having been found in a parcel of cattle which the Woods were herding. The prison authorities had been advised of the arrest of Denver Woods, but did not learn of the conviction until last evening.

### TAFT ASSAILS ADAMSON BILL

Former President Attacks Enactment by Congress in Impassioned Speech

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 6.—The eight-hour law, recently enacted by congress, was attacked by William H. Taft tonight, when he addressed a large crowd at the Coliseum, discussing the development of constitutional government of the state. Mr. Taft's speech was a part of the County Day program, in connection with Indiana's Centennial celebration.

### OUR CARTOONET

BREAKING IN AGAIN



## BRITISH SHIP SUNK; ALL ON BOARD SAVED

Steamer "Hawkhead" Rammed By American Vessel in Heavy Fog

PASSENGERS RESCUED BY AID OF SMALL BOATS

Great Excitement Follows Crash, But Officers Restore Order

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 6.—The British steamer, Hawkhead, at anchor in Hampton Roads, off Sewald's Point, was run down and sunk about 8 o'clock tonight by the Chesapeake Steamship company's Bay Line steamer, City of Norfolk, outward bound from this port for Baltimore, with a number of passengers. The City of Norfolk was badly damaged about the bow, but there was no loss of life, so far as is known. The collision occurred during a heavy fog.

Captain Hand and the crew of the Hawkhead were taken off by small boats lowered by the City of Norfolk, the river steamer, Pocahontas, and other craft which were passing. Fifteen minutes after being struck, the British ship had settled on the bottom in 30 feet of water.

Most of the 100 passengers on the City of Norfolk were at dinner when the crash came. There was great excitement for a few minutes, but the officers soon succeeded in restoring order.

Although the City of Norfolk's bow was carried away for ten feet, the collision bulkheads held, and she turned about and steamed slowly back to this port, being assisted by tugs.

### NOT REQUESTED TO INTERCEDE

U. S. Will Not Be Asked to Attempt to End the European War

Washington, Oct. 6.—Ranking officials of the state department said today they had no information to indicate that Ambassador Gerard is bringing home a request from Germany that the United States intercede to end the European war, and were inclined to disbelieve the story.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, declared he knew positively that it was untrue.

Officials at the department today said that only a specific request for mediation by one of the belligerents would bring about any efforts by this country to effect a European peace.

### LARGE CROWDS SEE MOTORCYCLE RACES

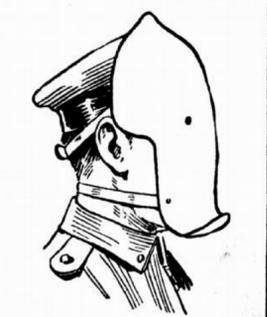
Jamestown, N. D., Oct. 6.—Elmer Berg of Jamestown, riding an Excelsior, in a field of four starters, took the most interesting event on the Stutsman county fair program for the day. His time was 6 minutes and 35 seconds. A W. Matapek was second; Frank Schneider, third, and Olaf Olson, fourth. Purse—\$50.

A crowd estimated at several thousand people gathered on the grounds this afternoon in celebration of Kernal day. The Kernal band was present and furnished the concerts for the day. A two-day relay race was introduced on the speed program this afternoon in which the first two heats for the first day were won by "Black Beauty" owned by Al Moody of Jamestown. The race will be completed Friday afternoon.

Friday or the closing day of the fair is Jamestown day. It is expected that the banks and several of the business houses will close their doors at the noon hour in order to permit the employees to attend the fair. The Jamestown band will give the concerts for Jamestown day.

## TEUTONS TURN AGAINST THE ROUMANIAN INVADERS AND REGISTER DECIDED VICTORY

FACE SHIELDS TO PROTECT TEUTONS



Germany has reached back into the middle ages and brought out steel face shields to protect soldiers who put their heads above trenches to fire rifles. A visored helmet is fastened with two leather straps crossing behind the head. It is pierced by two small holes for the eyes.

### HELD FOR RANSOM MAN SHOTS HIS CAPTOR; ESCAPES

Kidnapping Plot Nipped In Bud When Victim Turns On His Guard

POSSE ORGANIZED TO HUNT CRIMINALS

Steamboat Springs, Colo., Oct. 6.—An attempt to secure \$15,000 ransom by kidnapping R. M. Perry, manager of the Moffat Coal mine at Oak Creek, Wednesday night, was frustrated today when Perry, at an opportune moment, seized a revolver from one of his captors and shot him dead, according to J. C. Frye, sheriff, who with Perry and a posse began pursuit of others of the band.

One of the kidnapers was arrested and taken to jail at Steamboat Springs. While awaiting a reply from a demand for the ransom sent Perry's father, S. M. Perry, in Denver, the younger Perry was kept under guard in a canyon in Twenty Mile Park, midway between Coal Creek and Steamboat Springs.

According to reports here Perry freed himself from the ropes with which he was tied, procured the revolver from his guard, and killed him. Perry made his way to a ranch house, from which he telephoned. The message was confused, however, and its source could not be determined before communication failed.

Sheriff J. C. Frye organized a posse, and is said to have found Perry unharmed in Twenty Mile Park.

### WILSON WILL SPEAK TODAY AT HIS HOME

Crestline, Ohio, On board President Wilson's special, Oct. 6.—President Wilson plans to make the second strictly political speech of his campaign at Shadow Lawn tomorrow afternoon before members of the Woodrow Wilson Independent League, returning from Omaha Nebraska, he will arrive at Long Branch, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and at once begin preparations for receiving the Independents. In addition to the Independents the meeting will be attended by Progressives, also, lead by Hugh Gordon Miller of New York.

### FAVORS STATE DRAG LAW; COUNTY ROADS NEED IT

J. H. Dodge, federal road expert, favors a state drag law or some provision which will make available more money for the dragging of county roads. He suggests that legislation to this effect should be considered at the next session, as dragging is the one thing which North Dakota roads stand most in need of.

### WILL GO INTO GAME WITH CRIPPLED LINE-UP

Farzo, N. D., Oct. 6.—The North Dakota Aggies may go into the first game of the season with a crippled line-up, as a result of the fact that four men have been out of the game this week because of minor injuries. The Aggies open Saturday on the local field, with the Walperton School of Science as their first opponent.

### STOP FIERCE ATTACK

Heavy Fighting Continues In Dobrudja; Russians Make Big Advance

CZAR'S MEN FORCED BACK IN PERSIA

Artillery Active On Somme Front; Austro-Germans Take 1,200 Prisoners In Galicia

London, Oct. 6.—Turning against the Roumanians, who had been advancing steadily in eastern Transylvania, Austro-Hungarians and German troops have defeated the invaders decisively along a 50-mile front. North of Orghanus, near Reps, the Roumanians are in retreat, pursued by the Teutonic troops.

The successful repulse of the invaders on the southern end of the line was at the hands of General von Falkenay, former chief of the German general staff, and who only last week routed the Roumanians around Hermandstadt and drove them back to their own frontier. North of Reps the Austro-Hungarians recaptured positions and took more than 200 prisoners. Bucharest admits that the Roumanian troops in eastern Transylvania had been withdrawn before attacks by superior forces in the region of Folgaras.

Heavy Fighting in Dobrudja. In Dobrudja heavy fighting continues along the line south of the Constantza-Bucharest railway, with Bucharest recording progress for the Russians and Roumanians in the center and on their left wing.

Teuton Positions Assailed. While General Brusiloff apparently has ceased, at least for the moment, his attacks against the Austro-German lines in Volhynia, west of Lutsk, he continues southwards his assault with greater intensity against the positions of the Teutonic Allies, guiding the approaches to Lemberg, capital of Galicia. Although the Russian attacks were held up northeast of Lemberg, those southeast of the capital, according to Petrograd, resulted in the taking of positions south of Bizezany, and the capture of 500 prisoners. Berlin, however, declares that all Roumanian attacks in Galicia have been repulsed, and that the Austro-Germans have taken 1200 prisoners from the Russians in Macedonia, the armies of the Teutonic Allies continue to advance. The British troops that crossed the Struma, northeast of Saloniki, have taken the town of Nevoiyen, which was evacuated by the defenders. South of Monastir, Serbia, violent fighting in the region of the Cerma river is reported by Paris.

The artillery continues active on the Somme front in France, according to reports from the war offices of all the belligerents.

Russians Receive Setback. A detailed report from Constantinople tells of the rout of Russian troops northeast of Hamadan, Persia. Tribesmen in Isphahan, says Constantinople, have risen in revolt and driven the Russians from the city. Petrograd, on the other hand, reports progress for the Russians west and southwest of Trebizond, in Armenia.

### POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS SHOW BIG INCREASE

Assistant Postmaster Lundquist has compiled a statement of the receipts at the Bismarck postoffice for the past month and also the quarter ending September 30. During September of this year the total receipts were \$5,851.59, as compared with \$4,716.43 for the same month in 1915. The quarter ending September 30 this year showed that the local postoffice boosted Uncle Sam's income \$23,491.51 whereas in 1915 the receipts for that quarter totaled \$21,283.74. Mr. Lundquist states that the business of the local office is increasing rapidly and also anticipates that the receipts for the quarter that has just been started will give him an opportunity to issue a banner report.

### WILL MEET DEMANDS FOR INCREASED PRICE

New York, Oct. 6.—Representatives of milk distributing companies handling virtually the entire supply of the city, except that dispensed by the Borden, Sheffield Farms, and Mutual-McDermott companies, agreed at a conference late tonight to meet the demands of the Dairymen's League for an increased price and six months' contract under certain conditions.