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BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA, THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13, 1917.

FORTY FIVE CENTS PER MONTH

I. W. W. SECRETARY AT GEMMELL IS ARRESTED; BOOZE PEDDLERS, ALSO

Koochiching County Sheriff Descends at Early Morning Hour and Nabs Joe McCarthy.

FOUR CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR AND BOOZE TAKEN

Jess Dunning and Other Agitators Have Been Signing Members; Strike Rumor Heard.

What was reported to be a plot for a strike on the part of I. W. W. in the lumber camps at Gemmell, shortly before Christmas, was knocked in the head early yesterday morning by Sheriff Wahl of Koochiching county, who led his deputies into the jungles and raided the I. W. W. headquarters, also a lot of illegal booze joints, and bagged Joe McCarthy, secretary of the I. W. W. at that point, and Tom Holmes, A. H. Brown, Ed Benson and another whose name could not be learned by the Pioneer, charging the latter four with blind-pigging.

The sheriff and his deputies walked six or seven miles across country and arrived early in the morning to make the arrests.

Several of the Home Guard from International Falls accompanied the sheriff and were in waiting for a car should help be needed.

Dunning Active There.

It was at Gemmell that Jess Dunning, former secretary of the I. W. W. in Bemidji, was holding forth, while out on bail for a rehearing of his case and the argument for a motion for a new trial. He had been granted a stay of execution of a two-year sentence to the state penitentiary and while at liberty continued his activities in behalf of the I. W. W. and was at Gemmell spreading his lawless doctrine, for which he was sentenced, when ordered to Bemidji and then ordered to Stillwater with no further consideration.

Dunning had signed up a large number of men in the camps on the I. W. W. It is said there are fully 1,000 men in that vicinity and that 800 had joined the Wreckers.

Started Boycotts.

The I. W. W. had also started a boycott against places of business in that locality unless the proprietors joined the I. W. W.

The underground rumor of the discussed strike had reached Bemidji, and S. C. Bailey, game warden, says he was aware the strike was brewing.

The raid of the Koochiching county sheriff, however, thwarted the plans.

FRED B. SNYDER TO SEEK SENATE TOGA WORN BY NELSON

Minneapolis, Dec. 13.—Fred B. Snyder, president of the board of regents of the university, has formally announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for United States senator to succeed Senator Knute Nelson.

Mr. Snyder said he had no statement to make at this time, but that he would later announce his platform.

Mr. Snyder did say he was entering the field because he and others had absolute assurances Senator Nelson would not be a candidate to succeed himself.

Nelson Determined to Retire. It has been known for some time Senator Nelson was firmly determined to retire at the end of this, his fourth term, in the United States Senate. The senior senator's health is not of the best, it is said, and he is anxious to retire to his farm at Alexandria.

He will have been in the upper House of Congress for 24 years when his present term expires. Practically his entire life has been devoted to the public service, and he wants a rest.

Mr. Snyder, the first to announce his candidacy for the place, served in the Minneapolis city council and later in the state legislature. He is now public safety director for Hennepin county.

Snyder Receives Assurance. "It is because I have had definite assurances from Senator Nelson he intends to retire that I announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for United States senator," said Mr. Snyder.

NEWLY ENLISTED RECRUIT APPRECIATES COURTESY

Alfred Protsman of Waskish, who enlisted in the signal service today left this noon for Duluth, called on the Pioneer office just before leaving and asked that the paper express to the Red Cross Mr. Protsman's appreciation of the "housewife" kit and to the citizens of Bemidji his thanks for the "joy box." Mr. Protsman stated that Bemidji was surely doing her "bit" for the men who left from this city.

25,000 Guard To Be Drawn From Country

(By United Press) Washington, Dec. 13.—Congress today authorized the organization of 25,000 United States guards to relieve regulars from guard and police duty. The guard will be raised by the volunteer system if it can be done, otherwise the draft will be called into use.

YOU ARE URGED TO SING AT CHRISTMAS TREE

On account of so many being busy with other work each night in the week, the song practice for the community Christmas tree will be held Sunday afternoon in the Central school building at 2:30 o'clock, instead of Monday night. Unless more singers volunteer their services at the next practice, it will be impossible to have the song service at the tree.

SEATTLE CHIEF QUILTS

Seattle, Dec. 13.—Charles L. Beckingham has resigned as chief of police of Seattle, and J. A. Warren, former chief of police of Spokane and one time United States marshal of Nome, Alaska, was named in his stead. Mayor Hiram Gill requested Beckingham's resignation as a step in a campaign to life a military order barring Camp Lewis, Wash., soldiers from visiting Seattle on account of vice conditions here.

RED CROSS DRIVE COMMITTEE NAMED

The executive committee for the Red Cross Christmas drive has been appointed, the members being Mayor C. W. Vandersluis, F. B. Lamson, W. L. Brooks, W. E. Dean, Mrs. Arthur Flatner and Miss Marie Burke. The general committee consists of thirty members.

They will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock to discuss the campaign.

The use of the motion picture theaters will be impressed for publicity service and tonight the president's Red Cross proclamation will be read in all the theaters by high school representatives.

Tomorrow at the high school the drive will be presented and on Sunday the ministers are expected to speak for the drive in the churches.

The drug stores will be Red Cross headquarters for receiving memberships and there will be a member of the chapter at each of the drug stores, beginning Monday.

Every person joining the Red Cross will receive a Red Cross flag and button, the flag to be shown in the front window of the home and lighted by a candle Christmas night.

OLSON SELLS POOL HALL TO FORMER POSTMASTER

O. B. Olson of the Fifth ward has sold his pool hall building to Archie G. Olson, formerly postmaster of the Fifth ward, who will remodel the building and put in a grocery store. He has taken possession. O. B. Olson will pass the winter at Kelliher logging some of his timber. His family will remain in the Fifth ward during the winter.

TURK DELEGATE IS ASKING FOR PEACE

(By United Press) Geneva, Dec. 13.—Moutkar Bey, the Turkish delegate sent to Berne for a conference on the exchange of prisoners, has asked Constantinople for full powers to negotiate separate peace with British delegates, newspaper reports state today.

EIGHT \$50,000 DAMAGE SUITS FILED BY PICKETS

Washington, Dec. 13.—Eight damage suits for \$50,000 each have been filed against the three commissioners who govern the District of Columbia and the superintendent of the jail here, by the Woman's party militants recently imprisoned for picketing the White House.

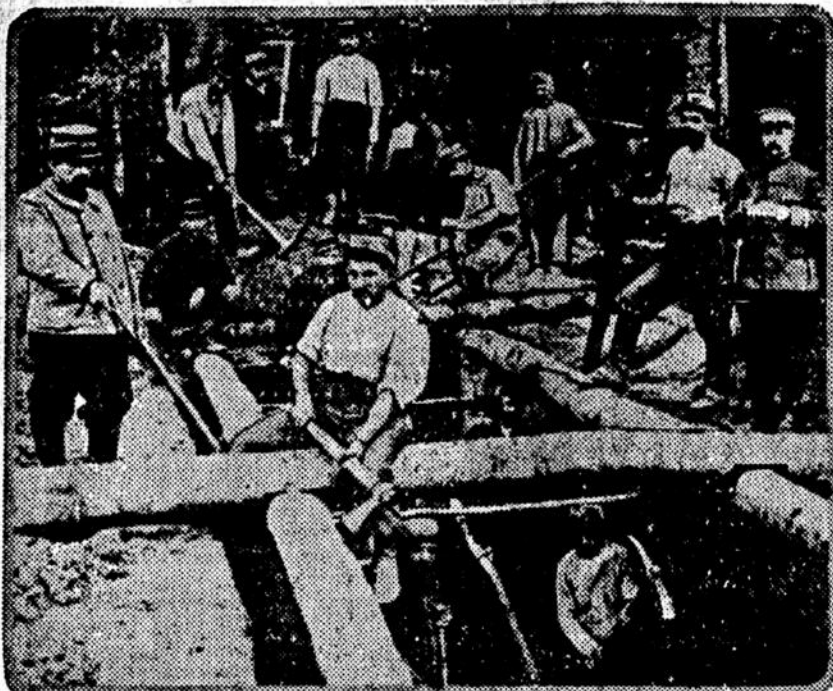
HAIG PAYS TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN HEROES

(By United Press) American field headquarters, Dec. 13.—Field Marshal Haig paid a glowing tribute to the American engineers in writing. General Pershing says Haig appreciated the prompt and gallant assistance in what for a time was a difficult situation, and regretted much of their losses.

CALL BY STRIKE

Dr. E. W. Johnson of Lake Boulevard was called to the Twin Cities last evening on account of the strike, being surgeon in the Home Guard battalion, of which Bemidji is a member.

NONE TOO OLD TO SERVE FRANCE



That service to one's country recognizes no age limit is evident from this photograph showing Frenchmen too old to fight constructing trenches and dugouts behind the battle lines. Each man, a volunteer, has released a younger man for duty at the front. Many of these men served France in 1870.

Associate dCharities Makes Plea For Poor OnChristmas; No Charity But Co-Operation

And now from out the maze of government loan campaigns, Red Cross activities, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. and the K. of C. campaigns, the food conservation propaganda, the loyalty campaigns, and everything else imaginable in the war campaign line, comes the Associated Charities of the city of Bemidji, and asks the people of the city to turn for the nonce from the thoughts of war and its horrors to the more peaceful, restful and cheerful task of the observance of Christmas time, and the Christmas of the worthy poor of the city.

It is at a time like this that the Associated Charities steps forward in its worthy work and takes a leading part in providing Christmas cheer for those whom Fortune has, perhaps, not favored with due reward. There are those whom Fate has looked upon in devious ways. There are the children, the future citizens of Bemidji, to whom Santa Claus is as dear as to those more fortunate, and whose coming is wistfully watched. It is for such as these that the Associated Charities is appealing and has asked the Pioneer to place their plea before the people of Bemidji.

The Associated Charities has need for between 40 and 50 Christmas boxes for worthy families. Last year the association saw that 37 boxes were properly distributed. The association is not asking in the name of charity, but in the spirit of helpfulness and co-operation, and this year specially, with the cost of food, clothing, fuel and general expense soaring, should this spirit be more marked.

To help them in their Christmas cheer program, the Associated Charities has secured the Elko theater where the film "A Country Hero," with "Fatty" Arbuckle as the star, will be shown Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. There are seven reels of screaming entertainment. It will be one of the most interesting pictures for the children. It will be interesting to their elders. "For Valour," a 5-reel picture, will also be shown.

The admission will be 10 cents worth of food for each child, the admission to be such as breakfast foods, tea, coffee, canned goods, candy, nuts, apples, oranges and other articles of food supply which will not dry up nor spoil before Christmas. Children up to 14 years will come under the "food admission" price. Those over that age will pay the 10 cents in cash.

The Associated Charities will be in charge of the theater, and take charge of the food as it comes in. Immediately afterward, the collection of food will be taken to the Markham hotel where the Christmas boxes will be packed in one of the salesman's sample rooms.

There will be no limit to the generosity accepted in this most worthy cause. To have helped will make Christmas day the brighter.

Those who have helped, as they sit on Christmas day, surrounded by those near and dear, with the Christmas spirit pervading the home, the ladies of the Associated Charities feel that to have helped a worthy family less fortunate in observing the day and the children not doubt the meaning of the birth of Christ and the reality of Santa Claus, will make the anniversary fuller of the spirit of Christ and create a feeling of satisfaction over having added to the enjoyment and comfort of less fortunate fellow beings and their little ones.

The Associated Charities is making a strong appeal and the Pioneer will also add its appeal to its friends and readers to aid the organization in spreading the real meaning of a MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR ALL.

Postmaster Issues Christmas Warning

Postmaster Ritchie is again issuing his annual warning to the patrons of the office to "MAIL YOUR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES EARLY TO INSURE DELIVERY BEFORE CHRISTMAS."

This year there will be a heavy mail for the soldiers at cantonments and there is certain to be a crush in the postal facilities throughout the country, and Christmas packages and mail should be sent at the earliest possible moment. On the packages or other Christmas mail can be placed the admonition "Do not open until Christmas," or other similar notation.

Every person sending a package should wrap and pack securely and fasten it so it will not come open in the crush of matter. The name of the sender and the sender's address should be written plainly on the package and so should the name and address of the one for whom the package is intended.

Every person sending a package should have the proper postage thereon.

These instructions should be obeyed to the letter, and if patrons will give this proper attention it will greatly facilitate the postal employees in their work and prevent confusion to all concerned.

MAIL YOUR PACKAGES EARLY.

GIGANTIC DRIVE OF TEUTONS IS CHECKED

(By United Press) With the British armies in the field, Dec. 13.—The British have apparently stopped the known Prince Rupprecht's long prepared drive to break the British hold around Bullecourt. The German attack was made with the greatest concentration of men and guns, patently designed. The drive was stopped with the enemy holding a short section of the British trenches.

Out of His Ward.

There was an officers' meeting in one of the line regiments. An earnest discussion of military principles was taking place, relates the Boston Herald. Suddenly the door was thrown open and a recruit in civilian clothes appeared.

"Hello, fellows," he greeted them genially. "Say, which one of you is the head guy around here? I've just come to camp."

The officers stared at him in bewilderment. Eventually a major asked gruffly: "What's your name and where do you come from?"

"My name's Smith and I come from the ninth ward. I guess I'll be going since you're so nasty about it."

20,000 UNION MEN QUIT WORK; OTHERS ARE JOINING RANKS; BIG STRIKE IS ON

Public Glare Turned On Expenditures

(By United Press) Washington, Dec. 13.—The glare of publicity is to be turned upon all the innermost points of war expenditures.

Congress is in an inquisitive and critical mood and will ascertain the basis for reports of expensive publicity men being employed to advertise the government branches, that the most expensive office equipment has been purchased and that telephone lines have been leased to carry messages that should go by mail.

NO FURLOUGHS FOR NATIONAL ARMY MEN

Washington, Dec. 13.—Men of the National Army will not be given Christmas furloughs unless they live within trolley distance of their cantonments, the war department has decided.

Secretary Baker in an announcement assigned the harmful effect a general leave would have on camp discipline and the heavy burden it would throw on the railroads as reasons for the department's action.

This war department order would seem to act as an absolute bar to any Bemidji and Minnesota men returning from Camp Dodge to their homes for the Christmas holidays. It had been understood that liberality would be shown in the granting of holiday furloughs, and many Bemidji homes have been preparing to welcome their soldier lads.

U. S. CONGRESSMAN FIRES FIRST GUN AGAINST AUSTRIA

Italian Army Headquarters in Italy, Dec. 13, Dec. 13.—(Delayed) —The first American shot against Austria was fired by Representative Tinkham of Boston on the lower Plave when Mr. Tinkham pulled a string firing a large 149 millimeter gun sending a shell hurtling across the Plave to the Austrian positions.

TALKS AT THE HOUSEWIVES' MEET TOMORROW AFTERNOON

At the meeting of the Housewives' league at the Grand theater tomorrow afternoon, Mrs. H. C. Baer will give a talk on "Conservation of Food." Mrs. E. F. Netzer will speak on "Selective Saving," and Miss Ida Virginia Brown will sing.

"PEACE POISON" IS POURED INTO THE U.S.

By William Sheppard United Press Staff Correspondent Home From Russia

Chicago, Dec. 13.—"The Bolsheviks are trying to poison and weaken the military strength of the United States by German propaganda similar to that employed in Russia, but America is not worrying."

"Germany is careful not to provide long casualty lists such as the sinking of transports. The German game is to keep Americans tranquil while the poison of the German peace propaganda is being poured into them by Germans in the United States."

POPE PLEASSED OVER HOLY CITY'S CAPTURE

(By United Press) Rome, Dec. 13.—The pope is intensely gratified at the capture of Jerusalem by the British. He, however, disapproves the removal of the seat of the Catholic church from Rome to Jerusalem.

MYSTERIOUS FIRES RENDER 29 FAMILIES HOMELESS

(By United Press) Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 13.—Mysterious fires, following explosions in two separate apartment houses this morning, caused a loss estimated at \$135,000. Twenty-nine families are homeless.

(Flash) 2:40 P. M. St. Paul, Dec. 13.—The general strike has been called off and the men ordered to return to work.

(Bulletin) (By United Press)

St. Paul, Dec. 13.—It is reported here this afternoon that Secretary Lawson of the Minnesota Federation of Labor has called off the strike and ordered the men to return to work.

If this is true, it may mean that calling off the strike will be undertaken at one o'clock. Lawson's action, however, is because the president is sending an intervention board here as the men have demanded.

(By United Press)

St. Paul, Dec. 13.—The general strike in the Twin Cities is on. It was called at 10 o'clock this morning, and labor leaders claim 20,000 men are out. Hundreds failed to report at all this morning. A few minutes before 10 o'clock, other workers commenced to swarm the business district streets as they left their work. The exodus was orderly. The temperature is 20 below zero, and the men, after quitting, went to their homes.

An investigation of a crash between cars in the loop has been started. Injuries to passengers from flying glass were inconsequential. The distribution of food is hard hit. Milk and bread drivers are out. For the past three days large stores have been laid in.

All machinists, except those working in railroad shops, are out. Labor Leader Greenville says shopmen not quitting at 10 o'clock will quit before the day is over. This may mean that the strike will spread to other northwestern cities.

Wilson Orders Board

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson today ordered a special mediation board, headed by Secretary of Labor Wilson, to rush to St. Paul at the earliest possible moment. Government officials on the telephone today appealed to the labor leaders not to spread the strike to other northwest cities.

JOHN SMITH, STRUCK BY ENGINE, REFUSES BED; IS OUT AGAIN

St. Paul, Dec. 13.—Just what an Indian will endure despite handicaps of age and infirmities was illustrated by a letter received in St. Paul from Fred A. King, Indian agent at Cass Lake, Minn.

Mr. King had been asked to report on the condition of Ga-be-nah-gewn-wonce, 127 years old, and he replied as follows:

"I am in receipt of yours relating to the aged Indian known as Ga-be-nah-gewn-wonce, also known as John Smith by those who are unable to pronounce his Indian name."

Refuses to Occupy Bed. "No events have transpired in his life during the past two years worthy of being added to the sketch written for you, except perhaps the fact that shortly after the sketch was prepared he was run over by a switch engine in the Great Northern railroad yards here."

"He was severely shaken and was picked up and taken to our local hospital for medical treatment."

"He refused to occupy a bed while in the hospital, and rolling himself up in a blanket he laid on the floor during all the two weeks he was confined to the hospital."

Still Looking for Wife.

"He has not as yet married again, but is still hoping to meet an Indian maiden who is willing to become Mrs. Ga-be-nah-gewn-wonce."

"You ask me to telegraph you in the event of his death. I will do so providing he dies before I do."

"He is residing in Cass Lake with his Indian son-in-law at present, is still active and frequently goes by train to Bemidji to visit his Indian friends in that vicinity. He went there today in fact."

DR. A. T. STILL, FOUNDER OF OSTEOPATHY, DIES AT HOME

Kirksville, Mo., Dec. 13.—Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, founder of the science of osteopathy and president of the American School of Osteopathy, died yesterday of old age.