

10,000 FILIPINOS PLAN FORT ATTACK

(By American Press) Manila, Dec. 26.—Eight Filipinos were arrested today on a charge of sedition as a result of abortive uprising in Manila and its environs Thursday night.

METZ IS UNDER FIRE

(By American Press) Paris, Dec. 26.—The outer defenses of Metz are reported today as being under fire from the French artillery. The offensive movement against Metz began early in December.

London, Dec. 26.—While the closing of the British press bureau for the Christmas holiday resulted in a dearth of official news from the eastern and western theaters of the war...

In the western theater both sides are occupying positions which would make possible a lull in the battling without a serious menace to either side...

In the eastern theater, where the battling has been more open than in the west, the opposing sides in some areas of the battle front have been compelled to defend their positions...

Both Sides Make Claims. The latest official advice indicated little change in the eastern arena. The Germans claimed some progress in their offensive to the north of the Viatura river and Petrograd asserted German advance guards who had crossed the Bzura river south of Sochaczew had been routed.

This probably represents the situation in the eastern theater, as the river battles in the past have been fought several days before a decision was reached and a large part of the eastern battle front now rests upon the Bzura, Pilica, Nida and Dunajec rivers.

In the near east there is evidence of renewed activity on both sides. A Reuter agency dispatch from Constantinople says the Turkish war office has issued a statement asserting that between Olti and Id the Turks gained a decisive victory over the Russian troops, capturing 6,000 prisoners, including a regimental commander, and a large quantity of ammunition and war material.

POPE PLEADS FOR WOUNDED

Directs Effort Toward Preventing Unnecessary Suffering. Rome, Dec. 26.—In receiving 146 cardinals, who called to extend Christmas greetings, Pope Benedict said that while his efforts to bring about the exchange of all prisoners of war seemed to have failed he still hoped to have some measure of success in this direction.

He is now directing his efforts toward preventing unnecessary suffering by arranging for the exchange of wounded prisoners whose condition is such that they will be unable again to serve in the war.

COURT REFUSES INJUNCTION

Arizona Prohibition Law Goes Into Effect on Jan. 1. Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—The Arizona prohibition law will go into effect Jan. 1. The special United States tribunal from which injunctions were sought to prevent its enforcement refused to issue such injunctions.

Appeal to the United States supreme court will be taken at once.

MR JOHN FRENCH. Receives Highest Honor in the Gift of King George.



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Membership in the Order of Merit, which King George conferred on Sir John French during his recent trip to France, is the highest distinction of its kind he can give.

BIG DAY FOR CITY'S POOR

Associated Charities Provided Dinners for More Than Two Hundred Persons Yesterday.

CLOTHING ALSO DISTRIBUTED

The poor of Bemidji were exceptionally well taken care of yesterday, and with this fact prominent, a general feeling of contentment, and with business conditions of the past week active, Christmas here seemed more appreciated than ever before.

Due to the efforts of the poor committee of the Associated Charities, of which Mesdames A. P. White and E. H. Smith were in charge, more than two hundred persons were provided with splendid Christmas dinners. Of this number 150 were children and the remainder grownups.

The baskets, which were prepared at the Salvation Army headquarters, were made ready for delivery by Mesdames J. H. Koors, H. A. Scharf, Thayer C. Bailey and T. J. Burke. A. Lord and Wilbur Lyman, Thayer Bailey, Earle Bailey, Dr. E. H. Smith and George Pellow, assisting in distributing the parcels.

Great credit is due those who assisted in making possible the bringing of a "Merry Christmas" into the homes of Bemidji's unfortunates. Clothing, a large amount of both old and new, was also left where needed.

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love," said everyone in spirit.

Earl, Lloyd and Ralph Cronemiller were guests at the J. J. Conger home Christmas day.

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Dr. J. Warninger returned this morning from the Dahlstul camp, eight miles out of Blackduck, where he has been on business.

PROHIBITIONISTS SEEK 5,000,000 SIGNERS. Kansas City, Dec. 26.—Members of the Prohibition party in Kansas, Missouri and Iowa will meet here in January to launch a new campaign to get 120 days to get the names of 5,000,000 voters on petitions for national prohibition before the question again comes up in congress.

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PROTEST IN COURT TODAY

Great Northern Railroad Objects to Replacing of Sunday Duluth-Grand Forks Passenger Train

WILL NOT OPERATE TOMORROW

Although the state railroad and warehouse commission several days ago ordered the Great Northern railroad to replace the Sunday passenger train, which during the past sixteen years has operated between Grand Forks and Duluth, and which on November 22 was discontinued, the train will not run tomorrow.

At least such is the belief at the division headquarters at Crookston this afternoon. W. W. Lloyd, agent of the Great Northern here, wired Crookston officials this afternoon concerning the matter and they reported that no orders to replace the train had been received.

The question as to whether the train should be replaced was argued before a judge of the Ramsey county district court this morning, the understanding being that if no order or decision was rendered today the train should be operated tomorrow. It is not known here what action was taken by the court, the only information available being that the train will not run tomorrow.

SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES

Catholic. Low mass at 8 a. m. High mass at 10 a. m. Sunday school and benediction at 1 and 2 p. m. Vespers at 7:30 p. m. Father J. J. T. Philippe.

First Scandinavian Lutheran

There will be no preaching tomorrow on account of the pastor's absence from the city. Christmas tree and program Monday night. Osmund Johnson, Pastor.

Episcopal.

Holy communion at 7:30. Sunday school at 9:30. Holy communion and sermon at 10:30. Service and address at 4:30 p. m. A special invitation is extended to the fraternal orders. Archdeacon Parshall.

Baptist.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. New Year's sermon at 11 a. m. Senior B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m. Gospel service 7:30 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the services of the church. Come and find a welcome in a homelike church. Ira D. Alvord, pastor.

Methodist.

New Year's sermon 10:45. Miss Nell Shannon will sing a solo at this service. Sunday school at 12. Jr. league at 3:30. Epworth league at 6:30. Evening services at 7:30. Music by the young peoples' choir. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 8. All are cordially invited to these services. Charles W. Gilman, pastor.

Presbyterian.

Bible class and Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11, subject "Our debt to the past, our duty to the future" a New Year's sermon. Young peoples' prayer meeting at 7. Evening gospel service at 8. Mid-week service for prayer and bible study on Thursday evening at 8. The public is cordially invited to all these services. S. E. P. White, Pastor.

Returns From Trip.

E. J. Bourgeois, one of the Beltrami county ditch engineers, returned to Bemidji last evening from an inspection trip taken in the north end of the county. While away he visited Graceton, Williams, Pitt and Baudette and viewed several ditch projects which are under his supervision.

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TRAINING SCHOOL BOYS "MAKE GOOD"

Few States Have Higher Degree of Efficiency in Parole System Than Minnesota Records Show

BOARD OF CONTROL IN CHARGE

Conduct of Those Released is Carefully Investigated and They Are Encouraged to Better Things

Few states in the Union have brought to a higher degree of efficiency the parole and agent system, now a feature of practically all correctional institutions, as has Minnesota. How the beneficiaries of the system in this state "make good" is told regularly in reports received by the state board of control.

Probably one of the most important trusts imposed on the board is the reformation and return to citizenship of hundreds of young men, as well as boys and girls, turned over to it annually because of incorrigibility and delinquency. In this respect the Red Wing Training School where boys convicted of incorrigibility and the lighter forms of misdemeanors are committed, perhaps offers the best example. The commitments here, as at the Girls Home School at Sauk Centre, are mostly of a class, where uplift through other channels has not been possible.

Are "Making Good."

The return of these young persons after a period of detention to good homes and better living is the work of the parole system, and the traveling agents employed by the board. How well the task is performed is shown in a discharge list of 109 boys paroled from the Training School at Red Wing during the last two years and whose individual records have been forwarded to the committing judges for approval. It is said that better than 85 percent of the boys discharged from the Training School "make good," and how they do it can be gleaned from records taken at random of the discharged list now up for approval.

In speaking of the parole system and its application to the Red Wing and other correctional institutions, some perhaps may confuse its work with that of what is known at the state board of parole, but there is no direct connection. The paroling of boys at the Red Wing School and girls at the Sauk Centre Home and their supervision through the medium of agents is one of the many duties of the state board of control and it calls for monthly visits to the institutions where such incorrigibles are confined.

Reached Best Results

While the early release of the youthful wards of the state as represented at Red Wing and Sauk Centre and the placing of the same in good homes and with employment calculated to make them useful citizens has always been a feature of the institutions named, it was not until the creation of the board of control that the system reached its best results. There is now coupled with every release a line of home and employment supervision that continues until a complete discharge is given. "Make Good" is the one requirement, and to the credit of those to whom clemency has been granted, the returns for violations have been few. The majority make useful citizens and many are now filling important positions.

To Be Discharged.

Last year the state board held monthly court at the Red Wing School. It also visited the school for girls at Sauk Centre regularly and considered parole cases. The number placed on probation in both schools was over 400. All of these will eventually receive their final discharge, but not until they have either reached their majority or their conduct entitles them to consideration. Most of them, however, are "making good."

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When Paroled.

Informed by the institution officials that certain inmates have properly performed their period of penance and training, the board of control considers their cases, and if everything is satisfactory directs their release on probation. Perhaps they are paroled to their parents, probably a relative has promised to see that they are properly schooled and their conduct supervised, and again in the absence of either, some farmer or citizen has been found who will supply the proper home. Occasionally the stranger is favored as against the parent or relative, for as is often the case it was a lack on the part of the latter that was responsible for the youth's commitment.

GIFTS SWAMP CARRIERS

Parcel Post Department of Postoffice Forced to Work All Day Yesterday in Delivering Presents.

ANOTHER BATCH THIS MORNING

Even with its experienced staff of clerks the Bemidji postoffice found it impossible to deliver Christmas gifts yesterday without putting in overtime, and late last evening parcels were being left at various homes of the city.

Each incoming train brought large numbers of mail bags and just when the clerks could see an end to their work another batch would be hurried in and their labors renewed. Stacked six feet high and covering most of the large postoffice working room it looked like an endless job to deliver all of the parcels yesterday morning.

Headed by Harry McClernan, in charge of the parcel post delivery service, three of the clerks, early began the task of distributing the parcels according to carriers routes and with a team and a hand sleigh began delivering. Many times were these wagons filled, the work being completed during the evening.

This morning found another large number of parcels and these will be distributed before evening. It is impossible to ascertain figures as to the number of parcels sent and received in Bemidji although they will total well into the thousands.

Service at the postoffice during rush was good and the clerks and assistants are deserving of much credit for their efforts to give the public the best possible accommodations.

Records Are Kept.

With their release, however, does not come the entire severance of the state's guardianship. In fact the board considers its responsibility increased, and in order that there may be no failure in the matter of expectations as to conduct, employment and training, parole agents whose sole duty is the supervision of those on probation are employed. They visit the homes of those released, investigate their surroundings and find employment when needed, make suggestions to the parents as to training, if necessary and counsel with the boy or girl if his conduct is not what the agent thinks it should be. In addition, the boy is required to report to the school by letter monthly, and his guardian is asked to do likewise. These letters keep the boy on parole in touch with the school and at the same time permit the institution officials to give him needed advice when necessary. Many of these letters are of confidential nature and often aid materially in directing the youth's future.

Records are kept of the progress of each inmate while on parole, and the placing of the same in good homes and with employment calculated to make them useful citizens has always been a feature of the institutions named, it was not until the creation of the board of control that the system reached its best results.

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LORD ABERDEEN. Thanks Americans for Gifts Sent to Children of Ireland.



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GIRLS MADE FINE SROWING

Professor Erickson Compliments Beltrami County Contestants in the State Bread Making Contest.

GIVE TROPHY AT CONVENTION

Not until the convention of the North-Central Teachers' association, which is to be held here in February, will the Bread making club which won the beautiful silver cup at the Brainerd contest be presented with the trophy.

This was made known in a letter which was received today by W. B. Stewart, county superintendent of Schools, from T. A. Erickson, Specials of Boys' and Girls' Club work of the state and also Minnesota agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, in answer to a suggestion made by the Bemidji man several days ago.

"I think your plan of presenting the trophy at the teachers' association meeting is a good one and I shall be glad to do everything I can to make it a success," said Mr. Erickson.

Mr. Erickson complimented the Beltrami county girls for the showing in the state contest in which Lois Matheny, of Blackduck, won twelfth prize and Alice Grow, of Bemidji, fourteenth.

In continuing Mr. Erickson said: "The competition was pretty strong, 1,600 girls being enrolled, and you are certainly to be congratulated for the interest you have stirred up in this work. Quite a number of your girls have also won a place on the honor roll and will receive diplomas of honor."

HOTELS ARE DESERTED

Christmas Takes Traveling Public Home—Register Pages Are Clean

Hotels of Bemidji are practically deserted, and such has been the case for several days, caused by Christmas, there being but a few registered at any of the hostleries. Up until last evening but one name marred the beauty of the clean white sheet dated and marked "Christmas Day," at the Markham, and others fared about as well, there being but few arrivals in the city. The greater part of the traveling public arrange to be at their respective homes for the holidays. Generally local residents took advantage of the special dinner served at the Markham and at this time the lobby assumed its natural appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jacobson returned today from Thief River Falls where they spent Christmas day, the guests of Mr. Jacobson's sister, Mrs. Scullingrud.

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BEMIDJI ENJOYS ITS BEST CHRISTMAS

Spirit of Philanthropy Prevailed and Cold Weather Failed to Make Days Pleasures Less Substantial.

CHURCHES HAVE PROGRAMS

Efforts to Bring Happiness to Most of City's Poor Prove Successful—Old Fashioned Holiday.

Christmas in Bemidji was the best this city has ever observed and if there was a single child or family that did not have some cause to be justified with at least a tinge of happiness it was because conditions were not known.

The day dawned bright and clear with the mercury registering twenty degrees below zero mark, but the air was crisp and dry and as noon came the weather was much warmer.

In Bemidji, as well as all through the nation, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," the true Christmas spirit, pervaded the atmosphere, reflecting the contentment which comes of happy home, good business and excellent prospects.

The True Spirit.

Whether it was due to the war in Europe, or to the necessity of greater efforts to relieve the suffering in this country, or to the spirit fostered by the good fellowship campaign, or to those causes and others combined, it is a fact that the true spirit of Christmas was never more widespread in Bemidji than this year.

It was demonstrated in the wonderful response to the Good Fellow movement; in contributions to the Associated Charities and Salvation Army; in the work of the Elks; the work of the churches and the quick responses to all calls of the city's needy. The true spirit of Christmas was abroad everywhere.

Prosperous Christmas.

Bemidji has had a Christmas far in excess of the general expectations of several months ago. The merchants and the business men generally are more than pleased with trade and point to their sales records in answer to the pessimists who have proclaimed that the situation is quiet and money is tight. Probably there wasn't a family in the city which didn't enjoy a bountiful Christmas dinner. It's true that those needing assistance are more numerous than in some preceding years, but the fact that they have been so well cared for is abundant proof of Bemidji's high standing. Some have been helped by individuals and many by various charitable organizations in the city. As conditions now are there appears to be little doubt but the opening of the new year will see work for every unemployed man in the city who wishes it.

Churches Have Programs. Excellent programs were given in several of the churches and some observed the day much as on Sundays. Children were prominent in each of the entertainments.

Christmas this year was marked by exceptionally cold weather along with the cloudless skies. Despite the freezing atmosphere the Christmas services at the churches were well attended and true thanks offered for the blessings which are Bemidji's this year.

PLAN FOR EDITORS' SESSION Annual Business Meeting Will Be Held at Thief River Falls.

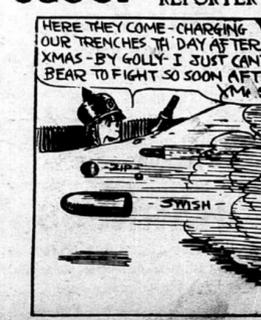
A. G. Rutledge, secretary of the Northern Minnesota Editorial association, is busily engaged whipping into shape a program for the annual business session of the Northern Minnesota Editorial association which is to be held at Thief River Falls, January 22 and 23. The announced plans indicate that the meeting will be one of the most interesting and instructive ever held by the association and already several of the foremost men in the profession have signified their intention to be in attendance and to talk.

Receives Compensation. Aurora Angvall, who while working in a local bakery a short time ago had the misfortune to lacerate one of her fingers, has completed a settlement with the Fidelity & Casualty company of New York whereby she is given \$23.15 under the compensation act. The settlement was made through the Berman Real Estate & Insurance company.

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The International Flag of Truce



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