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THOUSANDS BELIEVED LOST IN FOREST FIRES

St. Paul, Oct. 14.—A dispatch received at the state capitol early this afternoon from Adjutant General Johnson, at Moose Lake, stated that the general forest fire situation was well in hand. No further spread of the fires is feared and it is believed that the burned areas will be cleared of bodies by tonight.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 14.—Charred ruins mark the ravages of the fire which swept into Duluth, destroying homes in Woodland, Lakeside and Lester Park, within the city limits.

A stack of Duluth the villages of Duluth, Mungler, Five Corners, Harney, Grand Lake, Maple Grove and Two, which were thriving communities Saturday morning are almost entirely obliterated today. Further west Carlton, Cloquet, Brookston, are recognizable only by signs. Pike Lake and Pine Hill are no more, while to the south the Moose Lake district is still a smouldering ruin.

From these points thousands of homeless persons have been brought here, hundreds more taken to Hinckley and points further south, while many of those seriously burned have been removed to hospitals in St. Paul and Minneapolis, after the last available cot in the three general hospitals here had been occupied.

Over virtually every foot of fire swept district the devastation was complete. The few farm buildings left standing over practically ten thousand square miles of northern Minnesota which was in the path of the flames, mark the freaks of the flames.

Refugees here seemingly have no desire to learn the truth regarding their losses. Most of them believe everything they had in the world has been destroyed and in a general manner they accept the kind offers of the city which has thrown open every available house to care for the ten thousand persons driven here by the flames.

Minneapolis, Oct. 15.—While rescue workers are combing the stricken districts of Northeastern Minnesota for injured and burned survivors of the forest fire, hundreds of bodies of

those who failed to escape from the flame that blasted a trail of death in the Northern part of the state are still thought to be lying in the ashes of ruined homes and in the blackened wastes.

Crowded morgues in centers for refugees are ghastly meeting places for the living and the dead.

Lists of identified dead late last night from Duluth, Moose Lake and Cloquet, showed the extent of the destruction and indicated the heroic task confronting the relief workers before their work is done.

225 Names Received
Out of the thousand persons estimated by authorities to have died in the forest fire on Saturday, less than 600 are in the temporary morgues. Over the wires last night, by telegram and telephone, came the names of 225 known dead. The same wires, a few moments earlier, had brought the message from those in charge of the rescue work that the dead must lie in the fields until the living are taken care of.

A list of 106 persons was sent out from Duluth. All day yesterday, through the morgues which have been established there, anxious refugees passed in fearful expectation between rows of blackened corpses.

More than 100 names came from Moose Lake—a shattered village in the direct path of the fiercest of the flames—where scenes of destruction were so terrible as to be almost unbelievable.

Eighteen Bodies Found
Eighteen bodies, found in one school district near the heap of ashes that was once the prosperous city of Cloquet, were identified late yesterday, and their names, also, came over the wires.

The destitution in and near Moose Lake, where Adjutant General Rhinow and his staff, in charge of relief work, have made their headquarters, is the most pitiable.

More than 100 children, terror-stricken at the experience through which they passed, have been brought into the city from hiding places in which they crouched together, and are being cared for by Red Cross nurses while search is made for their parents.

MABEL V. THAYER FOR COUNTY SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

Miss Mabel V. Thayer, of Julian, is the candidate for county superintendent of schools, endorsed by the Nonpartisan League. Her name will appear on the National ticket. Remember this until she is elected.



DR. LEWIS OF OPHEIM HERE CARING FOR FLU VICTIMS

Dr. Lewis, formerly of Plentywood, but now of Opheim, arrived here Sunday to care for his brother William, who is ill with influenza. Immediately after the doctor's arrival he was called to care for many Spanish influenza patients in different parts of the county, assisting Dr. E. G. Steele. Dr. Lewis has been out day and night since his arrival.

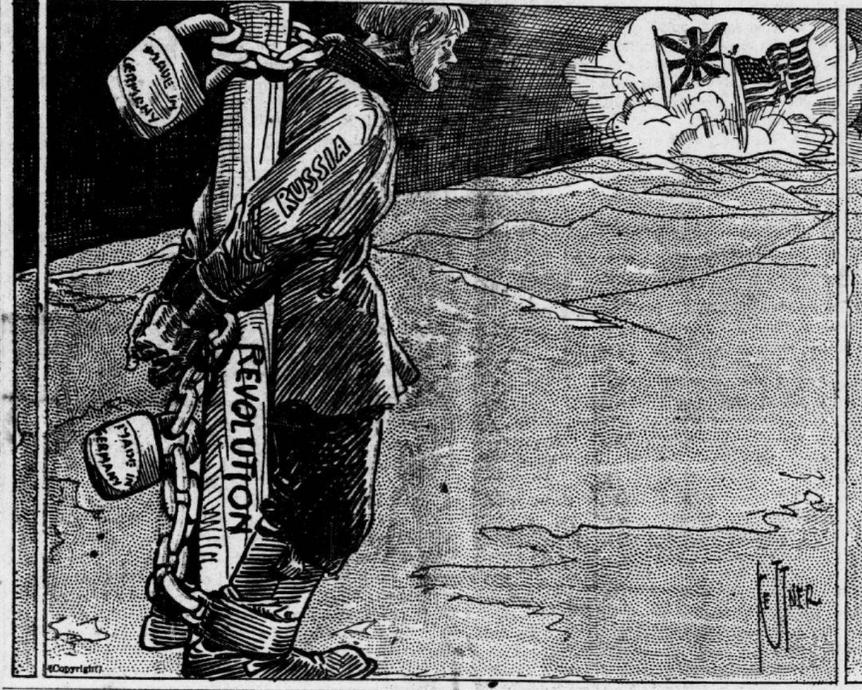
DRAFT BOYS IN AUTO ACCIDENT MON. NIGHT

While coming to Plentywood from Poplar Monday evening of this week to be re-examined for special service, Clifford Okerlund, brother to Miss Okerlund, who is chief clerk at the local draft board, was badly bruised and luckily escaped a fatal auto accident when his Ford car overturned as a result of a collision with a horse on the road. The accident happened on the road between Medicine Lake and Antelope and it seems that an Indian was travelling along slowly in a wagon and had a horse tied to the back end and when the boys came along with the Ford car, the horse that was tied to the wagon, backed around just as the car was passing and the front wheel of the car struck the hind legs of the horse, upsetting the car and throwing its occupants out. Three other Poplar boys who were in company with Okerlund were uninjured.

Mr. Okerlund, who was driving the car, was badly bruised about the face and head, his left hand and his right knee are also in bad shape, but fortunately he is able to be about town. At present he feels like a fighting Marine after a skirmish with a Hun raiding party.

—RANKIN FOR U. S. SENATOR—

Relief Coming



U. S. Atty. Wheeler Resigns His Office

United States District Attorney B. K. Wheeler of Montana resigned his office last Thursday, after numerous conferences extending over several days with Senator T. J. Walsh, Hugh Wells, chairman of the Montana Democratic state central committee and Colonel C. B. Nolan, Senator Walsh's law partner in Helena. Wheeler's term expired last spring and he was renominated by Senator Walsh despite many protests from the people of Montana, says the Montana Record Herald, adding it being charged that he had failed to vigorously enforce the espionage law and take necessary steps to quell the I. W. W. labor troubles in Butte.

In explanation of the resignation Attorney Wheeler issued a statement saying he was actuated by a desire not to injure Senator Walsh's chance for election and declaring he had been "hounded for 18 months by the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, which conducted a campaign of abuse and misrepresentation against him.

Senator Walsh always defended Wheeler against the charge that he had been lax in prosecuting the I. W. W. and other disloyalists, and maintained his record justified his retention in office. To this theory Senator Myers would never subscribe and he at one time recommended F. J. Cowley of Great Falls for district attorney. He later recommended the appointment of E. C. Day of Helena, as district attorney. Senator Myers' recommendation is still on file.

FARMER CLAIR STONER FOR STATE SENATOR

Farmer Clair Stoner, the Nonpartisan League nominee for state senator endorsed and supported by the farmers, whose name is on National ticket, is now conceded as a winner by a large majority at the general election this fall.



CLAIR STONER, of Outlook
Mr. Stoner is and always has been a farmer. He is honest and reliable, and he will fight for the rights of the farmers whom he expects to represent. There is no question as to his

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A. C. Townley Will Speak At Brush Lake

President A. C. Townley, of the National Nonpartisan League, has been secured to address a meeting to be held at Brush Lake on Sunday afternoon, October 27th, at 2 p. m., and if the present epidemic of Spanish influenza subsides by that time, the meeting will be a tremendous affair, otherwise there will be no meeting.

If possible, and it will be unless the influenza is still in existence, the committee will arrange to have a gigantic automobile parade from Plentywood to Brush Lake on October 27. This will be a splendid opportunity for the farmers of Sheridan county to get together and hold a large demonstration of their strength and hear the president of the National Nonpartisan League deliver one of his able addresses. Of course, all of this now being planned may fall through with the present epidemic still in the air as no meetings of any kind will be permitted while the Spanish influenza continues.

Everybody who has an auto should make arrangements to take a neighbor or friend with them if they have room. The bigger the crowd the better, and with such a chance to hear Mr. Townley, the farmers and others throughout the county will not need much urging, only to call their attention to the date and place of the meeting.

Mr. Townley has a big schedule of meetings throughout the state and unless he can fill this date at Brush Lake, he will not appear in Sheridan county this year.

THE DOUBLE CROSS

The cat is out of the bag. The reason for the Sheridan County Loyalty League is now apparent. Up until this time the cause for this organization has been unexplainable. It seems that there was after all some method in the madness of the Sheridan County Loyalty League.

The Producers News, to be short and for the sake of truth, has designated the above organization as the "lunacy league" to the grand and exalted order of "super-patriots" and "double crossers." Now, there does not seem to be as much lunacy as appeared at first. For it seems now that the inspiration back of the "loyalty league" is the ambition of Culbertson to be a county seat. Let us see how cleverly it was handled. Jack Leonard, of Wolf Point, was endorsed for county commissioner. That gives the paragon to Wolf Point. Henry Lowe is

endorsed for state senator on the Republican ticket, instead of Nels Levang, the nominee on the Democratic ticket, because the business men of Culbertson needed Lowe in their county seat business. It was a matter of logic, both the state and national administration being Democratic, Nels Levang should have had the so-called loyalty endorsement.

Culbertson would not stand for Levang. This also explains how it came about that Nehemiah Davis, of Scobey, was ditched in his candidacy for state senator by pressure exerted by interests along the main line. Scobey also has county seat aspirations and the main line towns were suspicious of Davis.

It appears that one has been put over on Mr. S. C. Moore, of Poplar. Banker Lowe, the "Kopper" candidate of Culbertson, for state senator from Sheridan county in his

platform makes the following solemn pledge:
"I will during the period of the war oppose all legislation in regard to county division."

But, The Producers News is informed from absolutely reliable sources that Banker Lowe has made a promise to the business men of Culbertson that though he will not introduce a county division bill himself during the period of the war, that he will see to it that some "kopper" friend does introduce such a bill in the coming session of the legislature next winter dividing the county from east to west and making Culbertson the county seat.

Another point—he has called attention, we understand, of the business men of Culbertson that the war will soon be over without a doubt so

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'FLU' EPIDEMIC CLAIMS MANY IN COUNTY

More Really Sick People In County Than Any Time Since Epidemic Commenced, Is Belief Three Dead Here

According to the latest reports many people in Sheridan county have been claimed by the Spanish influenza which developed into pneumonia. In Plentywood there have been three deaths up to this Friday. While it is presumed that the epidemic is subsiding in several communities, including Plentywood, yet it seems that new cases are appearing daily. The fatalities are not, in comparison with the large number of really sick people throughout the county, very large. Thanks for that.

The dead in Plentywood are:
John Cavanaugh, aged 18 years, died last Saturday. A Wolf boy, aged about 16 years, died Monday. Ranny Fishbeck, aged 27 years, died Thursday night.

Early this morning the death of Dr. Toney, of Redstone, who was brought here with his wife and a nurse early this week, occurred. It is reported that Mrs. Toney is seriously ill.

Over in the Dagmar country, P. L. Jensen, who run for county commissioner, died Monday.

Charles Atherton, who resided in Canada, died Monday night at the J. S. Downey farm, just a mile northwest of Outlook. He leaves a wife and a child.

At Flaxville, Mrs. Dave LaBlanche, aged 38 years, and Emil Steffin, aged 20 years, died yesterday.

Guy Wesley Adams, a farmer who resided about five miles north of Dooley, died Wednesday morning, leaving a wife and two children.

Miss Beatrice Reedlud, a cousin to Louis Thorsen south of Outlook, died Monday. She had been cooking for a threshing outfit.

Miss Anna Larter, who stopped with her sister, Mrs. Sam Fawcett,

who resides about 6 miles northwest of Outlook, died yesterday morning. She was ill since the 7th.

A sad story is told of the Thompson family who reside about 4 miles southeast of Outlook, two boys having died. Mr. Thompson received word that his son, who was at Camp Dodge, was very low. He went there and found his son dead, and then wired Warren, his younger son to arrange for a funeral. When the father arrived home, Warren was dead from influenza and two younger boys seriously ill.

Jack Kjelstrup's sister, Mrs. E. J. Haugen, of Wolf Point, died at the hospital at that place on Wednesday. Her husband and two children are ill at the hospital.

Jose Rosenthal, of Westby, died Monday. He married Miss Ella Pierce, related to the Pierce's of this place. There were no children.

It is almost impossible to record all of the cases of the disease and deaths properly because so many of us are busy helping to stamp out the epidemic and the fact that the desired detailed information concerning each is not available.

Briefly, the situation is serious, and it requires coolness and courage and sacrifice on the part of every person in Sheridan county who is able to give some assistance to the stricken populace. That the people of the county have been co-operating with the board of health to stamp out the plague is manifested each day since the order was sent out. Everybody wants to do something and they should do all they can.

The recent rains give us some hope of the epidemic subsiding in a short time, at least the rains will clear the air and settle the dust, keep those who are afflicted indoors, and in general do some good.

OUTLOOK BANKER'S SON RUN OVER AND KILLED

A most unfortunate accident occurred at Outlook on Tuesday of this week, shortly after the noon hour, when little William, the four-year-old son of Banker and Mrs. A. Rueber, slipped from a wagon loaded with lumber and the wheel passed over his arm and head, crushing out the little life.

The little fellow, who was always full of play, had his wagon with him and was playing about the wagon when he decided to climb aboard. He climbed onto the front wheel, and it seems that while he was in the act of doing this, the horses started up at a walk and the little fellow slipped and fell, the hind wheel passing over his body. The wagon was standing in the back yard of the Burns residence and was loaded with lumber which O. B. Snuggins was to haul to his farm in Canada.

Funeral services and interment took place at Outlook on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

MRS. M. M. JOHNSON'S NEPHEW KILLED IN FALL, IN IOWA

Mrs. M. M. Johnson was called to Spencer, Ia., the latter part of last week on account of the death of her nephew, which occurred shortly after an accident. It is said that the boy, who was about sixteen years old, climbed up on the roof of a barn to his pigeon coop where he caught four pigeons, and while descending the ladder, he slipped and fell to the ground where he was later found unconscious. The accident happened after dark and when the lad was found he had a flashlight in one hand and the four pigeons in the other, clasped tightly.

Fee, fie, fo, fum,
The dirty old gang is on the run,
And if the toiler keeps his head,
The vicious plutes will soon be dead.

BEATRICE K. O'GRADY FOR COUNTY AUDITOR

Beatrice K. O'Grady, of Raymond, is the Nonpartisan League candidate for county auditor on the Republican ticket, and was endorsed by the farmers at their convention held previous to the primary election. That Mrs. O'Grady has the ability to serve the people of Sheridan county in the office to which she is nominated, is a known fact.



BEATRICE K. O'GRADY
Outside of the important fact that Mrs. O'Grady was selected by the farmers of the League for County Auditor and later nominated on the Republican ticket, she is best qualified for that office and will give best service. The farmers must have known this when they first endorsed Mrs. O'Grady for they would have picked another candidate for county auditor.

Mrs. Beatrice K. O'Grady's name will appear on the Republican ticket for county auditor. Remember this and remember the motto: We'll Stick; We'll Win!