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## APPEAL SENT OUT FOR AID FROM STORM-TORN CITY

New Albany, Indiana, Has Sent Out Appeal for Needed Help in Her Hour of Trouble

The Association of Commerce of this city has received a telegram from the relief committee of the city of New Albany, Indiana, for aid. The storm of last week caused a million dollars damage to homes and factories, thirty-seven people were killed and several hundred people were badly wounded.

The relief committee is endeavoring to raise \$250,000 so that the Red Cross society can carry on the work of relief in that city.

Our city helpless in face of tremendous disaster. Tornado killed 37, and wounded several hundred. Made 2500 people homeless, caused \$1,000,000 damage to homes and factories.

Every business man trying to restore normal conditions but burden too great for this community alone.

In face of this terrible disaster we have no hesitancy in urging your consideration of financial help in raising \$250,000 needed by Red Cross society to carry on relief work.

Any sum you may care to send will be thankfully received.

E. V. KNIGHT, Treas. Citizens Relief Committee.

Minot should do her part in assisting this stricken city in her hour of need, and to that end any sums of money subscribed for relief can be left at the office of the Association of Commerce and proper receipt for the same will be issued by the secretary.

Let the response be prompt and hearty, for the time may come when we will need assistance.

USES FOR THE HARROW

Important Implement Because of Its Efficiency in Preventing Escape of Moisture

Of all the implements of agriculture it would seem correct to say that no implement is so patent to prevent the escape of moisture from the soil as the harrow, and the ways in which it may be used to affect this end are many.

These include the harrowing of summer fallow land, autumn plowed land, land that is plowed late in the spring for immediate sowing, and land that has been sown to grain.

The function of the harrow is to effect a dust mulch. This mulch of fine earth dries out to the extent of one or two inches. When moisture

ascends from below, as it always does, on the principle of capillarity, it cannot pass this dust mulch. But when rain falls in sufficient quantity, it passes down through this dust mulch to the moist soil below and destroys its effectiveness, and in order to again be effective it must be renewed. The harrow is the agency by which this should be accomplished, and the best time is as soon as it can be operated without the earth adhering to it. Delay will mean that numerous cracks and fissures in the earth will appear through which an immense amount of moisture will be in a short time lost.

By harrowing the dust mulch is renewed and such attention should be given after each rain. Keeping a dust mulch all through the season is more profitable than praying for rain.

It is impossible to prognosticate very far in advance what nature has in store for us in the way of beneficent growing conditions. One thing, however, is assured—the enormous demand which will be made upon the state and nation for wheat, needed to feed not only our own millions, but a portion of which will be needed to supply the needs of war-ridden Europe.

Therefore, a bumper crop for North Dakota is imperative. Every agency which the farmer controls should be thoroughly made use of. If ever the farmer of North Dakota should rise to his opportunity, it is now.

AUGUST ECKERT PASSED AWAY

Early Ward County Pioneer Died of Pneumonia at Local Hospital—Was Here on Visit.

August Eckert, one of the pioneers of Ward county, passed away at a local hospital in this city early this morning, after a short illness from pneumonia. Mr. Eckert has been living at Colton, Wash., for several years and recently returned to visit his children, when he became ill.

Mr. Eckert came to Ward county in 1888 and filed on a homestead ten miles northeast of Foxholm. Here he lived and prospered and six years ago he retired, moving west. Mrs. Eckert has been dead for some years. Five children survive as follows: Joseph and Mrs. F. N. Reihle of Foxholm; Mrs. W. J. Verzatt, Tasker; Matt L. and John, of Lambert, Mont.

Mr. Eckert was one of the best known farmers of this section of the state and highly respected by all. The bereaved members of the family have the sympathy of their many friends.

Sir Knights Accept Presbyterian Invitation.

DeMolay Commandery No. 10, K. T., has accepted the invitation of Rev. P. W. Erickson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, to join the Presbyterian congregation in worship, on Easter Sunday, morning at 10:30 o'clock. The Easter sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. Erickson. Sir Knights will assemble at the Temple at 10 o'clock that morning and march in full uniform to the church. Their ladies are invited to the services, as well.

## SECOND BATTALION IS CALLED OUT

Bismarck, Mandan and Dickinson Companies of N. D. N. G. Will Do Home Guard Duty.

The Second Battalion of the N. D. N. G. has been called out for home guard duty. This battalion include the Mandan, Bismarck, Jamestown and Dickinson companies. Just what the duty of the soldiers will be a present is problematical, but it is presumed that such places as the N. P. bridge over the Missouri river at Mandan and other places about the state will be guarded in the event of serious international difficulties.

At the time this is written, the other companies of the First Regiment, including Co. D of Minot, have received no call, but stand ready to respond at any time. If Co. D is called out it may be for guard duty about the state until they are called for more important service. The G. N. high bridge west of Minot four miles, will be guarded carefully, without doubt.

Olson Will Build Des Laes School Building.

Sven Olson of Minot has been awarded the contract to build the new school house at Des Laes, for \$17,000. The Kasbo Construction Co., of Devils Lake, refused to go thru with its contract for the building, claiming an error in figuring. The district claims the \$1,000 put up as a guarantee and the right to this money may be contested in the courts. Work on the new structure will soon begin. The foundation of the burned structure is being torn out and is being used to strengthen the G. N. dam.

"Jap" Marries American Girl at Williston.

Mr. John Hiarta, (Japanese), and Miss Katherine Pierce (American), both of Williston, were married in that city on Wednesday last week at the skating rink in the presence of a large number of friends. Rev. S. Harris of the Williston Methodist church performed the ceremony.

The groom is well known in Williston, having gone there a number of years ago from his native country.

He is proprietor of a Williston restaurant and has a large circle of acquaintances who will wish the couple the best in the land.

MILK FOR NEW CALF OR COLT

The new calf or colt should have its mother's first milk. It possesses certain properties which help start the digestive apparatus and moves the bowels. The first milk has been called "nature's physic."—Ex. Dept., N. D. A. C.

## MILLER BUYS GRAND FORKS AUTO BUSINESS

P. W. Miller, of Minot Auto Co., 1 Manage Grand Forks House—Retains Interest in Minot Co.

P. W. Miller, of the Minot Auto Co. who recently purchased an interest in the Grand Forks Overland Co., predicts that soon there will be a great shortage of cars for transferring auto mobiles as well as freight of every description. Even now, auto dealers have been receiving cars shipped on flat cars covered with tarpaulins. The Grand Forks company has received a shipment of 300 Overlands and will be in good shape to take care of the season's business.

Mr. Miller, according to press dispatches, becomes the director, treasurer and general manager of the Grand Forks agency and will establish his residence there June 1. Grand Forks will gain one of the liveliest businessmen in North Dakota and Minot will part with him reluctantly. He retains his interest in the Minot Auto Co., however, and will be a frequent visitor in our city.

The Minot Auto Co. is interested in a 3,000 car contract this year and the Grand Forks contract will be increased from 1,000 to 2,000 cars with the Overland people.

Death of Minot's Oldest Citizen.

The funeral of Ole Anderson, who passed away at the home of his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hansell in this city early this week, was held this afternoon from the Bethania Lutheran church, Rev. J. Lonne officiating. Interment was made in Rosehill cemetery.

Mr. Anderson was 92 years of age and was Minot's oldest citizen.

TRAITORS WILL BE PROSECUTED IN NORTH DAKOTA

According to the Fargo Courier-News, certain people living in Fargo have been guilty of sedition and treason and undoubtedly, if this is the case, others in the state have been guilty of the same offense. U. S. District Attorney Hildreth has been asked to deal with the people.

Attorney General Wm. Langer has announced that he will go after anyone guilty of this crime relentlessly.

In this connection Mr. Hildreth calls attention to the law governing such cases which he says he will enforce to the letter in every case brought to his attention. Quoting from the United States federal penal code, section 6, the law reads:

"If two or more persons in any state or territory or in places subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, conspire to overthrow, put down, or to destroy by force the government of the United States, or to levy war against them or to oppose by force the authority thereof, or by force to prevent, hinder or delay the execution of any law of the United States, or by force seize, take or possess any property of the United States contrary to the authority thereof, they shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than six years, or both."

Mr. Hildreth points out that this law is broad in its scope and may be applied to such cases as was brought to his attention yesterday.

SMITH STIRS UP A HORNET'S NEST

Plaza Editor "Called" by Ben Drake Charged with Making False Statements Before Minn. Legislature.

St. Paul, March 28.—After George J. Smith, of Plaza, N. D., editor of a chain of newspapers in North Dakota, had spent the entire day in making charges of incompetence and mismanagement on the part of the directors of the Equity Co-operative Exchange, Attorney Benjamin Drake late today asked the Teigen investigation committee of the house of the Minnesota legislature to strike from the record all testimony relating to the financial affairs and transactions in grain. Smith charged that a former salesman connected with the exchange profited to the extent of \$17,000 by buying grain from the Equity and selling it to the Minneapolis market.

Charges False Statements.

"This witness for several months has been making false and malicious statements concerning the Equity," Mr. Drake declared. "It is a shame to let these reports attacking the integrity of a great farmers' organization go broadcast over the country, especially when Mr. Smith admits that he wants the Equity to fail."

Chairman A. F. Teigen and Representative J. M. Madigan, the only members of the committee present, took the motion under advisement.

Mr. Drake also asked that the committee hold Mr. Smith under call in order that they might produce evidence that would "show him up." Mr. Smith strongly objected to remaining longer than today and the committee excused him from further testimony.

No Expense Guarantee.

Mr. Smith in his testimony denied that he had sought to obtain the removal of President J. M. Anderson of the Equity. "I'd like to see him go down with the ship he is helping to sink," he said, and added, "the truth

will kill the Equity quicker than any thing else."

A telegram from E. A. Teigen, clerical of the committee, to Mr. Smith, asking the editor to come to St. Paul and testify before the committee was read. The message pointed out that the sender could not guarantee the expenses of the witness.

ELSBERRY HOME AT TOWNER BURNS

SPECIAL TO THE INDEPENDENT—Towner, N. D., Mar. 29.—The J. E. Elsberry farm home, located on the old Talmadge ranch near this city was completely destroyed by fire this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Fire started from a defective flue. Mrs. Elsberry and 15-year-old son were at home alone, Mr. Elsberry being away attending a sale. Few of the neighbors were near and little help could be secured.

Practically all of the furniture was burned. Mrs. Elsberry and son managed to get out two trunks, a little clothing and a couple of chairs. A new \$500 piano was burned. The Elsberry family will live in Towner until a new home can be built.

The house was one of McHenry county's landmarks. Part of it was constructed of logs and was built away back in the 80's.

COMPLETE BERTHOLD FARM LOAN ORGANIZATION

Berthold, N. D., March 29.—The directors of the Berthold National Farm Loan Association met at Berthold March 24 and completed the organization with Mr. O. A. Hagen of Berthold, president; John Kassens of Lone Tree, secretary-treasurer. This association will place first mortgage farm loans in the territory tributary to Des Laes, Lonetree, Berthold, Hartland and Foxholm. The interest rate will fluctuate with the bond market of the world, which at present allows loans to farmers at near 5 per cent on any length of time up to 40 years with prepayment privilege at any time. The association has access to almost unlimited capital supported by the U. S. Treasury and supervised by the U. S. government. Applications for \$40,000.00 in loans are already on file with the secretary-treasurer. It looks as though any farmer in need of a loan would take advantage of this low interest and long time feature.

GREAT BARITONE TO SING HERE

Harry Phillips, Soloist With Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, Will Appear in Two Concerts.

Harry Phillips will appear in Minot for two baritone concerts on Thursday and Friday evenings, April 5 and 6, in connection with the twelfth annual meeting of the Northwestern Educational Association of North Dakota.

Mr. Phillips has been for some time soloist with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra and has spent considerable time in study with Oscar Senge in England. Press comments seem unanimous in the most unqualified praise of his work, saying that he has a beautiful, deep-toned voice, great dramatic power, and a pleasing personality.

One press comment says: "Harry Phillips' recital was rightly named 'Artist's Recital.' Mr. Phillips inter-

## GRAND FORKS GIRL KILLS NEGRO HUSBAND

Mrs. Mattie Goff, Daughter of County Treasurer J. N. Bridston, of Grand Forks, in Serious Trouble.

Mrs. Mattie Goff, daughter of County Treasurer John Bridston and Mrs. Bridston of Grand Forks, shot and killed her negro husband in St. Paul Sunday morning. Mrs. Goff, who was an unusually pretty girl, an away with Goff, a negro porter employed by the Great Northern, and married him ten years ago. Her colored husband has always been jealous of her and this led to a quarrel which resulted in the killing. The woman wanted a new Easter bonnet, she says, and her husband objected. Saturday night she went to a store to get one and on the way home, a male friend met her and was walking with her. Her husband saw the pair and attacked his wife, beating her. The escort ran. The next morning, the woman says, she was confronted by her husband, who pointed a revolver at her and threatened to kill her. She says she knocked the revolver from his hand, grabbed her own and shot him. She declared that she was "glad she got Goff, but sorry that she had killed him."

"It has all been a horrible mistake," she said. "He was good to me in every way, but was insanely jealous. The colors cannot mix, I know now. I never would try it again and no white woman should. I loved young man in Grand Forks when I met Goff. The man I loved jilted me and then I had to leave."

Goff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goff, Sr., were residents of Willow City, N. D., for some years, but not long ago moved to Havre, Mont.

William Goff, Jr., a brother of the murdered man, was the central figure in a sensational murder in East Grand Forks on December 2, 1909. Young Goff murdered George Bell, his colored paramour, who, after living with him for several months, gave him up for another. Goff is serving a 15-year term in the Minnesota state prison for his crime.

CONSIDER THE DEADLY PARALLEL

The Independent Exposes the Methods of the Daily News in Getting Associated Press Reports.

The Minot Daily News declared in a recent editorial that thru its Associated Press reports it is enabled to get the news "ten minutes after it happens."

But does it? Let's see.

The Minneapolis Journal of Wednesday, March 28, contained a story of an accident at Fairfield, Iowa, where three were killed when a Burlington train struck an auto.

On Thursday, March 29, the Daily News, published the same story (By Associated Press) "ten minutes after the accident happened, we presume.

On Wednesday, March 28, the Minneapolis Journal printed a long story, a genuine Associated Press report, under a London date line, the beginning of which stated that "five thousand skilled American workmen on English soil would go a long way toward combatting Germany's plan to starve England into submission thru her submarines."

The same story, word for word, except with a slightly changed heading, which was done in an effort to fool the News readers, appeared in the issue of the Daily News one day later, as an Associated Press report, which the News would have its readers believe came red hot off the wire, ten minutes after the original story was written.

The Associated Press "dope" evidently wasn't coming in very well Thursday for under a caption of "No Starvation for England," published as an Associated Press report, the News printed the statement of Dr. Albert O. W. Suedekum, one of the best known leaders of the majority Socialists in the Reichstag. This appeared in Thursday's edition. Last Monday there appeared on the Independent's window as a bulletin this same story. We knew the News had a reputation for being slow, but we didn't believe that it would take that sheet from Monday morning until Thursday evening to get the news which appeared on our windows into its columns.

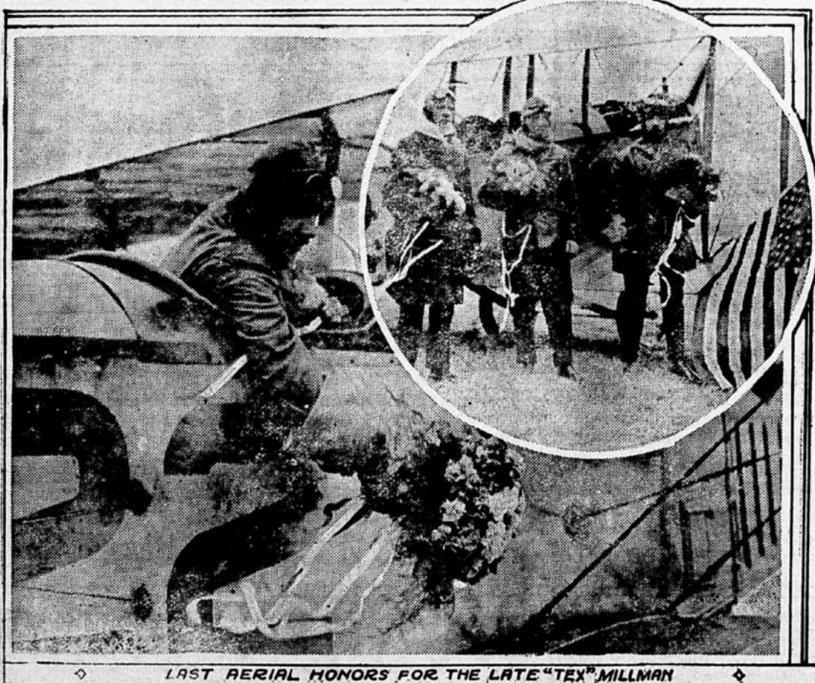
We have a copy of the Minneapolis Journal and the News on our desk and any reader who doubts the above statements may examine them.

The Independent could go on reciting dozens of instances where the News has clipped articles from other papers and given them to its readers as fresh stuff, hot from the wire, and branded to make its readers believe that the stuff was sent over the wire by the Associated Press. What's the use of trying to fool the readers in that way? It's an insult to their intelligence.

Forceful Masonic Speaker.

Mr. Morcombe, publisher of the American Free Mason, located at Storm Lake, Ia., delivered a lecture on "Dynamic Masonry" at the Masonic Temple in this city Monday night before a large number. He is making a tour of the western states and is regarded as one of the ablest Masonic speakers in the country. He admitted that he is regarded as a trifle radical, but he gave the Masons who heard him something to take home and consider.

## CROSS OF AEROS HOVERS OVER THE GRAVE OF "TEX" MILLMAN, A MOST DARING AVIATOR



LAST AERIAL HONORS FOR THE LATE "TEX" MILLMAN

A funeral cortege of twelve airplanes riding under a gray and somber sky, escorted the body of "Tex" Millman, one of the youngest and most daring of aviators, to its final resting place in Westbury, N. Y. He died of pneumonia. During his lifetime Peter Clark Millman was a prolific dreamer of achievements and conquests in the air. Yet even he could not have conjured up a more picturesque tribute to the memory of an aviator than was paid to him from the clouds themselves when a group of flyers sweeping across St. Bridget's cemetery showed his grave with wreaths of red and

white carnations.

It was a funeral in the clouds and the first one of its kind ever seen in this country. As a spectacle, however, it had its most thrilling moment just after the body of the dead aviator had been lowered into its grave. Once the air squadron which encircled the cemetery at an altitude of almost 800 feet, separated into two divisions, one intercepting the other diagonally so as to form the figure of a cross which remained suspended in the air for a fraction of a minute, while the purring of the propellers was mingled with the sobbing of the widow at the grave.

Aside from the small coterie of relatives and the young woman whom Millman had married only five months before, the attendance at the funeral was composed largely of aviators who had known and admired the young air pilot for his ingenuity and daring.

Three of the aviators holding flowers that were dropped on Millman's grave are seen in the picture. They are, from left to right, R. A. Allen, chief instructor of aviation at the government school at Mineola, N. Y.; W. H. Bleakley and W. H. Bjorklund. The other picture shows Allen in a machine.



HARRY PHILLIPS

prets the human heart in song and he strikes the responsive chords in the hearts of his listeners. His voice is of unusual range, richness and sweetness and power; it is under splendid control, and has the true sympathetic quality that reveals the artist behind the voice."

On Thursday evening, April 5, there will also be an educational address by Dr. L. C. Lord, president of Eastern Illinois Normal school, and one of the leading educators of the day.

On Friday evening, April 6, in addition to Mr. Phillips' selections there will be an educational address by Pres. E. C. Perisho of the South Dakota Agricultural College, and also a lecture by Montaville Flowers, who has appeared here twice on Lyceum course numbers, certainly needs no introduction to a Minot audience.

In short, these two evening programs will be replete with good things, educational as well as entertaining, and will open to the general public at the usual admission prices of 50 and 25 cents. They will be given in the Normal school gymnasium and will begin promptly at eight o'clock.

A. A. Robinson expects to have some seeding done at his farm near Surrey the coming week.