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CONRAD A. LIDSTROM WEDS MISSOURI GIRL

Well Known Furniture Dealer Married to Miss Frances Lipp of Paris, Mo., Monday Afternoon

Conrad A. Lidstrom, manager and part owner of the Lidstrom Furniture Co., of this city, was united in marriage Monday afternoon at three o'clock to Miss Frances Lipp, daughter of Judge and Mrs. E. M. Lipp of Paris, Mo., the ceremony being performed at the parsonage of the First Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. P. W. Erickson. The couple were attended by Dr. V. A. Sandberg and Miss Erma Lipp, a sister of the bride.

The marriage was a quiet affair, but a few of the closest friends of the popular young couple having advanced information concerning the function.

The bride, who is a charming young woman, was attired in an attractive blue traveling gown. Mr. and Mrs. Lidstrom departed for the Twin Cities that afternoon for a short visit after which they will be home in the cozy Dingman residence on the South Hill. The bride has resided in Ward county for several years and for the past two years has been one of the popular teachers in the Foxholm schools.

Mr. Lidstrom has resided in Minot for the past twelve years and during this time he has been engaged in the furniture business. He is an excellent young business man and is regarded very highly by all of his associates.

VELVA BANKER KILLED BY FALL

G. P. Severson, Cashier of the First State Bank of Velva Fell to the Street in Unconscious Condition Wednesday and Died Soon After

Special to the Independent: Velva, N. D., Dec. 26.—G. P. Severson, cashier of the First State Bank of this city, was suddenly stricken at ten o'clock this morning, falling to the street in an unconscious condition near the J. L. Lee real estate office. He was seen to fall backwards and he attempted to arise, but got only to his knees, when he fell forward and was never able to arise. He was carried to the office of Dr. Aaker where he passed away in about thirty minutes.

At first it was thought that his death might have been due to a heart attack but this was probably not the case. An autopsy was performed this afternoon by two of the Velva doctors and they have determined that the death was due to the fall. Mr. Severson had just come out of the postoffice, carrying several packages, and was not wearing rubbers. Six or eight feet away from the postoffice, there is an icy place on the walk and when he reached this spot, he fell heavily, striking the sidewalk with the back of his head. This probably caused concussion of the brain. He attempted to get up and fell heavily on his face, bruising one side of his face and breaking his nose.

A coronor's inquest was held this evening, and in the absence of the coronor, Dr. Stone of Balfour, the inquest was held before Justice of the Peace J. J. Stempes. At this writing the jury has not brot in a verdict but without question they will find that death was purely accidental.

The remains will be taken to the old home, Northfield, Minn., sometime Thursday, where they will be interred. Mr. Severson was a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Severson was one of Velva's foremost citizens. He came here in 1902 as cashier of the First State Bank, established by the Ross-Davidson people, and was its manager since. When a young lad, he moved from his home in Iceland to Denmark, where he learned the banking business. He was employed for years in the big banks of Copenhagen and it can be safely said that very few bankers in the state knew as much about the detail work of the banking business as Mr. Severson. He lived for several years in Northfield, Lake City and Granite Falls, Minn., and had lived in America since 1883.

At first it was believed that his death might have been due to the fall, but this is not certain. He had never complained of having heart trouble.

Mr. Severson was born in Iceland, but had lived in America for many years. He came to Velva about twelve years ago as cashier of the First State Bank and remained with this institution until the time of his death. He was an exceedingly conservative banker, a splendid man in every way and the kindest of husbands and fathers. His death is a distinct loss to Velva.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge. He was 50 years old and leaves a wife and three daughters.

PALDA SUES UPTONS FOR \$112,000

Claims Damages for Arrest Following Minot Raid—Case Against Palda Was Dismissed.

Former District Judge L. J. Palda instituted an action in the local district court late Monday seeking \$112,000 damages from F. C. and A. Upton. The action accrues from the arrest of

Judge Palda on the Charge of Threatening to Shoot A. Upton, who, with his brother, F. C. Upton, were acting as deputies for Attorney General Langer in a raid here last May.

Langer and deputies took possession of the telephone exchange. Palda as attorney for the telephone company ordered them out. Guns flashed. Palda was arrested and bound over to the district court, but the action was dismissed when Palda's attorneys applied for a writ of habeas corpus.

In dismissing the action Judge Leighton declared Attorney General Langer and his deputies the only ones who had committed felony. Langer and the two Uptons were arrested and charged with obstructing the use of the telephone exchange and are now out on bail, pending the resumption of the case in justice court.

F. C. Upton, who was candidate for mayor in the last city election is now in France setting up tractors for an American concern.

E. C. COOPER SUCCEUMS IN FARGO

Former State Insurance Commissioner Dies Suddenly—Mr. Cooper Was One of the Early Pioneers.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 27.—E. C. Cooper, for years a resident of Grand Forks, one-time chairman of the state republican committee and former insurance commissioner, died suddenly in Fargo Wednesday.

Mr. Cooper came here in the early 80's, and for a time was connected with Hunt, Holt and Garner Brothers. Later, he was connected with the St. Paul Fire and Marine company. At one time, he was state agent for this company. He left Grand Forks about five years ago.

There is a singular coincidence in the death today of Mr. Cooper and John Bray, U. S. consul, and also a pioneer Grand Forks man. Cooper and Bray were very close friends, and in the early days roomed together in this city. One died today in Johannesburg, South Africa, and the other in Fargo.

MILITARY ROMANCE RESULT OF LETTERS

Jamestown, Dec. 26.—A military romance which began when Miss Ethel Moulton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Northrup of this city, started to exchange letters with a soldier boy—just like hundreds of other girls are doing—has culminated in her marriage to Lieutenant John Lyle of the National Army.

Miss Ethel Moulton started to write about ladies' auxiliary affairs to the officer last fall. This didn't prove as interesting as another subject matter. The marriage was performed at Camp Jackson on December 8, according to reports reaching here.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Lyle will remain at Camp Jackson during the winter where the officer is stationed training recruits.

BANKERS WILL SAVE SOLDIER'S HOMESTEAD

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 26.—Since the publication of an article of a North Dakota enlisted soldier who is in financial difficulties by reason of payment being demanded on a note secured by chattel mortgage given by him, Secretary W. C. Macfadden of the state bankers' association states that one of the valued members of the association has suggested that he would like to start a subscription to raise funds to pay off the mortgage and present the note and canceled mortgage to the soldier boy this Yuletide. The amount involved is about \$400. The secretary of the association states the bank, which is pressing the payment of the note, is not a member of the North Dakota Bankers' association.

"OLD SPAV" CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING

New Athletic Organization Starts Out Well—Will Meet Three Times a Week at Central School Gym.

The "Old Spav" club held its first meeting at the Central school gymnasium Wednesday evening between five and six o'clock. For an hour the members were taken down the line by Prof. Kastner, who has charge of athletics in the Minot schools. The club members were given a fine work out and they brot into play muscles that they never knew they possessed before. They were all a little lame the next morning, but will be on hand for the next drill.

The first month's dues are only \$2.00. It is probable that after this, a dollar a month will cover the expenses.

The following members have signed: Bruce Francis, John A. Roell, E. C. Malm, K. Anderson, J. G. Webster, C. L. Clifford, J. F. McGuire, H. E. Byorum, R. E. Barron, W. R. Bond, S. Manson, J. M. Wilson, E. B. McCutcheon, N. Lesk, Dr. Hanson, Dr. Yeomans, Carl Lindberg, C. F. Trux, Geo. Reishus, C. R. Bierly, W. G. Hancock, C. O. Dierdorff, Dorr Carroll and Will E. Holben.

Government Calling for Best Engines From the West.

W. C. McHugh, general manager of the Great Northern freight department in this city, informs the Independent that the tonnage capacity of the road at present is but 40 per cent of the summer tonnage, owing to the cold weather. The government has taken several of the best engines from each road to help out in the rush in the east. Two of the best engines from the Devils Lake shops were commandeered by the government about a week ago.

PARSHALL FARMER MET HORRIBLE DEATH

Arthur Koenig Pinned Under Load of Coal on Prairie for Twenty Hours Until Rescued—Died Soon After

Parshall, N. D., Dec. 22.—Arthur Koenig, residing just east of here, was the victim of a very serious accident Monday evening. He had been to the Moerke & Sellers coal mine, northwest of here, loaded up with a ton and a half of coal and was on the way home, and when near the Peter Geiger farm northeast of here one of the bolts in the sleigh came loose, that had the effect of causing the sleigh to slough from the grade into the side ditch, overturning the sleigh and pinning him under the coal up to his chest. The weight of the coal effectually kept him down. This was about seven o'clock Monday night and he remained in that position till three o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Peter Geiger, in looking after traps he had set, found him. One leg was frozen hard as a board. Mr. Koenig died Tuesday evening, remaining conscious up to the last. The remains were taken to Chippewa Falls, Wis., by his wife.

Twins Were Born

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rasmussen was formerly Miss Madge Tofwest of Parshall, on Dec. 22, twins, a boy and a girl, weighing seven and eight pounds, respectively. Mother and babes are doing fine. Mrs. Rasmussen was formerly Miss Madge Toflemire of Surrey and Mr. Rasmussen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rasmussen of Surrey.

Nonpartisan Leader Moves

The Nonpartisan League, which has been published at Fargo, N. D. since its origin, has been moved to St. Paul. The nonpartisan league has extended its activities over several states and for that reason it was deemed advisable to move the Leader to a more central location.

NEWSIES WERE GIVEN A GREAT FEED

Henry Phillips, Former New York Newsboy Remembers 75 Minot Lads With Turkey Dinner Served by Chef Neukom.

Henry Phillips, proprietor of the P. and L. Cafeteria, West Central avenue, gave his third annual Christmas dinner to the newsboys of the city, seventy-five hungry boys enjoying the feast. The big feed was prepared and served under the supervision of that popular big hearted chef, Herman Neukom, and it consisted of turkey, cranberry sauce, cake, pie and other good things for the lads to stow away under their belts. They were given a big red apple to carry away with them as a remembrance of the happy occasion.

Mr. Phillips was himself a newsboy back in the palmy days when William R. Hearst first started his big New York City paper. Henry sold a consignment of the first papers off the Hearst press, a big 32-page illustrated edition. He was sort of a "king" among the newsboys, and he headed the newsboys' strike at Trenton, N. J., when the lads put up their fight to secure more papers for their money. Phillips has never forgotten those days and when Christmas rolls around he always remembers the boys who are making their way thru life by working like Trojans on the streets of Minot in all sorts of weather.

Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp.

There are some elements of intense realism in "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" which appears at the Arcade Theatre Wednesday and Thursday, but the mystic element of the East is always discernable. The lamp that has its magical powers to give to the one who rubs it his wish is dominant throughout the story. It is a play of magic and a gem takes the place of the fairy of our Western land.

This genie is something new in moving pictures. He has something of the element of the giant of "Jack and the Beanstalk" in that he represents the things that all children conjure up in their minds.

"Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" is bound to appeal in a most wonderful way to the young.

However, older people will dispute with the children as to which will get the most enjoyment out of this glorious Fox Kiddie Feature. The very charm of its story as it is told on the screen and the wonderful way in which it is acted, the fresh beauty of the heroine and the tragic element in its title character, will all give them a keen pleasure of a new and most intense sort. No one will be able to tell them the beauty of the scenes that are to be disclosed in this film. The very costuming that is carefully correct as to the smallest detail and the atmosphere of the period and the brilliancy of Baghdad will make a new era in the history of the screen drama, and those who witness this film will feel its force and its fascination.

The maker of this screen drama has found a new light in the ancient lamp and it has led him into magical paths of accomplishment.

The Timroth store at Surrey was recently robbed of some valuables. A detective agency announces an offer for a reward elsewhere in this issue.

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER RAILROADS FRIDAY NOON

Will Cut Salaries of High Officials and Increase Pay of Workers—Profits Over Certain Percent to go to Government

The government will take over all of the railroads of the United States at noon Friday. President Wilson issued this proclamation last night.

Washington, Dec. 27.—One of the first acts of the government in the operation of the railroads will be to reduce the large salaries of paid railway executives and to increase in some measure the wages of the railway workers. Securities would be issued while the government is in control at an interest rate of not less than four per cent. The issues will be made under the joint authority of the director general and the interstate commerce commission. President Wilson, when he outlines the government's plans to congress, will ask that the government be empowered to buy any quantity of new railroad securities. All the earnings over and above the amount to be agreed upon will go to the government.

Congress will be asked also to appropriate a large sum, probably \$200,000,000 for a prompt supply of rolling stock to handle the flood of traffic which has swamped the roads. The director general will have authority to decide whether the government shall also assume operation and control of the express companies.

Government possession and operation of the nation's railroads for the war was proclaimed by President Wilson last night, to become effective at noon Friday, December 28. William G. McAdoo, retaining his place in the cabinet as secretary of the treasury, is placed in charge as director general of railroads.

Every railroad engaged in general transportation, with its appurtenances, including steamship lines, is taken over and all systems will be operated as one under the director-general. In a statement accompanying his proclamation, the president reassembles he will recommend legislation guaranteeing pre-war earnings and maintenance of railroad properties in good repair.

Government backing will be given to new issues of railroad securities that a ready market may be found.

The president's move, although forecast for weeks, came at this time as a great surprise to nearly everybody in Washington, including railroad officials. It had been generally believed he would await the reassembling of congress before taking any step. He acted through Secretary of War Baker under authority conferred in the army appropriation act.

Direct management of the roads will remain in the hands of railroad officials and the railroads' war board, comprised of five railroad heads, will continue to direct actual operation under Secretary McAdoo's general supervision.

RED CROSS ENROLLS OVER 13 MILLION NEW MEMBERS

Washington, Dec. 25.—Further returns today from the Red Cross Christmas membership drive indicated that the total enrollment would be even in excess of the 13,000,000 forecast last night. The object was to enroll 10,000,000 new members.

North Dakota, with a quota of 62,000, has enrolled 80,207 members.

The First Stars and Stripes.

The Scarlet Office Supply Co. has issued one of the most attractive calendars we have seen this year. It shows Betsy Ross at work on the country's first flag. The picture is a reproduction from a painting by John Whittaker, the noted Philadelphia painter. Betsy Ross, an expert seamstress, resided at what is now 239 Arch St., Philadelphia. Washington himself submitted the design for the flag but at the suggestion of Betsy Ross, the stars which he proposed were changed from the six-pointed stars of England to the five-pointed stars of France. This new flag was perhaps first used by the American army at Fort Schuyler, N. Y., on August 6, 1777.

SENATE WANTS SECRETARY TO CUT OUT RED TAPE

The Senate committee has requested the secretary of war to cut out red tape and to buy in the open market if necessary, the supplies which are so badly needed by the army. There is a shortage of 20,000 overcoats and 47,000 woolen blouses, it is said. It appears that there is also a shortage of clothing at Camp Dodge and several other camps.

Staale Hendrickson Wins Auto. Staale Hendrickson has won an automobile in the contest conducted by the Grand Forks Herald. Staale generally gets what he goes after, whether it be insurance for the New York Life, some political office, or some other fellow's goat. The machine is an \$875 Overland 90. Staale did a lot of hard work and about 90 per cent of his business consisted of new subscribers.

GOVERNMENT MAY POOL COAL SUPPLY

Washington, Dec. 26.—Fuel Administrator Garfield told the senate investigating committee today that if the war continued very long the government would be compelled to pool coal and sell it at reasonable prices.

Some coal operators, he said, were making the greatest profits in their history but he considered high prices a stimulus to the great production the war demands.

The fuel administrator said he saw little relief in prospect for the railroads until their operation was centralized.

James Manahan and Others Arrested.

James Manahan, well known attorney, who has been connected with the Society of Equity, has been arrested by the federal authorities charged with inciting a riot. McGrath and Keller, other speakers, were also arrested. They made addresses before a crowd of workmen at the Rice Lake Park, Dec. 2, and they are charged with making addresses which caused the men to do violence.

MINOT STORAGE AND WAREHOUSE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Maughan & Atwood Who Leased the New Newlove Warehouse Have an Ideal Place for Their Growing Business

Messrs. Maughan and Atwood have leased the new Newlove block on Second street N. E. and established a bonded warehouse and storage business there. The Newlove block was constructed during the past summer by J. W. Rode who sold the property to Dr. J. T. Newlove in August. The structure was erected for this particular purpose, and its design, arrangement and construction make it most admirably adapted for storage use. Immense steel girders and posts support the superstructure and first floor, and the floors are of solid concrete. The walls are built of brick with hollow tile lining making the building absolutely frost and fireproof. The building is steam heated and an electric elevator provides for moving articles from floor to floor. As yet the building is but two stories and basement, but arrangements are already made for the addition of two more stories as the business of the firm increases. A private track provides means for bringing freight in car lots to the side of the building where it can be unloaded or loaded with the utmost facility. Auto trucks and modern equipment have been ordered and every facility will be provided for rapid and convenient handling of articles.

On account of the even temperature of the building it will be ideal for storing furniture and household goods as extremes of temperature have a tendency to check the high polish on furniture and has a deteriorating effect upon many other articles. E. Maughan of the Minot Warehouse & Storage is a former Minot man having been connected years ago with both the Economy Drug Co. and the Public Drug. For several years past he has been employed by S. J. Stebbins, of Morris, Minnesota. Mr. Atwood is Mr. Maughan's father-in-law, and for years has conducted a large stock farm near Morris. The new concern is starting their business in a conservative manner and we predict a splendid future for them in their line.

Bradley Tells How Laurier Was Defeated

Maple Creek, Sask., Canada Dec. 21, 1917.

The Independent: I want to tell you in a whisper, so that no one will hear me that my friend, Laurier, was defeated on the 17th of this month. No I'll tell you aloud how he came to be defeated. The big interests in Eastern Canada stood by the scheming Borden faction that has always catered to them. Here in Canada the parties in power can pass any laws to suit their own fancy. For instance, think of the Borden government, disfranchising foreign-born voters, residents of Canada since 1902. That is to say: The sons and daughters from the nation or nations, England and her allies are warring with.

PRICES OF FEED FIXED BY LADD

Bran \$25.85 Per Ton at Mill on Cash Basis—Cost of Other Differentials

Prices which should be paid for bran, shorts and other feed products made from wheat, have been figured by E. F. Ladd, federal food administrator for North Dakota. These prices are based on new rules and regulations just promulgated by the United States food administration. The rules and regulations governing mill feeds read as follows:

"Bran—Bulk price per ton of 2,000 pounds at mill in carloads shall in no case exceed 38 percent of the average cost of one ton of wheat at the mill, which cost of wheat shall be the average cost as shown by the previous month's records of said mill, and shall include the 1 percent administration fee paid by the mill on all wheat ground.

Differentials on Basis Bran

Shorts or standard middlings, \$2.00 per ton of 2,000 pounds over basis. Mixed feeds, \$4.00 per ton of 2,000 pounds over basis.

Red dog, \$15.00 per ton of 2,000 pounds over basis.

"The above is for carload lots on cash basis and became effective December 25," said the North Dakota food administrator who has compiled the following for the information of North Dakota buyers:

"On the basis above given of 38 per cent of the cost for wheat, if wheat cost at the mill, on the average, \$2.05 per bushel, the cash rates for bulk carload lots at the mill should be as follows:

Bran \$25.85 per ton. Shorts or standard middlings \$27.85 per ton. Mixed feeds \$29.85 per ton. Flour middlings \$34.85 per ton. Red dog \$40.85 per ton.

Bottineau High School Building Burned

The Bottineau high school building, valued at \$20,000 was completely destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. The fire originated from hot ashes in the basement.

NORTH DAKOTA SOLDIERS ARE IN FRANCE

Cablegram Received by W. L. Stockwell from Colonel Fraime—Minot Man Receives Cablegram From Brother

The members of the First Regiment of North Dakota arrived safely in France.

W. L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary of the Masonic bodies of North Dakota received the following cablegram from Colonel J. H. Fraime in charge of the North Dakota regiment: "Fourteen Templars send Christmas Greetings. Signed, Fraime." This indicates the safe arrival of our boys "over there."

Dan Dougherty of Minot, our chief of police, received the following cablegram from his brother, who is a member of Co. D: "Merry Christmas in France."

It was known that the North North Dakota boys went on board a transport on the night of Dec. 12, bound for France but none of the papers were allowed to make the matter public until after their safe arrival. They evidently spent Christmas "somewhere in France" and the Independent trusts and hopes together with the thousands of the friends and members of the families of these brave soldier boys, that they was exceedingly merry for the day, notwithstanding the fact that they are thousands of miles from home.

CABLEGRAM FROM CAPT. F. OTTO GROSS.

Mrs. Gertrude Grass, wife of Capt. F. Otto Gross, commanding Co. D, received a cablegram yesterday from her husband, sent from somewhere in France. The message simply read: "Arrived safely. Merry Christmas."

Other cablegrams were received in Minot by relatives of Stanton Hayes, Percy Robbins, Neil Wheeler, Josiah Blaisdell and Glenn Moon.

A number of cards written by members of the Minot company, and held on this side until the safe arrival of the troops "over there" have arrived in Minot.

Temperature of Domestic Animals

The temperature of the horse varies from 99 1-2 to 101 1-2, the average being 100 1-2. In cattle the temperature varies from 100 1-5 to 102 1-5 with an average of 101 1-5. In sheep, goats and hogs the temperature varies from 101 to 105, with an average of 103. The dog's temperature varies from 100 to 105 and averages 101. When exercising or if the barn is warm, the bodily temperature may go higher. In cold weather or after drinking cold water it may go lower. These temperatures are for animals when in good health.—Agr. Ext. Dept. N. D. Agr. College.

Will Sentence Crowell Dec. 28.

E. C. Crowell, the young Normal school student who shot and killed Sam Dazell, a drayman, during a quarrel, will receive his sentence Dec. 28, at 10 o'clock. The jury found him guilty and recommended his punishment at 15 years in the penitentiary.

The Independent understands that Atty. Sinkler for the defense is perfecting an appeal and hopes to secure a new trial for Crowell.

R. D. Hand, convicted of the crime of carrying concealed weapons, will also receive his sentence Dec. 28.

Colored Man Drafted Into Army

Clarence Bowers, a negro arrested at Portal recently by a deputy U. S. marshal and brot before U. S. Commissioner Hopkins, has been taken to one of the army camps where he is now learning to be a soldier.