

GERMANS DROP BOMBS UPON BRITISH DOVER PORT 10 MILES FROM LONDON

(American Press)
London, Dec. 24.—A German aeroplane today dropped bombs upon the British port of Dover. Guns in the fortifications were fired upon the hostile aircraft, but the aeronaut escaped. No serious damage was done by the bombs. Dover is sixty miles from London.

London, Dec. 24.—The eighty-mile front in Russian Poland to the west of Warsaw, where the Germans and Russians are at grips on the banks of the Bzura, Rawka and Pilica rivers, continues to be the scene of the most desperate fighting in either the eastern or western arenas of the war.

When the weather conditions under which the troops are fighting are recalled the sufferings of the men in the trenches may be appreciated to some extent. The country is experiencing the full force of winter. Each side has sustained tremendous losses in the battle of the rivers, and although the Germans claim to have forced the Russian line to retire at a number of points it is pointed out in reports reaching London that the Russian line has been straightened and that the Russians have the strategic advantage. Berlin, however, contends the German attacks forced the Russians to fall back and that the German positions are satisfactory. Further desperate fighting is in prospect in this region before a decision is reached.

DESERVE MUCH CREDIT

Many Poor Families of Bemidji Cared for by Associated Charities.

Through the Associated Charities, the Salvation Army and the Bemidji Elks lodge, efforts have been made to provide every poor family of Bemidji with provisions for a Merry Christmas. To the committee of the Associated Charities, especially, belongs much credit for the splendid work which has been done. The home of every family, reported as being in need of assistance, has been visited and today baskets are being distributed from the Salvation Army quarters. Mesdames A. P. White and E. H. Smith, of the Associated Charities, have devoted almost entirely all of their time during the past three weeks to the investigating of poverty-stricken homes and as a consequence much happiness has been caused. Bemidji should feel proud of the organization known as the Associated Charities.

ANDREWS MAKES RECORD

Attorney Drives From Minneapolis Through Snow and Cold.

A. A. Andrews, the Bemidji attorney, following a drive taken during two of the winter's coldest days, reached home last evening from Minneapolis in his new Franklin 30. The trip, with the exception of a snow drift interfering for two hours, was made without accident of any kind, and Mr. Andrews claims that he established a record for actual running time, making the distance in just twelve hours, even in the face of the cold. Although a great deal of snow was encountered between Park Rapids and Bemidji, the run was made in the remarkable time of two hours and thirty minutes. The machine, which was purchased through Chad Jewett, of Bemidji, is the only late model Franklin owned in Bemidji, and is a five-passenger touring car. Mr. Andrews says that he enjoyed the December trip.

Mrs. Carl A. Johnson went to Duluth today where she will spend the Christmas holidays, the guest of her mother. Mr. Johnson will join his wife at Duluth tomorrow.

RECOMMEND PLAN

Hammond Favors Program of Efficiency Board and Will Urge Immediate Temperance Legislation.

HAS UNIQUE DISTINCTION

So busy has W. S. Hammond, governor-elect of Minnesota, been during the past few days that when he left Washington yesterday he had not had opportunity to write his inaugural address and he announced that he may give it January 6 and then write it later. "If I can find the time," said Mr. Hammond, "I shall write the address in St. James, or, if it becomes necessary, I can deliver it first and write it out afterward. The message will not be long." "I shall recommend the program of the economy and efficiency commission," said Mr. Hammond in discussing the message. "I shall ask for the resubmission of the constitutional amendment for the initiative and referendum. I shall suggest that temperance legislation be taken up yearly and that controversial questions be disposed of so that the remainder of the session may be devoted to constructive work."

Mr. Hammond said he was much impressed with the unique distinction he will have of being the first governor in the country to work with a legislature that has no partisan standing. "It is the first in the country," said Mr. Hammond. "It is a most interesting experience. Of course the members of this legislature are republicans or democrats in other relations. The legislature may be non-partisan only on the surface. But nevertheless it gives the governor an opportunity to confer with the members regarding legislation and the good of the state on a common business basis. The way this experiment will work out will depend to a large degree upon the legislature itself. It will no doubt be watched with considerable interest by other states."

During his six years' official residence in Washington, Mr. Hammond has belonged to and lived in the University club. He has many friends there and was the guest of honor at a dinner in the club last Saturday night. Afterward a longer meeting took place in the club reception room. Eulogistic speeches were made by Congressman James Manahan and Clarence B. Miller and by Assistant Secretary of Commerce Sweet, who served several years in congress alongside Mr. Hammond. The governor-elect responded to the eulogistic remarks with his customary modesty, brushing aside suggestions of the senate and even the presidency and adding that the governorship of Minnesota was a big office. The most that any man could hope was that he might feel it acceptably, he said.

Open Late Tonight.

Bemidji barbers have announced that the shops will be open until 11 o'clock this evening, but that they will be closed all day tomorrow.

No Issue Tomorrow.

Tomorrow being Christmas day there will be no issue of the Daily Pioneer.

Miss Florence Grimoldby of Virginia, Minnesota, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Earl Geil, during the holidays. She will remain here for a short time.

There will be a dance in the City hall this evening. The affair is given by Williams & Williams.

CHRISTMAS AGAIN!

Once more the hallowed, gracious Christmas time is upon the earth. At last the long year of toil over tools and arts and industries is all but ended. The Christmas festival, dedicated to happiness and good will, has come. This morning the whole city has awakened to quadruple joy. The very atmosphere of our earth is rosy, stained with the rich colors of the heart. All windows are bright with holly and evergreen. Parents have discovered that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Joy runs riot in the heart of little children. Youth overflows with animal spirits. Suddenly the aged have shed their years and become young again. Before the light had fully dawned the carols had begun to be heard in the churches. And every passing hour will be heard larger multitudes thronging to these temples of the soul. All feel that no flowers are sweeter enough, no songs bright enough, no gifts rich enough for the Christmas day. For once all strife and enmity have disappeared from the market place.—Rev. Newell D. Hillis, D. D.

NATIONS BEST PLAY HERE

Manager Jacobson of "Big Bemidji" Basketball Quint Arranges Contests With Championship Teams.

MILL CITY TEAM HERE TUESDAY

During the next two months Bemidji's speedy basketball five is going to meet stiff opposition in its race for the championship of the United States and Carl Jacobson, manager, has just announced a schedule which is one of the most difficult ever attempted by any quint.

Chaska, a team which claims the state title; Red Wing, for many years prominent in Minnesota basketball and the team which first brought the game into popularity in the northwest; Oswego, New York, the five which held the nation's title until defeated by Fond du Lac; the Billings Triple B's, a team which needs no introduction here; the fast Superior Y. M. E. A., and many other organizations of high repute will be seen on the local floor before the completion of the season's play.

On next Tuesday a fast Minneapolis team, the Independents, will play here. One game will be played and because of the heavy expense, a charge of 35 cents will be made.

The schedule as announced by Manager Jacobson, all games to be played here, follows:

Dec. 29.—Minneapolis Independents.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—St. Cloud.
Jan. 7 and 8.—Chaska.
Jan. 12-13-14.—Red Wing.
Jan. 29.—Foston or Pine River.
Feb. 4-5-6.—Oswego, New York.
During February the Duluth Rotary club, Superior Y. M. E. A., Billings and Fond du Lac, will also be encountered.

FREE TREE FOR PUBLIC

Salvation Army and Associated Charities Have Unique Plan.

On next Wednesday evening, December 30, a big program and Christmas tree will be held in the City hall under the auspices of the Associated Charities and the Salvation Army. Although plans for the affair, which is to be public, have not been completed, several of the city's most talented persons have consented to take part on the program, including Miss Rubie Henriotnet and Miss Hazel Southworth.

PROHIBITION WILL BE ISSUE IN 1916

Is Prediction of "Dry" as Result of Majority Vote Secured on Hobson Resolution Tuesday.

BOTH SIDES ARE SATISFIED

Opponents to Measure Say That Question Has Been Shelved for Years to Come—Senate Action Pending.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Opponents of prohibition in congress are confidently predicting that the defeat by the house of the Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the state legislatures meant that the issue was dead so far as action at this session is concerned.

On the other hand prohibition leaders were triumphantly pointing to their majority of eight votes for the resolution and although it failed to receive the two-thirds vote necessary to adoption asserted their expectations had been fulfilled. They declared that despite their temporary defeat they would continue the fight.

Both sides appeared to be well satisfied with the result. Anti-prohibitionists hailed it as a distinct victory, while the supporters of prohibition asserted that they were exceedingly gratified over the outcome of their first contest on the floor of congress. Senate Resolution Pending.

Although a resolution similar to the Hobson resolution is pending in the senate, introduced by Senator Shepard of Texas, administration leaders in congress expressed the belief that it would not reach a vote as a result of the action of the house.

Representative Henry of Texas, chairman of the house rules committee, who vigorously opposed the Hobson resolution, predicts that as a result of the vote in the house the question of prohibition will not again be brought up on the floor of congress as a national issue for twenty years. Prohibition leaders, however, including Representative Hobson, predict that prohibition will be a national issue in the 1916 campaign.

Representatives of the national executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America declared that the temperance forces of the country had reason to be gratified by the result.

BEMIDJI READY FOR XMAS

Fine Spirit Prevails Here and Ample Preparations Have Been Made for City's Children.

CHURCHES TO HOLD SERVICES

Today there is an air of strong expectancy in the home of every Bemidji child, and Old Santa is making a special effort to see that not a single one is disappointed.

Preparations for the Christmas celebration have about been completed and special entertainments have been planned in nearly all of the Bemidji churches, the programs being printed in last evening's issue of the Pioneer.

The program of the Baptist church was given last evening, and the others will be given as follows: Presbyterian church, this evening. Episcopal church, 5 o'clock Christmas afternoon.

Methodist church, cantata, tomorrow evening. Swedish Lutheran, Sunday evening.

First Scandinavian Lutheran, Monday night. Salvation Army Wednesday night in the City hall.

At the Catholic church special services will be held on Christmas. Rev.



Fr. J. J. T. Philippe will say mass at St. Anthony's hospital Christmas morning at 6 o'clock. First mass at the church at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass at 10 o'clock a. m. and preaching as usual. A 3 o'clock in the afternoon a special service will be given for the children, and at 7:30, Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

COOPERATE WITH FARMER

J. J. Hill Tells Bankers That Prosperity of State Rests on Agriculture—Favors More Live Stock.

SAYS COUNTRY NEEDS REST

In his recent address before the 400 bankers of the state, delivered at a St. Paul banquet, James J. Hill emphatically reiterated his contention that the actual basis of Minnesota's prosperity and the success of her business institutions rest primarily upon the success of the state's agricultural development.

He expounded the true dignity of the agriculturist and his importance to the community and the world, urging the great co-operation between the banker and the farmer. He discussed the methods by which the farmer must finance his enterprises and told the bankers how they might best serve him.

He declared that the soil never wears out, and soil that is said to have been exhausted merely has been abused, and can be restored by patient endeavor. The various ways of improving the land were outlined, chiefly among which he recommended the raising of more live stock. The mineral requirements also were discussed, and the speaker emphasized the need of a soil survey throughout Minnesota.

Mr. Hill touched briefly on the tariff, monetary laws and other legislation, declaring that it is high time for the powers at Washington to give the country the rest cure.

The advantages or disadvantages to America at the outcome of the present European war, he declared to be problematical. At the close of the war there probably will be a great many people coming here from foreign lands, he declared, and this is likely to tend to cheapen both farm and factory labor.

If they are not permitted to come, they will have to remain in Europe, where they must live, accepting whatever wages they can earn. These men, women and children will produce the different products in the European factories and they will be sent to America in competition with our products.

* POSTOFFICE OPEN *
* 3 HOURS TOMORROW *
* The general delivery window of the Bemidji postoffice will be open three hours tomorrow, from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m., announced Anton Erickson, postmaster, this morning. *

Need any news? Try a want ad.

BEMIDJI ONE OF 19 DRY TOWNS

Closing Orders of Government Indian Department Have Put Seventy-two Saloons Out of Business.

ACTIVITIES CEASE FOR PRESENT

F. W. Zollman, Brewing Association Attorney, Makes Comment on Furloughing of Treaty Action.

Bemidji is one of the nineteen towns in northern Minnesota which have been closed by agents of the Federal Indian bureau under the terms of the Chippewa Indian treaty of 1855. Counting the twenty-two saloons of this city which were ordered to discontinue business, seventy-two drinking establishments of the 204 in the territory covered by the treaty have been ordered closed. F. W. Zollman, of St. Paul, attorney for the Minnesota Brewers' association, who has made a study of the treaty and is perhaps better informed concerning its provisions than any other man, says that he does not expect to see any more saloons closed for some time to come.

Agents Have Left.

While one to four Indian agents have been in Bemidji continually since the order to close has been effective, this city is now without a single representative of the department. Before leaving, Agent Brandt, Chief Larson's first assistant, announced that he would return to Bemidji soon after the holidays, but refused to give out any information concerning plans.

Funkley to Close.

While no authoritative statement has been made by the officials, it is understood that the next town to feel the sting of the "lid" will be Funkley. Considerable mention has been given the Funkley situation.

Only Seven Included.

"Only seven of the towns are actually in Indian country," said Mr. Zollman. "They are Walker, Cass Lake, Bemidji, Federal Dam, Bena, Ballclub and Boy River. The department has authority under the treaty to establish a zone outside the actual Indian country in which saloons must close, but not to extend the closing order all over the treaty territory regardless of whether it is Indian country." Towns in the Mesaba and Cuyuna iron ranges have been working through a committee against the closing order, and believe it will not be extended to them.

The places made "dry" by federal order, and the number of saloons closed in each, are as follows: Walker, 2; Bemidji, 21; Cass Lake, 8; Federal Dam, 1; Ballclub, 1; Bena, 4; Shevlin, 1; Solway, 1; Hackensack, 1; Boy River, 1; Detroit, 6; Pillager, 1; Park Rapids, 4; Frazee, 4; Deer River, 7; Henstrike, 1; Kelliher, 6; Wilton, 1; Turtle River, 1.

Citizens of Park Rapids, Deer River and Kelliher are making protests against the order, claiming that Indians never visit those places.

CHARTER IS UPHELD

(American Press)
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—St. Paul's commission charter was upheld by the state supreme court today. Writ in quo warranto proceedings brought by Attorney General Smith to test the constitutionality of the charter was quashed. The suit was brought by the attorney general at the instigation of a group of St. Paul lawyers.

PAID OCEAN TICKET TAX

Devils Lake Man Purchases Ticket for Old Country.

After deliberating for but twenty minutes, William Anderson, of near Devils Lake, N. D., decided to visit the old country, and accordingly he visited the Union Station and purchased a ticket of R. E. Fisher, the agent for Copenhagen, Denmark. He will leave tonight for New York, and sails from their December 30, via Liverpool. Anderson is the first passenger from here to pay the \$3 war tax on ocean tickets, which became effective December 1.

A new fire alarm, operated by a weight falling when a fusible link is melted, not only rings a gong but also fires several blank cartridges.

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER

There's A Mix-up Somewhere, Santa

By "HOP"

