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## BEMIDJI PARK BILL DEFEATED BY HOUSE VOTE

**\$40,000 Appropriation for  
State Park Defeated By Vote  
of 62 to 57 Today**

### SENATE FAVORS STATE INTERIM COMMISSION

**Bill to Allow Cities to Levy  
Wheelage Tax on Motor  
Vehicles Passes**

(By United Press)  
St. Paul, April 20.—The \$40,000 appropriation for the Bemidji State Park was defeated in the house today by a vote of 62 to 57.

The above action kills all hopes of Bemidji citizens and citizens of this vicinity relative to the establishment of a state park at the head of Lake Bemidji. Hopes have been high up to this time that the bill would pass by a safe majority and the news of its defeat comes as a severe blow to those who have been working hard for it.

Whether or not an attempt will be made to bring up a similar bill at a later session of the state legislature has not been announced, but it is thought that Bemidji will do so if there is any possible chance for putting it over.

(By United Press)  
St. Paul, April 20.—The state senate is willing to have a Minnesota tax and revenue interim commission. It passed senator Putnam's resolution to that effect today 29-10, the commission to have nine members, three senators, three representatives and three members of the state commission.

An amendment was made today by Senator Putnam raising the pay for each member from \$15 to \$20 per day.

(By United Press)  
St. Paul, April 20.—Cities may be able to levy a wheelage tax on motor cars next year but it will be only 10 per cent of the state tax.  
The senate today passed the Childs bill, 37-15. An amendment by George H. Sullivan, which was adopted, reduced the limit of St. Paul's tax on automobiles to one-tenth of the state levy. Originally the measure provided for 50 per cent limitation, then it was cut to one-third and finally to 10 per cent.

## BOY SCOUTS BANQUET BEFORE OPEN MEETING

The program for the Boy Scouts banquet tonight in the Central school after the banquet has been completed and a most interesting part of the program will be the portion contributed by the Scouts themselves in doing the various stunts they have arranged.

Supper will be served at 6 o'clock in the Central school where each Boy Scout will be the guest of his father or some other man. At 7:45, led by the juvenile band, the scouts will go to the new armory for the balance of the evening's program. Mr. Patten, an experienced scout master will address the boys, at the banquet, and the public in the new armory. The meeting in the armory is open to the public and every one who can do so is urged to attend.

### THIS TIME LAST YEAR

Cravath, Philadelphia, hit homer off Benton in eighth with two on, beating Giants 3 to 0.  
Cleveland and Detroit used 31 players in a three-hour game, Cleveland winning, 1 to 10.  
Walker knocked two home runs and Dugan one for Athletics.  
Cadore, Brooklyn, shut out Boston 1 to 0 in 11 innings.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hensel this morning. Mother and baby are reported to be doing nicely.

## MYSTERIOUS MURDER ATTEMPT IS BAFFLING

(By United Press)  
St. Paul, April 20.—Police today were unable to solve the mysterious murder attempt of Mrs. George Fox, 25, by a man wearing a black hood. The mysterious man entered her apartment last night, choked her until she fainted, bound and gagged her and then turned on the jets of the gas stove.  
Her husband, returning home a few minutes later, found her unconscious. A mysterious note reading "May Coch" was found on the table.

## KELLIHER MAN CUT IN TWO BY CIRCULAR SAW

**Setter at George Strand Mill  
Meets Death Instantly Late  
Yesterday Afternoon**

A watch which Tracy Hopkins of Kelliher carried in the watch pocket of his trousers still shows the hour at which he met his death late yesterday afternoon when he fell across a circular saw at the George Strand sawmill at Kelliher and was severed in two just below the abdomen. The deceased, who was about 35 years of age, had been working at the mill since the opening about ten days ago. He was a single man, his parents living near Norden.

Mr. Hopkins was employed as setter on the carriage at the mill, but just how the accident occurred is not known for certain. The sawyer saw him just as he fell upon the saw, but had not seen him slip or stumble previously. The saw was stopped as soon as possible but not before it had done its fatal work. It is said that Mr. Hopkins fell against the back side of the circular saw and was carried over with it until his body hit on the other side. A knife, which he was carrying in his pocket, was nearly cut in two also. The hands of the watch, which were stopped when the teeth of the saw smashed the works, show that the accident happened at 5:40.

County Coroner H. N. McKee was summoned at once and he prepared the body for burial after investigating the circumstances of death. Arrangements for the funeral were held up last evening awaiting word from the parents of the deceased.

## CITY OFFERS TEN CENTS PER HUNDRED FOR FLIES

(By United Press)  
Waukegan, Ill., April 20.—This city offers ten cents per hundred for dead flies. This followed discovery by local health officers that when gentlemen and lady fly marry in April they have 131,000,000,000 offspring.

## BANKING SYNDICATE TO ASSIST CUBAN GROWERS

A banking syndicate headed by the Guaranty Trust company of New York, the National City Bank and the Royal Bank of Canada has underwritten an acceptance credit to be granted to the Sugar Financing and Export company, a Cuban company formed by leading sugar and financial interests to assist Cuban growers and manufacturers of sugar.

The Sugar Financing and Export company is to have a paid-in capital of \$2,000,000, all of which has been subscribed by the Cuban Cane Sugar Corporation and the Cuban American Sugar company and their associated and subsidiary companies. The syndicate proposes to grant this company a six months' open credit, drafts under which are to be secured by sugar stored in independent warehouse in Cuba or in process of exportation. The principal amount of the drafts at any one time outstanding will not aggregate in excess of \$20,000,000. The drawings are to be on the basis of \$8 a bag and are not to run longer than 90 days.

## JEWETT'S GARAGE CLOSED DURING FUNERAL TODAY

The garage of the C. W. Jewett company was closed this afternoon out of respect to Miss Lucille Cooper, whose funeral services were held at 3 o'clock.

## ELKS LODGE WILL HOLD MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT

The B. P. O. E. lodge will hold its regular meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Elks' hall. It is requested that all members be present.

## ALLIED POLICIES FOR GERMANY NEAR CLIMAX

Briand Will Endeavor to Show that Military Action Is Now Necessary

(By United Press)  
London, April 20. (By Ed. L. Keen) Allied policies for Germany were being drawn to a focus today.

Faced with the necessity of reaching an agreement before May 1, the next two weeks promise to be filled with conferences of allied leaders. The first will be held over the weekend in the home of Premier Lloyd George's millionaire secretary, Sir Philip Sassoon, at Haythe. Premier Briand of France accompanied by three generals will endeavor to persuade Italy and Great Britain that the only way to dispose of the situation is to take military action. It was recognized generally that the supreme council will either see that all drastic action to German observance of the peace terms are acted upon or submit to further discussion with the Germans. France, meanwhile, is withholding plans for calling new classes to the colors.

## Cloudy and Unsettled



## TRANSIENT ARRESTED ON GRAND LARCENY CHARGE

**Pleads Guilty to Theft of  
Liberty Bonds and Money  
at Kelliher Hotel**

Stanley Seboke, a transient, was arrested yesterday charged with grand larceny in the first degree, for alleged theft of two \$50 Liberty bonds, two watches and some silver from guests of the Kelliher hotel. Seboke, it is believed, noticed the number of the room assigned to two men who registered at the hotel and made his way up to the room before the men went up. The door being unlocked, Seboke went into the room, got under the bed and remained there until his victims were asleep, then he secured the loot and left.

He, himself, shared a room in the same hotel with another man and went to the room after the robbery. When discovery was made of the robbery, the roommate of Seboke was suspected, as he had left the hotel during the night and had later returned. He convinced the police of his innocence but later circumstances led to suspicion of the guilt of Seboke.

Officer Arnold searched both men and the room occupied by them and was about to give up the search when upon feeling the bottom of a dresser drawer discovered something pasted to the bottom and covered with a paper. It proved to be one of the Liberty bonds concealed in the cover of an I. W. W. card case. Seboke was taken into custody by the police and later confessed his guilt.

It is understood he will plead guilty before Judge Stanton and will receive sentence. Seboke admitted he had been doing the same kind of stealing in various cities but had always escaped capture. The local police, by persistent effort only, were finally able to land their man behind the bars after an admitted career of similar crimes.

## WEDDING CEREMONY IS PERFORMED BY MOOSE

Albert A. McLaughlin and Mathilda Floura were married last night in the Moose hall in the presence of about 350 members of the Moose and Mooseheart Legionnaire lodges. The ceremony was performed by Judge of Probate J. E. Harris. The groom was supported by William Floura, brother of the bride, and the bride by Mrs. E. Huer, sister of the groom. The wedding ceremony followed the regular initiation ceremony of the Moose lodge, the groom himself being a member of the lodge. The women of Mooseheart Legion served refreshments at the close of the wedding ceremony. The Moose orchestra furnished a number of selections during the reception to the bride and groom.

The bride was presented a beautiful silver service by the Moose lodge and the ladies of the legion presented her a spray of flowers.

## PURE WHISKEY GOING BEGGING FOR BUYERS

Washington, April 20. (By Ralph Couch).—Nearly 1,000,000 quarts of whiskey, gin and fancy brands certified pure by the government now is begging for legal purchasers at a dollar a gallon. Chief Asworth of the United States custom service said here today.  
The whiskey, for sale by the customs service, was seized from border rum runners. Before offering it for sale the customs service had it tested and none is offered which is less than 80 per cent alcohol. This is fully up to the pre-war standard.

## PIONEER ENTERING NINETEENTH VOLUME

With today's issue of The Bemidji Daily Pioneer, this city's only daily within one hundred miles of this city, entered upon the nineteenth year of its career. This fact alone tells the story of the progress made since the first appearance of the paper.

The plant from which The Pioneer is issued is one of the most modern in the state and is capable of handling any line of printing and publishing. Many changes have been made since The Pioneer's last "birthday." A modern two-story structure has been purchased and equipped with modern presses and other machinery which has aided greatly in making the standard of the publication even better than it was a year ago.

## TRAPPER BRINGS BODY OUT OF NORTH WILDS

Duluth, April 20.—S. R. McClenghan, veteran trapper, better known as "Curley the Trapper," is expected to arrive home this week from a six weeks' trip into the Canadian north, from where he brought back the body of a fellow trapper, who fell a victim to scurvy and died while alone in the wilds.

The return of McClenghan from his long and strenuous pilgrimage and the burial of A. O. Reinhart, the ill-fated trapper, brings to a close the final chapter of a narrative which only the followers of the trapping in the northland appreciate best.

Last week McClenghan turned Reinhart's body over to the family at Shawano, Wis., where it was buried, almost a year to the day from the time death came.

Mr. Reinhart outfitted at The Pas, Man., in the spring of 1919 and started north to locate a trapping ground, settling and building a cabin about 200 miles north of Nelson House on North Indian Lake, a region little known and farther north than the majority of the trapping grounds. He seems to have forgotten to take a remedy for scurvy with him, or else he was not aware of one. He left a complete diary of his daily sufferings up within a few weeks of his death, the last entry being made on April 9, 1920. His body was found some time in February, last. Mr. Reinhart was well known in Fort Francis, Ont., and by the employees of the Crookston Lumber Company at that place, having been three years in the employ of E. J. Letford, now of this city.

## TODAY IN CONGRESS

(By United Press)  
Senate expected to pass the Colombian treaty.

In the house, the ways and means committee heard southern tariff representatives for tariff on raw materials and invoiced articles.

(By United Press)  
Washington, April 20.—The senate is expected to ratify the Colombian treaty today by a vote which probably will be well over the required two-thirds. The senate thus will dispose of a controversy which has been waged with the South American republic ever since the department of Para revolted in 1903 and the administration of Theodore Roosevelt got the Panama canal site from Panama.

## CANADA MAY BE BONE DRY WITHIN FEW YEARS

**Majority in Ontario Placed at  
200,000—Nation-wide Drive  
Is Already Begun**

Toronto, April 20.—Placing the majority vote for "bone dry prohibition" in Ontario at 200,000, the Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant, secretary of the Ontario Referendum committee has announced immediate steps toward procuring measures against the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in the entire dominion.

Dr. Grant declared the manufacture or importation of liquor will be prohibited throughout Canada within five years.

As a result of Monday's vote six provinces—Alberta, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Prince Edward Island and Ontario—now are dry and government control of liquor is in effect in Quebec and British Columbia. New Brunswick and Yukon territory will hold a referendum during the year.

The government proclamation affecting Ontario will be issued in two months, the legislation becoming effective one month later.

The result of the election will be the application of the dominion law prohibiting the importation of liquor from any province, state or country. The Sundry bill, which prohibits "short circuiting" or the delivery within the province of liquor manufactured there, will be enforced, it is said, as there is no law which forbids the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in Ontario.

## TOMMY GIBBONS KNOCKS OUT FLYNN IN ELEVENTH

(By United Press)  
Newark, April 20.—Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul, knocked out Porky Flynn in the eleventh round of a 12-round bout here last night. Flynn was badly beaten and had to be carried to the corner.

## NUMBER OF OFFICES ENTERED LAST NIGHT

After a few nights' vacation, the young Bemidji gentlemen burglars renewed their activities last night. The offices of the Bemidji Lumber and Fuel company were entered by forcing a back door and 90 cents secured. Across the street was the office of the Northwestern Oil company, which the young bandits visited last Saturday night and where they secured about \$40 at that time. Another try was made last night at the oil company's office with no success so far as has been discovered.

The next scene of operation was the Smith Lumber company's office on Fourth street. Here they were rewarded by getting \$31. Entrance was gained to the office by a window on the north side of the building. The money was secured at the Smith Lumber company's office between seven and ten o'clock at night.

## SEARCHS FOR HOOTCH BUT FINDS DYNAMITE

(By United Press)  
Minot, N. D., April 20.—Captain John Reed of the Minot police force was searching for hootch and found dynamite. A barn eight miles north of here, was a suspected rendezvous of "hi-jackers."  
Reed found no liquor but 40 pounds of dynamite and percussion caps so arranged that they could be set off with a small charge and obliterate everything within shouting distance of the barn.

## CONSTRUCTION OF HOMES CONTINUES TO PROGRESS

**Production of Lumber Con-  
tinues on Scanty Basis in All  
Sawing Regions**

Despite the fact that uncertainty as to the betterment of the building labor situation continues in some sections, building as a whole continues to show progress, says the American Lumberman, of Chicago. The most pronounced activity is to be found in the construction of small houses, and retail lumbermen are selling a very respectable volume of lumber for this purpose. In fact, in a number of cases the actual number of feet of lumber sold this year exceeds that sold during 1920.

For example, in one of the largest Ohio cities, where a careful record was kept, it was found that during March the number of feet of lumber sold was approximately twice the number of feet sold during the corresponding week in 1920, but that for 1921 the total in money realized was only slightly greater than for the much smaller amount sold during 1920. This stresses the size of the reductions in the retail prices of lumber, reductions which, of course, were first reflected in similar reductions in the wholesale price.

Production of lumber continues upon a scanty basis in all manufacturing regions. The majority of orders placed are for rush shipment and show that buyers are not anticipating their requirements, but, because of good transportation conditions, feel that they are justified in expecting to get their orders thru from the sawmills promptly and thus patch up stocks which are becoming rather badly broken in many cases. Prices have not shown any appreciable change in trend, though the market does show a somewhat firmer underlying tendency.

## FOUR ARRESTED FOR DRUNKENNESS TUESDAY

Four "drunks" were arrested last night and pleaded guilty to being intoxicated this morning before Judge Gibbons. Each drew a fine of \$5. Frank Berry, an old offender, was also arrested, charged with being drunk. The judge did not give him the option of a fine but imposed a straight sentence of 10 days in jail.

## INSURANCE COMPANIES COMPETE THRU SERVICE

(By United Press)  
St. Paul, April 20.—There will be no competition as to rates among Minnesota concentration insurance companies, it was decided at a meeting of 32 companies here late yesterday.  
The Minnesota concentration rating bureau was organized and a general manager will be appointed. The governing board will draw up classifications and rates and the companies will compete only through the service they give.

## 20,000 MUSIC MAKERS GOING TO CHICAGO

Chicago, April 20.—The "man who hath no music in his soul" is warned to avoid Chicago the week of May 9, when 20,000 representatives of the music industry gather for annual convention.

Everything musical will be present, from jazz to grand opera, French harps to pipe organs.

"Music drives away gloom," declared Matt J. Kennedy, chairman of the entertainment committee. "Music is essential to the settlement of present day political and economic conditions. A musical instrument is as necessary in the home as the kitchen sink."

Harmony will be the keynote of the assemblage.

## JUVENILE BAND MEETS AT 7:15 THIS EVENING

The Juvenile band will assemble tonight at the band rooms at 7:15 prior to going to the Central school from where they will escort the Boy Scouts to the new armory. The band will also render several selections at the armory.

## SUBSTITUTE FOR SALES TAX IS BEING SOUGHT

Members of Committee Admit They Are Uncertain as to Source of Revenue

(By United Press)  
Washington, April 20.—A substitute for the sales tax was being sought today by congressional committees handling revenue raising legislation. Members of the committee admitted that, with the defeat of the sales tax certain and with pledges made that this congress will eliminate or reduce existing profits, income and other taxes, they are uncertain where the government is going to get the money.

As a consequence, the taxpayers cannot know for about six months how much the government intends to take from them. It will be at least September before the tax legislation will go through, according to Senator Penrose of the senate finance committee.

## FOREST FIRES DESTROY FOUR DORSET HOMES

**Additional Fire Fighters Have  
Been Rushed to Hubbard  
County Fires**

## INSPECTOR SAYS FIRES INCREASE IN NUMBERS

**Forestry Department Sparing  
No Effort to Stamp Out Fires  
in Northern Counties**

(By United Press)  
St. Paul, April 20.—Forest fires have burned four homes on the edge of Dorset, Hubbard county, according to reports to the state forest department today. Additional fire fighters have been rushed there.  
A. E. Pinney, state forest inspector, who is seeing the north woods in an airplane reported that fires in Hubbard and Cass counties are becoming more numerous and there is much danger of them spreading. The timber, he said, is very dry.  
A new fire was discovered last night at Leech Lake. The forestry department said every effort is being made to stamp out the fires scattered over the dozen northern counties. Additional forces of fire fighters are being enlisted whenever the necessity arises.

## MOTORIST LOSES CASE AGAINST 800 RAILWAY

The complaint entered by a Duluth motorist against the Soo Railway for damage to his automobile last fall when the front wheels were hit by a passenger train near Cass Lake was heard at Walker yesterday. On motion of Judge M. A. Spooner, attorney for defendant, the court held that the complaint was insufficient. D. M. Connors was present and served as a witness in the case. F. L. Quale, traveling representative for the Soo Line, was also present.

## CAR OVERTURNS AND ONE BOY IS KILLED INSTANTLY

(By United Press)  
Velva, N. D., April 20.—Lloyd Masteller, 13-year-old son of Frank M. Masteller, Dodge merchant, was instantly killed one mile east of here early Tuesday morning, when returning from a dance at Voltawire with a party of boys. The car in which they were riding was overturned.

## SEATTLE MAN KILLED IN FALL DOWN STAIRS

Word has been received here by County Attorney Graham M. Torrance, of the accidental death of his brother-in-law, Harry Stewart, of Seattle, Wash. Particulars of the accident have not been received by Mr. Torrance further than that Mr. Stewart had been a guest at a hotel in some town near Seattle and during the night had arisen in his sleep, opened a door leading down a concrete stairway and had fallen headlong down the stairway, causing instant death.

Mr. Stewart was secretary of the Carnation Milk company of Seattle and was well known in business circles on the Pacific coast. Mrs. Stewart is a sister of Mr. Torrance.

## PRAIRIE DOGS SOUSED

(By United Press)  
Cheyenne, Wyo., April 20.—Wyoming prairie dogs are the latest victims of illegal booze traffic. When a sheriff's posse visited the country west of Cheyenne recently in search of moonshine stills, members of the band saw staggering prairie dogs, unable to find the "front door" to their holes. Investigation showed that several pints of whiskey had been "cached" in various prairie dog holes and had been broken with the consequence of a spree in dog-town.

## GREAT NORTHERN TRAIN CROSSES BURNING BRIDGE

(By United Press)  
St. Cloud, April 20.—When the fast mail on the Great Northern turned a curve near Albany yesterday afternoon it saw the bridge over two rivers directly ahead of them on fire. It was too late to stop and the engineer threw open the throttle and shot across. Warning was given at Albany and the Oriental Limited was detained by Breckenridge.

## SHIP WORKERS' STRIKE SAID TO BE APPARENT

(By United Press)  
New York, April 20.—With the ship operators and employees apparently deadlocked on the question of wage cut, the prospect of a great spring strike May 1 was apparent today.  
The Ship Owners' association announced that wage reductions of 20 to 30 per cent will be put into effect on that date when the present agreement expires.