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## "DUTCH ALFRED" HAUENSTEIN MAY HAVE BEEN MURDERED

Alfred Hauenstein, known as "Dutch Alfred" was found dead in the cellar of an empty shack in "Coon Town", near Fourth Ave. and Fourth St. S. W. at 6:15 o'clock Wednesday evening. There was a bullet wound from an old .38 five shot "suicide gun" thru his head and the gun was still clasped in his hand. He had evidently been dead for a day or two. He either shot himself or was shot from close quarters as his face was powder blackened.

When D. W. Cole, colored, who was preparing to move into the shack went to look the house over, he discovered the remains in the basement, he reported to Chief of Police Larry Byrne. Hauenstein had been living at Cole's joint for several weeks. He had been cooking for a band of negroes who made headquarters at Cole's joint and about two weeks ago was arrested on complaint of several negroes who declared that Hauenstein had poisoned them by placing poison in their sugar. Hauenstein was placed in the city jail, but after remaining there for several days, Judge Lynch decided to let him go, as no further evidence had been produced concerning the poison in the sugar.

Hauenstein was interviewed by an Independent representative at the city jail and he stated that he did not poison the darkies. He said they did get sick, but it must have been from improperly cooked food, but that he did not poison them as he had no reason for wanting them out of the way.

When Judge Lynch released Hauenstein, he was told that Hauenstein had given a mulatto woman at Cole's place all of his money, about \$90.00. They had kept up a correspondence and Hauenstein says the woman promised to marry him. Hauenstein was advised to go back to Cole's place as that was where he had left all his money, and see if the woman would take care of him. Hauenstein went back to the Cole joint and remained for several days.

Coroner Pence visited the shack where the body was found. It looks very much like a case of suicide, but the case is being investigated as Hauenstein said while in jail that the negroes threatened to do him harm.

Hauenstein was about 55 years of age and was of German descent. So far as is known, he was unmarried. He fled on a homestead in Prescott township, four miles southeast of Glenburn about 20 years ago and remained there until about three years ago. He was regarded as an industrious farmer. He lived alone all that time and was very eccentric and the neighbors found him hard to get along with.

The remains have been taken to Rowan's morgue and Chief Byrne is telephoning the old neighbors of the deceased at Glenburn to ascertain the whereabouts of any relatives.

A grip belonging to Hauenstein had been left at the city jail by him for safe keeping. In it are a number of pictures taken in the Minnesota woods where he spent many winters. There is clothing and several letters, including one written by a brother, Henry, who lives in Akron, O. His brother will be notified.

Hauenstein told Judge Lynch he still owned his Glenburn farm on which there is a mortgage of \$2500.00. He said he could have sold it for \$4500.00 one time, but was advised that the price was too cheap.

The officers are inclined to think that Hauenstein met with foul play and are investigating on that theory. After he was let out of the city jail on Dec. 13, he returned to the colored shack run by Mrs. Cole and her son, D. T. Cole, and was soon back in the city jail, informing the police that a whole bunch of the colored folks, jumped on him and tried to drive him out. One of them cut his thumb with a knife, he says. His hand was tied up. He sat around the city jail for a long time and informed the police that he was afraid to go back to the Cole shack on account of threats that had been made. Officer Bakeman said he had only three cents in his pocket and felt that he was compelled to go where he might get his board. The officers told him he might return to the city jail if it became too hot for him among the colored folks.

The officers have grave doubts that he committed suicide and rather believe that the gun was in his right hand which was doubled under his body. He had been shot in the right temple. If he was standing when he shot himself, officers say the gun would have fallen out of his hand. If he was lying down when he shot himself, he could not possibly have had his arm in that position. His murderer could have lured him into the basement and killed him at close range, then place the gun in his hand afterwards. Hauenstein was not known to have a gun and after he left the jail, he did not have enough money to buy one. The gun is an old rusty affair, but a wicked shooter. There are four cartridges and the one empty shell in the gun. Arrests are very apt to be made today.

When Hauenstein was arrested Dec. 8, the charge was filed against him by a white man, J. C. Cassel and a colored man, D. W. Cole.

Andrew Miller Nominated Federal Judge by President Harding. President Harding has nominated Atty. Andrew Miller of Bismarck, federal judge of the district of North Dakota, to work in conjunction with Judge C. F. Amidon. The appointment came after months of delay caused by protests made to the president that Alec Miller was personal attorney of Alex McKenzie, who had been assured the appointment thru a deal between McKenzie and U. S. Senator P. J. McCumber. The latter promised Miller his support months ago.

U. S. Senator Ladd favored the appointment of Seth Richardson of Fargo. Atty. Francis J. Murphy and L. J. Palda of Minot had received favorable mention for the place.

As a result of the protests against Miller's appointment, Attorney General Daugherty dispatched one of his assistants to North Dakota and it is known that he recommended against the appointment of Miller. Atty. Miller was formerly Attorney General for North Dakota.

Minot Wireless Operator Sends Message to Sister in California

Paul Kemper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Kemper, sent his sister, Miss Doris Kemper, of Los Angeles, Cal., a wireless telegraph message one day recently which was received at a wireless station in Los Angeles and delivered to Miss Kemper. Paul received a letter from his sister acknowledging receipt of the telegram which brought her much joy.

Max Kemper, manager of the light and power plant at Malta, Mont., is installing an up-to-date wireless telephone system and when this is completed, he will be able to talk to his brother, Paul, by wireless. As Paul has a wireless receiving system, but no wireless telephone sending system, he will answer Max's telephone messages by wireless telegraphy.

A. B. Hilliard Died Suddenly in California

The Independent is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. A. B. Hilliard of Long Beach, Calif., stating that her husband passed away on Dec. 9. Death was due to heart failure.

Mr. Hilliard visited Minot last fall on business connected with business property owned by his wife. Mrs. Hilliard will be remembered as formerly, Mrs. John McJannet, pioneer resident of Minot. Mr. Hilliard was an old time businessman of North Dakota. Many friends will be grieved to learn of his demise.

Dinnie Wins From Lakota Hotel Co.

D. A. Dinnie, Minot contractor, has won his case from the Lakota Hotel Co., which has been in court for five years. The Hotel Co. had won the action in lower court, but Judge Cooley of Grand Forks reversed the decision. Dinnie was represented by Atty. Dudley L. Nash, of Minot and Judge Engerud represented the Lakota Hotel Co. Quite a large sum was involved. Dinnie erected a hotel building at Lakota, and sued for the balance of the contract price.

Judge Burr Made Host of Friends

Judge Burr of Rugby who has been holding a term of district court for several weeks, discharged the jury Monday and concluded the court cases Tuesday. The Judge has made a host of friends during his stay in Minot. He has conducted the affairs of the court in a business like manner, and at all times has given everyone a square deal. The Independent realizes now why the voters of his district return him to the bench term after term.

Inquest Held Today

The inquest over the remains of Alfred Hauenstein, found dead last night, is being conducted at Rowan's morgue, this afternoon by Coroner R. W. Pence, assisted by State Atty. Herigstad. The jury Geo. Hoover, Fred Almy, and Ole Dalger. The bullet which passed almost thru the head, was located just under the skin on the opposite side from where it entered.

Leifur Put Mountain on the Map

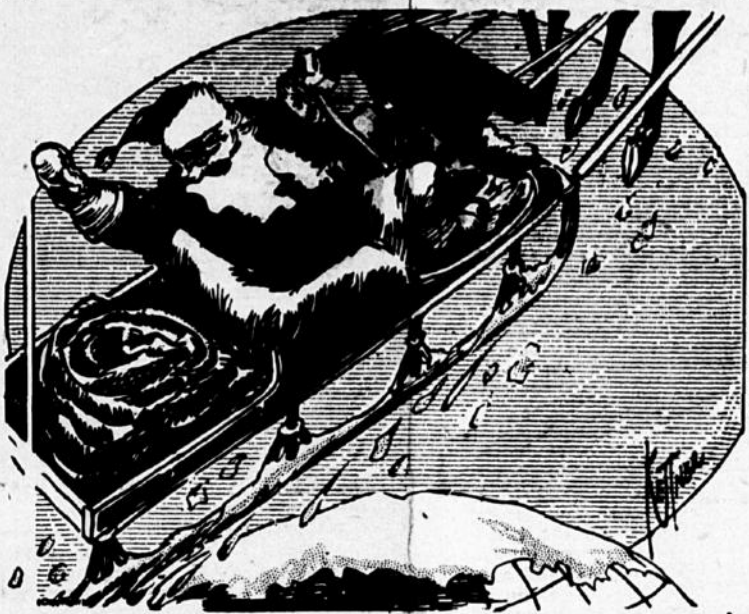
I. V. Leifur, who is in charge of the insurance department of the A. O. U. W. in North Dakota, left Wednesday for his home at Mountain, N. D., to spend Christmas with his family. Mountain is a village of 250 located in Pembina county, ten miles from a railroad and thru Mr. Leifur's splendid work with the A. O. U. W. has received considerable prominence throughout the state.

Roy Hopkins Arrested for Having Still

Roy Hopkins, who lives north of the G. N. passenger station, near the Farmers' market, was caught in the net last week when officers raided his place and discovered a whiskey still. Up around the court house, the "boys" are having a little fun at the expense of Roy E. Hopkins, clerk of the county court, on account of the similarity of the names.

George Johnson of Burlington, left Wednesday for Pokegama, a health resort near Pine City, Minn., where Mrs. Johnson has been under treatment for nearly a year. It will be gratifying news to their many friends to learn that Mrs. Johnson is gradually regaining her health.

Merry Christmas, Everybody



## MINOT'S NEEDY WILL RECEIVE MANY CHRISTMAS BASKETS; NO ONE SHALL BE OVERLOOKED

DeMolay Commandery, No. 10, Knight Templars, voted \$25.00 for Christmas charity. The money has been given to the fund being raised by the Elks, and the Salvation Army to be used in purchasing Christmas baskets for Minot's poor. It is estimated that 300 families in Minot will have little Christmas cheer without the help of those able to assist them. Efforts are being made by the various organizations to see that there will be little duplication of efforts, and it is hoped that no deserving family will be overlooked. Those who know of some family in need are asked to notify W. J. O'Rourke, secretary of the Elks.

On Christmas eve, well filled baskets will be delivered to the various Minot homes in need. The donation will consist of potatoes, pork, flour and the other necessities and little will be expended this year for luxuries. More families are reported in need this year than ever before and those who have plenty of warm clothes to wear, a sufficient amount of wholesome food, should stop and reflect, while sitting around their cozy firesides, that perhaps just around the corner there may be some family in want. It will not hurt many of us to go without a meal or two in order to help some unfortunate family, but the fact of the matter is that most of us can do our share and not have to miss a meal at that.

The Independent has taken the trouble to make some inquiries and we can say that the call is urgent. We are also pleased to report that the good people of Minot are all anxious to do what they can.

The Rotary Club took the matter under consideration at its luncheon Monday and each member volunteered to furnish a basket for the Minot poor. The matter has been left in the hands of a committee consisting of Norman Ellison, R. F. Mills and Harry Winters who are working in conjunction with the other organizations. The Kiwanis Club also plans on each member furnishing a basket.

The Salvation Army are doing a noble work. The Christmas kettle on

Main street has netted about \$225 and \$75 more is needed. This will be forthcoming.

The Good Fellows, who have functioned for a number of years will work in conjunction with the Salvation Army, Elks, and other organizations. A meeting of representatives of the Elks Lodge, Salvation Army and Rotary Club met Monday evening and discussed the situation.

The Salvation Army prefers to put out its own baskets, about 100 of them. The Elks and Rotary will put out about 75 baskets. Mrs. Campbell, of the United Charities. It may be that there will be some duplications though this will not hurt anybody. The main thing is, that no one should be missed. The baskets to be furnished by the Elks and Rotary will include one-half bushel of potatoes, a large chunk of fresh pork, a sack of flour and candy and apples.

The baskets will be sent out Saturday afternoon. The girls of the Minot Normal are furnishing many dolls and toys, which have already been made and delivered at the Elks home.

That there is need of Christmas charity cannot be denied. There are many people too proud to ask for aid, yet who are in urgent need of same. A Minot grocer informs the Independent of the following circumstance as an example. A little woman entered his store the other day and bought five cents worth of onions, five cents worth of carrots and seven cents worth of beans, enough for a very meager meal for herself and little ones, but not enough for a square meal. There are a good many folks out of employment in our city. Many poor folks have come over from Canada and some have come in off the farms. Wages have been reduced and the merchants are compelled on account of financial conditions to exact cash transactions in most cases. Fuel is cash. Several months of cold weather are ahead and something must be done for these people not only during the Holiday season which is at hand, but during the months to come.

## L. W. HILL, PRES. BUDD AND V-PRES. KINNEY TO VISIT CITY

Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway Co., Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern and vice-president Kinney, will in all probability address a membership meeting of the Minot Association of Commerce early in January.

James Milloy, secretary of the Association, in answer to a letter to Mr. Hill, received a telegram stating that he would be pleased to accept the invitation and he had no doubt that both Mr. Budd and Mr. Kinney would also be pleased to visit Minot at that time. Upon the return of President Budd from the east, he promised to take the matter up with him.

The Association of Commerce has some pleasing features in store for its members. These men will bring important messages to this city. Other noted men are to appear at other meetings.

It is understood that according to present plans, only members of the Association will be permitted to attend these meetings.

Two Sentenced for Extortion of Property

Robert Rosencrans of Denbigh and William Shipman of Granville passed through Minot Friday enroute to Bismarck in the custody of penitentiary officials. Rosencrans was sentenced in district court at Towner to 10 years for obtaining property by extortion,

and Shipman was given three years on the same charge.

It was alleged that the two men went to the home of A. Engebretson of Simcoe and told him that they were federal officers in search of contraband goods. Mr. Engebretson is said to have had some such goods in his possession and turned them over to the men besides his automobile and horse. The goods, it was averred, were given Engebretson by a friend. Rosencrans also has a charge against him of impersonating an officer, it is said.

31 Degrees Below Zero Tuesday Morning

According to the government thermometer, maintained by W. I. Feris of the weather bureau, the temperature was 31 degrees below zero Tuesday morning. The previous morning the thermometer registered 17 degrees below zero. Tuesday morning was the coldest of the season up to that time. There was little wind and few people, except those out on long drives realized how cold it actually was. A number who came in from the country showed the effect of the cold weather by their nipped noses.

Ryder Man Rewards Boy Scouts

Hans Miller of Ryder, who suffered a loss of his tires and rims, and many auto accessories, when he left his stalled car beside the road near Minot, rewarded the Boy Scouts who located his tires in an old abandoned shack in a coulee, with a check for \$25.

## MRS. A. M. WALLER PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY THURSDAY

Officers Locate Ten Stills and Make Arrests

Ten stills and nearly 2,000 gallons of mash were seized in a series of raids by federal prohibition agents in Minot and northwestern North Dakota Friday. The raids are declared by authorities to be some of the biggest and most extensive and successful ever staged in northwestern North Dakota. All the stills were said to be operating full blast, in anticipation of a heavy trade in "Christmas cheer". The raids were under the direction of Arthur E. Stone, federal prohibition agent for North Dakota, and were made by Wellington Wright and R. J. Hoselton of Fargo, prohibition agents. Nearly all the alleged operators of the stills have appeared before United States Commissioner F. C. Upton and have been bound over to the federal court under \$1,000 on charges of having devices in their possession for the manufacture of intoxicating liquor or with having intoxicating liquor in their possession. In one instance a charge of conducting a disorderly house may be lodged, it is said.

One woman was included in the dragnet—Helen Howard, who it is said was arrested in company with "Tommy" Rowan, both of Minot, charged with having intoxicating liquor in their possession. They have furnished bonds. Others arrested were Roy Hopkins, Minot, with two stills and a large quantity of mash in his possession, officials say; William Wernhoff, residing near Minot, one still and a large quantity of moonshine whiskey; John H. Wall, Minot, two stills and a quantity of mash; George Ehr, residing near Minot, one still and 300 gallons of mash; John F. Wall, son of John H. Wall, residing near Minot, two stills and between 200 and 300 gallons of mash and several gallons of moonshine; Joe Holloway, two stills said to be operated by other parties. Holloway lives 25 miles southwest of Minot. Henry Spence is charged with having intoxicating liquor in his possession. He has not been arraigned as yet. John Ratsliff, Minot, who is said to be operating some of the stills seized, was not arrested, but a charge may be preferred against him, authorities said today. George Ehr furnished \$1,000 bonds.

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The funeral was held from the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, a very large number of friends gathering to pay their last tribute of love and respect. The funeral sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. P. W. Erickson. A quartette consisting of the Misses Ella and Olga Morsen, J. H. Colton and C. B. Davis, sang, "Crossing the Bar", "Lead Kindly Light" and "Nearer My God to Thee". The floral tributes were profuse. The remains were laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Waller's mother, Mrs. A. Mumford, of Kimball, Minn., had been with her since Nov. 21. A brother, Wm. C. Mumford of Hinsdale, Mont., and two sisters, Mrs. F. O. Nelson of Kimball, Minn., and Mrs. Fred Kline of Hinsdale, Mont., arrived for the funeral.

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She was united in marriage to Mr. Waller, Nov. 8, 1905, shortly after Mr. Waller, who previously had resided in Donnybrook, became deputy superintendent of schools of Ward county. They were married in Donnybrook and ever since made their home in Minot. Six children blessed the union, all surviving as follows: Page, 13; Donald, 10; Marian, 7; Adelaide, 5; Ransom, 3, and Charlotte, the little babe. She is also survived by three brothers and three sisters, as follows: W. C. Mumford, Hinsdale, Mont.; Gus Mumford, Redwood Falls, Minn.; Mrs. F. O. Nelson, Kimball, Minn.; Mrs. Fred Kline, Hinsdale, Mont., and Miss Helen Mumford, Minneapolis.

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Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of this District; that a copy be sent Mr. Waller, also that they be published in the Ward County Independent.

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Carl D. Anderson, 32, Kenmare; Ruby M. Brown, 21, Kenmare; Frank Palmer, 27, and Flora M. Stredwick, 22, of Logan.

More Than \$250,000.00 Unpaid Taxes in Ward County

According to an estimate made by County Auditor Kennard, there are fully a quarter of a million dollars worth of unpaid taxes in Ward county. During the recent delinquent tax sale, less than \$30,000 worth of taxes was sold.

Theodore Swalstead, of Shelly Minnesota, arrived in the city Wednesday and will spend the Christmas holidays with his brother Hart Swalstead and family. Claude Ingelstad, who is connected with a banking house at Shelly accompanied Mr. Swalstead and will spend a few days visiting among his old friends in Minot and vicinity. Mr. Ingelstad was at one time connected with the Scandinavian-American bank of this city.

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Delegates to Rotary Convention

The Rotary Monday selected G. D. Colcord, president, and Burt Stewart, secretary, as delegates to the Rotary District convention at Duluth, March 16 and 17. A large number of Minot Rotarians will attend the convention. More than half of them have already signified their intention of going.