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Minnesota: Unsettled tonight and Saturday. Probably snow in north; snow or rain in south. Colder in northwest portion.

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Superior Man Hacked And Beaten to Death With An Ax

ARMS LIMITING PARLEY CALLED EVENT OF YEAR

Washington Meeting Stands Out as Big Achievement of U. S. in 1922

NEW YEAR IS EXPECTED TO BRING RATIFICATION

Events of Administration in Past Year Reviewed in Order of Importance

Washington, Dec. 29 (United Press)—The Washington Arms conference, with its great international pact for limitation of naval armament stands out as the greatest achievement of the United States government in 1922.

The new year is expected to bring final ratification of all the Washington conference treaties, as this government is confident that France and Italy will not jeopardize all this peace preserving work by failing to approve the pacts.

The conference which adjourned early in February after a session of about three months drew up treaties which called for:

A ten year naval holiday in battleship construction.
A maximum battleship tonnage of 35,000 tons for the United States and Great Britain, 315,000 tons for Japan and about 170,000 for France and Italy.

The scrapping of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

The scrapping of about 70 battleships.

Restrictions on submarine and gas war fare.

The preservation of peace in the Pacific through the Four Power Treaty.

A series of treaties seeking to stabilize China and to make the principle of "The Open Door" a reality in the Far East.

At the end of 1922 there is a strong demand in Congress for another armament parley to supplement the work of this year's conference. The House Appropriations committee has inserted a provision in the naval appropriations bill requesting President Harding to call a conference to consider limitations on the construction of aircraft, submarines and smaller auxiliary vessels.

At the same time the Harding administration has come to the conclusion that the United States must intervene in Europe to prevent an economic collapse there and is now seeking the most practical way in which its aid can be extended.

The Tariff Legislation
In the line of legislation, the enactment of the Fordney-McCumber tariff law, revising as it does all the (Continued on Page 2)

DETROIT'S MUNICIPAL RAILWAY IS SUCCESS

Is Already Fast Paying Off Obligations and Giving Improved Service

By J. A. Darrock (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 29—The municipally owned railway of Detroit, still in its infancy is financially healthy and rapidly developing into a tremendous success, according to the latest figures given out here.

Besides putting back into the property a considerable amount of money in additions and betterments, the city railway department, on December 1, paid \$500,000 to the Detroit United railway, applying on the semi-annual payment that falls due on June 1, 1923. The department hopes to pay another half million dollars shortly after the first of the new year.

By making these payments in advance of the actual date on which they fall due, the department saves a large amount of interest.

At the close of five and one half months of operation, the department had carried 204,669,795 passengers, made up of 154,434,188 revenue passengers and 50,235,607 transfer passengers with a total of \$8,259,591.02 received as revenue from transportation. The total miles operated being 21,746,822, which shows an average of 38 cents per car mile with an expense of .2257 per car mile.

Non-operating income and miscellaneous brings the total amount of money received up to \$8,809,471.12 or (Continued on page 2)

CENSUS FIGURES SHOW DEATH RATE DECREASES

Deaths from Cancer in 1921 Show Increase; Tuberculosis Shows Marked Decrease

Washington, Dec. 29—The Department of Commerce announces that the compilations made by the Bureau of the Census show that 1,032,009 deaths occurred in 1921 within the death registration area of continental United States, representing a death rate of 11.6 per 1,000 population as compared with 13.1 in 1920. The rate for 1921 is the lowest rate recorded in any year since the beginning of the annual compilations in 1900.

The death registration area (exclusive of the Territory of Hawaii) in 1921 comprised 34 states, the District of Columbia, and 16 cities in non-registration states, with a total estimated population on July 1 of 88,667,602 or 82.2 per cent of the estimated population of the United States.

The death rate from cancer increased 83.4 per 100,000 in 1920 to 86 in 1921. Some of the other diseases for which the rates increased are diphtheria, typhoid fever, appendicitis.

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MAKING PLANS FOR TOURISTS

New Officers of Ten Thousand Lakes Association Plan on Big 1923 Tourist Crop

Officers of the Ten Thousand Lakes of Minnesota Association, elected at the annual meeting in Duluth, are beginning preparations for a record influx of tourists to Minnesota in 1923.

Sentiment expressed at the Duluth meeting indicated that resort owners generally are expanding their quarters. One man is finishing buildings amounting to \$60,000 in value. Many others who found it necessary to turn away visitors last summer are building additional cottages in anticipation of the big travel expected in 1923.

Accordingly, the association approved plans for more extensive advertising of Minnesota's lakes. The (Continued on Page 2)

DANGER POINT OF FUEL SITUATION IS PASSED

Washington, Dec. 29—Federal fuel distributor, Conrad E. Spens, today stepped out of office assuring President Harding in his final report that barring extreme weather, the country has passed the danger point of the fuel situation this winter.

Spens, whose resignation becomes effective Jan. 1st, leaves for Chicago to resume his duties as vice-president of the Burlington Railway system.

BEMIDJI MEN ENJOY VERY SUCCESSFUL QUAIL HUNT

F. S. Lyeon and George Krenz, recognized as Bemidji's premier quail hunters and Thompson Ross of Chicago returned the first of the week from a trip into Tennessee and Arkansas where they enjoyed a successful quail hunt.

"We had a most delightful trip," said Mr. Lyeon, "and surely shot loads of quail. It is great sport and we enjoyed every minute of the time."

Mr. Ross joined the Bemidji hunters at Chicago. He is interested in the Minnesota Electric Light and Power Company of this city.

TO ASK CLOSED SEASON ON ALL MINNESOTA GAME

St. Paul, Dec. 29—The next legislature will be asked to declare a five-year closed season on all wild game except destructive and obnoxious animals.

Moose, deer, ducks and all birds and wild game will be protected from the onslaughts of increasing numbers of hunters, if the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has its way. The executive committee has decided to make these demands on the legislature.

Another meeting of the executive committee of the society will be held early next month, when the legislature convenes.

TRAGEDY WALKS IN N. Y. SUBWAY

Bulk of Cases Reported to the Missing Persons Bureau From Great Subways

By Nea Service
New York, Dec. 29—The slam of a subway door, the surge of a rushing crowd and thousands of strangers, carried into the maelstrom of New York's great catacombs on commerce the subways, are swept along—to disappointments, misfortune, and often death.

They form the bulk of the cases reported to the Missing Persons Bureau of the Police-Department. Few get public notice until they reach a tragic ending.

Not long ago Joseph Gallo, of Fairfax, S. D., came East with his wife. They were to sail for their old home in Czecho-Slovakia to retire. Passage was engaged. They started from their hotel for the pier.

The subway was crowded. Gallo pushed his way through the crowds. His wife was close behind. But before she could board the train, the guard had slammed the door, separating husband and wife.

She boarded the next train. It was the wrong one. Speaking little English she couldn't make herself understood. She was lost among millions.

Two days later the frantic husband found her—in the morgue. She had died of fright.

A few weeks later Hyman Levine, a Newark (N. J.) grocer, came to (Continued on Page 2)



HYMAN LEVINE, HIS WIFE AND SON, WHOSE SEPARATION IN NEW YORK SUBWAY ALMOST ENDED IN A TRAGEDY.

WOMEN'S BUREAU PLANS INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE

Women employment managers and women workers manufacturers and factory inspectors, public health experts, industrial statisticians, economists and Government administrators will appear on the program of the Women's Industrial Conference which has been called by the Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor, to meet in Washington, January 11 to 13th. More than 100 national organizations of women have been invited to send delegates to the conference and acceptances already received indicate an attendance of representative women from all over the United States.

This, the third governmental conference held during the present administration to consider questions of public importance, will be officially opened by the Secretary of Labor, the Hon. James J. Davis, and the first session will be presided over by the assistant Secretary of Labor, the Hon. Edward J. Henning. The gathering is under the management of the Women's Bureau of the Labor Department of which Miss Mary Anderson is Director.

WISCONSIN MAN NAMED HEAD OF I. C. COMMISSION

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 29—Balfazer Meyers of Wisconsin was today appointed chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission for the coming year. Meyers succeeds Charles McCord who served this year.

NEW KIWANIS LEADERS TAKE OFFICE NEXT WEEK

Dr. D. F. McCann sang his "Swan Song" as president of the local Kiwanis club at the meeting Thursday noon at the Elks club rooms and had charge of the entire program from sending the invitations to leading the singing.

Supt. J. C. West will assume the leadership of the club, as president, at the next meeting, as will all other newly elected officers.

Dot Van's orchestra provided the musical entertainment for the meeting. Roll call was resorted to for a program and each member was required to tell one thing that they had learned during the past year, which proved to be a live topic.

A favorable report was heard from a number of committees.

BLACKDUCK BAND PLANS BIG CONCERT AT HINES

A band concert by the Blackduck band is to be given at the Hines town hall Wednesday evening, January 3, at 8 o'clock, according to notices being sent out by the Hines Lyceum board. The concert will be held under the auspices of the Hines board and will be given as one of the five numbers on the season ticket.

The Hines Lyceum board looks forward to this number with interest, believing it will be one of the best numbers. The band has 40 members and has already a well-established reputation for its high musical attainment. In addition, the band will have with it vocal talent, thus assuring one of the best and most varied entertainments of the season. Plans have been made for a large attendance, it is understood and the public in general is invited and urged to attend.

Mrs. Adelaide Fries, of Winston-Salem, is the first woman to be honored with the presidency of the North Carolina Literary and Historical society. One of the older societies of its kind in the country.

Austrian Settlement At Superior Seethes Today for Vengeance

FEELING RUNNING HIGH AGAINST BOMB MAILER

(By United Press)
Marshfield, Wis., Dec. 29—Feeling is running high here against the person or persons who mailed the infernal machine to the James R. Chapman home, which exploded Wednesday night, causing fatal injuries to Mrs. Chapman and serious yinjuring her husband.

According to District Attorney Chapman and seriously injuring her today. A land owner in the district, who is said to have upbraided Mr. Chapman on several occasions for alleged over-assessment of his lands, is suspected.

EUROPE STANDS AT CROSS-ROADS

Reports from Athens are That Renewed War With Turks Seems Inevitable

(By United Press)
Europe today stood at the crossroads, one leading to war in the Near East and the other to resume the Lausanne conference, which was suspended while Ismet Pasha, chief of the Turkish delegates, prepared a reply to the allies' demand that the Turks permit an international court in which cases involving foreigners would be tried.

There was an obvious effort on the part of the allies to meet the appeal that the Turkish obstinacy on this point is responsible for the recent disturbances of the conference, while Ismet Pasha desired the world to believe that British greed for the rich Mosul Oil regions in the Mesopotamia is the real reason.

Ismet Pasha's reply will try to throw the blame on the Greeks. Reports from Athens said the Greeks (Continued on page 2)

Owner of Cabin in Which the Murdered Man Had Lived Held From Angry Mob

BLOOD-SMEARED AX AND SLEDGE HAMMER FOUND

Patrolman Waits for Alleged Murderer to Return and Takes Him to Jail

(By United Press)
Superior, Wis., Dec. 29—Little Austrin seethed today with vengeance following one of the most brutal crimes in its history. Nicholas Triff, a bachelor in the Allouez section, was hacked with an axe and his body beaten to a pulp. Jacob Vesuil, the owner of the cabin in which Triff lived, was arrested five hours after the murder and spirited away from an angry mob.

At supper time, neighbors heard a disturbance in the cabin of Triff, who was 40 and popular. Last night they found his body on the floor, his face an unrecognizable mass of wounds. A blood smeared axe and sledge hammer were found. Vesuil had been seen entering the cabin and was seen later by Mrs. John Connolly, wife of a patrolman, when, covered with blood, he entered a street car. She reported to her husband and the search began.

Connolly, knowing the penchant of Austrians to return to scenes of crime, lay in waiting. Five hours later, Vesuil returned. He had been up town to a hearty dinner.

While neighbors of Triff searched frantically with hatchets and shotguns for the murderer, Connolly spirited Vesuil away and lodged him in the county jail. He denies the murder but police are confident he was the attacker and plan to place a formal charge against him today.

Vesuil is 27 years old and lived in a cabin 200 feet from the one Triff rents. Triff is known to have \$5,000 in a bank here and is reported to be the owner of considerable property. He worked at the ore docks.

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI TO STAGE DANCE TONIGHT

Students and alumni of the Bemidji high school and their friends are to enjoy a daneng party at the New Moose hall this evening. The annual meeting of the Bemidji High School Alumni association will also be held at this time and officers for the new year are to be elected. A large attendance is urged.

M. B. A. LODGE TO ATTEND SHADLOW FUNERAL SERVICE

All members of the M. B. A. lodge are requested to meet at the Baptist church on Saturday, December 30, at 2 p. m. to attend the funeral of Parker, president of the lodge.

JUNIOR FARMERS TAKE IN NEAT SUM IN 1922

18,971 Minnesota Boys and Girls Enroll in Club Work in Past Year, Report Shows

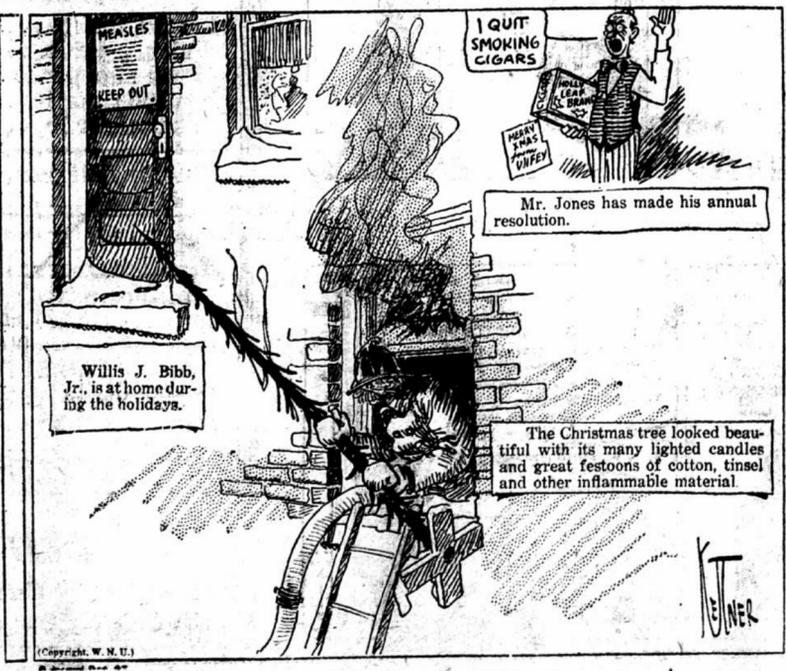
Eighteen thousand nine hundred seventy-one Minnesota boys and girls enrolled in 1,759 separate clubs in 1922 and secured from their products a total of \$410,679.78, or the sum of \$183,022.12 after deducting costs. These figures are from the annual report of T. A. Erickson, of University Farm, state leader of boys and girls club work.

The actual gain in membership over 1921 was only 241, but 75 per cent completed the season's work and submitted reports as against 71 per cent for 1921 and 65 per cent for 1920. "Our effort for the year," says Mr. Erickson, "was not for a large increase in membership, but rather to help the clubs already organized to do better work and to keep as many of the old club members in the work as possible. The increased number of members reported is largely due to the increased efforts of county agents and other leaders. More leadership was developed in 1922 than in any previous year."

The total number of members reporting in 1922 was 13,959 as against 13,254 in 1921. The value of products in 1922 surpassed those of 1921 by \$110,891.08 and the value above cost in 1922 surpassed by \$32,158.12 the net value in 1921.

Mr. Erickson reports that \$32,500 (Continued on page 2)

Locals



Willis J. Bibb, Jr., is at home during the holidays.