

AFTER "SMOKES," NOT LIQUOR SAYS SPECIAL OFFICER

Cravings for holiday "smokes" rather than for holiday "cheer" are responsible for the numerous box car robberies along the main line of the Northern Pacific in North Dakota this holiday season, according to George D. McDowell, special agent for the Northern Pacific, with headquarters at Jamestown, who was a caller at the police station this morning.

COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY MEN TO BANQUET AND PERFECT ORGANIZATION

Meeting Called for 7:30 O'Clock at Grand Pacific Hotel Week From Tonight

Believing that there are enough college and university men in Bismarck to organize a university club, a dinner has been arranged for 7:30 o'clock, Saturday evening, December 30, at the Grand Pacific, when the proposition will be brought up for discussion.

The undersigned have constituted themselves a committee for the purpose of organizing an association of the university and college men in and about Bismarck. It is the plan of the committee to hold a dinner at the Grand Pacific hotel 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening, December 30.

At the dinner there will be a discussion of the advisability of and the necessary steps for permanent organization. It is thought that there are enough college and university men in the vicinity of Bismarck to warrant such an organization as that proposed and that it will contribute to the promotion of social intercourse between those who have attended the different colleges and universities.

The price per plate for the dinner will be \$1.50. Will you be good enough to come to the dinner and lend your assistance in the promotion of the proposed association?

The committee is composed of Geo. F. Will, C. N. Kirk, C. L. Burton, J. W. Bliss, C. L. Young, G. H. Russ, Jr., and Benton Baker.

SNOW AND CONTINUED COLD

Eastward Movement of Pacific Low to Cause Cloudiness Tonight, with Snow Forecast.

Continued cold with probably snow in the south and the west portions of the state was the prediction from the government weather bureau today. The mercury slid over the zero line yesterday afternoon, the highest for the day being 3 above.

The minimum last night was -15, which corresponded with the reading at 7 o'clock this morning. Prince Albert was the coldest point on the weather map last night, reporting -20. Harro reported -18.

The pressure still remains low on the Pacific coast and high in the Mississippi valley and the eastern states. The temperatures are still below zero in Montana, Dakota, and Minnesota, ranging from zero to -15.

The eastward movement of the Pacific disturbance will cause increasing cloudiness tonight and Sunday, with probably snow in the south and the west portions of the state.

ALL BISMARCK A STAGE DURING THIS YULE-TIDE

(Continued from page one) regular Sunday dinner tomorrow will be from 6 until 8 o'clock.

The Grand Pacific management announced its Christmas dinner from 12:30 o'clock until 2:30 o'clock and from 6 until 8 o'clock, at 75 cents a plate. Sunday dinner will be at the regular hour.

At the Hotel Van Horn. Christmas dinners to the public will be served from 8 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock midnight at the Van Horn cafeteria, according to an announcement made by Bougas Brothers this morning.

Students Arrive and Return. Bismarck students, attending the universities and the colleges, are arriving home on each train, while some attending high school and the music-nest college here are returning to their respective homes.

Substitutes have been placed at the Bismarck office and two extra wagons put on for delivery purposes. That's the way Uncle Sam is assisting Santa Claus in the Capital City. Assistant Postmaster Lundquist announced early in the week that the four carriers would make one delivery Christmas and that this would undoubtedly

U. S. BELLE WEDS AUSTRIAN PRINCE!



Princess zu Hohenlue-Schillingfurst is the new title of former Miss Catherine Britton, favorite of Washington society, who has just married the Austro-Hungarian prince of that name. She was a war nurse in Paris.

require from eight to 10 hours. The rural deliveries will also be made.

Banks Get Long Vacation. Next to the school "kids" in getting a long vacation are the employees of Bismarck's three banks.

Men with stubborn heads might well rejoice. It was announced from one of the leading barber parlors of the city that the shops will remain open until the usual hour this evening and again be open from 8 until 12 o'clock Christmas morning.

RUMANIA APPEALS TO JAPAN FOR AID

Tokio, Dec. 23.—Rumania, overriden by enemy forces, has turned to Japan for aid. An urgent appeal for munitions reached here from the little country today, with the arrival of two officers of the Rumanian army. It is doubted if Japan can help Rumania since she is spending all her energies supplying Russia with munitions.

WIFE DESERTER ARRAIGNED

Jacob Weaver to Face Trial for Deserting Wife and Baby—Bail Fixed at \$500.

Jacob Beaver, 55 years, arrested by Deputy Sheriff Welch in the vicinity of Flasher a week ago today on a charge of wife desertion, was bound over to the district court by Judge Dolan at the hearing held yesterday. Beaver is a resident of Trygg, N. D. In her complaint, his wife alleges that she and the baby are dependent upon him for support. At his hearing set for last Wednesday morning an adjournment was taken until yesterday.

DURANT TO BE SENTENCED

Farmer Found Guilty of Assault and Battery on J. P. Spies to Know Penalty Tonight.

F. J. Durant of Sibley Butte township, recently found guilty by a jury in the district court of "assault and battery" on J. P. Spies, a Bismarck traveling salesman on the opening day of the hunting season, will be sentenced by Judge Neussle this afternoon. Up to a late hour sentence had not been passed.

"DRY STATES" GLAMOR FOR THEIR BOOZE

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 23.—The Christmas demand for liquors of various kinds for the "dry" states of Virginia, West Virginia and the Carolinas, have swamped the express companies of this city which serve this section. Two of the companies imposed a temporary embargo on liquor shipments.

VIENNA PRESS CORDIAL

London, Dec. 23.—The Neu Freie Press of Vienna says that President Wilson's note will have the effect of keeping the question of peace for some time in the foreground. It adds, also, that the Entente Allies will be required to discuss a reasonable basis on which to end the war, and that the desire for peace in the Entente countries will be further strengthened.

The Vienna Allgemeine Zeitung remarks with satisfaction that Austria-Hungary and her allies consider the same movement opportune to prepare the way for peace negotiations.

MRS. MICHELSON DROPS DEAD

Well Known Bismarck Woman Succumbs in Spaulding Hotel at Duluth

Word has been received in the Capital City of the sudden death of Mrs. H. L. Michelson of St. Paul, but formerly of Bismarck, last evening at 11:30 in the Spaulding hotel, Duluth. A telegram received by Miss Valleley of the state capital force stated that she dropped dead. She was enroute to Virginia, Minn., to spend Christmas with her son, Dr. Henry Michelson. With her at the time of death were her husband and son, Arnold, the latter of Duluth.

Mrs. Michelson was very well known in the Capital City, where she had been a resident for 35 years. Last March the Michelsons moved to St. Paul, but were making arrangements to return here in spring. Letters received by friends of the deceased told of her plans to return to Bismarck and open up her home in Thayer street. She had a wide circle of friends in the city and was numbered among the oldest and best known women of this place. She had been in her usual health and her death comes as a shock to her many friends.

Besides the husband and two sons, one daughter, Mrs. R. J. Kalvege, of Kansas City, survive. The telegram stated that the body would probably be taken to St. Paul for burial.

CITY NEWS

IS RECOVERING. Robert O'Donnell of Hazen, who underwent an operation for peritonitis Thursday in the St. Alexis hospital and was seriously ill, is slowly recovering.

BACK FROM LA MOURE. Miss Leila Diesem of the insurance commissioner's office has returned from a visit to her former home at La Moure.

PLAYS AT HAZELTON. M. J. O'Connor yesterday piloted his famous orchestra to Hazelton, where last night music was furnished for a Christmas dance at the Hazelton theater.

RETURNS TO REGAN. Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Parmenter of Regan were in the city Friday, coming for their son who has been a patient in the St. Alexis hospital for the last four weeks.

SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR HOLIDAYS. The Bismarck Business college closed yesterday for a two weeks' vacation, and many of the pupils left last evening for their various homes. The school has an enrollment of about 160 pupils.

CHRISTMAS AT LA MOURE. Miss Laura Sanderson, deputy superintendent of public instruction, left last night for La Moure, where she will spend Christmas with her sisters, the Misses Sanderson.

TO SPEND CHRISTMAS HERE. Russell Diesem, publisher of the La Moure Chronicle, one of the best weekly newspapers in North Dakota, will spend Christmas here with Commissioner of Insurance W. C. Taylor and his sister, Mrs. Leila Diesem.

LEAVES HOSPITAL. Master Russel Cook, who has been a patient in the Bismarck hospital for the last seven weeks, was able to leave that institution and with his father, O. B. Cook, left for their home in Center Friday. Mr. Cook has been making his headquarters in the city during his son's illness.

NEW RULES OF PROCEDURE. New rules of procedure for the supreme court, affecting every district court and every practicing attorney in North Dakota, have been drafted by Justice-elect James E. Robinson and will be submitted for the approval of his associates when the new court convenes January 1.

Johnson's for corsets.

Mary Pickford in "A Girl of Yesterday," a special Christmas feature, at the Bismarck, Monday matinee, at 3:00 p. m.

TABULATING STUDENTS. A complete index of North Dakota's 3,000 students in higher educational institutions is being tabulated by Commissioner E. B. Craighead, with a view to determining the type of education which should prove most practicable for the Flickertail boy and girl. The 3,000 questionnaires which have been returned to the commissioner's office give the student's place and date of birth; the occupation of his or her parents; the occupation of school, age, present residence and proposed vocation. Dr. Craighead will place the information so procured at the disposal of the Fifteenth general assembly, which is expected to do some legislating on educational matters as a result of recommendations of Superintendent of Public Instruction E. J. Taylor and suggestions embodied in the report of the state educational survey.

CHRISTMAS CERTIFICATES. Teachers' certificates will be received as Christmas presents by several dozen successful candidates in the recent state examinations, conducted by the superintendent of public instruction. Certificates of the first or second grade are being mailed out, as follows: Adams, 13; Barnes, 8; Benson, 10; Ellings, 10; Bottineau, 8; Bowman, 10; Burke, 10; Burleigh, 13; Cass, 10; Cavalier, 7; Dickey, 7; Divide, 6; Dunn, 7; Eddy, 9; Emmons, 13; Foster, 4; Golden Valley, 7; Grand Forks, 6; Griggs, 8; Hettinger, 13; Kidder, 11; LaMoure, 13; Logan, 13; McHenry, 11; McIntosh, 23; McKenzie, 9; McLean, 20; Mercer, 12; Morton, 25; Nelson, 12; Oliver, 9; Pembina, 3; Pierce, 7; Ramsey, 5; Ransom, 3; Renville, 5; Richland, 5; Rollette, 4; Sargent, 5; Sheridan, 5; Sioux, 2; Slope, 4;

Stark, 31; Steele, 2; Stutsman, 20; Towner, 4; Traill, 2; Walsh, 8; Ward, 5; Wells, 15; Williams, 19. While the number of candidates was not nearly so large as the total examined last August, several counties were well represented. Morton county, with 80; Stark with 60; McIntosh, 61; Mercer, 39; Logan, 46, and Emmons, 59. The number of candidates who failed would indicate that North Dakota's requirements for teachers are sufficiently strict, or that the average applicant neglects proper preparation. In the number of candidates no first-class certificates were issued. In all the number was very small, as compared with those of the second grade.

JOHN D. GIVES EMPLOYEES \$10 GOLD PIECE

(Associated Press) New York, Dec. 23.—John D. Rockefeller's Christmas present to each of his employees on his Tarrytown estate is a \$10.00 gold piece enclosed in a case on which is written "The Season's Greetings from John D. Rockefeller."

BITTER FIGHTING IN DOBRUDJA

(By United Press) London, Dec. 23.—Bitter fighting in ice and slush has marked the German advance in Dobrudja. By greatly outnumbering the allied forces on this sector, it is admitted here that the Germans have managed to make some advances, but only after very bitter fighting.

EVERY JAP IN JAIL TO GET A BIBLE

(By Associated Press) Tokio, Japan, Dec. 23.—Every prisoner in every Japanese jail will get a Bible for Christmas present from the American Bible society doing missionary work here. Twenty-six thousand men are doing time in Japan. Funds for buying the Bibles were raised by popular subscription.

NORTHERN FIRE & MARINE IS SOLVING DIFFICULTIES

Commissioner of Insurance W. C. Taylor is advised by the Northern Fire & Marine Insurance Co. of Grand Forks that its difficulties are being solved. The response to the recent 100 per cent assessment on its capital stock is quite gratifying, although no great number of payments is anticipated until after the holidays. An "Irish dividend" is never extremely popular, and perhaps least so at Christmas time. Indications are, however, that the deficit in the company's capital will be fully repaired before the three months allowed by the state insurance commissioner have expired.

SPIRITED BOMBARDMENT

Paris, Dec. 23.—The French official statement on the progress of hostilities in France today reads: "In the Champagne district after a spirited bombardment, a detachment of the enemy endeavored last night to approach our line west of Auberville, but they were easily repulsed. "The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front, except about Hardaumont and Chambrettes, where the enemy artillery showed considerable activity."

CHRISTMAS IN SIOUX LAND SHOWS YULETIDE TONE

"You bet we will have Christmas trees on the reservation, and a lot of them," declared Dr. A. McG. Beede, missionary to the Standing Rock reservation Indians, and who called at the capitol today. "There's no spot in North Dakota where more attention is paid to Christmas," said the divine. "Many of the youngsters are home from non-reservation schools; there is plenty to eat and wear for everyone; lots of fuel to keep 'em warm, and a genuine Yuletide spirit prevails."

ARGENTINA BACKS WILSON

(By United Press) Buenos Aires, Dec. 23.—Argentina is almost certain to support President Wilson's peace move. She is ready to give her support to the plan. This much became known today. Officials were frankly surprised at the trend of the note. In view of its suddenness, they would make no formal comment today. But unofficially, they said that President Wilson's note was regarded here as very timely.

VILLA ON RAMPAGE

(United Press) El Paso, Dec. 23.—With a heavy body of troops, Villa is swinging southward and is now at Jimenez, United States authorities here learned today. Federal department agents here today said this movement foreshadows an attack upon Torreon, second only to Chihuahua City. The garrison at the former place is estimated at only 800 men. A body of Villistas still remains in control of the Mexican Northern railway line.

STEAMER DAMAGED

Washington, Dec. 22.—The American steamer Kansas, struck a reef and her bow was badly damaged, according to a Lloyd's dispatch, forwarded to the state department today. No time or place of the accident was reported.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS advertisement with logo and text.

Christmas Cheer for Derings

Bismarck Will Not Forget Needs of Aged Couple Who Have Suffered for Country

BOYS AT FRONT, THEIR PARENTS FACING WANT Octogenarians Have Sought To Live on Pittance Received from Country

Mr. and Mrs. John Dering of the eastern part of the city will not lack for Christmas cheer, even though their two sons are still on the Mexican border. The pitiful case of the Derings was reported in the Tribune on November 4, following John Dering's appeal to Governor Hanna for the return of his boys. Half-blind, crippled with rheumatism, and nearing his eightieth year, Dering had struggled long with his pride before he applied to the state for aid.

Family Faced Famine. His income of more than half a century, an invalid, requiring almost constant attention, himself unable to earn a penny, and with their usual source of support drafted into the country's service, was staked in the Dering home, into which had been coming an allowance of only three dollars the month for food. The county had paid the rent for the little cottage in which the aged couple lived; had supplied them with fuel and with the small pittance which provided barely enough for the table to keep soul and body warm.

Through the intercession of friends, the Derings' allowance from the county was increased in November to \$8, but their boys were not restored to them, nor can they reach Bismarck within a month at the least. And it would prove a very cheerless Christmas for these old people but for the thoughtfulness of kind-hearted Bismarck people, who have recalled the Tribune story and who are making up for the Derings baskets containing everything that goes with the Christmas dinner, together with several weeks' supplies, clothing and necessities.

Old Couple Isolated. The Derings do not speak the tongue of their native land; they have few acquaintances, and have little means of making their wants known. They have ever been honest, self-supporting people, who look askance upon charity. So long as their boys were spared to them, the little home was kept together in reasonable comfort. But John Dering descended from a race of warriors, did not hesitate to bid his sons go when their country called and the deprivations which the family has suffered during the last four months form one instance of real heroism in connection with America's "Little War."

Mary Pickford in "A Girl of Yesterday," a special Christmas feature, at the Bismarck, Monday matinee, at 3:00 p. m.

ELKS APPOINT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE NEEDS OF POOR

Valley City, N. D., Dec. 23.—For the purpose of caring for the poor and needy, the Brotherhood Paternal and needy, the Brotherhood Protective Order of Elks of this city, yesterday appointed a committee, composed of M. J. Boyd, E. H. Swanson, Burl Car, Dr. G. E. Hunt and George Stiles, to make an investigation.

AROUSED TO WAR

(By United Press) London, Dec. 23.—Within 24 hours England has been unprecedentedly awakened to the actualities of the war. If national prohibitions were announced by the house of commons, within a few days, it would not cause a great surprise. Those arguing for national prohibition today stated that it would greatly increase the nation's output of shells and food.

MANY VILLA TROOPS KILLED

(Associated Press) Juarez, Mex., Dec. 23.—Baudello Uribe, a follower of Villa, who is said to have instituted the practice of cutting off the ears of Carranza prisoners, was executed, together with 17 of his hand by "home guards," and "many Villa troops" were killed in a battle southwest of Chihuahua City, a member of the "home guard" reported here today.

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PICKED UP—ESTRAY

A chestnut bay gelding, weight 1,150 to 1,200; white star on forehead; over nine years old. 12-23-30-6 L. J. GARSKE.

Special Christmas Dinner M'KENZIE HOTEL Christmas Day 12:30 to 8 p. m. \$1.00 per plate

UNCLE SAM'S BIG MACHINE IS STEAMING. Rural Deliveries Christmas. The country patrons of Uncle Sam's chain of rural routes will be served this Christmas as in the past. But one city delivery will be made by the four carriers, and according to the assistant postmaster it will probably take the men from eight to ten hours to make their rounds on Christmas. It's simply Uncle Sam's way of assisting Santa Claus.

Let Us Help You Out on Your Christmas Dinner. We Make One Delivery this evening, at 8 o'clock. It is indeed a privilege to help you plan for your table, doubly so when we can hit upon suggestions that will add to your satisfaction and at the same time prove economy. Just the things offered today. Pure Sorghum, 5 pound pail \$1.75. Maple Syrup, the real Maple, gallon size \$1.75. Seeded Raisins, Sun Maid brand, 16 oz. package, 2 for 25c. Appriots, Fancy, per pound 25c. Stop the Dozing—A Dessert spoon of Olive Oil after breakfast means healthy, rosy-cheeked youngsters. This kind is good. Purest Olive Oil, put up in 1-2 pint cans 35c. Pint cans 55c. Boneless Cod Fish, Finest quality of Genuine Georgia Codfish, per box 25c. Canned Goods. Finest possible to get. Peaches, Appriots, per can 25c. Red Raspberries, Strawberries, Pitted Cherries, Bartlett Pears, each 35c. or anything you can think of. MCKONKEY COM. COMPANY PHONE 209

THE MIGHTY SHIELD BUCKLER. In mediaeval days when armed foes met in belligerent strife, victory was the reward of the best equipped, accounted and PROTECTED. PROTECTION against the slings, arrows and javelins of the enemy was the deciding element between victory and defeat. The chief element that decides between good and bad health is PROTECTION AGAINST DISEASE. We are all prone to be more or less lacking in the care of our health, and all too often overlook the bounds of resistance against disease, and find ourselves suddenly "checked up" and facing a "top of the head" disease. WHAT IS PREPAREDNESS? It is S.S.S., THE GREAT NATIONAL BLOOD PURIFIER, that builds the new tissue, purifies and revitalizes the blood. If you are afflicted with one of the S.S.S. ailments—the "mighty shield and buckler" against disease. Write at once for free books on BLOOD AND SKIN DISEASES; or write to our MEDICAL ADVISORY DEPARTMENT for free advice. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC COMPANY 165 Swift Building, Atlanta, Ga. THE GREAT NATIONAL BLOOD PURIFIER

To The Public. Having leased the Northwest Hotel, corner Fifth and Main, opposite the McKenzie Hotel, I desire to announce to the public that the house will be placed in first-class condition and be ready to receive guests by January 1, 1917. A large crew of men are now at work remodeling and repairing the interior of the hotel, and work will be rushed night and day until the building is ready for occupancy. The hotel will be equipped with forty bath rooms, and will have hot and cold running water, electric lights and steam heat in every room. It will be conducted as a first-class European hotel at moderate prices. Those desiring first-class accommodations at low rates, should make their reservations now. Address Aaron Christopher, Head Clerk, McKenzie Hotel. Edw. G. Patterson, Proprietor Northwest Soo