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## BIG DAM SWEEP AWAY.

North Platte River Destroys Temporary Structure.

Casper, Wyo., March 30.—The North Platte river has been rising at an alarming rate during the past forty-eight hours. It is reported that the great diversion dam at Alcega, erected by the reclamation service as a temporary structure to divert the waters of the river while the Pathfinder dam is being built, has been washed away.

Although the heavy rains of the past few days have caused much apprehension among residents of this part of Wyoming, none was prepared for the overflow of such a piece of engineering as the huge dam. When the waters swept through the masonry many workmen barely escaped with their lives.

The dam had been built at a cost of nearly \$100,000. The steel bridge built by the government six miles below the dam at Pathfinder was also carried away.

## ADAMS' "HELL FIRE" FOUND.

Had Been Dug Up by a Man Who Reburied It.

Pocatello, Ida., March 30.—Four of the five bottles of Steve Adams' "Hell Fire" were found shortly before 6 o'clock p. m. Last spring a man working in the old mill found the tin box. He opened one of the bottles and was badly burned. After that he buried the box in a pile of clinders outside. During the day he pointed out the spot in the old mill where they were discovered. It is the exact spot where Adams began digging when taken there to recover the bottles.

Flood Along Alabama River.

Mobile, Ala., March 30.—Officers of the steamer Mary, arriving here, bring news of serious conditions along the Alabama river due to the overflow. For 100 miles lowlands are under water from two to six feet and crops are damaged. Cattle and other live stock are strewn over the inundated district by the hundreds.

## TO INVESTIGATE INSURANCE.

District Attorney Jerome Asks for Special Grand Jury.

New York, March 30.—District Attorney Jerome has requested Supreme Court Justice Dowling to call a special grand jury in May to investigate the life insurance matters developed by the legislative investigating committee. Mr. Jerome said that he did not want to ask an ordinary grand jury to examine the testimony of the legislative investigation in addition to its usual work. Justice Dowling took the matter under consideration.

Mrs. Roosevelt Goes South.

Washington, March 30.—Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by her children, Ethel, Archie and Quentin, the children's governess and Mrs. Roosevelt's maid, left Washington for Ferdinand, Fla., on the Florida limited over the Southern Railway. At Ferdinand they will board the Mayflower for a cruise of about ten days in West Indian waters.

## MYSTERY NOT SOLVED

ARREST OF BULGARIANS AT DULUTH THROWS NO LIGHT ON MINNEAPOLIS MURDERS.

PRISONERS MAINTAIN THEIR INNOCENCE

DECLARE VICTIMS WERE ALIVE AND WELL WHEN SUSPECTS LEFT THE MILL CITY.

Duluth, March 30.—The mystery surrounding the six gruesome murders which horrified the citizens of Minneapolis Wednesday was only deepened during the morning by the arrest here of eleven Bulgarians who were residents of the house at 243 Tenth avenue south, where the crime was committed.

Cross-questioned individually five of the eleven prisoners tell the same story and maintain their innocence of any complicity in the crime and even their ignorance of it until they were enlightened by the police. If their story is true the Minneapolis police have struck the wrong trail and it shatters all theories of the murders which have hitherto been held and leaves the police absolutely at sea for even a theory for the motive for the crime and the identity of the criminals. The facts as told by Kuzman Stekuloff, the leader of the band, are these:

Came From Northern Turkey.

For the last year or more there has been a band of Bulgarians from the province of Presbad, in the northern part of Turkey, working in the woods and camps of Northern Minnesota. The members of this band were all from the same part of the province and were headed by Stekuloff, who acted in the capacity of padrone or leader. He was the only member of the band who could speak English, having been in this country about five years, and he provided work for his followers, hiring them out to work in the mines, on the railroads and in the logging camps. During the winter the members of this band have been working near the village of Albion, in this county. About four months ago Stekuloff rented the house at 243 Tenth avenue south, Minneapolis, planning to bring some other of his countrymen over to America. The party included his bride, Uloka Nardova, whom he had married about a year ago while on a visit to his old home.

Petros Stojer, a middle aged man and a member of Stekuloff's band, was left in charge of the house about two months ago and since that time he has been keeping bachelor's hall there, getting his own meals and keeping the house in readiness for the other members of the party.

Reached Minneapolis Last Week.

One week ago Wednesday Stekuloff and the six men who are dead completed their work at Albion and went to Minneapolis with their winter's wages in their pockets.

Saturday the party of immigrants arrived from Bulgaria and the sixteen people occupied the house Saturday and Sunday. Monday afternoon Stekuloff started for Duluth with the newcomers, leaving the six members of his old band behind him in Minneapolis. They were planning to go out on some railroad section work, while Stekuloff intended to bring the new arrivals to the northern part of the state to work in the mines.

He arrived here with his party Monday night. The party comprised himself and his wife, two boys about fifteen years of age, seven young men ranging from twenty to thirty-five years of age and Petros Stojer, the member of the old band who had been left in charge of the Minneapolis house. Stojer and Stekuloff were the only ones who had spent any length of time in this country, the others having come direct from New York, where they landed. Some of the members, according to Stekuloff's story, went down to the train with the party and saw them safely off. That was the last seen of the six alive and Stekuloff and the members of his party are at a loss to know the cause of the murders.

Ignorant of Cause for Crime.

Stekuloff, when questioned, claimed that all of the men were very good friends and confessed entire ignorance as to what could have been the cause of the murders. He says that there are no other Bulgarians in this part of the country. He knows of no criminal organization or feud that could have prompted the murders. All had money, having been working for two months at Albion. Of the six men left at Minneapolis four were brothers named Jaleess. Asked if they had had trouble with any persons in Minneapolis he said they had not. As to the articles of a religious significance found in the house he said his people all belonged to the Bulgarian church and carried these things with them always and held services among themselves. The men will be held here until Minneapolis directs what shall be done with them. The correct names of the men murdered are:

NUKOLA JALESS.  
ANDRI JALESS.  
ANGELO JALESS.  
THOMAS JALESS.  
KRISPIN WUJKOSS.  
KRIVIE MITIE.

O'Leary & Bowser  
Bemidji, Minnesota

## SPRING!

is here at last, and as usual we are supplying the greater part of the Spring Merchandise used in this locality.

## WHY? THAT'S EASY!

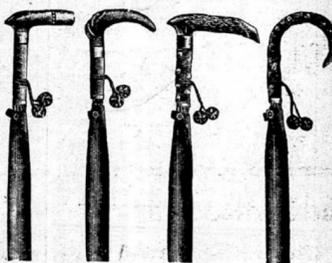
We show the largest assortment of reliable Merchandise, our price is the same to all. We refund money on any purchase if the goods are returned in good condition. Our price is always the lowest. Why shouldn't we sell the goods.

## Men's Hats.

We are the only store in Bemidji buying hats direct from the factory—my! how they sell—just as much difference between a factory \$3.00 hat and a jobbing house \$3.00 as between day and night. Youman Hats \$5. Our Best \$3.50. Our Special \$3. Our Leader \$2.50. All made at the Roelof Factory.

## Canes and Umbrellas

We are showing a fine assortment of 26 inch and 28 inch Umbrellas at from 50 cents to \$7.00 each



Men's canes from 50 cents to \$8.00 each

## Shoes for wet weather



Ladies' 12 inch outing boot, made from best viscolized leather \$5.50, same in 16 inch top \$6.50. Men's viscolized cruising boot 12 inch top \$5.50, same in 16 inch top \$6.50. Boys' cruising boot, extra good quality, \$3.00.

## Neckwear

You can see the new colors and shapes in spring neckwear, price

25c, 35, and 50c



## Men's Shirts.

We carry the Monarch, Elgin, Summit, and Gold and Silver shirts, new fabrics and new styles, price \$1.00 to \$1.50.



## Clothing



Men's suits and overcoats, the kind that fits and wears, \$10.00 to \$25.00. You will feel well dressed in one of these garments. Boys' and Children's Clothing. Buster Brown suits \$2.50 to \$6.00. Children's 2-piece suits, \$2 to \$10. Boys 3-piece long pant suits, \$5.00 to \$15.00.

## Munsing Underwear.

Men's union suits \$1.00 to \$2.50 a suit. Women's union suits \$1. to \$3.50 a suit. Women's two-piece suits 50c a garment.



Candies: We have received a large shipment of Candies that conform with the Pure Food Law. Mixed Candies, not as bright colors as you have been used to, but more wholesome, 15c a pound, good chocolates 20c a pound, best chocolates 40c a pound.

Home goods: We sell the best imported English Linoleums at \$1.50 per sq. yard, other grades at 62 1-2c and 75c. Carpet Sweepers: \$2 to \$3 each. Window shades, 25c to \$2.00 each. Rugs, \$2 to \$35 each. Lace Curtains from 60c to \$15 a pair. Sewing Machines: New Ideal, 15.00 to 23.00, New Home, 35.00 to 40.00. Wall Paper: If you are going to paper your home this spring we want you to see our stock of wall paper, 10c to 60c a double roll.

## Money Savers for Friday and Saturday.

1000 yards of standard prints worth up to 8 cents a yard, take what you want at 5 cents a yard. 500 yards of wash goods, short ends out in many pieces enough for a dress, our regular price from 10 to 25 cents a yard, take what you need at 9 cents a yard. Embroidery Friday morning, we will place on sale 300 yards of embroidery worth from 10 to 15 cents a yard and the price will be 7 cents a yard. 200 yards of lace worth from 5 to 10 cents, Friday and Saturday only 3 1/2 cents a yard. Garters, 1 gross of ladies, misses and children's garters, fresh goods right out of the factory, never been on our shelves, choice 10 cents a pair. Coat hangers, round hard wood coat hangers the 10 cent kind for 5 cents each. 10 cent sewing machine oil for 5 cents a bottle.

# PRICES FORCED DOWN

By order of N. J. Bohlke, Representative in charge at

## J. A. McCONKEY'S

Bemidji, Minnesota

On account of the limited time allowed to turn this entire stock into cash, the mediator in charge has been instructed to make a still deeper cut on every article in the store.

## So Here We Go For A Final Wind-Up

20 pounds best granulated sugar for	\$1	5c yeast foam now,	3c
9 bars of Kirk's Laundry Soap, for	25c	22c coffee, per lb., now,	18c
5 cans of 10c Sugar Corn, for	25c	28c coffee, per lb., now,	20c
5 dozen best hardwood clothes pins,	5c	30c coffee, per lb., now,	22c
50c plug tobacco now,	37c	35c coffee, per lb., now,	28c
40c plug tobacco now,	25c	<b>Men's Underwear at a Great Bargain</b>	
20c smoking tobacco now,	10c	50c underwear now,	29c
12 1-2c prunes, per lb., now,	8c	75c underwear now,	39c
20c scrub brushes now,	9c	\$1.50 underwear (all wool) now,	79c

## Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

128 pairs of Misses Shoes, regular price \$1.25 to \$1.50  
**Extra Special now 79c**

148 pairs of Ladies' Shoes, regular value \$1.50 to \$2.00  
**Extra Special now 98c**

115 pairs of Ladies' high grade shoes, regular value \$2.50 to \$3.00. Cut to sell every pair in two days.

**Now \$1.48**

**Reduced to \$1.48**

These goods must be sold this week and prices are here to do it.

## Remember this is our last week

Must vacate store

# Saturday, March 31

at 12 O'clock Midnight.

Thanking you one and all for your attendance at the sale the last week, and hoping you will all be here each and every day until the final wind-up, we are

Faithfully Yours,

**N. J. Bohlke,**

Representative in Charge.