

# WOMAN TELLS OF THRILLING EXPERIENCES

## Wife of Grand Forks Man Arrives After Harrowing War Experiences.

## Rode for Days Huddled Under Cannon—Had 4-year-old Child Along.

Fleeing before the pursuit of a victorious German army and huddled for days under giant cannon being hauled on flatcars from the field of defeat, in company with scores of other women mad with the fear of the conquering and conquered soldiers—such has been the experience of Mrs. Rosa Diamond who arrived in Grand Forks Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Diamond relates one of the most thrilling experiences which it has been the lot of anyone now in the United States to experience. About six months ago Mrs. Diamond was a member of one of the wealthy families of western Russia, living in Gerdol, a suburb of Baranovitch, which is one of the principal cities lying between Warsaw and Minsk. With the success of the Germans under von Hindenburg, the vanquished armies of the Russian turned into pillagers who devastated everything before them. The terror-stricken people abandoned their homes and the women and children fled the country to escape the rapacity of the crazed hordes.

Flux Before Soldiers. Mrs. Diamond relates that many women and children died from fright, and the hair of young people turned grey in the course of a few hours. She was one of those who were able to escape unharmed before the untrammelled passions of the soldiers. In accomplishing this feat, she was forced to lie for days with her 4-year-old daughter under the shadow of great cannon on a freight train running from Gerdol to Minsk. This was the only accommodation which could be secured by the fleeing women. One of the box cars were occupied by Russian soldiers, and soldiers clung to the tops and sides of all the vehicles.

A 49 mile trip to Minsk, which ordinarily takes three hours, now occupied three days. The women and children had nothing to eat and were able to obtain water only at irregular intervals. The amount of suffering which was entailed by these refugees is almost incalculable and appears more like a dream than a reality.

Food Scarce in Russia. At length Mrs. Diamond and her little girl arrived in Minsk. Her report of conditions in this city is one of the most interesting which has reached Grand Forks, touching on war conditions in Russia. Sugar was absolutely unobtainable. Bread sold for 30 copecks (cents) a pound, regular tickets were given to every family, and allotted to each a number of pounds proportionate to the size of the family. Mrs. Diamond reports that her uncle sent his daughter to obtain bread at 11 o'clock in the evening and that she had to stand in line until 8 o'clock the next morning before getting her share. The bread is obtained from bakeries owned by private individuals, but the price is regulated by the government, according to Mrs. Diamond.

Owing to a peculiar situation, meat was very cheap at the time that she was at Minsk. Thousands of the peasantry were fleeing the country

before the plundering armies. They were willing to sell their cattle, sheep and poultry for anything portable, and as a result the market was flooded with fresh meat. Since the exodus has ceased, this community has again risen to almost prohibitive prices.

Paper Money Only. All purchases are with paper money—precious metals, even copper, being held in vaults as reserves on the great loans of the empire. When change is required for paper money, it is given in the form of postage stamps which range in denomination from one copeck to 50 copecks.

From Minsk, Mrs. Diamond was flown to the Russian second class passage to Siberia. So great was the congestion on the trains that the women and children were put in the passageways on the coaches, and were everywhere exposed to insult and physical injury. It was a case of "everybody looking out for himself and the devil take the hindmost." She arrived in Petrovsk about a month after her escape from Gerdol.

Passport Secured. At Petrovsk, Mrs. Diamond stayed about four months, while her husband, Grand Forks was making every effort to secure a passport for her to the United States. He experienced great difficulty because of the fact that Mr. Diamond was a former soldier in the Russian army and had been called on three occasions to come to Russia for service. Naturally the Russian consuls in this country were unwilling to grant any favors, but at last the desired passport was obtained through the efforts of the officials of the State Bank of Chicago, for whom Mr. Diamond had rendered service as a translator.

Mr. Diamond had no word from his wife until Wednesday, August 14, when a letter telling of her departure for America, was received. On the next day a telegram from Vancouver told of her arrival in that city on the English ship, Empress of Japan, after four weeks of travel through Siberia, from Vladivostok to Japan, across Japan, and finally across the Pacific.

Member of Wealthy Family. Mrs. Diamond is a member of one of the wealthy families of western Russia, by name of Vilenchick. Several brothers are engaged in the grain business. As Mr. Diamond was a buyer for the concern before his migration to America nearly three years ago. This concern exports grain to all parts of the world. Mrs. Diamond has completed a school in a "gymnasium," which is a school of higher education of rank about half way between our high school and college.

Mr. and Mrs. Diamond will remain in this country unless conditions in their old home suffer a revolution which will permit of their return. Unless an overthrow of the present institutions occurs it will probably not be safe for them to return. Since coming to this country Mr. Diamond has been engaged in the teaching of Hebrew, and has been a resident of Grand Forks for two years. He is at present conducting a school on Second avenue in this city.

## AUSTRALIAN ASKS FOR NORTH DAKOTA IDEAS

### Publisher of Paper Sends Orders for Larimore Pioneer With Account of Appreciation Week.

That North Dakota has received valuable advertising through the appreciation week program which has been made an annual event, is shown by a recent communication from Australia to Edgar L. Richter, president of the North Dakota Press association and editor of the Larimore Pioneer. The communication contains an order for copies of the Pioneer in which the appreciation week is contained.

The letter is from W. H. G. Groom, publisher of the Toowoomba Chronicle of Newton, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia. Mr. Groom is desirous of obtaining full information concerning the North Dakota appreciation week, evidently for the purpose of inaugurating a similar idea into a booster campaign in far off Australia.

## HOFSTAD'S INJURIES RAPIDLY IMPROVING

### Auto Accident Victim May Soon Leave Hospital—Not Entirely Out of Danger is Report.

John Hofstad, the local young man who was seriously injured in the automobile accident last Saturday evening near East Grand Forks, is reported to be improving and it is now believed that he is out of danger. Unless complications arise, it is expected that he will be able to leave the hospital in the near future.

Hofstad's shoulder was broken, several ribs were fractured and internal injuries were suffered. He is now resting easily but is not entirely out of danger.

## MCGOEY MAKES MANY CHANGES

### Local Electrical Store is Enlarged—New Department for Storage Batteries Added.

Important improvements are being made in the McGoevy electrical store at 115 and 117 North Third street, including the enlargement of the display room and the separation of the salesroom from the storage battery department. The store room formerly occupied by the Walker studio has been leased by Mr. McGoevy and this additional floor space has been fitted up into a modern store.

The fixtures and office equipment are being installed today and efforts will be made to have the new apartment ready for occupancy by the first of next week. A large stock of electrical fixtures and supplies have been received by Mr. McGoevy and these will be on display when the new show room is opened.

The storage battery department in the future will have a separate room. The rapid growth of business during the past year has forced a separation of the department and in the future Mr. McGoevy will specialize in the care of storage batteries.

When the improvements are completed the McGoevy store will be one of the most attractive electrical stores in the city and service efficiency will be greatly increased to the patrons of the firm.

## SECRET NOTE OF U. S. TO BERLIN DISCLOSED

Berlin, Aug. 19 (Delayed).—Concerning the American note in the case of the steamer Owego, said to have been fired upon by a submarine, the statement was made today that the German naval authorities have received no information of any sort in this connection, the American note being the first intimation concerning the matter. Efforts are being made by the authorities, it was said, to clear up the case.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The case of the steamer Owego is surrounded at the state department with much secrecy. The foregoing dispatch was the first disclosure that a note had been sent to the German government.

# LITTLE ROAD WORK IS DONE

## Commissioners, Auto Owners and Farmers Irate over Conditions Prevailing.

The ire of the members of the board of county commissioners has been aroused over the conditions prevailing on the rural roads near this city which were affected by the contracts let for graveling. On the road leading north of Grand Forks, a stretch over 10 miles long, it is claimed that the contractor has not commenced operations, although the contracts signed call for the completion before November.

On other stretches, it is also claimed that the work is progressing slowly and as a result, the highways have been made almost impassable. The commissioners are now investigating the condition, but cannot hasten operations providing the work is completed before the given time.

Farmers and automobile owners are also dissatisfied over the slowness with which the road work is being done, but all protests have been of no avail.

## PROFESSIONAL EXAMS TO BE HELD IN CITY

### Candidates for First and Second Grade College Rank Certificates to Be Given Tests.

Professional examinations for first and second grade college rank certificates will be held next week at the county court house, under the supervision of the county superintendent of schools. The tests will begin on Thursday and continue through Friday.

It is expected that a large number from throughout the northern part of the state will participate in the exams, as there are only a few examination stations throughout North Dakota. Many inquiries have already been received, indicating that the number to take the tests will be large.

## PROMINENT ARMY MAN TO VISIT GRAND FORKS

### Colonel S. Marshall of Minneapolis and Son to Conduct Sunday Meetings in This City.

Colonel S. Marshall of Minneapolis, provincial officer for the Salvation Army, is expected to arrive in the city the latter part of this week and conduct services at the local barracks. Colonel Marshall commands operations of the army throughout the northwest, his province including the states of North and South Dakota, Minnesota, northern Michigan and Wisconsin. The colonel has been connected with the Salvation Army for over 30 years, during which time he has visited practically every section of the country.

He has appeared in Grand Forks on previous occasions and is recognized as a speaker of great ability. He will be accompanied here by his son, Lieut. J. C. Marshall of Fargo, who is an accomplished musician, and who will assist with the musical program to be given.

The meetings to be conducted by Colonel Marshall will be as follows: Saturday at 8:15 p. m.; Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3:30 and 8:15 p. m. Captain E. A. Marshall, who is in command of the local corps, will assist with the conducting of the services. An invitation has been extended to the public to attend.

Here From Los Angeles.—Mrs. J. G. Matchell of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting with friends in the city.

# BUSINESS MEN URGE PRESIDENT WILSON TO ADOPT ARBITRATION

Grand Forks business men today wired to President Wilson, urging him to use every effort to bring the present indifference between railroad men and the employers before an arbitration board. Messages from every section of North Dakota, and it is reported from throughout the entire country, were forwarded to the white house.

The losses that would be incurred by the business men should a crisis be reached in the situation, have forced the business men to take immediate action.

# BOLD THIEVES ROB TRANSIENTS

## Two Men Forced to Leap From Moving Train Near Hillsboro—Were Robbed

Two harvest hands, boarding the Great Northern freight train at Hillsboro bound for Grand Forks shortly after midnight, were forced to leap from the moving cars after they had been relieved of their money and valuables, according to the story told by the two men who arrived here today.

The men claim that they attempted to steal a ride to this city at Hillsboro and had only been on the freight a short time when they were forced to hand over their money, watches, rings and other articles of minor value.

The two bandits were on the train with several other men, but it is not known whether or not any others were made victims. The harvest hands returned to Hillsboro where they made complaint to the authorities and today proceeded to this city. It is believed that the common remained on the freight until it reached this city, but efforts to locate them here have been futile. It is now believed that they have journeyed westward.

The hold-up was carried out on a plan similar to the robbery of a few weeks ago when nearly fifty men were victimized by alleged I. W. W. organizers. An all day search by the Grand Forks police has failed to bring to light any clues that may result in their apprehension.

## BUYS LARGE HERD OF CATTLE FOR FARM

### F. C. Masee Purchases Herd of 49 Animals from P. O. Augustine—Delivered Today.

F. C. Masee, attorney of East Grand Forks and the owner of a farm near the city, has purchased a large herd of cattle which he will farm for the market. There are 49 animals in the herd.

The purchase was made recently from P. O. Augustine, an farmer living near Grand Forks in Marshall county. The cattle were delivered on Mr. Masee's farm this morning, being driven through East Grand Forks at an early hour today.

It is understood that Mr. Masee will devote at least a part of his farm to stock raising purposes. He has quite a bit of stock at present, and the purchase now delivered will give him one of the large herds of the county.

## BROTHERS ACCUSED OF MURDER

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 23.—Lynn and Harold Lovlace, brothers, and 12 years of age, have confessed a Twin Falls, Idaho, according to reports received here, that they murdered F. Thomas Hamill, teacher from Carson, Nev., whose mutilated body was found at his ranch. The lads were found in possession of Hamill's horse, wagon, guns and revolver. The killing, according to the report, was a confession, occurred when Hamill surprised them robbing his cabin.

## COLLEGIAN RELEASE ORDER CRITICIZED

Washington, Aug. 23.—Criticism of the administration for showing partiality in favor of collegians at the expense of men with families to support and jobs to hold has been reaching Washington since the war department's order that in September 11 if military purposes allow, youths who are to go to college this fall are to be discharged from the national guard. Also, with some provision, units made up exclusively of collegians are to be demobilized.

The following organizations are affected: Battery F, Illinois Battery B, Indiana; Battery F, Minnesota; Battery A, Colorado; Company A, engineers, Colorado; headquarters and supply company and headquarters, E. C. and D, Tenth militia field artillery, Yale university.

At the war department the policy by which students are relieved of their duty as national guardsmen, although family men are not, was explained as a "desire to permit guardsmen in the educational period of life to continue their education." Veterans officers who might be expected to protest against reducing the numbers of the guard still further have not made any vigorous protest, because, they say, of the few boys affected.

## WILSON SAYS HE WILL VETO BILL

Washington, Aug. 23.—President Wilson let it be known today he would veto the immigration bill if it came before him again with the literacy test, and with that the senate defeated the motion to take up the measure, and returned to consideration of the revenue bill.

On the previous word that he would veto the bill, five revolting Democrats turned about and voted against the motion to take it up. They are Senators Beckham, Chas. McNary, Culbertson, Lane and Overman. They made the vote 32 to 22.

The senators Ashurst, Hardwick, Myers, Smith of South Carolina and Vanderman, all Democrats, however, stuck to their votes to take it up.

The senate's action means that efforts to consider the bill at this session probably will be dropped.

Without the revised articles of war, to portions of which President Wilson and the war department objected, the house re-passed the army appropriation bill.

The senate is expected to insert an acceptable revision, and the house is expected later to accept it. President Wilson vetoed the bill because of portions of the revision.

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# COOLEY MAY RETURN MONDAY

## Fielder may be Given Opportunity to Enter Plea—Wife Sent For.

District Judge C. M. Cooley is expected to return to this city Monday from Lake Bemidji where he is spending his vacation. With the return of the judge, it is expected that Hugh E. Fielder, the man now being held on a charge of assault with intent to do bodily injury, will be arraigned. Fielder has intimated that he would like to have his case settled at once and that he would plead guilty of the charge if given an opportunity.

Mrs. Fielder, wife of the man who is being held, has been notified of her husband's predicament and it is expected that she will arrive here the latter part of the week. She is now in Milwaukee.

The offense for which Fielder is held, carries with it a term of from one to five years in the penitentiary. Several other matters of lesser importance awaits the return of the judge.

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