

WARSAW'S DEFENSE IS STRENGTHENED

(American Press)
London, Dec. 21.—The Russian army defending Warsaw has been strengthened along the entire line, and only a battle of enormous proportion will permit the Germans to break through the battle line which extends from the Vistula river to the Pilawa river.

Athens, Dec. 21.—French and British warships succeeded in bombarding the interior forts of Dardanelles Saturday, declare reports which have been received here.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Two new lines of German trenches have been taken by French troops, two miles south of La-Bassee. With the allied warships aiding in fighting along the coast by a heavy bombardment of the German lines, battle in Flanders and northern France is steadily increasing in ferocity.

NO EMPTY STOCKINGS HERE

Good Fellows, Associated Charities and Elks Have This as Their Christmas Slogan.

HAVE LIST OF NEEDY FAMILIES

"No empty stockings in Bemidji on Christmas morning."
This is the slogan of the poor committee of the Associated Charities, which has been doing such wonderful work in the relieving of suffering here, the Christmas committee of the Elks lodge and a few Good Fellows. And what is more the slogan will be carried out, if these people have their way about it, and every attempt will be made to see that not one stocking is hung in vain.

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the work of the Good Fellows, let us repeat. No money is solicited for the Good Fellow movement. The poor committee of the Associated Charities, phone 60 or 54, has a list of families in need of food, clothing, other necessities and toys. These names have been checked over. The list gives the name of the family, gives the names and ages of the children, and in a general way their needs. The Good Fellow is given necessary information, calls on the family, ascertains their needs, and as far as possible, fills them. There is no publicity attached to it, and service is the keynote rather than mere giving. The Good Fellow tries at least to see that the family has what warm clothing is needed, a Christmas dinner, and a few inexpensive toys for the children. The families vary in size from one child to ten or twelve, and the Good Fellow may spend from \$1 to \$100 or more if he cares to. Nobody will know how much he spends but himself.

That, in brief, is the Good Fellow plan, and up-to-date this year many families have been cared for. There is still a list of available names, and the committee earnestly hopes they will be assigned before Christmas.

To Attract Crowd.
Plans are being made by the supporters of the basketball team to appear on the streets tonight in an effort to attract a large crowd to the contest between Little Falls and the local five. Headed by the Dutch band, the rooters will march through the streets and will play in public places.

Smith Visits Bemidji.
W. A. Smith, of St. Paul, traveling freight agent of the Great Northern railroad, spent today in Bemidji on official business.

CASS LAKE "BOOZE" DUMPED

Deputies Brandt and Carson Invade Cass Lake Hotel.

Thirty dollars worth of rum, whiskey and brandy was destroyed at the hotel, Cass Lake, this afternoon. Special Indian Agents Brandt and Carson. The Tedford saloon was closed December 1, the same day as the nineteen Bemidji retail liquor houses. The agents left Bemidji at noon today, returning this afternoon.

Special Agent LeMarr left Saturday night for Iowa. He will not return to Bemidji until after the holidays.

INTEREST AT HIGH PITCH

Large Number of Girls Make Big Gains During Week in Race For Huffman & O'Leary Piano.

LEADERS ARE CLOSELY BUNCHED

Interest in the Huffman & O'Leary free piano contest has been at a high pitch during the past week and as a consequence a large number of the contestants have made surprisingly

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DANCE WAS BIG SUCCESS.

U. C. T. Women Add \$43 to Relief Work of Associated Charities.

Even more successful than had been hoped, was the dance given by wives of the Bemidji United Commercial Travelers council members, Saturday evening, \$43.13 being cleared, the total to be turned over to the Associated Charities for the purpose of assisting in making Christmas joyful for the city's poor. The women are deserving of much praise for the success and spirit of the affair. It proved to be one of the most enjoyable dances given here in some time and all who attended were much delighted. Forty-five couples attended. The city council donated the use of the hall, Long Brothers' Union orchestra, the music, and Koors Brothers company, the frappe. A member of the committee in charge said this morning: "We wish to thank those who aided us in making the dance the success that it was, and we surely appreciate their efforts."

HIGH SCHOOL TO PLAY.

Will Take Part in Double-Header at Armory This Evening.

Togged out in their nifty new suits, the high school basketball five, the best that the institution has ever turned out, will play the All-Stars as a preliminary to the Big-Bemidji-Little Falls game this evening. The new suits have been donated by Gill Brothers and are of white with blue lettering. The stockings are of white with blue stripes. A large B is on the front of the jersey while Gill Brothers is printed across the back. The All-Stars will have an exceptionally fast team in the game and the contest is certain to be close. This game will start at 8 o'clock.

TO RETURN FOR CHRISTMAS

Governor-elect W. S. Hammond has deferred his departure from Washington for a week and will not take up his residence in St. Paul until one week before he assumes office, January 4. He announced when leaving recently for Washington that he expected to return about December 15, but said in Washington Saturday that he will not start back until December 23 and he will go direct to St. James, remaining there until December 28, when he will go to St. Paul and occupy his permanent bachelor headquarters.

WILL BE CLOSELY FOUGHT

"Big Bemidji" Basketball Five to Have Real Strength Tested in Little Falls Contest Tonight.

VARSITY STARS WITH VISITORS

For the first time this year, the "Big Bemidji" basketball team will have an opportunity to show its real strength when the fast Little Falls organization plays here this evening. The local team, which is placed, without dispute, as one of the nation's best basketball quints, has had things all its own way in games played thus far this year, but with the games of tonight and tomorrow evening "Big Bemidji" will be forced to "deliver the goods," in order to win.

Little Falls, with its lineup of former and present Varsity stars, comes to Bemidji with a spirit of confidence and is certain that both games will be won.

At forwards for Little Falls will be found Swanson and Longley, the former at one time being a Hamline captain and the latter at one time played with Minnesota University basketball and baseball teams; at center, Brannon, a Little Falls high school star, will be stationed; at guards will be Diedrich and Pynn. These last two named players need no introduction to Bemidji residents who are followers of University athletics. Diedrich was th captain of last year's baseball team, playing shortstop, and starred as a member of the 1914 football eleven, playing quarterback. Pynn is captain of the "U" quint this year. Ritter, who will substitute, is a member of the U. of M. basketball squad this year. Bemidji will be without the services of Bestul, the star guard.

The game is certain to be a "hummer" and one of the largest crowds since the Fond du Lac series of last winter is expected to be in attendance.

The preliminary game will start at 8 o'clock. High school versus All-Stars.

CHARITY SALE A SUCCESS

Woman Clerks Make Hit at Barker's and Poor Fund Receives Substantial Boost As Result.

"MAY HAVE POSITION ANY TIME"

That the citizens of Bemidji are outdoing themselves this year in giving charity a splendid boost, is evidenced by the support they gave the sale at Barker's last Saturday.

The women, Mrs. E. H. Smith, Mrs. A. P. White, Mrs. T. C. Bailey and Miss Rubie Henrionnet, who were in charge of the various departments, proved themselves excellent saleswomen, and as Mr. Barker stated, "can have a job in my store any time they ask for it." To these women belongs much of the credit for the success of the sale.

The cigar department proved to be a big drawing card for the men, and Miss Henrionnet was on the job every minute, proving herself capable of meeting every emergency.

In the jewelry department Mrs. T. C. Bailey "delivered the goods" in a manner entirely satisfactory to both the management of the store and its patrons. Sales here showed a decided increase, much being due to her efforts.

Mrs. A. P. White, in the phonograph department, and Mrs. E. H. Smith, in the kodak and sundry departments, proved themselves proper persons to handle these difficult lines of merchandise. The result of the day's proceeds netted the local charities organization \$50.

CHILD LAW SHOULD BE MADE BETTER

State Board of Control Goes On Record as Favoring Revision and Codification of Statutes.

QUOTE FROM BEMIDJI ADDRESS

Reformatory for Woman is Also Advised in Recommendation in Biennial Report to Governor.

The Minnesota board of control has gone on record, in its biennial report to Governor Eberhart, as in full sympathy with the efforts of sociological workers to obtain an intelligent revision and codification of laws relating to children. In this regard the board quotes from the address of Judge E. F. Waite, delivered in Bemidji during the session of the Charities and Correction. Judge Waite is of the Hennepin county juvenile court.

Some of Waite's Suggestions.

Judge Waite suggested laws relating to marriage, making provision for illegitimate children, and regulating midwives and lying-in hospitals; laws safe-guarding the health of children; penal laws regulating child labor and punishing those who desert their families or those furnishing children with firearms, tobacco, intoxicants, or obscene literature.

The great gap in the Minnesota system of correcting delinquents is the lack of a woman's reformatory. This is the conclusion reached by the board and submitted in the report to Governor Eberhart, advance sheets of which were made public Saturday.

Public Guardian Needed.

The board also points out the need of a public guardian and attorney for those discharged from state institutions, and the need for revising laws relating to children.

"Probation systems cannot solve the problem," said the report. "The woman offender needs a physical and mental environment suited to her. Under the present system the woman habitual offender goes to the workhouse or jail again, and may finally reach the prison, if her offense is great enough. There is a growing number of women offenders in Minnesota."

Vice and Crime Spread.

"Nothing is being done for them in the way of reformation, with the result that misery, vice and crime are spreading. It would seem time to aid the female offender, neglect of whom can only mean a heavier burden in the increase of the delinquent, defective and dependent classes."

Furnish Legal Advice.

The need of a public guardian becomes more urgent each year, said the report. It would be the duty of such an official to investigate all legal matters relating to the personal affairs of such state charges as by reason of poverty, indifference of relatives, cannot obtain legal advice.

During the biennial period 350 investigations have been made in deportation cases and 220 deportations, effecting a saving to the state of \$230,000 on the estimated basis of the cost of maintaining state wards during their average life.

The total appropriations asked for by the board are \$6,340,933. This sum is \$283,467 less than that asked for two years ago. The board calls attention to the fact that the state should continue the policy of fireproofing all buildings, as the state no longer carries outside insurance on them.

New Buildings Needed.

To better the service at the state sanatorium at Walker the report said certain additional buildings are needed.

STORES OPEN EVENINGS

Merchants of Bemidji have announced that all stores, beginning tonight, will be open every evening between now and Christmas. Do your shopping now.

MAJOR M'LAUGHLIN WAS HERE

ed, which will make the institution one of the most complete of its kind in the country. Attention of the legislative body is called to the fact that additional land at some of the institutions is needed. The board wants \$25,000 a year for this purpose.

DAKOTAN ADMITS GUILT

Conscience Stricken, Charles Gunn Asks Sheriff Johnson to Arrest Him and Awaits Arrival of Official.

HAD STOLEN LOAD OF WHEAT

Conscience stricken, and desiring to return to his wife and little child, Charles Gunn, who lives eleven miles from Willow City, North Dakota, wandered into the office of Sheriff Johnson Sunday morning and asked that he might be placed in jail, admitting that he stole a wagonload of wheat at Willow City, December 2, later selling it at Bantry.

On being admitted to the sheriff's office, Gunn said:

"I wish you would arrest me."

"What for?" was the startled reply of Johnson.

"I am the man who is wanted in North Dakota for the stealing of a load of wheat," answered Gunn, his eyes filling with tears.

Gunn cried like a child while repeating his story to the sheriff and said that he wanted to return home and tell the whole story. He told of how he and Lewis Anderson, who is still at large, stole the wheat, selling it for \$43.20, dividing the "spoils."

Sheriff Johnson saw that the man was given breakfast and at once telephoned to Sheriff S. O. Sampson of Towner, McHenry county, of the confession. The sheriff wired to hold Gunn. He arrived here early this morning, returning on the next train with his prisoner.

THAW MUST RETURN

(American Press)
Washington, Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw must go back to New York state for trial on a charge of conspiracy as a result of a decision rendered by the United States supreme court today. The higher court reversed the decision of the United States court in New Hampshire, which granted Thaw a writ of habeas corpus.

Slated for Marshal.

Harvey Grimmer, of St. Cloud, who is slated to be Minnesota's next United States marshal, was in Bemidji today. Mr. Grimmer, it is understood, has been offered the position of secretary to Governor-elect Hammond, but refused to accept the honor. He served in this capacity during the administration of Governor Johnson.

A. B. Herrell, of International Falls, one of the Koochiching county ditch engineers, was in Bemidji today enroute home from Kelliher, near which place he has been on a week's inspection trip.

CHIPPEWAS TO GO BEFORE CONGRESS

Conference Held Here by Members of Executive Committee Results in Naming of Delegates.

MAJOR M'LAUGHLIN WAS HERE

Oldest Man, in Point of Service, of Nation's Indian Department Honors Bemidji With Another Visit.

In keeping with the plan of the Minnesota Indian Chippewa council, a delegation of its members will leave January eighth for Washington where they will appear before members of congress for the purpose of advocating the passage of legislation which they deem proper for the benefit of redskins of this state.

This was decided at a meeting of the council's executive committee held here Saturday night and attended by Nat Head, of Red Lake; Ed Rogers of Walker; Henry Warren, of Bena; Ben Fairbanks of White Earth, and several others.

The Council's Purpose.

The chief purpose for the establishment of the Council was to unite the Minnesota Chippewas, thereby bringing into one force the demands that certain conditions now existing in their control by the government be changed; that they be given better opportunities; that they be given a chance for a broader self-government, and that tribal funds be handled with a different method than is now the case. Two conferences of the Indians have been held, both being very successful.

Go To Washington.

This legislative committee, which will go to Washington next month, will comprise Ed Rogers, county attorney of Cass county and former chief of the Chippewas; Nat Head, the prominent Red Lake Indian, and the council's first secretary; Ben Fairbanks, of White Earth; Henry Warren, of Bena, and one not decided upon. They will lay certain matters before congress and ask that they be righted, and will also ask wider legislation on several propositions, which the Indians feel is rightfully theirs.

Major McLaughlin Here.

In attendance at the meeting of Saturday was Major James McLaughlin, of Washington. The major was here in connection with the approving of certain bills which are to be presented for payment of expenses in the scaling of the Mille Lacs reservation timber, over which there is some dispute as to the amount due the Indians.

Major McLaughlin, who has made previous trips to Bemidji, is a man 78 years old and has been in the service of the United States Indian department for a longer period than any other employe, forty-four years. When it is considered that this department has more than 6,000 employes the record is all the more remarkable. He has been in the service thirteen years longer than any other officer of the department and is still attentive to all matters which come under his jurisdiction, being one of the most valuable men of the large staff.

Agent at Fort Yates.

It was the police of Major McLaughlin, during the time that he was agent at Fort Yates in 1879, who killed Sitting Bull, the great Indian warrior of that time. McLaughlin had ordered his men to capture the chief, either dead or alive. Several of the police were killed in an encounter with braves of Sitting Bull, but the famous warrior was shot in a battle which soon followed, a detachment of cavalry taking a prominent part.

The major takes much delight in telling of his early experiences and says that the period was the most enjoyable of his entire life. He is the author of "My Friend, the Indian."

Council Meets Tonight.

For the last session of 1914, the Bemidji council will meet in its chambers at the City hall at 8 o'clock this evening. According to George Stein, city clerk, the meeting will be short, as there is but little business to be disposed of.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thatcher of Spokane, Washington, will be the guests of Mrs. Thatcher's sister, Mrs. E. E. Kenfield of Lake Boulevard, during the holidays.

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER

The Two Strongest Fighters In The Army Come Together

By "HOP"

