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## JIM JAM JEM DEALERS WERE NOT INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN ST. PAUL

ST. PAUL NEWS DEALERS DISCHARGED FOLLOWING REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

### PUBLISHERS MAY ACT

BISMARCK BOOK IS RECEIVING LARGER SALE THAN EVER THIS MONTH.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 9.—"Jim Jam Jems is a specimen of the best kind of journalism and ought to be read generally; we don't see anything in any of the numbers that ought to be classed as obscene."

The above is a condensed form of the opinion of a majority of the federal grand jury in the district court of Minneapolis for the third division which Saturday considered the charges against the dealers in Jim Jam Jems, who were charged with causing obscene literature to be brought into Minnesota by express.

One of the grand jurors, after the jury had been dismissed, speaking to a party not connected with the case, said:

"Personally, I do not see anything worse in Jim Jam Jems than appears in the daily papers."

Different From Winona Finding.

"That grows the difference in men," said J. M. Dickey, assistant federal district attorney. "At Winona, where we presented the same class of cases to a grand jury of twenty members there was a unanimous vote for the five indictments while in St. Paul the vote sentiment was almost reversed."

"Notwithstanding this finding, more Jim Jam Jems will be presented to a grand jury at Duluth at the January term, and still more will be presented to the grand jury at Minneapolis in the next term of district court in April next."

Developments Looked For.

Since the above news was sent out from St. Paul, the Tribune interviewed Sam H. Clark, editor of Jim Jam Jems at his office in Bismarck. Rumors have been afloat the past few days to the effect that the publishers of Jim Jam Jems would "start something" in connection with the prosecution started by the government.

Parties who claim to be on the inside intimate that Jim Jam Jems has not been asleep since this government investigation started. It is a well known fact that the publishers have a force of detectives constantly at work and it has leaked out that while government sleuths and inspectors have been trailing and gathering their evidence against Jim Jam Jems the same game has been played by the same game has been played by sleuths in the employ of the magazine and every move of the government sleuths and others working for the prosecution has been under the eyes of Jim Jam Jems detectives. It is said that some high-handed work has been done by parties who have personal reasons for wanting Jim Jam Jems suppressed and those who have heard the rumors are looking for something sensational to drop.

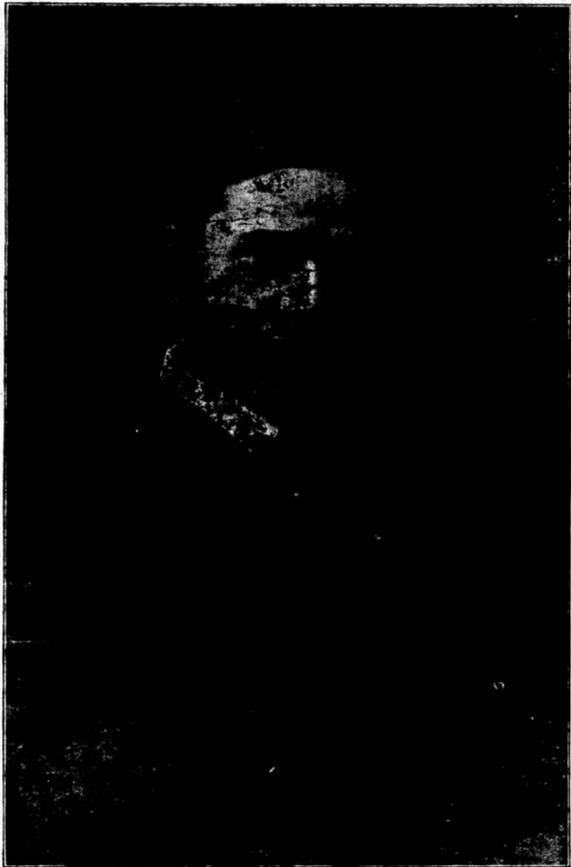
Sam Clark's Statement.

When interviewed by the Tribune today Mr. Clark said "We have noth-

LONG TIME BETWEEN DRINKS.

Some of the farmers have homes as up to date and convenient as many of the best city homes and the farmers' wives are apt to be just as particular with the manner in which homes are kept in order. It is said that a Burlington farmer called to his wife one night and asked if she had wiped out the sink. She replied in the affirmative and the farmer remarked: "Well, I am pretty thirsty, but I reckon I can wait for a drink until morning."

Peter Pearson had a mishap at a Glenburn elevator. He started up the driveway with a load of flax, but the horses could not pull it and the load went back thru the railing, spilling the flax on the ground.



SAM H. CLARK, Editor of Jim Jam Jems

ing to give you for publication at this time. We are naturally well pleased over the finding of St. Paul grand jury. It is usually an easy matter to bring about indictments where the prosecution is as vigorous as it has been against Jim Jam Jems. The jury only gets one side of the story. There is no chance for defense before a grand jury. But from the report of the St. Paul jury it is evident that copies of the magazine were read and thoroughly considered. I have every confidence that the wholesale arrest of our dealers will fall flat, and that grand juries everywhere will refuse to indict dealers for selling a magazine that is at least as clean as the average publication on the market today and much cleaner than several other magazines that are admitted to the mails and considered "classics."

We are doing everything to protect

our business interests. An attempt has been made to smother us completely, and wipe out Jim Jam Jems. Generally when the fire is started in several directions at one time, it is necessary to back-fire for protection. It has always been my policy to not let the other fellow do all the firing. We expect to stand absolutely on our rights, and while the other fellows are busy slipping one over on us, we may show a little speed by slipping one back. Things look pretty good to me just as they stand right now. We are doing more business than ever and this is not surprising when one stops to consider all the advertising we have been getting."

Editor Not Worried.

It is very apparent that the editor of Jim Jam Jems is not at all worried over the various prosecutions that have resulted in connection with the publication of his magazine.

## MAN SUICIDES WHILE PRAYERS ARE SAID

Christian T. Pike, Makoti Homesteader Ends Life at County Jail Sunday Afternoon While Nazarene Services Were in Progress.

Christian T. Pike, a homesteader from near Makoti, committed suicide in the corridor of the Ward county jail Sunday afternoon about ten minutes past four o'clock, while members of the Church of the Nazarene knelt in prayer. Mr. Pike who had been brought from Makoti early Saturday morning to be examined as to his sanity, lay down upon the cot in the corridor of the jail, covered his head with the blanket and pretended to sleep, while he cut his throat horribly from ear to ear and severed the arteries of his wrists with a sharp razor that he most likely smuggled into the jail.

As soon as Jailer Hall discovered the attempt the man had made upon his own life, he called the county physician and removed Pike to the hospital, where he died within an

hour. Mrs. Pike arrived from Makoti Monday and left today for her old home, McGregor, Ia., where the remains will be buried.

The victim was about 50 years of age and leaves a son 23 years of age by his first marriage, while three children, 13, 15 and 17, are the result of the second marriage.

A coroner's inquest was held at Rowan's undertaking parlors Monday evening, the jury being H. A. Hura, J. J. Keavin and G. D. Colcord.

Mrs. Pike testified that her husband had been suffering from a nervous breakdown for nearly three months and had threatened to take his life. He had told her that he believed that he was insane, but she could not believe it. Mrs. Pike stated that her husband was a photographer and was interested in some Chicago studio, and that he had been worrying over financial matters. He imagined he had used too much of his firm's money. This preyed upon his

mind so that he was unable to sleep. He went to Makoti Friday morning, saw a doctor and secured half a dozen sleeping powders and took them all. He nearly died from the effects of them and the doctor had a hard time awakening him. It is believed that he attempted to kill himself when he took the powders. As he acted like an insane man he was brought to this city and closely watched by David Hall, the jailer.

Mrs. Pike stated that her husband never shaved himself and as far as she knew, did not possess a razor.

David Hall testified that he realized that Pike was insane, but said the man seemed to have rational moments. He searched the Makoti man when he was brought to the jail but found nothing but a handkerchief in his clothes. Pike slept on a cot outside of Hall's room and ate breakfast with him Sunday morning. He wanted to shave and Hall loaned him his razor, but stood near while the man was shaving. When Pike was thru, he secured his razor again. Mr. Hall stated that gospel workers came to the jail as usual Sunday afternoon and started their services. Before they arrived, Hall informed Pike that they were coming, but he said he did not care to participate, and he believed he'd take a sleeping powder. He lay down on his cot, cover his head with the blanket and go to sleep. This he proceeded to do. The gospel workers had sung two songs and were engaged in prayer, when Henry Hackmeister, one of the inmates of the jail, who was sitting on the stairs, noticed blood on the blanket. He notified the jailer, who pulled the blanket back. Mr. Hall found a razor in Pike's right hand and his throat and wrists horribly cut. The man never muttered a word to anyone after performing the horrible deed.

Four of the prisoners testified that they had never before seen the razor that Pike used, so it is believed that he had it hidden in his clothing when he was brought to the jail.

The jury found that Pike had met death by his own hands.

The inquest was continued from Monday evening until Tuesday evening, at which time Doctors A. J. McCannel and F. E. Wheelon testified as to the man's apparently insane condition and as to the wounds. It was shown that the man had made numerous cuts in each wrist while he made fully half a dozen wounds on the right side of the neck before he succeeded in cutting his throat. He cut the windpipe as well as the carotid veins.

Acting Coroner Wm. Murray continued the case until Wednesday in order to give the jury time to learn where Pike had secured the razor, if possible.

## AMUNDSON WILL BE TRIED AT WILLISTON

Files Affidavit of Prejudice Against Jurors of Divide County—Case Before Judge Fisk, December 20.

Arne Amundson of Minot, who was to have been tried at Crosby this week, before Judge Fisk, on a very serious charge, will be tried at Williston before Mr. Fisk, the case being set for Friday, Dec. 20. L. J. Palda, Jr., Amundson's attorney, filed an affidavit of prejudice against the jurors of Divide county, there being two other rape cases in that county at the present term. Judge Fisk granted the motion to have the case tried in Williams county.

Amundson is fighting hard. The case was to have been heard before Judge Burr of Bottineau county at Crosby, but his attorney filed an affidavit of prejudice against Mr. Burr, when Judge Fisk was called in.

Former State's Attorney Dudley L. Nash who was state's attorney at the time of Amundson's first trial at Crosby, when he jury disagreed, has been hired by the state to assist State's Attorney Coyle in trying the case. Mr. Nash is entirely familiar with every detail of the case.

## MANY ARE CONVICTED IN COUNTY COURT

HENRY RINES.



The fight for speaker of the Minnesota Legislature has just been ended with the selection of Henry Rines, of Mora, for the position. Mr. Rines has pledged the support of 68 of the 120 members and all rivals for speakership honors have withdrawn. He is a newspaper editor.

TREASURER TAKES CHARGE MAY 1

Carl Lindberg, the county treasurer-elect, will not take charge of the office until May 1, next, in accordance with a law passed by the last session of the legislature. The county auditor will take charge of his office April 1, the same as before, while all other county officials will begin upon their duties January 1. This change will give Treasurer Weatherwax a term two years and four months long.

PROF LADD AT SURREY

Prof. A. J. Ladd of the department of education of the state university is scheduled to speak at the auditorium of the high school at Surrey the evening of Friday, Dec. 13.

Prof. Ladd's subject will be "The Church, Home and the School." This is the second number of the Surrey lecture course and it will be a good one.

John Honeysett, one of the old time Donnybrook citizens, returned from Canada last week. He stopped at the Grand View hotel at Portal and got into a mixup dislocating his arm. He did not become aware of his predicament until after he arrived at Donnybrook.

State's Attorney Coyle and Assistant He 'getad Doing Efficient Work in County Court.

State's Attorney Coyle and his very able assistant, G. B. Herigstad, are doing excellent work. As shown by the results obtained so far in county court. Fourteen accused of various crimes have either pleaded guilty or have been found guilty and there are more to follow.

The following is a list of those who have either been convicted or who pleaded guilty:

T. W. McVeety, Donnybrook; assault and battery.  
Albert Johnson, Douglas; pigging.  
Fred Talley, Minot; gambling.  
Wm. Leek, Minot; slander.  
Henry Hackmeister, Minot; pigging.  
Gust Christensen, Minot; pigging.  
D. C. Tarplee, Minot; malicious mischief.  
Geo. Gill, Minot; gambling.  
C. C. Tangedahl, Ryder; pigging.  
J. A. Parrott, Minot; pigging.  
Russell Kelley, Ryder; pigging.  
Wm. Harper, Ryder; pigging.  
H. D. Smith, Minot; assault and battery.  
Fran Blake, Carpio; pigging.  
Jos. Freshchett, Minot; petit larceny.

THE ZINC HOME RAIDED.

A raid was made Monday night in this city by the police on the Zinc residence, Mr. Zinc, Sr., and wife, and Mr. Zinc's son and wife, of South Dakota, who are their guests, being arrested on the charge of pigging.

The quartet were taken to the county jail, where they still remain, awaiting trial. They have engaged Atty. Sinkler.

The elder Zinc and his wife were away when Officer Fulton called, and bought two bottles of beer for a dollar from the son, telling him that the father would have sold him beer, if he were at home.

At the county jail, where the officer and the elder Zinc later met, Zinc accused the officer of lying to get him into trouble and it is alleged that the officer replied: "Well, you lied about me."

Young Zinc was just out of a sick bed, having had three ribs and a kidney removed.

Mrs. Ernest Kennicutt of Langford will open a millinery store in the building at Donnybrook, purchased by her husband last spring.

## FIRE AT BISMARCK CAUSES OIL COMPANY FOREMAN'S DEATH

EXPLODING TAR SETS FIRE TO BUILDING AND CUTS OFF ESCAPE.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 10.—F. A. Berner, 50, foreman of the Standard Oil company's plant here was burned to death at 10 o'clock this morning in a fire which totally destroyed the company's grade house.

A. S. White, who was also employed by the company, was severely burned but it is thought that he will recover.

The loss on the grade house which is only a large wooden shed, amounted to about \$500. Quick work on the part of the fire department prevented any of the other buildings of the plant from being damaged.

The blaze is said to have been caused by the explosion of some tar which was being melted over a fire in the grade house. The tar started to drip over the sides of the kettle in which it was being melted and White catching some of it in a pail started towards the door of the building.

He had barely started when the entire kettle of tar exploded throwing the burning liquid to all parts of the building.

Most of the workmen made their escape by the door. White and Berner, however, found their escape cut off in this direction and decided to try for a window in the rear of the building.

The fumes from the burning tar, however, rendered them almost insensible. When they reached the window, White grasped the sill and managed to draw himself out. Berner attempted to follow him but was overcome by the fumes and fell back unconscious. His body, horribly burned, was found by the firemen, after the flames had been extinguished.

Berner had been a resident of Bismarck for only one month, having previously lived in Fargo. He was about 50 years old and was a widower. He is survived by one son, and two daughters living in Fargo.

A coroner's inquest to determine the responsibility for the accident will be held Wednesday morning.