

## VAN TASSEL FAMILY ESCAPE FROM IN NIGHT CLOTHES

Nymore Home is Totally Destroyed by Fire Early Sunday Morning.

TOTAL LOSS IS ABOUT \$800; PARTIALLY INSURED

Believed to Have Originated From Over-heated Stove; Family Cared for at Neighbors.

The family of Frank Van Tassel of Nymore narrowly escaped with their lives early yesterday morning when their home at Nymore was destroyed by fire. The entire family escaped to the street in their night clothes and were cared for by neighbors. The fire caused a total loss which is estimated at about \$800, partly covered by insurance.

Mr. Van Tassel was awakened at about four o'clock in the morning as the flames were at the foot of the bed. He awakened his wife. They threw their clothes into the street and carried the children to safety.

The Nymore fire department responded but the fire had gained such a headway that no effective work could be done. The house was a frame, one story and a half structure.

It is believed that the fire originated from an over-heated stove. Before retiring Mr. Van Tassel had banked the stove with wood.

This is the third bad fire that Nymore has had during the past two weeks. In each case a home was destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Tassel and family will remain at the homes of friends until a new location can be secured.

## ROUTINE MATTERS BEFORE COUNCIL

Routine matters will be considered by the city council at the regular meeting to be held tonight at the city hall.

## HIBBING TAX FIGHT SETTLED; MINE COS. PAY

Hibbing, Minn., Dec. 20.—The injunction restraining the village of Hibbing from improvements has been withdrawn and the mining companies will pay the same taxes as last year. This amicably settled the long tax fight here.

## CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

Standing of the Teams.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Barbers	6	0	1.000
Crookston Lbr. Co.	5	1	.833
Schneider	4	2	.666
B. Popp	3	3	.500
Quality Grocers	3	3	.500
Pioneer	3	3	.500
Barker's	3	3	.500
Beltrami County	2	4	.333
Koors Bros.	1	5	.166
Sentinel	0	5	.000

The Crookston Lumber Co. bowling team in the city league dropped into second place yesterday morning and the Barker quint crawled in with the B. Popp, Quality Grocers and Pioneer teams, all tied for fourth place.

The game yesterday morning between the Crookston Lumber company team and the Barker quint was one of the best seen in the league this year. The bowling in the second game by Heffron probably won the game for the Barker's. He bowled 228 pins in that game, securing high score of the day.

The following is the summary:

Team	Score
Crookston Lumber Co.	172
Bailey	163
Klungness	143
Hedges	142
Herbert	122
Gillette	165

Totals ..... 744 841 788

Total pins—2,373.

Team	Score
W. Brown	159
Chichester	151
M. Brown	151
Coppernol	152
Heffron	111

Totals ..... 736 911 759

Total pins—2,406.

Henry Cominsky secured high score for the men at the Gould alleys during the week. He knocked down 254 pins. Mrs. Fred Rhoda secured high score for the women during the week, smashing the maples for a total of 173 pins.

## Basket Ball Season To Be Opened Tonight At Armory

Midji High School Team of Last Year to Meet Red Wing Quint, Winners of State High School Championship for 1914-15; Series of Three Games to Be Played.



1914-15 BEMIDJI HIGH SCHOOL QUINT

Top Row—Malone, Manager; Cameron, F. Graham and Coach Bestul; Bottom Row—Bailey, Tanner, Johnson, G. Graham and Warfield.

The basket ball season for 1915-16 will be opened in Bemidji tonight when the Red Wing, Minn., quint, winners of the state high school title for last year, meet the Bemidji high school team of last year, winners of the Sixth congressional district title.

The Red Wing team will arrive in Bemidji at six o'clock this evening and come to this city fully confident of victory. The two teams have not met before as Bemidji was eliminated at the Carleton tournament last March by the Mountain Lake high school quint which lost to Red Wing for the state title. The Red Wing team will play a series of three games here, the other games to be played Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The entire city of Bemidji is going to turn out for the opening tonight. The naval militia, which holds a regular drill tonight will adjourn so as to give the boys a chance to help the home team turn the trick, city fathers are planning on adjourning their regular session tonight also for the same reason. Old grads of the high school including all who are home from colleges and universities, are planning to give the home boys a hearty welcome. Even the "old German band" will be there.

The Bemidji team is in full "preparedness," having been training for several weeks. The team has never been defeated on the Armory floor here and although this is the first test of the year it is expected that the quint will be victorious.

The line-up will be practically the same as this year's, being Tanner and Johnson, forwards; Cameron, center, Graham and Bailey, guards. Gainey, Warfield and Plummer will be the substitutes.

Tanner, who won the first choice as all-state forward at the state tournament at Carleton last year, will act as captain of the local quint during the series.

The game will be called at 8:15 o'clock.

## SPOONER RETURNS; FILES BRIEF IN LIQUOR CASE

Judge Marshall A. Spooner has returned from Brainerd where he filed briefs in the county option law test case before Judge W. S. McClenahan, Saturday. Judge McClenahan was sick when the case was called Saturday and briefs had to be filed. It is expected that a decision will be made a week from today.

The test case is the result of an injunction against the International Falls council by the attorney general against the issuance of liquor licenses. Although Koochiching county voted "dry" under the option law in August, liquor dealers at International Falls claim that under that city's charter the council is given the exclusive right of granting licenses.

Judge Spooner represents the International Falls interests.

## SECOND ANCONA NOTE IS SENT TO AUSTRIA

Washington, Dec. 20.—The second American note to Austria on the Ancona incident was sent last night. It will probably be delivered to Austria Wednesday or Thursday.

The state department today announced that there were twelve Americans on the Ancona when it was sunk.

Jacob Kohler returned yesterday from a business trip to Roseau and Warroad.

## MRS. G. W. BAKER DIES IN MICHIGAN

Word was received in Bemidji yesterday of the death of Mrs. G. W. Baker, mother of George Baker of this city, at Fenton, Mich. Mr. Baker left this morning for that place where he will attend the funeral.

## FORD PARTY DOUBTS SUCCESS OF PEACE PLANS

Christiania, Dec. 20.—For the first time since the Oscar II left New York, leaders of the Ford party are doubting the success of the plans for a peace congress of neutrals.

The unfriendly reception and the attitude of the press is making "rough sledding" for the party. Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver has advised Ford to abandon the peace mission altogether and to turn to finding homes for the war orphans.

Ford is making attempts to censor all dispatches leaving the party.

## PANAMA CANAL TO BE CLEARED TOMORROW

Panama, Dec. 20.—A slight movement of the debris at the Gaillard cut prevented the passage of vessels through the Panama canal today. It is believed that the cut will be cleared tomorrow.

Rev. M. A. Soper spent Saturday and Sunday at Leonard looking after Sunday school work.

## MANY ATTEND CHURCH CANTATA

The Presbyterian church was packed last evening at the Christmas cantata, "The Light Eternal," given by the members of the church. The entertainment was excellent and the members of the cast deserve much credit.

The program was as follows: Organ prelude; invocation, Rev. Ira D. Alvord; "Praise the Great Redeemer," choir; "It Speaks to the World," Raymond Hannah and chorus; "God Hath Given a Son," N. E. Given and chorus; scripture reading, Dr. T. O. Hodgman; prayer; offering and notices; "While Shepherds Watched," Ida Virginia Brown, Raymond Hannah and chorus; "Star of Bethlehem," Mrs. C. W. Warfield, Clinton Springer and C. W. Warfield; "The Dawning," Mrs. George Markham; "He Came to Give Salvation," C. W. Warfield and chorus; "Born in a Manger," Ida Virginia Brown and chorus; "The Light of Glory," Raymond Hannah and chorus; "The Message," C. W. Warfield and Clinton Springer; "The Light of Glory," choir; "Angel Voices," Ida Virginia Brown; "Lead Me," Carrie Armstrong, Mrs. C. G. Johnson, Raymond Hannah, Clinton Springer and chorus. Miss Ida Virginia Brown was director and Mrs. A. A. Warfield was the accompanist.

## FIVE HUNTERS RECEIVE SEVEN WOLF BOUNTIES

Seven wolf bounties were paid at the court house Saturday to five hunters. They were Julius Schultz, Kellher, one; John Erickson, Neving, two; E. L. Lindholm, Hackett, two; Peter Syverson, Kellher, one, and Philip Becker, Turtle Lake, one.

## BAUDETTE TO HAVE A VISITING NURSE

Baudette, Minn., Dec. 20.—The council and school board of Baudette have decided to employ a school nurse for the winter months. Miss Dorothy Zimmerman has been engaged for the position. She will begin her duties after the Christmas holidays.

## THIEF RIVER FALLS SALOONS ARE CLOSED

Thief River Falls, Minn., Dec. 20.—The swan song of the saloons was sung in Pennington county Saturday when 12 thirst parlor closed their doors and for three years at least the authorities promise a "dry" zone, so far as law enforcement can make this possible. The passing of the saloons in this city removes many old-time land marks and places of amusement, where in the halcyon days of the lumberjack and woodsman, high jinks and good fellowship, in a rough way, to be sure, but quite common at that, prevailed. Moving picture houses, groceries, confectionaries and sport drink emporiums are to take the place of the saloons here.

## KITTLESON BUYS IN BEMIDJI SUPPLY CO.

John Kittleson has purchased the interest of R. Gulbranson in the Bemidji Supply company and will continue to operate the store with Axel Kittleson, his son. New fixtures and displays have been installed and the store will keep the same policy of mail order prices.

## BRITISH SHIP SEEN OFF GALVESTON BAR

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 20.—An unidentified British four-funnel cruiser appeared off the bar today and refused to respond to the wireless. It is believed to be the same ship as reported watching for German owned ships sailing for Denmark as American bottoms.

## BRITISH LOSSES IN SERB FIGHTING ARE 1,278

London, Dec. 20.—British losses in Serbian fighting until Dec. 11 totaled 1,278. Under Secretary of War Tennant today told the House of Commons. Of this number 86 were killed.

## SEVERAL ARRESTED BY INDIAN AGENTS ON LIQUOR CHARGES

Ralph Demouth Arrested Near Boy River, Alleged to Have Had in Possession Two Quarts of Alcohol.

## CARSON ARRESTS SEVEN NEAR BRAINERD SATURDAY

Joseph LaValley Pleads Guilty and is Ordered Committed to St. Louis County Jail.

Federal officers in Bemidji made two arrests over Sunday for the introduction of liquor into Indian "lid" territory.

Ralph Demouth was arrested near Boy River for having in his possession two quarts of alcohol and five quarts of whisky. Upon being arraigned before Judge Hiram A. Simons, United States commissioner, this morning he waived examination and entered a plea of not guilty. He was released under \$300 bonds for his appearance in the Federal court at Duluth Jan. 11, 1916.

Joseph LaValley was arrested charged with introducing two gallons of whisky and one gallon of gin at Remer. He entered a plea of guilty before Judge Simons this morning and in default of \$500 bonds was ordered committed in the St. Louis county jail to await action of the Federal grand jury in Duluth next month.

Indian Agent Carson, who is stationed in this city, went to Brainerd Saturday and single handed arrested seven men, each on charges of introduction of liquor.

A 72-year-old alleged bootlegger was caught by Agent Carson. He was Carl A. Bogen of Brainerd and 13 quarts of whisky and one quart of alcohol was found in his suit case. He was held to the Federal court at Duluth on a \$200 bond.

## MYSTERY IN DEATH OF MAN AT CROOKSTON

Crookston, Minn., Dec. 20.—There is a mystery over the death of John Grosfield, aged 53 years. Grosfield lived near Shelly, Minn. He went to Joe Voelkus' room, took sick and died. Voelkus was formerly a bartender here. He now conducts a soft drink parlor.

## CHICAGO CHIEF ORDERS ALL CRIMINALS ARRESTED

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Police Chief Healy today issued a drastic order to arrest all criminals. This is the first step taken in a clean-up following the statement by Mayor Thompson that the "police department stinks."

## EASTLAND IS SOLD FOR TRAINING SHIP

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—The steamer Eastland, the tragedy ship, was sold today for \$46,000. The boat will be used by the Illinois naval militia as a training ship.

## DENIED THAT AUSTRIAN CONSULS READY TO LEAVE

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 20.—Austro-Hungarian Consul Prochnik today denied the report from Providence, R. I., Journal that all Austro-Hungarian consuls and diplomats have been ordered to hold themselves in instant readiness to leave the country.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB MEET POSTPONED

R. H. Schumaker, president of the Bemidji Commercial club, today announced that the regular meeting of the club which is scheduled for tomorrow evening will be postponed for two weeks on account of the Christmas holidays.

## STANTON COMPLETES BIG TERM OF COURT

Judge C. W. Stanton and Lee A. LaBaw, court reporter, have returned from Grand Rapids where they have completed the term of court there. The sessions were one of the longest held for some time.

## BAUDETTE COUPLE LICENSED TO WED

Robert Miller and Christine Marie Lystad, both of Baudette, were issued a marriage license this morning at the office of the clerk of court.

## PRESIDENT AND WIFE AT HOT SPRINGS, VA.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were married at 8:30 p. m., Saturday night and left afterward to spend their honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va.

The president and his bride traveled in a private car attached to a special train. At Hot Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will live at the Homestead hotel until after New Year's day, unless some development should necessitate the president's earlier return to the capital. The president will keep in touch with the White House over special wires.

All arrangements for the wedding ceremony were carried out perfectly. The wedding party numbered less than 30. Mrs. Wilson was married in the traveling gown she wore to the train.

## MOORHEAD MAN GUILTY OF MURDER

Moorhead, Minn., Dec. 20.—William A. Brendemuhl was found guilty of murder in the third degree late Saturday evening for killing Ole Norby, his brother-in-law, September 16, of this year. The jury deliberated six hours. Brendemuhl, who had been out on \$15,000 bonds, was immediately taken into custody by Sheriff Dan McDonald. Application will be made for a new trial.

## RUSSIANS ABANDON BALKAN CAMPAIGN

London, Dec. 20.—It is evident that the Russians have abandoned the plan of entering the Balkan campaign on account of the apparently confirmed report of the withdrawing of the Slav troops along the Rumanian frontier.

## TURKS TO ASSIST IN BIG SALONIKA DRIVE

London, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Salonika says that the Germans have asked the Turks to help drive the Allies from Salonika. It is understood that the Turks have accepted.

## VIGOROUS ASSAULT ALONG YPRES LINE IS REPULSED

London, Dec. 20.—Germans began a vigorous assault along the Ypres line, but have been repulsed.

## BRITISH TAKE DANISH STEAMER WITH TEUTONS ABOARD

London, Dec. 20.—A British warship has brought the Danish steamer United States into Clyde with a large number of Germans and Austrians aboard.

## ITALY PREPARES TO SEND 1,000,000 MEN

Rome, Dec. 20.—Italy now has 2,000,000 men in the war. It is planning to send another million.

## BERLIN WOMEN TO WORK AS MOTORMEN

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Women will begin to work as motormen on the street cars here this week.

## FRENCH AVIATORS ATTACK METZ FORT

Berlin, Dec. 20.—French aviators have launched another attack against the German fortress at Metz. It was the only attack made last night in the Balkan war theater.

## USE FROZEN CORPSES IN PLACE OF SANDBAGS

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Hungarian soldiers are defending Knrplateus, 6,700 feet above the level of the sea. The armies are without sandbags and frozen corpses of Italian soldiers are being used. The Hungarians have repulsed 180 attacks in 200 days.

## AMERICAN ARRESTED AS RUSSIAN SPY

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Seigfried Paul, London, naturalized American, has been arrested by the Germans in Warsaw charged with conveying information to the Russians after the Germans had occupied Warsaw.

## SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



## Only Five More Days Till Christmas



## By "HOP"



## There are too many married Santas with troubles of their own.



## So they can wash 'em in 'th' sink!



THIS SCHEME TO RAISE THE PRICE OF A COO-PAY FOR TH WIFES XMAS PRESENT DONT WORK A TALL—

THERE ARE TOO MANY MARRIED SANTAS WITH TROUBLES OF THEIR OWN—

GEE BOSS—IM UP AGAINST IT—WIFE WANTS AN ELECTRIC FOR XMAS—I AINT GOT TH PRICE—

SO THEY CAN WASH 'EM IN 'TH' SINK!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PLEASE HELP SANTA TO REMEMBER HIS WIFE—

WHY DONT YOU BUY HER A FOOD COOPE! THEYRE BUILDING EM SIX INCHES HIGHER FOR XMAS PRESENTS!

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