

PICKETT CONFESSES; IMPLIES SMITH IN IRREGULARITIES

Clerk of Investment Board Forging Warrants for \$28,962.

STATE TREASURER SAYS ALL WILL BE EXPLAINED

Governor Burnquist to Investigate; Will Oust State Official if Necessary.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 9.—R. C. Pickett, discharged clerk of the state board of investments, in his confession of forgeries of state warrants to the extent of \$28,962, to J. A. O. Preus, state auditor, and County Attorney O'Brien in presence of Assistant Attorney General Stevenson and Matt Desmind, said today that State Treasurer Walter J. Smith shared evenly with him in the proceeds of the funds.

Pickett Jailed

Pickett has been jailed. He is being held at the Central police station in this city. Detectives are watching the sanatorium where Smith is reported to be a patient. A conflicting report says that Smith is at the home a doctor friend in Minneapolis.

The Ramsey county grand jury will take up the case tomorrow.

Would Oust Smith

Governor Burnquist in a statement today said that if a taxpayer would make a formal complaint he would appoint an investigating commission to investigate the affairs of the office of the state treasurer.

"If State Treasurer Smith is guilty of the charges," said the governor, "I will remove him for malfeasance in office."

Forged by Pickett

The irregularities discovered in the office of the treasurer include three forged school district warrants for \$18,000, \$4,600 and \$6,000. The signatures to all these warrants are said to have been forged by R. C. Pickett, the investment board clerk.

Will Not Resign

In a statement yesterday Treasurer Smith denied knowledge of any warrants except that for \$18,000 and asserted that while he had deposited this warrant to his own credit that he was acting in good faith as a trustee to the fund. He stated that he would not resign from office. Mr. Smith gave a personal check for the \$18,000 but inquiry developed that there was not enough funds to meet the check. Later a certified check was given.

TWO RECEIVE WOLF BOUNTIES IN COUNTY

Two wolf bounties were issued yesterday from the office of the county auditor, one to Frank Heathcote of Summit, and one to Knut Skie in township 154-38.

TWO COUPLES ARE LICENSED TO WED

Two wedding licenses were granted this morning in the clerk of court's office. They were Freeman Killmer of Truman, Minn., to Hazel Crow of Blackduck and R. J. Patterson of Nymore to Emma Ponder of Pennington.

KUT-EL-AMARA ENGLISH FORCES NOT IN DANGER

London, Feb. 9.—General Townsends' forces at Kut-el-amara are in no danger of capture, it was reported today. It was stated that they would be able to cut their way out and join reinforcements on the outside. However, they do not want to evacuate Kut-el-amara.

BRANDEIS IS CHARGED WITH BREACH OF FAITH

Washington, Feb. 9.—Clifford Throne, Iowa railway commissioner, today charged Brandeis with breach of faith. Brandeis won the first skirmish today when Senator Clark's motion to send the matter back to the full judiciary committee was defeated.

ANXIETY FELT FOR SEVEN BIG LINERS

New York, Feb. 9.—Anxiety is felt for the safety of seven big passenger liners enroute to here following reports that a big British liner was captured or sunk in mid-ocean by an armed German commerce raider.

TREASURER ACCUSED OF IMPLICATION IN STATE FUND FORGERIES



WALTER J. SMITH of Eveleth, State Treasurer.

BUEFORD GILE TO INTEREST FARMERS IN SOY BEAN CROP

Bemidji School Agriculturist Writes Special Article for Pioneer.

SUCCESSFUL CROPS ARE RAISED IN COUNTY

Rich Matured Seed at School Farm; Excellent Growth at McGhee Farm.

Note—The following article by Bueford M. Gile, Bemidji school agriculturist, is written for the purpose of arousing interest in the Soy bean crop for Northern Minnesota. The article is written for the Pioneer.

(By Bueford M. Gile.)

During the past few years we have been hearing more and more about soy beans. Seventeen years ago the Wisconsin Experiment station introduced soy beans into northern Wisconsin and they have grown there ever since.

Exceedingly favorable results have been obtained and the crop has been a great blessing on the farm where at times clover and alfalfa failed to grow.

Soy beans may be grown for seed, for hay, for hog pasture, for silage, when mixed with corn, and as a green manure. Last year, some Wisconsin Early Black Soy beans were planted on the school farm at Bemidji and produced mature seed even in such an unfavorable season. Every farmer who saw them remarked about their rich appearance and the liberal amount of hay that could have been secured if cut at the proper time.

Make Excellent Growth

The Northern Pacific railroad furnished some soy beans to J. C. McGhee, who is now assistant county superintendent of schools for Beltrami county. They made an excellent growth but were stricken down by the early frost which visited the Northwest last year, although the soy bean will stand more frost than corn or field beans.

All classes of ordinary soil are adapted to the growth of soy beans. The chief value of the soy bean is as a legume for the lighter soils. Experiments show that soy beans grow and develop well on soils that are slightly acid. Soy beans may be sown as late as June 10 and produce hay before Sept. 1, which is far superior in feeding value to clover. Such a crop is worth a great deal to our dairymen in case there happens to be a clover failure or as in some cases we know of, clover has not been sown at all. The soy bean is a good crop for new sandy soil. The Wisconsin station reports yields as high as 4,000 pounds per acre on such lands. The Ito San soy bean is better than the Early

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CORRESPONDENT VIVIDLY DESCRIBES WAR IN TRENCHES

E. J. D. Larson Pictures Life on the French Battle Line.

SNIPERS ARE SHOWN IN ACTION IN CITIES

Minneapolis Journalist, Fresh From Hostilities, Gives Lecture.

A bit of the war in the trenches was brought to Bemidji last evening, or to use a more accurate figure, a number of Bemidjites were taken to the firing line in France and given some glimpses of the present war as it really is being fought. E. J. D. Larson, war correspondent of the Minneapolis Tribune, and his stereopticon views were the agency by which this was done and it was done well.

This lecture, delivered at the city hall under the auspices of the Bemidji Elks, left with the audience vivid impressions of the drab, monotonous and lack-lustre kind of warfare that characterizes the world's greatest conflict. It was useful in clearing away misapprehensions and bringing into a strong sense of realism the life of the soldiers and the tremendous sacrifices of the people concerned in the whole affair.

Three Months at Front

Mr. Larson spent three months last summer and fall on the French front, and he took pains to avoid anything savoring of partisanship in his descriptions and comment. While acknowledging many courtesies at the hands of the Allies he maintained his neutrality throughout the lecture. He also paid his respects to the Germans for refraining from training their guns on him when they had an opportunity. He therefore had a kindly feeling for both sides, he said. Speaking of sympathies entertained in this country, he declared that there was only one kind of hyphen which appealed to him and that was the Yankee-Americanism.

Before displaying his pictures he said that three questions were frequently asked him. They are, "Are things really as bad over there as people are told in the things they read?" "How long will the war last?" "Who will win?"

Accounts Are Good

Replying to these questions he said he had never read anything which showed the absurd extremes of fighting such as they were actually reached in this war. The world's brightest intellects were constantly concocting schemes to destroy human life, he stated. Devices are now being employed not conceived of at the beginning of the war. Regarding the end of the war, he said that he felt this year would see a ray of hope indicating the approaching end. As to who would win, Mr. Larson would not express himself, although he stated that he felt like repeating the remark of one who answered the question by saying: "Who won the San Francisco earthquake?"

Preparedness Doomed

As to the question of preparedness he believed that President Wilson's plan of a continental army is doomed in advance.

About 200 striking pictures were shown by Mr. Larson, taken on the French front. His first visit to the battle line trenches was made under military escort, about 60 miles from Paris. Scenes from many trenches were shown. The life led by the soldiers was clearly described.

Many phases of the actual operations were illustrated and described vividly and entertainingly in a discourse of about two hours' duration and the entire audience went away very well informed about the war. A small crowd attended the lecture.

Mrs. Hanna Sonder made final proof on her homestead near Island Lake this morning before F. W. Rhoda, clerk of court.

Take advantage of a want ad.

ACCIDENTAL IS JURY'S VERDICT

Inquest is Held in Ralph Remmey Shooting Affair; Carried Revolver.

Ralph Remmey, station agent at Turtle River, came to his death last Saturday by the accidental discharge of his own revolver. This was the verdict of a coroner's jury last evening at an inquest held in the city hall.

Garfield Akerberg, coroner, held the inquest at which County Attorney Graham M. Torrance examined the witnesses.

The coroner's jury was composed of J. P. Lahr, L. P. Engstrom, O. J. Laqua, Peter Krosgang of Saum, Adolph Klein and Fred Malzahn.

Among the witnesses who were examined were Dr. A. E. Haderon of Bemidji, who examined the wound; Harry Higbee of Puposky, who was in the depot at the time of the shooting; Peter Larking, president of the village council at Turtle River; H. A. Brown, storekeeper at Turtle River; James Bliz, stepfather of Remmey; George Walker, local agent of the M. & I. railway, and Sheriff Andrew Johnson.

The body of Mr. Remmey will be shipped to St. Paul today for interment.

HAGEN IS FINED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Pleads Guilty When Appealed Case is Taken Up by the District Court.

The petit jury was called in the district court this morning and the first case of the February calendar was taken up. It was the case of the City of Bemidji vs. Hans Hagen.

Convicted Last Year

Hagen was convicted in the municipal court, Aug. 15, 1915, of conducting an unlicensed drinking place at Bemidji. He appealed the case to the district court.

This morning when the case was called Hagen asked leave to plead guilty. This was allowed and he was fined \$25.

Harris Case Up

The court late this morning began the Jennie Gunderson vs. J. O. Harris case. Attorney Henry Funkley is representing the plaintiff and the firm of Andrews, Gibbons & Huffman is representing Mr. Harris.

Grand Jury in Session

The members of the petit jury are: J. C. McChesney of Kelliher; Olaf Larson of Bemidji; Gus Torland of Island Lake; Carl Wallin of Quiring; C. R. Dickie of Blackduck; Oscar Flatner of Spooner; A. Moon of Bemidji; John Mason of Williams; Henry Kelley of Williams; Nels Sorenson of Solway; Arthur Cook of Louis; William Engbret of Thorhult; William Couits of Baudette; George Bye of Blackduck; Frank Coleman of Eplee; Ed. Akre of Nymore; Herman Eickstadt of Bemidji; K. K. Roe of Bemidji; Carl Rad of Bemidji; Henry Marin of Bemidji; M. H. Sand of Ines; R. W. Kiehl of Nymore; Chris Linder of Saum, and Gust Karlson of Bemidji.

The grand jury is still in session. It may not complete its session this afternoon.

SUNDBERG CASE TO GRAND JURY

The case of William Sundberg of Deer River, who was arrested by Special Federal Officer J. P. Brandt, charged with having introduced into Indian country at Deer River, Feb. 7, three quarts of whisky and one 5, three quarts of whisky and one 5, this morning. Sundberg was bound over to the federal grand jury and gave bail in the sum of \$300 for his appearance at the Duluth term of court in June.

Take advantage of a want ad.

FOURTEEN ARE GIVEN CITIZEN PAPERS IN COUNTY

R. K. Doe, Chief Naturalization Officer Here to Examine the Applicants.

ASKS AID TO HELP EDUCATE FOREIGNERS

To Apply to State Legislature for Aid in Establishing Night Schools.

Fourteen foreign-born residents of this county and district received certificates of naturalization yesterday afternoon after their cases had been heard and passed on in the district court by R. K. Doe, chief Federal naturalization agent. One case was dismissed and one was continued.

Many From Sweden

Andrew Bergquist, Denmark; August William Anderson, Sweden; Bernt Tomason Tanem, Norway; William Zachariah Robinson, Canada; Matt Spangrud, Norway; Joseph Hasha, Canada; Albert Johanson, Sweden; Andrew Rodin, Sweden; Catrina Olson, Sweden; Anton Anderson, Sweden; Brede Auli, Norway; Per Erik Johnson, Sweden; Johannes Opelland, Norway; Albert Amandus Johnson Prestebak, Norway, passed the examination and were given citizenship papers.

Michael Brosky was examined, but his case continued until the next term. The case of Hanna Sinder was dropped, owing to the lack of residence time. Many other cases were continued on account of the absence of the applicants.

"Begin Night Schools"

"We are trying to begin more night schools so as to better educate the foreigners," said Mr. Doe to a Pioneer representative. "We hope to start several schools this spring in every county in Northern Minnesota. When the legislature meets again we will attempt to secure an appropriation so that teachers can be secured for the night schools.

"The national government, bureau of naturalization, is very anxious to promote and facilitate the Americanization of our alien population, help them to learn to read and write the English language and to better understand our form of government. The standard of a country depends upon the intelligence of her citizens.

Need in Rural Districts

"In a number of cities and villages we now have night schools established for this purpose but in the rural districts where the need is the greatest, little has been done. "Last year Prof. E. A. Freeman of Grand Rapids, Minn., introduced an entering wedge and met with much success. Night schools were opened at 20 different schools to run for three months, giving three nights a week. Teachers were given five dollars more each month for the work. A large number of foreign-born citizens attended the schools with much success. I believe that every county should establish the night school system."

BORDER CITY SALOONS MUST CLOSE TODAY

The saloons at International Falls must close tonight at eleven o'clock, according to a written opinion of the attorney general filed today.

The returns of the canvassing board at the county option election were filed with the county auditor in the afternoon of August 9. There was some controversy as to whether the saloons should be closed today or tomorrow, until the opinion was received today.

FATHER OF BEMIDJI MAN DIES AT MANKATO

E. L. Benner left last evening for Mankato where he was called on account of the sudden death of his father, B. S. Benner.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSE NUMBERS HAVE FREAKS; WHAT IS YOUR'S?

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 9.—If W. A. Nolan, member of the Minnesota state board of visitors, should yell "Seven come eleven" across the Minnesota senate chambers or Senator F. L. Palmer of Minneapolis, it would only refer to automobile license numbers. Nolan's number is seven and Palmer's number is eleven.

PUPOSKY HOTEL RAIDED; MATTER TO GRAND JURY

Much Liquor is Found by Deputy Sheriffs Thompson and Skinvik.

JOHN LARSON ARRESTED; RELEASED ON BONDS

Complaint Made Against Hotel by County Attorney Graham M. Torrance.

Nine casks of beer, one 52-gallon barrel of whisky, two quart cases of beer and fixtures enough to run a saloon were brought to Bemidji this morning by Deputy Sheriffs O. M. Skinvik and Simon T. Thompson, who last night raided the hotel at Puposky.

Larson Arrested

John Larson was arrested, charged with conducting a non-licensed drinking place. The warrant was sworn out by County Attorney Graham M. Torrance who is making a strong effort to wipe out the unlicensed drinking places in the county.

Jury to Investigate

The matter will be placed before the grand jury this afternoon for investigation.

Larson was taken before Judge D. H. Pisk late this morning and was released on bonds.

MANY PEOPLE VISIT SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT

Many people are visiting the big art exhibit at the high school. About \$100 worth of tickets have been sold. The proceeds of the exhibit will be used to purchase pictures for the schools.

A special musical program has been prepared at the exhibit. Miss Francis Kenney and Miss Dorothy Torrance will sing at the exhibit today and tomorrow and Mrs. G. H. Strickland and Mrs. C. R. Sanborn will have charge of the music on Friday.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL SESSION FOR FIVE DAYS

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—Although Wilson will have a clear slate for nomination as president, the Democratic national convention plans sessions for five days. Night sessions are taboos. Speaker Clark is being mentioned for temporary chairman.

BELGIUM REFUSES GERMAN TERMS

London, Feb. 9.—A dispatch from Rome states that Belgium has refused the separate peace terms that Germany has offered. Cardinal Mercier of Belgium is understood to have brought this information to the Pope. The Kaiser promised Belgium complete restoration.

BERLIN TO RECEIVE LUSITANIA MESSAGE

Washington, Feb. 9.—Berlin will today receive by cable America's provisional acceptance of Germany's last word in the Lusitania situation.

BEMIDJI TO OPPOSE NELSON BILL; MERCHANTS TO WASHINGTON

Three Hundred Dollars is Subscribed to Fight Forest Reservation Bill.

BILL ANTAGONISTIC TO CITY'S INTERESTS

Resolutions to Be Sent to Every United States Senator

RED LAKE REPRESENTATIVES ALREADY AT CAPITOL

The Bemidji Commercial club and the Merchants association in a joint meeting at the city hall Tuesday afternoon vigorously opposed the Nelson bill providing for a forest reservation at the Red Lake reservation, which is now before congress. Delegates were authorized to be sent to Washington to oppose the measure and \$300 was appropriated by subscription to pay the expenses of the delegates. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions opposing the bill and to send a copy of the same to every United States senator at Washington.

The attention of Bemidji citizens was first called to the Nelson bill by the Pioneer in an editorial attacking the bill. Since that time Bemidji merchants have investigated the bill and have found that it is very antagonistic to the interests of the Bemidji.

Red Lake Indians, as well as every friend of the Red Lakers, who have read the bill are opposed to it. A delegation of Red Lake Indians headed by Chief Johnson Morrison, Nat Head and Paul Beaulieu left for Washington last Monday evening to represent the interests of the redmen. W. F. Dickens, agent of the Red Lake reservation, is at present in Washington, having been called there on other Indian matters.

Bill Discussed

The meeting yesterday afternoon was called by President Schumaker of the Commercial club, who read the bill and explained the important features of it. Several of the business men took part in the discussion in regard to the bill and it was compared to other Indian bills such as the Cass Lake forest reserve bill.

It was pointed out that there are nearly 400,000,000 feet of lumber on the reservation at Red Lake which would mean a five-year cut for the mills in this city.

Favors Drainage

J. J. Opsahl told the meeting that he had favored the bill if certain amendments were made in regard to drainage. It was pointed out to him that there was no mention made in regard to drainage in the bill and that the bill was strictly a timber bill. It was pointed out that drainage would have to be in an entirely new bill.

Subscribe \$300

On the motion of W. L. Brooks the organization voted to subscribe \$300 to send delegates to Washington to oppose the bill, the delegates to include representatives from the Red Lake reservation. The money was raised by private subscription among the business men.

Committee Appointed

W. Z. Robinson urged that the club draw up resolutions opposing the bill and that copies of these resolutions be sent to every United States senator. Upon this motion a committee of three, composing Attorney E. E. McDonald, E. H. Denu and J. J. Opsahl, was appointed.

The resolutions committee met this morning for the purpose of drafting the resolutions, but at a late hour this afternoon had not completed the work.

GRAND FORKS MAN FOUND NOT GUILTY

Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 9.—After a deliberation of one hour and 45 minutes, a verdict of not guilty was returned last night at 6:45 in the case of the state versus Leo Treacy, of Grand Forks, who was tried in the district court on a charge of second degree manslaughter in connection with the death of M. F. Hall of Austin, Minn.

Treacy was arrested late last fall shortly after Hall's death, alleged to have been caused from a blow received when he fell to the floor in an East Grand Forks saloon after he had been struck by the defendant.

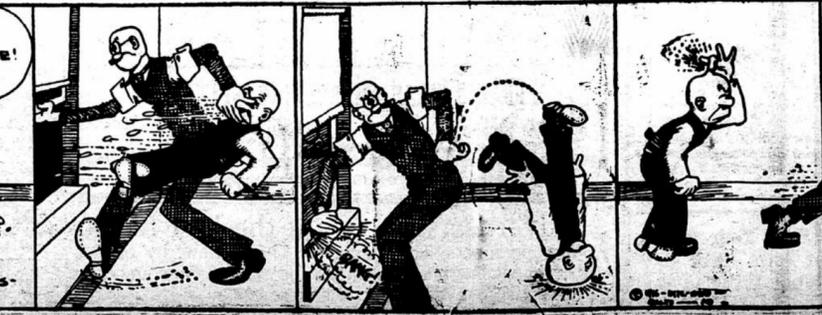
KITCHENER REPORTED NOT TO LEAVE OFFICE

London, Feb. 9.—The reports that Lord Kitchener will soon leave the war office were denied today. That Kitchener would go to Egypt was also denied.

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



The Boss Is A Bear For Hibernating



By "HOP"

