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## LIVES LOST IN STORMS ON GREAT LAKES

### SHIPS FIGHT BATTLE FOR WINTER PORT

Many Lives Lost and Much Property Threatened in Lakes Shipping

### BOUND FOR BUFFALO Try to Keep Waterways Open Until Dec. 15 Because of Coal Shortage

(By the Associated Press.)  
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 18.—Twenty-three of the 27 persons who have been missing since the tug Reliance struck on the rocks off Lizard island last Wednesday have been saved according to reports from the tug Gray, which reached the wreck today.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Batting foot by foot through towering seas and freezing spray, the men who go down to the sea in ships are fighting an epochal battle across the icy wastes of Lake Superior to keep navigation open far beyond its usual time and bring down the lakes the last cargo of the year.

Already the fight has claimed its toll of lives, and before the last ship has been accounted for—or been given up for lost—the toll may be greater.

Nearly a dozen died a few days ago when a Canadian steamer was dashed to pieces within a stone's throw of safety at the mouth of the Portage Lake ship canal.

Last night twenty-seven more were added to the probable death toll when survivors of the tug Reliance, wrecked last Wednesday on Lizard island, reached Sault Ste. Marie after almost incredible hardships.

Navigation on the upper lakes usually closed December 1. This year it was decided to keep the waterways open until December 15 because the coal and rail strikes had cut down the coal shipped to the northwest and delayed the movement of grain east.

**Nine Big Freighters**  
As a result nine big freighters loaded with grain—\$28,000,000 worth of ships and cargo—were fighting their way down Lake Superior toward that grave yard of gallant vessels, White Fish Bay, trying to win through to Buffalo for winter storage.

In Mud Lake, part of St. Mary's river, another big fleet was bound waiting for the arrival of the name which left Fort William, Ont., three days ago before trying, with the assistance of ice breaking tugs, to win past detour to the open waters of Lake Huron.

At Eagle Harbor and Grand Marais, White Fish Point and detour, Alpena, Mackinac island and Manistique naval radio operators were keeping a tireless vigil, guiding the freighters through the night with radio compass signals, and waiting for the calls for help which may come.

The story of the fate of the tug Reliance, owned by the Superior Paper Company of Sault Ste. Marie, was told yesterday when seven survivors reached the Soo.

**Dashed to Pieces**  
Five days ago the tug with a crew of 14 and 22 passengers, was dashed to pieces on the rocks of Lizard island, 75 miles north of Point Aux Pins, the western entrance to St. Mary's river and 12 miles from the mainland. The captain and 27 men took one boat and Mr. and Mrs. John Harten, cooks and seven others, took the other.

The captain's boat has not been accounted for, but the other, after drifting several hours in the storm, finally was blown ashore on the Ontario mainland, 85 miles north of Duluth.

Mrs. Harten was so exhausted the party was forced to rest 36 hours at an Indian hut before starting the twenty-mile tramp inland to the railroad. When the railroad was reached Mr. and Mrs. Harten were suffering so much from the cold that they were left at a station for medical treatment while the other seven survivors went on to Sault Ste. Marie.

**Held Little Hope**  
They held little hope for the captain and his companions. If the party succeeded in reaching Lizard island they may find huts there, but while game was plentiful they have no weapons.

### SANTA CLAUS WILL ENTER CITY ON FRIDAY; GOODFELLOWS MAKE READY

The Goodfellows of Bismarck are busy on their plans for the big Community Christmas, and they intend there shall be no such mournful face in Bismarck as is shown in the photograph.

There will be four, and probably five, lodge and other organizations co-operating in the big affair, which will culminate with big tree and program or boys and girls on Tuesday, December 26, either in the Auditorium or Riatio theater.

The plans call for a committee from each organization to handle the matter. A sub-committee of probably three will call upon each of about 30 families and leave a lot of good things. The organizations will furnish candy for the Christmas tree on Dec. 26.

Santa Claus will make his official entrance into Bismarck on Friday and will be seen much of the time on the streets downtown, and in the stores. He will remain until the big Community Christmas on the next Tuesday.



### CONFERENCE AT LAUSANNE IN FIFTH WEEK

Biggest Problems Still Unsolved as Sessions Are Continued

Lausanne, Dec. 18.—The Near East conference entered its fifth week today with three of its biggest problems still unsolved but with the sub-committee to which they have been entrusted making every effort to reach settlements.

Difficulties over the control of the Mosul oil region, the questions of deporting the Greek patriarch, and the status of the Turkish capitulations, have caused the conference many an anxious moment and their final settlement still is hanging fire.

On the other side of the ledger, the delegations believe that they virtually have disposed of the perplexing question of the Dardanelles and that they have overcome many of the obstacles in the way of a solution of the minorities problem.

The conference has taken a fresh supply of optimism from the reports that America is considering lending her assistance to the economic rehabilitation of Europe.

**OFFERS STRAITS PLAN**  
Lausanne, Dec. 18.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherine of Russia proposed today to the Near East conference the Turkish straits plan providing for an international board of control on which would be represented Germany, the United States, France, England, Italy and all the states bordering on the Black sea.

### DECISIONS OF SUPREME COURT

Decisions of the supreme court include: Dixon-Reo Co. respondent, vs. Horton Motor Co. appellant; involving auto contract assignment; appeal from Grand Forks county, England, judge. Affirmed. Opinion by Christianon, judge.

A. E. Anderson, plaintiff and respondent vs. S. J. Taber Co., defendant and appellant; appeal from Cass district court. Cole, judge, involving profits on sale of tractor; judgment modified and affirmed. Opinion by Grace, judge.

W. G. Mead, plaintiff and appellant vs. Herman Bockorny and Mike Kulk, defendant and respondent; appeal from Adams county, Lemke, judge; involving herder's lien; affirmed. Opinion of court by Christianson, judge.

**MUSSOLINI NEVER MISSES HIS FENCING**  
Rome, Dec. 18.—Premier Mussolini, despite the great amount of work before him, and the long hours he spends each day at his desk, finds time every morning to indulge in his favorite pastime of fencing. For one hour after breakfast he crosses swords with a famous professor, and only a few days ago when his companion, tired from his exertions, showed signs of faltering, Mussolini took on two of the professor's assistants for the remainder of the hour.

He is one of the best amateur swordsmen of Italy, and has fought innumerable duels in which there is no record of his ever coming out second best.

### Ellis Island May be Improved

Washington, Dec. 18.—Comprehensive plans for improvement of the immigration facilities at the Ellis Island station at New York are under consideration here as a result of many complaints regarding the present equipment of the station and the methods of handling immigrants.

### STATE VICTOR IN SUIT FOR LUMBER PROFIT

Jury Returns Verdict, Failing to Award Plaintiff Company Any Amount

Verdict for the defendant was rendered in the case tried in district court here in which the Burkholder Lumber company of Minneapolis sought to collect more than \$72,000 and interest from the North Dakota Home Building association, for alleged breach of contract, the jury returning its verdict Sunday morning about 10 o'clock. The jury retired at 5 o'clock Saturday evening, and the first ballot stood 10 to 2 for the association, it was learned.

Attorney General-elect George Shafer, who presented the state's argument, called the former purchasing agent for the Home Building association a "high priest of skull-duggery" and severely condemned his actions while in the employ of the Home Building association. He denied liability of the state in the case, asserting that there was no breach of contract and that Pollard lacked the authority to make the contracts the plaintiff lumber company alleged he made.

The two big claims involved were for alleged loss of profits due to failure of the association to fulfill a contract of May 12, 1920, and another of Sept. 18, 1920, for a total of more than six million feet of lumber and other material. On the first the Burkholder company asked \$18,000 and on the second, \$53,000.

While Pollard executed a contract on May 12, 1920, Mr. Shafer declared he did not have authority to do so, and that Manager Blakemore never learned of the action until the Burkholder company made a claim some months later. He also denied that the contract of Sept. 18 was valid, and asserted again that Pollard had no authority to make it.

F. O. Hellstrom and William Langer, representing the plaintiff, asserted the records showed the Burkholder company had acted in good faith, suffered actual loss and should be compensated if the state of North Dakota was to do business on a fair basis.

Mr. Hellstrom said the case would go to the supreme court. F. E. Diehl today said his remarks concerning profits shown on the Burkholder contracts had been misunderstood. While he said they were high, he did not believe they ran above \$20 a thousand on any contract.

### Famous Football Player Injured

Ypsilanti, Mich., Dec. 18.—Hopes for the recovery of Bernard Kirk, University of Michigan football star, injured in an automobile accident here last night, were held out today, Kirk, an All-American end, sustained a fractured skull.

A thickness of nine feet of vegetation is needed to make one foot of coal.

### HARDING IN CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS

Enforcement of Volstead Act Chief Consideration at Meeting

SIXTEEN ARE PRESENT President Wants to Get View-point of Various States on Issue

Washington, Dec. 18.—Problems of prohibition enforcement were for discussion at a White House luncheon conference today between President Harding and state governors, 16 of whom had accepted the President's invitation to attend.

Originally planning to call a conference of governors here on the prohibition question some time next month, the President advanced the date primarily because of the proximity to the capital at this time of so many who have been in attendance at the governor's conference at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Although advancing the date of the conference means that a number of governor's participating will go out of office shortly after, the President was said to have decided upon it in order to obtain the view of those who have had the experience of the past two years in dealing with the prohibition question.

It was believed in administration circles another conference will be necessary after first of the year because of the change in state administrations and the views developed at this conference thus will be available to the executives taking part in a later one.

### MOSCOW THIEVE HID LOOT IN CEMETERY

Moscow, Dec. 18.—Ingenious thieves of this city have been using an old graveyard in which to hide food supplies pilfered from railroad cars. The loot was buried at night under what, the next day, looked like newly made graves. Ultimately the police recovered 15 tons of sugar, and half as much cocoa and flour, all of which had been abstracted from relief supplies.

### RAILROADS TO ADVERTISE N. W.

Will Spend \$5,000,000 in a Three-Year Campaign

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 18.—To bring in new settlers and new industries, to attract tourists and in other ways to promote the interests of Montana and the Pacific northwest, the Burlington, Northern Pacific and Great Northern are to join in a \$5,000,000 publicity campaign to extend over five years, officials of the roads announced today. No specific sum has been appropriated, but the cost has been estimated at fully \$1,000,000 a year, it is said.

The three railroads have completed recently a motion picture scenery laid in Colorado, Yellowstone park and Glacier park. The film will be displayed throughout the United States.

Representatives of the railroads have conferred with commercial clubs throughout the northwest upon their program, and have arranged for series of talks at different points upon the merits of the northwestern territory.

### THREE BURNED IN COTTAGE

(By the Associated Press.)  
Akron, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Three prominent Massillon men, one of them a city official, were burned to death and four others were seriously injured Sunday, when flames destroyed a cottage in which they were asleep at Little Wadsworth, on the Portage lake reservoir south of here.

The dead are Harold Howald, 52, city engineer of Massillon; Frank Wagner, 59, of Massillon; Roy Hodgson, 28, of Massillon.

George W. Williams, lawyer of Massillon is the most seriously burned of the four survivors. Two other attorneys, Walter Holt, 28, and Elson Wefler, 30, both of Massillon, are suffering burns and other injuries.

The fire is believed to have been caused by a defective flue and occurred between 2 and 3 a. m. The light structure of the cottage became a blazing wall, cutting off escape of the men who were sleeping on the second floor. Holt, who was on the second floor, escaped by climbing out of a window and tried unavailingly to rescue the men who met death. The men had been spending the week end in the cottage.

### Leads Jobless



Huge mass meetings of Britain's unemployed are being held in England. Here is Wallace Hannington, organizer of the unemployed, announcing in Trafalgar Square that if a peaceful parade failed to make Bonar Law meet the workers' committee, other methods may be used.

### SEE PLOT TO SMUGGLE IN MUCH WINE

Federal Prohibition Agents Seize Heavy Correspondence

Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—Federal prohibition agents today seized several files of Hungarian correspondence in their investigation of an alleged plot to smuggle large quantities of wines from Hungary to the United States or distribution in the northwest.

The Hungarian correspondence will be turned over to University language instructors for translation, Maurice Silverman, assistant to H. L. Duncann, prohibition director for the northwest, said this morning, and may shed new light in what is believed to be the largest plot to market contraband liquor ever uncovered in the northwest.

Scores of letters written in Hungarian were seized by prohibition agents when they raided Stoyka's Cafe, St. Paul, with a search warrant based on information furnished by Jules Arbocz, former official of Stoyka's Foods, Inc., who exposed the alleged plot a prohibition headquarters in New York.

William Bauer, attorney for John Stoyka has denied the story told by Arbocz in New York.

### STATE CAPITOL IS "DOLLED UP"

Being Made Presentable for Legislative Session

With two weeks to make the final touches, the North Dakota capital is being furnished up ready for the session of the state legislature. The work has been going on for six months or more, the Janitors starting work on the desks, chairs, etc., in the house chamber in July. The work has been broadened to take the entire building into consideration and a very great transformation has been effected in the structure.

Lineoleum on the main floor, with the material taken up there being worked up to fit the places on the upper floor has made the flooring effect far better. The hallways have been redecorated throughout and the woodwork of the stairways is being given a coat of varnish.

The rooms assigned to the State Treasurer and the Superintendent of Public Instruction have been redecorated, this being necessitated by breaks in the plaster of the ceiling.

### LONETREE BANK IS PLUNDERED

Minot, N. D., Dec. 18.—After tunneling through the concrete wall of the vault and using some kind of explosives to wreck the door of the inner compartment, robbers last night took \$900 in Liberty Bonds, \$200 in cash, \$60 in postage and revenue stamps, a book of blank money orders and notes of a non-negotiable character totaling several thousand dollars belonging to the First State bank of Lone Tree, according to a report made today by Deputy Sheriff C. P. Vanvenover and Chet Jacobson. All wires leading into the village were cut. Lone Tree is twenty miles west of Minot.

### POLAND UNDER MARTIAL LAW MANY HELD

Assassination of President Causes Restrictive Measures in Warsaw

PALSUDSKI IS CHIEF

Artist Who Killed Narutowicz To be Court Martialed

(By the Associated Press)

Warsaw, Dec. 18.—Martial law became effective in Warsaw today by proclamation of the cabinet.

Captain Niewodowski, the crazed artist who assassinated President Narutowicz last Saturday, has been held for trial by court martial.

At his preliminary examination he declared he had been actuated by his own initiative on shooting the President and that he had no accomplices.

The declaration of martial law has added to the sense of security felt by the people, who with General Joseph Pilsudski established as chief of staff of the army, and General Sikorski as premier, await the convening of parliament on Wednesday for the election of new premier. One of the first acts of Sikorski in taking over the premiership was to order the arrest of several of the former soldiers of General Haller whose influence in the army has been capitalized by the nationalists in their opposition to General Pilsudski.

Many other persons are also in custody pending a complete investigation of the assassination. Among those detained is Colonel Modolski, once adjutant to General Haller.

### MINE COMPANY TO BUILD 75 HOMES FOR MEN

Ironwood, Mich., Dec. 18.—Announcement was made today by Ogbley, Norton and Co., that 75 modern homes will be erected next spring at Montreal, two miles west of Hurley, Wis., at an approximate cost of \$400,000. The new residence district will be built for the Montreal Mining Company, a subsidiary of the Ogbley, Norton and Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

The new location will be patterned after the one at Ramsay, Michigan, near here, where 75 homes are under construction. The project is said to set a precedent in housing in the Lake Superior ore mining district.

In announcing the new location the mining company officials said the result will be a better class of labor, reduction in turnover and that a steady class of workmen will decrease accidents, thereby compensating the company for enormous expenditures.

### 32 BELOW AT HAVRE, MONT.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Temperatures lower than any previously reported this winter in the northwest, the upper lake region, the great central valleys, the middle and west gulf states and the southern rocky mountain region were recorded early today as another cold wave spread over a great portion of the United States west of the Appalachian mountains, the mercury in Chicago went below zero for the first time this season. It was one below here yesterday.

The weather bureau reported the cold wave had a general southeasterly trend across the middle states and would be followed by a slowly rising temperature today for the upper and middle Mississippi region, west of that stream, and tomorrow for the great lakes region and the Ohio valley.

Havre, Montana last night was gripped by 32 below weather. Other towns in the northwest registered readings from 4 to 28 degrees below.

### Saving Certificates Popular in England

London, Dec. 18.—National Savings Certificates sold to November 11, total 601,479,281 pounds sterling. When the certificates were changed from 15 shillings and 6 pence to 16 shillings, there was a temporary lull, but since there has been a sharp increase in demand, and the certificates are now one of the most popular investments in the country. For each sixteen shillings invested, the buyer gets one pound sterling at the end of five years.

### Brazil's Head



Thirty-four years ago Dr. Arthur Bernardes, above, was a grocer's clerk in a Brazilian village. Now he's the newly elected president of Brazil.

### INSTITUTE FOR BOYS, GIRLS OF STATE BEGINS

Two From Burleigh County Among Those Going to A. C. College

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 18.—About 125 boys' and girls' club members in North Dakota will arrive in Fargo Monday night for the thirteenth annual Junior Extension Achievement Institute which opens Tuesday morning at the Agricultural college and continues until Friday, Dec. 22. From Burleigh county there will be Homer Enrich and Alan Clizbe of McKenzie.

Registration and a business meeting Tuesday morning will be followed by addresses of welcome by President John Lee Coulter of the Agriculture college, and Gordon W. Randlett, director of the extension Division. In general announcements will be made by the State Club Leader, Harry E. Killing. In the afternoon O. A. Barton, poultry specialist, will give a demonstration of poultry culling and selection of breeding stock. The balance of the afternoon will be spent in visiting points of interest about the campus. An evening program will be held at the Little Country theater under the supervision of Prof. A. G. Arnold.

Forenoons of the remaining three days will be devoted to special work for the boys in Livestock Sanitation under Dr. Don McMahon; Livestock Feeding and Preparing Livestock for Show, Geo. J. Baker; Killing and Dressing Poultry, O. A. Barton; Crops and Corn and Potato Judging, Dr. H. L. Walster. The girls at the same time will receive instructions in buttermaking from Prof. J. R. Dice; House Decoration, Agnes Boeing; Meal Planning and Judging Bread and Canning, Hazel Spencer; Home Economics Work, Alba Bales; Chicken Cutting Demonstration, Irene Dunne; First Aid, Miss Kinney, and Killing and Dressing Poultry, O. A. Barton.

The Fargo Commercial club will act as host to the boys and girls at a banquet Wednesday evening in the Commercial club rooms.

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So quickly did the bandits work that persons in the immediate vicinity were unaware of what had happened until guards from within the mint rushed to the windows and out of the main entrance firing at the escaping highwaymen.

Linton, who was assisting in the guarding of the currency, fell at the first shot from the bandit's guns. The bandits, described by guards at the mint who saw them, were apparently about 28 years of age.

Every policeman in Denver has been armed with riot guns and an extensive search of the hospitals of Denver and suburbs is under way in an effort to locate the bandit who is believed to have been shot as he was entering the waiting automobile. All roads out of Denver were guarded and word of the hold-up was sent to all outside counties. The car bore a Colorado license number 81,001.

**Property of Reserve Bank**  
The money was the property of the Federal Reserve Bank and was being transferred from the main bank office here for distribution to Denver, Colorado and Wyoming banks, according to R. J. Grant, director of the mine.

The funds of the reserve bank are held in vaults at the mint for the bank because of the lack of secure bank vaults in the headquarters of the bank. It is released to the bank on instructions from the secretary of the treasury. The time for transfer of the money is very irregular, according to Director Grant, some times three and four releases being made in a week and then again no money being released over a period of two weeks.

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At 11:30 a. m. R. J. Grant, director of the mint, announced officials that the bandits had escaped with the entire consignment of \$200,000 for the Denver Federal Reserve Bank. Director Grant said that the money was in fifty sacks containing \$4,000 each. It was in denomination of \$5, all in currency.

There are 341,000 more women than men in London, according to latest census figures.

### BANDIT RAID AT DOOR OF DENVER MINT

Guard Shot, Probably Fatally, As Party Takes Fortune From Truck

RACE THROUGH CITY

Entire Shipment From Federal Reserve Bank Is Loot of Robbers

(By the Associated Press)

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—Three bandits shot and probably fatally wounded Charles Linton, a federal reserve bank guard and escaped with about \$200,000 in currency of \$5 denomination which was being loaded on to a federal reserve truck in front of the Denver mint. The funds were being transferred from the mint to the local federal reserve bank.

The robbers seized the currency and sprang into a large automobile. As their car sped away armed government guards inside the mint building fired from the windows of the mint at the robbers.

The entire Denver police force quickly was called into action in an effort to apprehend the robbers.

The robbery occurred at 10:40 o'clock, a few minutes after the government employees had begun to load the currency into the federal reserve truck.

**Robbers Masked**  
While the loading was in progress an automobile drew up in front of the mint building. Three masked robbers sprang from it. Before government employees knew what had happened, the bandits opened fire from high powered rifles.

Havener fell at the first fusillade. The government employees returned the first but the robbers acted quickly, sprang to the motor truck, grab the bags of money and fled. While the robbery was going on, according to witnesses, a second automobile, touring, loaded with masked men, armed with shot guns and rifles stood 20 feet from the bandit's car, apparently ready to give aid should the bandits need assistance.

Sheriffs in nearby counties were quickly notified by the local police in an effort to apprehend the robbers.

The holdup occurred on West Colfax avenue.

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