

BANKER HURT IN ACCIDENT AT WASHBURN

August E. Johnson Brought To Bismarck Hospital Last Night In Serious Condition

STRUCK BY AUTO IN A BLINDING WIND

Had Started to Cross Street When Auto Turned Corner Knock- ing Banker to Ground

August E. Johnson, cashier of the First National bank at Washburn, president of the Baldwin State bank, head of the McLean County bank at Wilton and for three terms a senator from the 46th district, lies in the Bismarck hospital today his head a ball of bandages from injuries received in an automobile accident at Washburn about 7:10 o'clock last night. His chances for recovery are favorable.

Wind Cause of Accident.

Johnson walked to his injuries in the wind which raged during the early part of the evening. Taking his wife's grip to the Soo station and learning that the train for Bismarck was four hours late instead of three as first reported, he returned to the village and was about to cross east from the hotel corner, when an automobile driven by Fred Kek, an employee of the Schultz garage of that village, came toward the Main street from the west, made a sharp turn of the corner to go north up the hill and hit the banker.

Dr. W. L. Gordon, of Washburn, dressed the man's wounds, and the injured man was brought to this city for treatment. An examination disclosed several bad cuts on the head, a large gash on the left leg and injuries to the left hip. Internal injuries are feared.

Tells Story of the Accident.

In room 317, on the third floor of the hospital, Cashier Johnson late this morning told his version of the accident up to the time that he was struck. What happened after that he had no recollection.

Johnson stated that it was shortly after 7 o'clock when the accident happened, that the car which struck him was driven by Fred Kek, who was taking a farmer by the name of Fred Jesner, who lives 14 miles north of Washburn, to his home.

Car Traveling up Hill.

"The car, which was a Maxwell," said Johnson, "was traveling north up the hill near the Washburn hotel corner. It was cold and windy and I had the collar of my mackinaw over my ears. The auto came from the west and I was walking east. It made a sharp turn at the corner in order to go up the hill. What happened after that I don't recollect."

Mrs. Johnson had planned on coming to Bismarck with a number of other residents of that village to attend the grand opera tonight. The Soo train was reported three hours late. About a half hour before it was due her husband took her grip to the station and learning that it was another hour tardy returned up town and was bound for his home.

Mrs. Johnson's anticipated pleasure trip was turned into one of sorrow. She, with her two children, Louise and Richard, accompanied her husband to Bismarck. Among friends of the Johnson family who made the trip were H. E. Wahl, Martin Hutton, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Gordon and several others.

Well Known in Bismarck.

August E. Johnson is well known in Bismarck. His term as senator from the Washburn district was from 1908 to 1913. For years he was employed in the mechanical department of The Tribune, starting work on the morning daily in 1891. He is a member of the Republican State Central committee.

Mrs. Johnson is a sister of Mrs. Treacy, wife of Dr. R. H. Treacy, 116 Broadway.

JAMESTOWN COLLEGE PROFESSOR RESIGNS

(Special to The Tribune.)
Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 15.—Professor South of the Jamestown college faculty tendered his resignation this week which was accepted at once. No reasons for his resignation are forthcoming.

FIREBUG APPLIES MATCH TO FIVE STACKS OF HAY

Milnor, N. D., Dec. 15.—Applying a torch to five stacks of hay in a field near here, an incendiary destroyed several hundred dollars' worth of hay owned by C. A. Long—and Long is willing to lose another \$100 in the form of a reward if the firebug is found.

LANGDON MAN ELECTED HEAD OF STATE FAIR MANAGERS

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 15.—B. E. Groom, of Langdon, N. D., was elected president of the North Dakota Association of Fair Managers, and Chas. A. Nash, of Fargo, was elected secretary and treasurer.

The association is today considering the question of attractions for county fairs.
The president will appoint a committee on constitution and by-laws, to make a report at the next annual meeting.

Trading Is Nervous Over Peace Talk

Sales on Board for First Hour Reach High Record of 665,000

ALL LEADERS OPEN UP MUCH LOWER

After 11 A. M. Market Turns Tail Accompanied by Sever- al Declines

New York, Dec. 15.—Although some reverses on the stock exchange were subject to pressure of heavy selling at the opening, losses widened two to four points in many instances.
Central Leather opened four points lower. New York Air Brake sold down 2 1/2; Atlantic Gulf and West Indies dropped four points. Utah Copper suffered initial loss of 3/4, at 108; Marine was down 2 1/2, at 35. Central Leather, hammered 10 points yesterday, made almost the only wide gain, selling up two, at 98.

Sales reported 20,000 shares United States Steel, 112 to 113 1/2 as opening range. Market lower. At these figures there is a decline of 1 1/2 to 2 1/2. Sales for the first hour were 665,000, making it one of the heaviest hours of trading in years. Soon after 11 o'clock the market turned tail again and became extremely nervous with many declines.

Fortunes Wiped Out.

Reassuring statements that no brokerage houses had been weakened, engendered a near panic that seized the country speculators.
The extent of the fortunes made and wiped out by the million-share market is a matter of guess work. Country customers suffered first and then in the crash hundreds, perhaps thousands, saw their speculative nest eggs wiped off the board. Professional traders instantly sold short and coined money Tuesday. Since then the market whipsawed this way and that without preference.

Yesterday a man died of heart failure in a broker's office reading the ticker. It was reported today that one brokerage firm declared a bonus, only to have the employees use their Christmas presents to take a flier on the market.
Two million, four hundred shares, Tuesday; 1,850,000 shares, Wednesday; 2,500,000 shares yesterday, and an outlook for 2,500,000 shares today tells the story of the rush to unload.
Trading today totaled 2,435,000 shares, making the sales for the four days of the present break about 914,000,000 shares. United States Steel closed at 112 1/2, off 1 1/2.

GRANT SAFE CONDUCT TO AMBASSADOR

London, Dec. 15.—In compliance with a request from the United States the Allies have granted Count Tarnowsky, the new Austrian ambassador to Washington safe conduct. The British at first denied him safe conduct.

Increased News Service For Tribune Readers

Associated Press and United Press news bureaus are being established at Fargo which will furnish The Tribune, COMMENCING NEXT MONDAY, a more complete telegraph news service than is carried by any daily paper in the state.

Realizing that the state capital is entitled to the best, The Tribune has contracted to take both services, the only paper in the state to do so. This insures an exceptional variety of telegraph news.

The United Press is strictly an evening news service with hundreds of special correspondents in the war zone. While it is on the job twenty-four hours in the day, its news gathering machinery is especially speeded up to serve the news red hot to evening papers.

With the Associated Press also, The Tribune will be in a position to serve its readers much better than in the past. It will carry more telegraph news than any evening paper in North Dakota.

In addition it will give special service during the session of the legislature. You will want to keep in close touch with this session which because of the personnel of the body will be unique in the annals of the state.

You CANNOT KEEP IN TOUCH with the legislative news unless you have a daily newspaper from the Capital City.

Carrier service is maintained at Jamestown, Mandan and Dickinson. Special price during session ONE DOLLAR.

By carrier fifty cents a month.

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GIRL DECLARES LOVER MURDERED DESPITE VERDICT

Coroner's Jury Probing Death of Karl Maier of Beulah Holds Suicide as Cause

BETROTHED DID NOT BREAK ENGAGEMENT

Testifies She Wrote Letter in Fit of Jealousy To Make Him Come Post Haste to Her

(By Staff Correspondent.)
Hazen, N. D., Dec. 15.—Death by suicide was the verdict of the coroner's jury late yesterday, after an hour's deliberation in the case of Karl Maier, Beulah ranchman, whose remains were exhumed this week under an order from Attorney General Linde that the murder mystery theory might be cleared or more light thrown on the man's mysterious death.
A great many witnesses were examined. John Maier, a brother, who had been suspected of the crime, when subjected to a severe grueling examination by Assistant State's Attorney H. L. Berry, gave clear and unquestionable answers which left no doubt in the minds of the jury that he was innocent of the crime.

Two Bullets Caused Death.

The post-mortem examination established the fact that two bullets caused death, that they entered the chest over his heart, one passing out of his side and arm and the other severing several ribs and lodging in the intestines. The clothing was powder burned as was the flesh around the wound, showing that he had held the rifle in a perpendicular position and against his chest at the time of firing the first shot, the other shot undoubtedly being fired after he had fallen to the ground.

Letter Motive for Deed.

As a motive for the deed, a letter was found in his pocket from his betrothed, Miss Rebecca Henke, which had most likely been received the night before the deed was committed and which stated that she did not love him any more, that she would rather kill herself than live with him and that she loved another and returned to him a set of furs he had recently given her.

Wrote Letter in Fit of Jealousy.

Upon being shown the letter, she admitted having written it in a fit of jealousy caused by having learned that he had written a former sweetheart but that she wrote it intending to bring him post haste to her feet as a similar letter did on another occasion. She insisted the letter had nothing to do with his death and that he had been murdered, that he must have known she had not intended to break their engagement or she would have returned his ring and that had he not been murdered he would have come to her at once. No evidence was produced showing any intimacy.

Girl in Case 19 Years Old.

It is supposed now that Grief over the loss of his sweetheart, who is 19 years old and beautiful, caused him to commit suicide in a fit of despondency. He was building a bungalow in Beulah and expected to take his bride there shortly. Prospects of an early marriage evidently were shattered by the letter written in a jealous rage by his sweetheart.

GREECE ACCEPTS ULTIMATUM OF ENTENTE POWERS

Decision Follows Meeting of Cab- inet, Leaders and Crown Concl

KING CONSTANTINE PRESIDES OVER SESSION

Allies Demand Partial Demobil- ization of Army and Surren- der of Ports

Athens, Dec. 15.—Greece has accepted the ultimatum made several days ago by the Entente powers. The terms will prove acceptable to the Greek government was indicated following a meeting with the cabinet and crown council over which King Constantine presided.
It is indicated that the demands on Greece may require complete demobilization of the army, restoration of control by the Entente over the posts, telegraphs, and railways, and the release of the imprisoned Venizelists.

The allies' demands mean surrender, sees danger of being starved out. King Constantine has been communicating with Berlin. He probably hoped to form a union with his troops and the Teutonic armies operating in the Balkans.
Russian forces are retreating from Rumania in all directions. They are burning the villages through Wallachia.
Berlin reports that futile attempts were made by French forces on the west bank of the Meuse.

ORDERS SERVED ON SECRETARY OF STATE HALL

Ousted Commissioners Decline To Oust and Question Hanna's Authority

ALLEGED UNDUE INFLUENCE EXERTED OUTSIDE HEARING

Petitions for an appeal from the decision of Governor Hanna in the Hettlinger county commissioners ouster proceedings and notices that an appeal had been taken were filed with Secretary of State Hall yesterday by each of the three defendants—William Colgrove, John A. Rieger and Paul F. Schmidt—and the secretary of state in turn served formal notice on Governor Hanna of the action taken.

The grounds stated for appeal in the notice served upon Secretary of State Hall are:
First: That the law under which the said defendant was removed from office is unconstitutional and void and that the said governor of North Dakota had no jurisdiction in the premises.

Second: That there is no evidence of any nature whatsoever introduced or taken by the referee or the said governor showing or tending to show that the defendant has been guilty of misconduct, malfeasance, crime in office or habitual drunkenness or gross incompetency.

Third: That the evidence introduced wholly fails to show that any act or thing constituting grounds for removal from office; that the evidence conclusively shows that this defendant has complied with the law in all respects and has fulfilled his duties to the letter with respect to the office of county commissioner, and that the defendant at all times exercised the utmost good faith in the performance of the duties of his office.

Fourth: That Governor L. B. Hanna of North Dakota committed error in admitting and considering incompetent, immaterial and irrelevant evidence which was introduced at the hearing, and that the referee committed error in sustaining objections to defendant's offer of proof of certain testimony showing the good faith of the defendant and showing the malice and bias of the witness for the state; that the referee appointed to take the testimony by the said governor committed error in sustaining objections to testimony offered by the defendant explaining his acts and conduct and showing good faith.

Fifth: That the decision and order of removal of the governor of North Dakota was not based upon the testimony introduced, but was based upon prejudice and bias and statements made by enemies of the defendant to said governor outside of said trial and hearing.

Sixth: That the defendant did not have a fair or impartial trial in that the said governor was prejudiced and biased against him; that the said governor committed error in making his order removing this defendant from the office of county commissioner of Hettlinger county; that said order is in no manner supported by the testimony.

OPINION DIVIDED IN ENGLAND AS TO ACTION ADVISABLE IN ANSWERING PEACE PROPOSALS MADE BY GERMANY TO ALLIES

MEN WHO MAY FIGURE IN REORGANIZATION OF FRENCH MINISTRY!



These five men may figure in the proposed reorganization of the French ministry into a "war council" like the one Lloyd George has formed in England.
They are top to left, Gen. Joffre, who may resign as supreme commander of the French army; top right, Aristide Briand, premier of the present coalition ministry, who may lead the new war council; bottom, left to right, Gen. Gallieni, noted defender of Paris against the Prussians in 1870 and now secretary of war; Gen. Nivelle, who may succeed Gen. Joffre as head of the army; and Gen. Foch, defender of Verdun, also mentioned to succeed Joffre.

OFFER THREE PLANS

Some Desire Flat Refusal To All Demands Be Sent To En- emy

OTHERS BELIEVE OFFERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

United States, It Is Suggested, Developing Sentiment To Bring About End

London, Dec. 15.—There is a steadily increasing sentiment among the allies to refuse German peace plans and substitute their own terms. Despite illness of Lloyd George, it is known that the allies, through the foreign offices, already have begun informal exchange of views relative to Hottelweg's proposals. Three plans are being advocated.

First Plan.

First: A blunt refusal of all proposals. Opponents to this plan declare it would be a serious mistake not to meet the issues raised by Hottelweg.

Second: Have Germany name terms of peace upon assumption that they may be worth consideration and that they could be considered without damage to the prestige of the allies.

Want America to Help.

Third: Not to ask Germany's terms but to state allies' sentiments toward peace and state terms and conditions. Suggestions are being made that the neutral nations, especially the United States, aid in developing sentiment toward the third course.

Lloyd George is reported as being better and will be able to speak in the house of commons next Tuesday, when peace proposals will be discussed.

DISCUSS MATTER TODAY.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The question of peace and the part America is to play probably will be discussed at today's session of the cabinet.

Confidential advice from Sec- retary Crowe of the German embassy dispatched with Germany's proposals, will be up for consideration of Pres- ident Wilson's advisers.

This, taken with news messages, indicated a sentiment among the allies against stopping the war at this time. Meanwhile, German officials hint a willingness to talk partial disarmament, if her enemies likewise will guarantee a world peace.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing had a two-hour conference of what to do over the peace note. That they had nothing to give out was all that the press could glean.

EXPRESSES WILLINGNESS.

Berlin, ec. 15.—Kaiser Wilhelm expressed a willingness to enter into peace negotiations because Germany is victorious.

TWO AMERICAN SURVIVORS HELD AT MATAMORAS

Brownsville, Dec. 15.—Two Americans of the five survivors on the barge "Doh" which foundered in the Gulf of Mexico a week ago, are interned at Matamoras, pending permission of the de facto government to move across the Rio Grande to this city. They are Captain Joseph Sodermann and Charles Arnold. They reached the shore 50 miles south of here, after being adrift in an open boat six days without food or water. They were given medical attention at Matamoras.

SENTENCE PASSED ON MAMMEGA

Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 15.—Albert Mammenga of Eldridge, convicted of manslaughter in the first degree, in that he caused the death of his friend and neighbor, Andrew Sonnek on the Mammenga farm Sept. 12, 1916, was yesterday formally sentenced, by Judge Coffey to serve five years in the state penitentiary. Sentence was pronounced by Judge Coffey at 2 o'clock in conformity with the verdict of the jury who a week ago found the prisoner guilty and fixed the penalty for the crime at "five years in the state penitentiary."

MILTON FARMER GIVES BATTLE TO A RACCOON

Milton, N. D., Dec. 15.—A less Tchabold, a farmer, was out hunting recently, he came upon a large raccoon which was in a tree fight. The animal was treed and the man went after him. His legs were badly scratched and blood poison set in later. The coon weighed fifty pounds, and was the largest ever caught in the state.

1916 WHEAT PRODUCTION 739,860,000

Season's Yield Is 386,041,000 Bushels Less Than Produc- tion of Year 1915

1916 CORN YIELD EXCEEDS THAT OF 1915

Washington, Dec. 15.—The total estimate on the wheat production in the United States for the year 1916 is 739,860,000 bushels compared with 1,025,901,000 of last year or a difference of 386,041,000 bushels.
The corn production in the United States for 1916 exceeds that of the preceding year by 82,248,000 bushels. The figures are: For 1916, 2,583,242,000 and for 1915, 2,000,994,000 bushels.

CAPITALIST TO START LIFE OVER ON \$60 SALARY

Chicago, Dec. 15.—James O'Connor, Joliet capitalist, whose failure in 1903 brought him to widows, orphans and aged men, will start life over at \$60 a month. He has secured a job here.

GIRL VICTIM IDENTIFIED

Wolverton Woman Run Down and Killed by Taxi in Fargo During Blizzard Last Night.

(Special to The Tribune.)
Fargo, N. D., Dec. 15.—The girl who was run down and killed by a taxi during last night's blizzard was identified early today as Miss Edith Edstrom of Wolverton, Minn., who was employed here as domestic. An official inquiry into the affair has not been fixed as yet.



7 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

BISMARCK TO SHARE IN GIFTS FROM OLD NICK

Western Union Branch Will Dis- tribute About \$400 to Its Em- ployees As Gifts

EASTERN EMPLOYEES TO SHARE LIBERALLY

The sum of \$400 will be distributed in Christmas gifts to the employees of the Bismarck branch of the Western Union under provisions of the general order sent out from the head offices this week. Those who will share in the distribution are employees in the service since the first of this year.

The general order provides that all employees receiving less than \$1,200 a year will receive 7 per cent. of a year's salary, and that all employees receiving \$1,200 to \$2,000 will get 6 per cent of a year's salary. All messenger boys who have been in the company's employment since January 1, this year, will receive a flat allowance of \$25. The Fargo office, the largest in the state will distribute \$2,120 in Christmas gifts to its employees.

Drippings from the overflowing vats of fat rendered in Dall street will be distributed this and next week to employees as Christmas gifts which will break all past records.

Firms like the Guaranty Trust company of New York, will distribute \$200,000 to 1,000 employees; Charles H. Jones & Co., 50 per cent of all employees salaries; the Metropolitan Trust company 50 per cent for all employees; Dreyer & Doremus, 6 months' salary; the Harriman National bank, 10 to 15 per cent and has risked spoiling its employees Christmas by telling them in advance.

Two years ago, it is said, there were no bonuses. A Wall Street clerk who had a job and regular pay was considered a very lucky young man. There is a case, however, of a young man who worked as a stenographer for a year and is now said to have \$250,000 of his own stowed away in the bank, made out of the brokerage business.

In the stock exchange is Robert C. Hancke with a \$75,000 seat paid for by the firm for whom he was a telephone reporter for four years. Most Wall Street stenographers, however, will go without seats on the exchange. They will have to be content with gifts from \$100 to \$500.

\$250,000 FIRE AT OSKALOOSA

Oskaloosa, Ia., Dec. 15.—Fire gutted the Knights of Pythias hall and the Eagles headquarters here this morning, causing a total loss of approximately \$250,000.