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## GREATEST MARINE DISASTER EVER KNOWN IN HISTORY OF SEA

### Empress of Ireland Sinks in the Gulf of St. Lawrence with Over a Thousand Souls Aboard

#### LOSS OF LIFE ESTIMATED AT OVER ONE THOUSAND FAR GREATER THAN THAT OF THE TITANIC DISASTER

QUEBEC, May 29.—The C. P. R. liner, Empress of Ireland, sank in 19 fathoms of water at 1:45 this morning, with a loss of nearly a thousand lives. The disaster occurred 20 miles from Father Point. The liner left Quebec Thursday afternoon bound for Liverpool with 1437 passengers and crew. The liner was steaming along at a fair rate of speed when she was rammed amidships by the collier Starstad and the water rushed in so fast that the liner sank within from 10 to 20 minutes, giving the sleeping passengers little or no chance to save their lives. Many sank as they lay in their cabins, unable to get out. There was

a wild scene as the crazed men, women and children frantically ran trying to escape from certain death. The Empress of Ireland put in an S. O. S. wireless call and several ships rushed to her rescue, succeeding in picking up but a small fraction of those who had been on board.

The first report had it that there were no life boats launched but this was contradicted later. Many of those rescued were clinging to the wreckage, and many had broken arms and legs.

The Starstad was badly damaged but remained afloat and picked up

some of the survivors.

One of the rescuing ships arrived in Quebec this afternoon with 399 survivors, 22 of whom died later.

According to the most authentic figures obtainable, the following are missing:

- 650 Members of Crew.
- 504 3rd Class Passengers.
- 206 2nd Class Passengers.
- 77 1st Class Passengers.

Among the rescued are Reinholdt Bach and daughter and Herman Kruse and daughter Edith, of Rochester, Minn.

#### New Settlers Arrive.

The Soo excursions to the state have started and quite a number of buyers have already arrived. Last week ten prospective settlers visited Underwood, five at Crosby, seven at Carington and quite a number at Carington. This is only the vanguard as by far the larger number will visit the state after seeding is completed in the east.

Atty. and Mrs. W. F. Doherty are the parents of a nine-pound son.

Atty. C. C. Wysonig is spending a few days in Minneapolis on business.

W. R. Summers of Deering, accompanied by his daughter, visited in the city Wednesday.

The sixth annual W. C. T. U. convention opened in the city today and will end Friday.

F. H. Moeller, the north side grocer, submitted to a successful operation or gall stones at the hospital.

W. P. Macomber of Wilton, manager of the Washburn Coal Co., was a distinguished visitor in Minot Tuesday.

The polling place at the Minot school election Tuesday will be the Public Library, because school will be in session that day.

Sam Bader, of the B. & R. clothing store, has nearly completed a fine bungalow in Eastwood Park. Sam is a hard worker and deserves as fine a home as anybody.

Atty. P. J. Engeseth has returned from Great Falls, Mont., where he spent two weeks on business. He reports conditions very quiet in that state.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Montgomery are visiting this week at Jamestown at the home of Mrs. Montgomery's father, M. P. Morris, editor of the Jamestown Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Goss and Mr. and Mrs. Webb of Bismarck, motored to this city Friday in the Judge's new Chalmers. A number of social functions were given in their honor by Minot friends.

Charlie Willis, the popular deputy sheriff, who sustained a fractured leg several weeks ago, is out of the hospital, but his limb is still confined in a cast. Charlie is longing for the day when he can "ding" his crutches.

Fred Almy, the veteran engineer, has returned from the Alhambra hot springs in Montana where he spent sixteen days. Mr. Almy received great benefit and feels years younger. Mr. Almy swears that he has discovered the fountain of youth.

Miss Mabel Wright and Miss Ethel Halcrowe, formerly of this city gave a recital at the University Thursday night, Miss Wright playing the organ and the piano and Miss Halcrowe giving readings. Miss Wright completes the musical course at Wesley this year and Miss Halcrowe finishes the Art course at the University.

## BANKERS' CONVENTION HERE

### INTERESTING PAPERS READ AT GROUP MEETING TUESDAY — BANQUET IN THE EVENING.

The bankers of this district held their annual convention in Minot Tuesday, a large number being present. The convention was opened with an address of welcome by Secretary Hollenaga of the Commercial club. The response was given by Geo. F. Carpenter of Williston, secretary of the association.

Will Freeman of Maxbass discussed chattel mortgages. Mr. Lehman of the First National Bank of Minneapolis read a good paper on the new federal banking law. Mr. Johnson, a St. Paul banker, and Mr. Keating of the Northern Savings Bank of St. Paul, gave impromptu talks.

A banquet was given at the Waverly at 7:30 and boat and auto rides were enjoyed.

## NORMAL BOARD EXCEPTS BUILDINGS

### MINOT CONTRACTOR HAS PRACTICALLY COMPLETED WORK ON THE MINOT NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS—MEETING OF THE BOARD.

The building inspection committee of the Minot Normal school, consisting of H. A. Nelson of Ray, R. N. Rishworth of McClusky and J. M. Devine of Minot, met Monday and inspected the main building. The report of the committee was submitted to the board Tuesday and was favorable to Mr. Dinnie. The committee recommended slight changes here and there, but the building, which was practically ready to be turned over to the board by Mr. Dinnie, was considered a first class piece of workmanship. Mr. Haxby, the architect, went over the building with the committee.

The Normal board met Tuesday, the following being present: Hugh McDonald, Valley City; R. N. Rishworth, McClusky; Supt. E. J. Taylor, Bismarck; M. L. Elken, Mayville; Herman Nelson, Ray; Frank Willson, Bathgate; Pres. A. G. Crane, Minot; Pres. Geo. A. McFarland, Valley City; Pres. Thos. A. Hillyer, Mayville, and Secretary J. M. Devine, Minot.

## WM. CALDWELL STRICKEN SUDDENLY

### YOUNG MAN FOUND IN DYING CONDITION IN WESTERN END OF CITY SATURDAY MORNING — REMAINS TAKEN TO WEST CONCORD, MINN.

Wm. Caldwell, who at one time was a railroad worker here, died at the hospital Saturday afternoon under rather peculiar circumstances. He was found at a residence in West Minot early that morning and at first it was reported that he had taken poison. The remains were held at the undertaker's awaiting the arrival of a brother, who accompanied them Monday night to the old home, West Concord, Minn., for burial. Caldwell's brother is on the police force in St. Paul. The young man had lived in Minot for five years.

## GOLLMAR BROS. COMING JULY 9

### BIGGEST CIRCUS VISITING THIS SECTION OF THE STATE HAS CHANGED ITS DATE ON ACCOUNT OF ELKS' CONVENTION.

Gollmar Bros. will appear in Minot for two performances July 9. This circus has been coming to Minot for many years and is considered one of the very best shows that visit this section of the state.

The company had selected July 6 for its Minot date, but owing to the Elks' state convention which will be in session on that date changed to the 9th, entailing a great deal more expense. In order to make Minot on this date, it will be necessary for the show to cut out its evening performance at Crosby, jump to Mohall, 180 miles, and double back to Minot next day.

Minot appreciates the fair attitude of Gollmar Bros. for their act and this city will see that the excellent aggregation shows to a large crowd.

## GUILD WINS SUIT AGAINST MORE

### JURY IN FAMOUS DAMAGE SUIT SUSTAINS DR. GUILD IN EVERY QUESTION — A. Y. MORE SAYS HE WILL APPEAL.

Dr. Lewis T. Guild, editor and controlling stock holder of the Fargo Courier-News, was sustained in every point in his damage suit against A. Y. More, minority stock holder and formerly sole owner of that paper. The exact amount of the judgment secured has not been determined. Guild sued for \$35,000. More's attorneys claim that the judgment will not exceed \$5,224. More, who is national committeeman of the progressive party of the state, declares that the suit was the result of a political fight and says he will appeal to the supreme court.

Dr. Guild was formerly in charge of a large eastern church, and managed to accumulate in the neighborhood of \$20,000, which he invested in the Courier-News. He declares that the circulation of the paper was not as represented to him, neither was the progressive party, of which the paper was the official organ, as strong as claimed for it.

Later: Judge Pollock gave Guild a judgment for \$11,016.43.

## WARD COUNTY OLD SETTLERS TO MEET

### THE WEEK OF JUNE 22 WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE PLEASURES OF LIFE AT NO MAN'S LAND—POSSIBLY TWO WEEKS' CELEBRATION.

Secretary Fugelso informs us that the week of June 22 has been set for the annual encampment of the Ward County Old Settlers' Association at No Man's Land at Burlington. This date has been postponed from June 16, as it is believed that the conditions will be more favorable for the out of doors pleasures. For one thing, the buffalo gnats will have disappeared by that time, and if there is one thing that interferes with Frank Kirkelie's Norwegian whist game, it is a buffalo gnat.

It is possible that the campers will remain for the second week, not breaking camp until the Fourth.

## SAWYER RESIDENT DROPS DEAD

### FANK HINEY, WHILE PLOWING IN GARDEN, DROPPED DEAD BEHIND HIS PLOW MONDAY.

Frank Hiney, aged 65 years, while following a plow in his garden at Sawyer Monday morning at nine o'clock, dropped dead. He was found soon after and all trace of life had left the body when neighbors arrived.

The funeral was held from the Nazarene church at Sawyer Tuesday, a sermon being preached by Rev. Mr. Pounds. Mr. Hiney leaves a wife and seven children, the youngest being six years old. He had resided at Sawyer for five years and was highly respected.

Saturday is Memorial Day. Saturday is Memorial day. It will be celebrated in an appropriate manner in this city. The program as printed in our last issue will be carried out. Take a day off from your regular duties and honor the men who died that the country might live.

## ATTORNEY NESTOS MAKES STATEMENT

### THROWS LIGHT ON THE PETER GLOVITCH STORY—MAX FARMER CLAIMS NESTOS MADE NO OFFER.

Minot, N. D., May 28, 1914.

To the People of Ward County: In the last few issues of the Minot Democrat appeared some articles intended to reflect on my honesty and on my administration of the State's Attorney's office. These articles contain some alleged facts and some charges and so far there has not been one charge against me that has been true and every alleged fact has been false and can be shown to be false.

As an illustration let me cite one instance. In the first article appeared the charge that I had promised one Peter Glovitch (Glovitch) a job at Bismarck at \$5.00 per day if he would support me for State's Attorney. This charge is absolutely untrue. In the first place it is ridiculous as I had no job at Bismarck to give away. In the second place I never promised any man a political or other job in return for his support.

I sent a clipping from the Democrat to Peter Glovitch and asked him what about it? I received the following letter:

Max, N. Dak.

Hon. R. A. Nestos, Minot, N. D. Dear Mr. Nestos: I just received your letter and the clipping from the Minot Democrat. I am surprised to hear of such a damnable lie as I have never talked with anyone or told anyone of the lie which the Democrat is circulating.

You undoubtedly know, Mr. Nestos, that you never promised me anything and I don't want you to think that I would make such a statement as the Democrat published. I am not a politician and don't know anything about politics and don't like to be mixed up in the dirty work such as the Democrat tries to get me into, as I don't want to make any enemies through dirty politics.

Now Mr. Nestos, if this letter can help you in any way to counteract the dirty article which appeared in the Democrat, take it to some of the publishers and have it published and if there is anything else I can do for you let me know.

I remain as ever, Yours very truly, P. W. GLOVITCH.

This is but a sample of the brand of politics that gang is playing and I believe that the people of Ward county are on to them. Their aim is to circulate all the lies and misrepresentations they can invent with the hope that their readers may believe some of them. I have fought the outfit for the past two years and I propose to stay with them till the last one of them is brought to justice. They know this and hence they are fighting with the desperation and recklessness of a cornered beast. Yours truly, R. A. NESTOS.

The Salvation Army has been requested of Pres. Rudd, because of the threatened I. W. W. trouble, to hold their open air meetings at some other place than on Main street or Central avenue until after Sept. 15. The Captain complied with Mr. Rudd's request Wednesday night but this evening was back in his accustomed place again. The Captain says he intends to hold meetings as usual and has employed a lawyer.

J. R. Graham, assistant city engineer for the past five years, leaves Friday for Los Angeles, Calif., where he has been engaged by James Kennedy of Fargo, to assist in a \$700,000 job of sewer and water works construction. Mrs. Graham and babe will accompany him. Mr. Graham is one of our very best citizens and the best wishes of hundreds of friends go with himself and family to their new home. A crowd of nearly fifty friends of Mr. Graham held a farewell reception at the Presbyterian parlors Tuesday night, presenting him with a valuable suit case and a traveling bag.

#### Soo Box Car Burned.

An empty box car on a long Soo train caught fire west of Minot as the train was nearing this city and some farmer who saw it blazing telephoned to the Minot fire department. When the train drew up at the west yards, the firemen poured a stream of water on the blazing car, but as it was as dry as tinder, it had been practically destroyed. A tank of gasoline in front of the car had a close call and had it exploded, much damage would have resulted. The blazing car presented a weird sight as it passed thru the valley. It is possible that it was set on fire by hoboes, who were seen to leave the car.

#### Annual School Exhibit.

The annual school exhibit in manual training, drawing, domestic science, art and penmanship is being held at the high school and central building this week, ending Friday. The work in all these departments is very classy and that which is attracting the greatest attention is from the manual training department. When the writer was a boy, he was flogged if caught whittling in school. Today all is changed. Boys and girls are taught to do something useful. A large number of visitors have enjoyed seeing the various exhibits which would be a credit to any institution.

#### Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Burlington Farmers' Elevator Co. will be held at the elevator at Burlington, N. D., at one o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 26, 1914. JOHN H. WERNER, Secretary.

#### Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Burlington Farmers' Telephone Co. will be held at Burlington, N. D., at one o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, June 29, 1914. —By order of the Secretary.

#### Announcement.

For Senator: I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for State Senator from the 2nd District, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the June Primaries. Your support will be appreciated. J. W. CALNAN. (Pol. Advt.)

#### Stallions for Sale.

One black Percheron colt, 3 years old, weight 2,000 lbs., one roan Belgian stallion coming 5 years old, wt. 2,000. These horses are both sound and right; imported. Can be seen at Seefeld's barn from now on. J. C. MILLER, Galesburg, Ill.

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## WILL BUILD MORE GREENHOUSES

### VALKER'S GREENHOUSE WILL BRANCH OUT EXTENSIVELY—NEXT YEAR WILL HANDLE TREES AND SHRUBBERY.

Geo. Walker of the Walker Greenhouse, is building a neat bungalow at the nursery just east of the city. The company owns eighteen acres in that section of the city which Mr. Walker considers worth no less than a thousand dollars an acre. There are already several immense greenhouses on the place but two or three more will be built this season. Mr. Walker informs us that next year his company will engage in the tree business on an extensive scale and has already planted ten thousand small trees of the various ornamental kind.

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