

A. E. RAKO AGAIN HEAD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Annual Meeting of Board of Commissioners Held at Court House; Many Matters Considered.

VOTE DOWN N. M. D. APPROPRIATION

County Officials Are Appointed; Bids for County Printing is Let.

A. E. Rako, county commissioner from the first district, was this morning re-elected chairman of the board of county commissioners at the annual meeting of that body.

Hayes Against Fund.

The county board refused to appropriate \$250 to the Northern Minnesota Development association to carry on the work of that organization for the next year.

Called Private Enterprise.

Commissioner Hayes opposed the appropriation, claiming that as far as the county was concerned the Northern Minnesota Development association was a private association and for private good.

Otterstad Appointed.

Nels Otterstad was appointed by the commissioners as state land appraiser. Henry Pfund was named supervisor of assessors.

Contracts Let.

The board allowed the contract for printing the delinquent tax list to the Pioneer with \$2,000 bonds.

JUDGE CROWELL IS ILL AT HIS HOME

Several Cases Are Waiting Action in Municipal Court; Liquor Cases Up Thursday.

Judge A. M. Crowell of the municipal court is ill at his home suffering from a complication of diseases.

Several cases are waiting his disposal in the court as soon as he recovers. They are drunk charges against Charles Linquist, J. C. Collins and Andy Colice.

FORD DECLINES TO PAY FOR NEW GOWNS

Copenhagen, Jan. 4.—Henry Ford, through his representatives, today declined to pay for new gowns for the women delegates of his peace party.

Ford also served notice that all delegates failing to sail with the main party Jan. 12 would have to pay their own expenses home.

ZEPPELIN ARRIVES FROM SALONIKA

Athens, Jan. 4.—A Zeppelin arrived at Sofia today enroute from raiding expeditions against Salonika.

SAYS NO GAY PAREE.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 4.—War has taken the "gay" out of "gay Paree," according to Dr. Kenneth Taylor, here today from a trip through France.

International And Domestic Financial Review For 1915

By J. W. T. MASON WRITTEN FOR THE UNITED PRESS

DOMESTIC New York, Jan. 4.—Prosperity is written in gold across this country's financial record in 1915. Uncle Sam has almost half a billion dollars more of foreign gold than he had a year ago.

160,000,000 Shares Traded.

More than 160,000,000 shares of stocks were traded in the year, representing an aggregate value of more than fourteen billion dollars.

Spectacular Fireworks.

The war babies and war bride stocks of companies manufacturing war supplies for the belligerent countries furnished more spectacular fireworks in 1915 than Wall Street has witnessed since 1901.

A. O. U. W. LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

The local chapter of the A. O. U. W. held its installation of officers last evening. The following officers took the oath of office: Pearl Barnell, Master Woodman; C. J. Winter, Foreman; Gust Larson, Overseer; S. A. Cutter, Financier; Andrew Larson, Receiver; Paul Winklesky, Recorder; Frank Lamson, Guide; and A. E. Webster, Watch.

BARBERS TO MEET CROOKSTON LBR. CO.

One of the fastest games played during the present bowling season will be played tonight at the Gould alleys when the Barbers and the Crookston Lumber company meet.

The Koors Bros. team will bowl the Barker team tonight at the alleys also.

INTERNATIONAL New York, Jan. 4.—At the close of 1915 the war has cost more than twenty-six billion dollars, exceeding by five hundred million the total national debts of the six principal belligerent powers when the conflict began.

Cost \$85,000,000 Daily.

In the early days of the war the most liberal estimate of its cost, including the destruction of property and the economic losses caused by casualties, was fifty million dollars per day.

Taxation Colossal.

Colossal taxation will have to be imposed on the soldiers when they return home after peace is declared. The belligerents will be bowed beneath the burdens of the war debts.

CITIZENS WANT FIRE WHISTLE

Protest is Made at City Council Meeting Against New System of Notifying Citizens.

Several Bemidji citizens have lodged a protest against not blowing the fire whistle when there is a fire, according to Alderman C. Foucault, at the meeting of the city council last evening.

Under the new fire alarm system which will be completely installed today, the fire whistle will not blow, as each fireman will be notified of the fire individually.

Alderman Foucault told the council members that the complaint was lodged by men who had business downtown and who desired to be notified if there was a fire in the downtown district.

No action was taken by the city council in the matter. The only action taken by the city council last evening at the meeting was the regular allowing of the bills. Alderman Lycan, Ervin, Smart and Moberg were not present at the meeting. Alderman Lahr presided at the meeting.

COUNTY OFFICIALS RESTRAINED FROM BUYING BUILDING

Judge C. W. Stanton Issues Order Against Clearwater County Officials.

CLEARBROOK CITIZENS ASK FOR INJUNCTION

School Building Was to Be Accepted Today by County for Court House Purposes.

Judge C. W. Stanton has filed a temporary restraining order against the county commissioners of Clearwater county restraining them from buying the independent school building at Bagley to be used as a court house.

Injunction Requested.

A permanent injunction has been requested by several residents of Clearbrook who are represented by Attorney Eveson of that village. The county commissioners at a recent meeting offered the school district \$10,000 for the building in Bagley to be used as a court house.

Old Building Inadequate.

The county commissioners were to have accepted the school district's proposition and the exchange made today. The Clearwater county court house is at present located in a wooden building in Bagley. The building is very inadequate and many of the county officers have not been able to find room in the building for offices.

The action taken by the county commissioners in securing the school building was believed by many to have been the best remedy for the situation and would give the county an excellent court house.

"MOVIES" OF WOLF HUNT AT BAUDETTE

Baudette, Minn., Jan. 4.—The Hearst-Selig Motion Picture Co., has telegraphed to this city asking for further particulars relative to the chasing of wolves over the ice with autos. The company desired to know if it would be possible to stage a hunt so that they could send a camera man here to get a moving picture of it.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS I. O. O. F. TO VISIT

The officers of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. will pay an official visit to the Bemidji lodge Jan. 21. A class of ten members will be initiated by the Bemidji order. The meeting will be preceded by a banquet at the hall for the visiting officers.

TEUTONS TAKE 2,400,000 MEN

Berlin, Jan. 4.—It is estimated here today that the Teutons took 2,400,000 prisoners since the war started.

HOW ABOUT THE CONES?

Brookings, S. D., Jan. 4.—A course in practical commercial ice cream making was one of the features of a three months' creamery course that opened today at the University of South Dakota.

U. S. FOREIGN SITUATION IS ADMITTED GRAVE

President Wilson Issues Statement Through Secretary Tumulty On Matter.

CONGRESS MEETS; MEMBERS DISCUSS CONSEQUENCES

Official Dispatch Confirmed That Consul McNeely Perished When Persia Was Sunk.

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Wilson today issued a statement admitting the relations of the United States and Austria were very grave. The statement was issued through Secretary Tumulty, and said:

To Act Immediately.

"The president and his secretary are taking every means possible to obtain full facts in this grave matter and will act as soon as information is obtained."

The cabinet today conferred with Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee.

Cloud Over Congress.

A cloud hung over congress when it reassembled this afternoon as a result of the Persia and Ancona affairs. Congress was adjourned over the holidays.

Congressional members talked of but little but consequences that might result from the sinking of the British steamer Persia in the Mediterranean with loss of American lives.

Senate Adjourns.

The senate met and adjourned this afternoon as respect to Justice Lamar of the supreme court who died yesterday.

Official dispatches from Consul General Skinner confirm the report that Consul McNeely perished when the steamer Persia was sunk.

Wilson Returns.

President Wilson and bride returned this morning from their honeymoon and the president immediately held a conference with Secretary Lansing.

The new mistress took personal charge of the White House, after much excitement and preparation.

SINKING OF PERSIA REGRETTED IN BERLIN

Berlin, Jan. 4.—Regret is being expressed today over the sinking of the British liner Persia with heavy loss of life, just when heroic efforts are being made to repair the Teutonic relations with America. It was understood here that the Ancona note had settled the submarine question. It is not known whether a German or an Austrian submarine sank the Persia.

DERBY CAMPAIGN FAILS; CONSCRIPTION BILL NEXT

London, Jan. 4.—The official statement this afternoon states that 53 per cent of the unmarried youths and men of military age in England volunteered during the recent Derby recruiting campaign. The cabinet during a brief session this afternoon completed the conscription bill.

The statement regarding the Derby campaign confirms the previous reports that the campaign failed. It calls attention to the fact that 651,160 men could be enlisted by drafting only single men. In the United Kingdom only 2,629,261 men enlisted out of 5,011,441 men of military age.

Despite contrary reports, the Daily Chronicle this afternoon stated positively that Ireland was not included in the scope of the conscription bill that will be introduced in Parliament this week.

Single men between the ages of 23 and 26, inclusive, enlisted in the Derby campaign have been called to colors.

Pioneer advertisements are reliable.

BEMIDJI MAN TO WAR FRONT

Thomas Wilson Joins Canadian Army and Departs for England; Parents Live in Nymore.

Thomas Wilson, formerly of Bemidji, has enlisted in a Canadian regiment and is now on his way to the front, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, of Nymore.

He voluntarily entered the Canadian regiment, being recruited for English service, and notified his parents of his enlistment shortly before departing for England. Relatives in the city expect word from him in the near future advising them as to his whereabouts.

Mr. Wilson has been in the British service less than six months, but the company of which he is a member has been ordered to the front. Just where his regiment will be stationed has not been learned.

OPSAHL TO POTATO GROWERS' MEETING

J. J. Opsahl will leave tonight for St. Paul where he will attend the annual meeting of the Minnesota Potato Growers' association, of which he is president. The association was formed a year ago and officers for the ensuing year will be elected tomorrow.

Discussions will take place relative to the standardizing of potatoes in Minnesota and the appointment of a state board for this purpose.

During the one year of its existence much has been accomplished by the association.

CONGRESSMAN LINDBERGH TO REMAIN IN STATE RACE

Word was received in Bemidji this afternoon from Congress C. A. Lindbergh in Washington, stating that he would remain in the race for governor, despite the sudden change of affairs as the result of the death of Governor Hammond.

"It is principle and not personal animosity for which I am fighting," he wired.

With James Peterson out of the race on account of Lieutenant Governor Burnquist being made governor, it looks like Iverson, Lindbergh and Burnquist will make the race on the Republican ticket in this state.

BRITISH LINER IN COLLISION; SUNK

London, Jan. 4.—It was confirmed here today that the British liner Geelong has been sunk in collision with the steamer Bonvilston. All aboard the Geelong were saved. The Bonvilston rescued was not reported.

MEMORIAL SERVICES PROBABLY SUNDAY

The memorial services which were to have been held in this city Sunday in memory of the late Governor Hammond were postponed on account of several prominent speakers being unable to attend. Services will probably be held next Sunday.

WILL OF THOMAS SHEVLIN FILED

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 4.—The will of Thomas Shevlin was probated today. It gives \$3,500,000 to Mrs. Shevlin and two children.

INJUNCTION MADE PERMANENT IN OPTION TEST CASE

Judge W. S. McClenahan of Brainerd Files Order in International Falls Case.

WILL GO TO SUPREME COURT THIS MONTH

Held Village Has No Right to Grant License Despite Home Rule Charter.

By Special Correspondent. Brainerd, Minn., Jan. 4.—Judge W. S. McClenahan of the district court this afternoon ordered that the injunction be made permanent, thus sustaining the state in its contention that the Village of International Falls has no authority to issue saloon licenses in a "dry" county under the county option law, notwithstanding that the village operates under a home rule charter.

To Supreme Court. The case will go to the supreme court this month.

The case was brought by residents of International Falls to test the county option law. Judge Marshall A. Spooner of Bemidji represented the International Falls people.

Judge is Ill. The council at a recent meeting had planned to issue licenses claiming the right under their home rule charter. Attorney General Smith immediately asked for an injunction. Briefs were filed with Judge McClenahan several weeks ago but he has been ill at his home with a gripe.

Judge Marshall A. Spooner was not in the city this afternoon when the decision was filed. It is not known what immediate action will be taken.

PRICE MURDER TRIAL OPENED

Minneapolis Man Placed on Trial Accused of Hurling Wife Over Cliff.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 4.—Fredrick Price went on trial at 10 a. m. today, charged with hurling Mary Fridley Price, his third wife, over the Mississippi river cliff on Nov. 23, 1914.

Seven years ago, Price, a traveling man, visited Fridley, a little Minnesota village, and met Mary Fridley. They were married in October, 1908. On Thanksgiving day, 1914, records show that Mrs. Price's father gave her \$10,000. Three days later Price, his wife and Charles Etchison, a friend, attended a matinee. At Price's suggestion, Etchison is expected to testify the three went for a drive along the cliffs overlooking the Mississippi river.

When on a rocky ledge 40 feet high, Price stopped the machine, claiming engine trouble, and suggested that Mrs. Price and her dog go for a walk up the road while he worked on the engine, according to Etchison's signed confession. An hour later Mrs. Price was picked up at the foot of the cliff. Price sued the park commissioner for damages, but dropped the suit when they threatened counter charges of never having secured a legal divorce from Rose Smith Price, whom Price married at Wheaton, Ill., in 1896.

216 LICENSED TO WED IN 1915

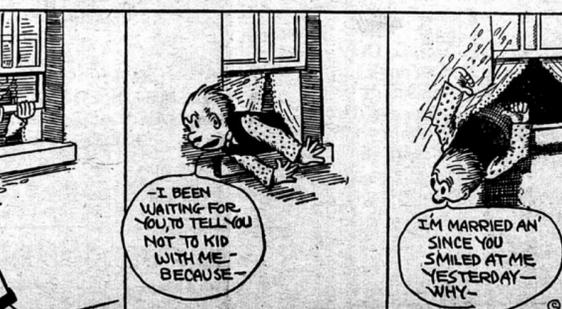
Fred Rhoda, clerk of court, this morning announced that 216 wedding licenses were issued in Beltrami county during the year 1915.

Only one license has been issued so far this year. This is a decrease against last year's licenses at the same time, despite the fact that this is "Leap year."

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



Scoop Hastens To Deny Being Leap Year Material



By "HOP"



TODAY'S NORTHWEST ODDITY
Hastings, Minn., Jan. 4.—Club women of this little city, proud of being located on the Father of Waters, tired of eating the stream and organized a pure ice plant, after some one wrote a popular ballad, "Frozen Sewage for Lemonade." At the end of the first year the women rebated \$169.29 to their customers.