

J. O. HARRIS IS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF CONDUCTING UNLICENSED SALOON

Kelliher Man is Given Clear Bill by Jury in the Bemidji Municipal Court.

JURY OUT ONE HOUR AND THREE-QUARTERS

Accused of Violating State Law Dec. 15; Indian Officer Makes Complaint.

J. O. Harris, proprietor of the hotel at Kelliher, was this afternoon found not guilty of conducting an unlicensed drinking place by a jury in the municipal court.

The jury returned a verdict at 12:45 o'clock, after being out one and three-quarter hours.

Judge D. H. Fisk, who was recently appointed by Mayor William McCuaig to relieve Judge A. M. Crowell who is seriously ill at the hospital, presided at the trial.

Arrested Dec. 20. Harris was arrested Dec. 20 on complaint of Special Government Agent J. P. Brandt on a charge of running an unlicensed drinking place at Kelliher, Dec. 15. He was released on \$200 bonds and the case was continued to yesterday.

26 Men Examined.

The case was called yesterday morning and the jury was selected after 26 men had been examined. The jury was sworn in shortly before five o'clock yesterday afternoon. The members of the jury were A. B. Palmer, John Hoganson, Kenneth McIver, C. Hammond, Matt Phibbs, William Bagley, Ted Getchell, E. H. Gerard, Homer Maynard, Ed Folstad, W. E. George and Dan Simons.

County Attorney Graham M. Torrance represented the state in the case and Attorneys A. A. Andrews and Henry Funkley represented Harris.

Collects Protection Fund.

John Brady, village constable of Kelliher for the past two years, was the first witness called by the state. He testified to receiving orders from the city officials to collect monthly money from the proprietors of the soft drink parlors, so-called, in Kelliher. He testified to collecting \$35 each month from July 1 of last year to Dec. 1. The money, he stated, was to pay for fines, for his salary and the balance was paid into the village.

Make N oComplaint.

Brady further testified that at various times he had gone into the soft drink parlor of Mr. Harris and had seen empty glasses which resembled beer and whisky glasses. In the cross examination he testified that the funds he collected were in the nature of licenses and that he collected from six different places. He stated that he had never heard the citizens of Kelliher make any complaint against the Harris soft drink parlor and that he had made no arrests for violation of liquor laws during the past six months.

Dressed as Lumberjacks.

Adolph Reed of Little Falls, a Federal officer, who had been working "under cover" was the next witness called by the state. He testified to going to Kelliher on the evening of Dec. 14 and that on Dec. 15 he, with another officer, went to the Harris soft drink parlor, asked for something strong to drink and were given what he called whisky. He stated that he did not drink the liquor but took it in his mouth and spit it out when the bartender was not looking. He and the other officer were dressed as lumberjacks, he stated.

Court Until 6 P. M.

Peter Wenzel of Little Falls, also a government officer working "under cover" was the next witness on the stand. He testified to accompanying Reed on his trip to Kelliher and related his experiences there. He testified to securing something strong, which he called whisky, at the Harris soft drink parlor.

The court was adjourned at six o'clock last evening until nine o'clock this morning.

Harris is Witness. This morning in the court after Wenzel had been cross examined, Mr. Harris was called as the only witness for the defense. He told of his troubles with Indian agents and of his paying money to Brady. He stated that the president of the village council had come to him, saying that Brady was going to quit unless he was paid a salary.

For Village Good. "I told him," said Mr. Harris, "that I would rather, with other people, give a little money toward Brady's salary so that Kelliher would have

EVEN PERISH IN MONTANA GOLD SPELL

Helena, Mont., Jan. 28.—Seven people have perished in the worst cold spell ever had here. It is 63 degrees below zero. Ten towns in Sheridan county have telegraphed for relief. A coal famine is feared.

GARRISON OPPOSES DECREASE OF POSTS

Washington, Jan. 28.—Answering Senator Kenyon's resolution demanding the cost of the upkeep of each army post, Secretary Garrison today placed himself on record as opposing any plan to decrease the number of army posts.

CONSIDER NEW SCHOOL FOR NYMORE DISTRICT

Residents of Nymore and school districts No. 86 and 6 are considering consolidating the districts and constructing a new school house. Members of the school boards are in favor of the consolidation. The new district would mean the discontinuance of two schools and would mean the construction of a modern school. The board of education of Nymore will take up the matter at a school meeting to be held Feb. 1.

JUDGE A. M. CROWELL IS OPERATED UPON

Judge A. M. Crowell of the municipal court this morning underwent an operation for a complication of diseases. He has been ill for several weeks. His condition this afternoon is reported as satisfactory.

COMMERCIAL BOWLING LEAGUE NUMBER ONE

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Lists scores for various bowling teams including Beltrami County, Barbers, and others.

JAPAN'S ACTION WITH CHINA UP TO SENATE

Washington, Jan. 28.—Senator Sherman today introduced a resolution into the senate stating that the senate cannot look upon the Japanese demands upon China without profound concern. Further pressure by Japan will be regarded as a restrictive act on American rights.

MODERN BUSINESS BLOCK FOR THIEF RIVER FALLS

Thief River Falls, Minn., Jan. 28.—A two-story office building, 24x100 feet, and modern in every respect will be built by the People's State bank on lots purchased from the Kiewit Brewing company on Third street, between Main and La Bree, and adjoining the bank on the west. The new building will cost \$25,000.

Pioneer want ads are read.

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER

Now you've called to see if I, as LEAP YEAR EDITOR, could help you as a FEEBISH BACHELOR TO SECURE A LEAP YEAR PROPOSAL. I CAN IF YOU WILL FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS. CARRY THIS SIGN DOWN THE STREET TODAY. IT WILL CATCH THE LEAP YEAR MAIDS IN THEIR MOST VULNERABLE POINT.

SPOONER WINS \$31,000 CASE IN SUPREME COURT

Decision is Handed Down by High Court in International Falls Suit.

DECISION OF LOWER COURT IS AFFIRMED

International Falls Lumber Co. in Suit Against Bradley Timber Company.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 28.—The Minnesota supreme court today affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of the International Falls Lumber company against the Bradley Timber and Railway Supply company in which the defendants were victorious.

In Koochiching County. The case was brought in Koochiching county by the International Falls Lumber company claiming that the defendants had taken their logs, through a confusion of goods, and the plaintiffs replevined the lumber yard of the defendants which was valued at about \$31,000.

The lower court decided in favor of the Bradley Lumber company, denying the right of replevin to the plaintiffs.

Applied for New Trial.

The International Falls Lumber company applied for a new trial before Judge W. S. McClenahan of the district court and it was refused. They then appealed the case to the supreme court with the result of the decision that was announced today.

Spooner is Attorney. Judge Marshall A. Spooner of Bemidji represented the defendants and Harris Richardson of St. Paul represented the plaintiffs.

FIRE MOTOR TRUCK STALLED IN SNOW

The motor truck of the Bemidji fire department was unable to go to the chimney fire at the I. A. Gandee home, 1006 Doud avenue, this morning on account of the snow.

A team was secured and the horse truck was taken to the fire. The fire did no damage.

The motor truck started for the fire but on account of the large amount of snow which has fallen during the past two days was unable to go through the drifts.

CO-OPERATION CLAIMED TO LOWER DISTRIBUTION

New Orleans, Jan. 28.—"Since export co-operation would lower the cost of distribution and, by the added output, the cost of production as well, the home consumer therefore would benefit to the extent that the manufacturers were able to reduce their unit costs," declared M. A. Oudin of the General Electric company's foreign department, addressing the Third Annual Foreign Trade convention here today. The convention began yesterday and will end tomorrow. Its purpose is to organize commercial and industrial men in every city in the country to take advantage of foreign trade opportunities.

NYMORE NEWS

(By Special Correspondent.) The Norwegian Men's club held its monthly meeting at the Mathew Larson home last Tuesday.

Mrs. H. A. Bridgeman took charge of the prayer meeting which was held in the Congregational church Wednesday evening during the absence of Rev. Caldwell.

The Swedish Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Charles Blade Thursday afternoon.

The Pathfinders will meet at the home of Mrs. H. A. Bridgeman this evening to take up review in preparation for examinations which will come next week.

PRESIDENT WILSON OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR PREPAREDNESS

Sounds Keynote of Addresses That He Will Deliver in the West Next Few Days.

IN FIGHTING SPIRIT WHEN HE OPENS APPEAL

Discusses Mexican Policy; Says He is An Advocate of Peace But Liberty Greater.

New York, Jan. 28.—President Wilson last night opened his personal appeal to the country for national defense. He gave warning that plans for the readjustment of the army must be formulated and carried out without delay and declared solemnly he could not predict that the outlook for the United States would be as bright tomorrow as today.

Speaking at the banquet of the Railroad Business Men's association and the motion picture board of trade, he sounded the keynote of addresses that he will deliver during the next ten days in the middle west.

In Fighting Mood.

Mr. Wilson was in a fighting mood through his address. In a speech delivered early in the day he declared he always accepted an invitation to fight. Last night he told the railway men he was an advocate of peace and had struggled to keep the United States at peace, but he considered the liberty and honor of the nation even more important than peace.

"Woe to any man who plays marplot or seeks to make party politics or personal ambition take precedence over candor, honor and unselfish, unpartisan service," the president declared in speaking of his defense plan before the railway men.

Country Expects Action.

He declared the country expects action; this is a year of accounting, and the accounting must be definite on the part of every individual who wishes to enjoy the public confidence.

"For my part I hope every man in public life will get what's coming to him," Mr. Wilson said amid laughter and applause. The president admitted that in a message to the last congress he had said the need for preparedness was not pressing. He declared he had learned differently in the meantime. He cited his recent support of a tariff commission as another instance of a change on his part, but said that previously there was no need for such a commission.

Discussed Mexican Policy.

The president discussed his Mexican policy vigorously. He asserted that to invade Mexico would mean the losing of confidence of the rest of the western hemisphere. He cited the freeing of Cuba as an instance of good done by the United States.

ST. PAUL MAN ADVERTISES FOR NORTH DAKOTA BRIDE

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 28.—Peter Atee, an affable Hungarian, wants a girl from North Dakota for his wife. He is advertising in the Twin City papers today for just such a companion. "If she's been raised on a North Dakota farm, so much the better," said Peter. "She ought to be 24 or younger."

GEO. JOHNSON HEADS THIEF RIVER CLUB

Thief River Falls, Minn., Jan. 28.—The annual election of officers and directors of the Thief River Falls Commercial club was held last evening. The following men were chosen:

President—George Johnson.

First Vice President—M. C. Custer.

Second Vice President—S. H. Herlick.

Treasurer—T. A. Way.

Directors—C. A. Pitkin, Charles Nason, J. D. Connor, John Wold and C. W. McDamil.

SHEBOYGAN, WIS., IS FLOODED; WORST FLOOD IN HISTORY

Waters Are Still Rising on Account of Ice Jam; Many People in Danger.

PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORTED VERY LARGE

Tugs Sent Against Ice Trying to Break Jam; Relief is Being Sent.

Sheboygan, Wis., Jan. 28.—Sheboygan is the seat of the worst flood in its history. The city is flooded with water and the water is still rising. Many people are in danger and the property damage is large.

The flood was caused by ice jams. It is believed that the worst of the flood is over, due to the heroic efforts of Captain Groh and a crew of the tug Peter Rice. Captain Groh sent his tug time and again against the ice jam at the risk of the lives of the members of the crew.

If the tug had been caught in the ice it would have been ground up. When the ice started breaking the tug hurried down the river, reaching the dock when the big ice jam broke with a roar.

Thousands Are Homeless.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 28.—Thousands of families are homeless today as a result of the flooding of three rivers. The people have taken refuge in skiffs and on tree tops.

FUNERAL OF JOHN BECK HELD WEDNESDAY

The funeral of John Beck, who died of tuberculosis last Monday, was held Wednesday afternoon from the poor farm on Miss. avenue. He was buried in the Catholic cemetery.

PAY-UP WEEK POSTERS HERE

Pay-Up Week posters and advertising matter furnished for Pay-Up weeks by the Merchants Trade Journal were received in Bemidji today and are being distributed. An active campaign will be started immediately for Pay-Up Week. The Bemidji Merchants association, which is in charge of the movement, will meet next Tuesday at the Commercial club rooms to complete plans.

POTATO MEN TO GO TO NATIONAL MEET

Prof. T. A. Hoverstad, formerly superintendent of the Crookston agricultural station, now official agriculturist of the Soo Line, and D. E. Willard of St. Paul, development agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, have been appointed to act, discuss, vote and influence legislation in behalf of Minnesota at the National Potato Growers' association which meets at Chicago the first week of February. They were appointed by J. J. Opsahl, president of the Minnesota association.

LUMBERJACK STRUCK BY FALLING TREE; IS INJURED

John McKee, a lumberjack in the Cochran logging camps at Schley, was severely injured Wednesday when a tree, some companion workers were felling, crashed down on him. His scalp was badly lacerated and bruised. He will recover. He was brought to St. Anthony's hospital in this city.

SEVEN DROWNED WHEN SCHOONER GROUNDED

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 28.—Seven men are believed to have drowned when the small schooner Aberdeen of Seattle was driven ashore off Golden Gate today in a gale. No trace of the crew has been found.

FRANZ JOSEF IS GROWING WEAKER

London, Jan. 28.—Emperor Franz Josef suffered a severe chill today and is growing weaker and more depressed, says a Copenhagen dispatch.

BRANDEIS IS NAMED SUPREME COURT JUDGE

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Wilson today appointed Louis D. Brandeis as the new supreme court justice.

Judge Brandeis is a resident of Boston. He will succeed Justice Lamar, deceased.

QUARTET ORGANIZED IN BEMIDJI SCHOOLS

Under the supervision of Miss Jessie Phillips, vocal instructor in the Bemidji schools, a double quartet has been organized and the work of the Boys' Glee club resumed. Both organizations will make their first appearance at the teachers' convention which meets here in February.

Practically the same membership of the Boys' Glee club with the exception of the outside members will be on the program, while the double quartet will be arranged as follows: Edna Anderson and Jane Hayner, sopranos; Lucene McCuaig and Edna Buckland, altos; Alec Cameron and George Graham, tenors, and Harold Swischer and Kern Olson, bass.

BETTER FARM CLUB MEET IS POSTPONED

The meeting of the Better Farming club which is scheduled for tomorrow at the high school, has been postponed for two weeks.

TODAY'S MARKET REPORT

Market report table listing prices for various commodities like Beef, Hogs, Sheep, Wheat, Rye, Corn, etc. in different markets.

Bemidji Markets.

Local market prices for items like Turkey, Geese, Ducks, Hens, Veal, Pork, etc.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago market prices for Wheat, Rye, Corn, etc.

Duluth Markets.

Duluth market prices for Wheat, Rye, etc.

British Casualties 539,467.

London, Jan. 28.—It was officially announced today that the British casualties up to Jan. 9, 1916, were 539,467.

Allies Evacuate Albania.

Rome, Jan. 28.—The Allies are evacuating Albania, with the exception of the port of Valona and immediate Hinter land.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY LAW IS UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT

Decision Handed Down Today Stating That Preference is Necessary.

TEST CASE IS BROUGHT BY MINNEAPOLIS MAN

Woodrow Wilson's Name is Only One Filed; Massachusetts Man Gets Blanks.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 28.—The Minnesota supreme court today upheld the Minnesota presidential preference primary law. The court held that tradition has made it necessary for candidates as delegates to a national convention to announce their presidential preference.

Root Refuses to Run.

W. N. Carroll of Minneapolis brought the test case. He supported Root, who refused to permit his name being used. Carroll thus was unable to be a delegate because Root's name was not filed here.

Thursday Last Day.

Next Thursday is the last day for filing. Thus far Woodrow Wilson is the only name filed. Blanks were taken out today for S. W. McCall, former governor of Massachusetts, who will be the old guard Republican candidate to replace Root.

IN THE WAR ARENAS

Switzerland Apologizes. Berlin, Jan. 28.—Switzerland today officially apologized to Germany on account of Swiss students dragging the German flag from the consulate at Lausanne. Germany demanded further investigations. The flag has been hoisted again and Swiss authorities are protecting it.

African Liner Lost.

Hull, Eng., Jan. 28.—The African liner Appeal is believed lost off the Moroccan coast.

London Officials Surprised.

London, Jan. 28.—Officials here are surprised because the Allies are evacuating Albania.

Single Men Called.

London, Jan. 28.—All single men between the ages of 27 and 30 who enlisted during the Derby campaign have been called to colors. They are ordered to report Feb. 3.

J. ADAM BEDE SAYS WILSON IS BARRED

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 28.—"Washington affairs have excluded the possibility of Woodrow Wilson running again for president and Champ Clark is the only presidential candidate," J. Adam Bede, former Republican Minnesota Congressman said today. "Bryan may lead a third party," he said.

FIVE MEN ARRESTED FOR CHICAGO ROBBERY

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 28.—Five men were arrested today for robbing Jake Stahl's Washington National bank yesterday of \$13,000. The men threw thousands of dollars in currency out of the window in their room into the street when the police raided their room. A newsboy picked up the money.

NORTH STATE TOWNS' DEATH RATE LOWEST

Washington, Jan. 28.—A bulletin on mortality statistics, issued by the federal census bureau today gives the following for some of the Minnesota cities selected in respect to geographical situation: Duluth, 11.7 a thousand; Mankato, 16.6; St. Cloud, 13.8; Stillwater, 13; Virginia, 9.8; Winona, 15.4.

DELEGATES TO PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION ARE NAMED

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 28.—Delegates to the progressive national convention in Chicago, in June, were to be named by the Progressive state central committee, which met here at two o'clock this afternoon.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 28.—Over \$2,500,000 has been spent on state roads during the past six months.

