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## Valentine Murder Trial Draws Inquisitive Crowd To Local Court Chambers

Colored Man Who Shot And Killed Henry Jones—His Friend—Makes Appeal For Mercy of Jury on Ground Alleged Murder Was Accidental. "Wrong Man Was Killed"—Case Nearing End.

Jimmy Valentine, colored, charged with the murder of his friend, Henry Jones, also colored, in a shooting here two weeks ago, is being tried in District court before Judge C. W. Buttz with a morbidly curious throng filling every available seat. The defense is represented by Ray Surtis, is appealing for the mercy of the court on the ground that Valentine did not intend to kill Jones.

The "wrong man was shot," it is said and there appears little contention as to the truth of the statement. State's Attorney Thompson is prosecuting. The trial started Monday and is continuing today with indications it will go to the jury tomorrow or Friday. The shooting is said to have originated over a love affair with one of the local colored women.

## Dakota's Pioneer Florist P. J. Kersten Sells Landmark And Business To L. Scharf

Famous Greenhouse Passed Into Possession Of New Owner This Morning For A Reported Consideration Of \$10,000—Improvements Planned—Kersten Will Retire.

Dakota's pioneer florist, P. J. Kersten, this morning gave over possession of the famous property at Eighth and Arnold streets to a new owner, Leonard Scharf, farmer-working man and recently manager of the Co-operative laundry, purchased the greenhouses with their entire equipment from Mr. Kersten at a reported consideration of \$10,000. The institution was one of the landmarks of the region, having been established here nearly twenty years ago. Mr. Scharf, new owner, will, it is understood,

make extensive improvements as rapidly as possible. The same high grade of home service to the trade, with large stocks of flowers, funeral, party and other design work will continue to be found under the new management. Early vegetable plantings and other features of sales at the greenhouses will also be continued. Mr. Kersten will retire permanently from business, it is understood, devoting his time to looking after interests gained in a long and successful greenhouse career.

## ASSESSEMENTS TO BE GOVERNED BY NEW RULES

Commissioner Wallace In Statement Points Out Proper Method

Tax Commissioner Wallace has issued a formal ruling to assessors in listing property of merchants, which must be followed according to a statement issued by District Tax Supervisor Hogness today. Commissioner Wallace's edict follows: "You are instructed that in assessing stocks of goods of merchants, assessors will use the following method: Inventory plus invoices to April 1st, then deduct sales to April 1st. All calculations must be based on invoice prices. No allowances for deflation will be made. Deflation is already reflected in the inventory. One-half of the value thus calculated will be the base for assessments. However, should it be claimed that deflation was not made in the inventory, application for deduction must be made to the Tax Commissioner. Yours truly, GEO. E. WALLACE, Tax Commissioner."

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor of Warwick, were over Sunday visitors to the city. While here they were guests at the John McCarty home.

## PASSOVER FEAST TO BE OBSERVED BY LOCAL JEWS

Service Begins Evening Of April 30th. It Is Announced

The Jewish congregation of Devils Lake, "at the present without the services of a Rabbi, will formally observe the Passover, beginning on the evening of April 22d and terminating Saturday, April 30th, it was announced by leading members this morning. Religious rites will be observed throughout the period, with special services held in homes of prominent Jews Friday and Saturday, April 22d and 23d in commemoration of the service made sacred in the early days of Christendom.

## BASE BALL SEASON ON

Fine Club Expected To Be Seen On Local Diamonds

Devils Lake will have a nearly professional baseball club and a hum-dinger, according to fans who are boasting of having secured the services of "Buck" Sterner, formerly of Glasgow, Montana, to manage the local club thru the season. Early practice is expected to be put into motion in a few days, it is said.

## BOSTON STORE IS OPTIMISTIC OVER PROSPECTS

J. Glickson, Proprietor, Declares World Ads Produce

Editor's Note—The Boston located a few doors north of the Colonial hotel, has been one of the most consistent advertisers in The World since its ownership was taken over by the farmers and labor forces of Ramsey county. We commend our supporters to Mr. Glickson's store, as one of the reliable square clothing establishments of Devils Lake.

The Boston Clothing store, J. Glickson, proprietor, is optimistic over prospects of the clothing business and other general conditions this year. Mr. Glickson, commenting on the situation involved by the general financial depression observed in the past few months, declared to a reporter of The World, that he thought business would shortly be normal.

"We have not had as much business as we might from the farmers, but we feel sure that in advertising in The World, when the farmers and the working men can afford to spend money they will spend it in Devils Lake with the merchants who patronize their paper," Mr. Glickson said. "We have endeavored to always treat the farmer and working man right and will always continue to do so."

"We realize World advertising pays, and we appreciate it. We want the trade of the farmers and the working men." The Boston store is deserving of the patronage of all farmer-labor forces, says the editor of The World, although its politics are unknown and not particularly interesting from a business viewpoint. Mr. Glickson, proprietor, "will serve you right," is the assurance given out by Mr. Austin, editor of The World, "your own paper."

## Winter Wheat Is In Good Condition

WASHINGTON.—The condition of winter wheat throughout the country is "generally favorable," says a department of agriculture review of domestic crop conditions. Damage to the crop from the recent freeze was said to have been "negligible" and very little winter killing reported. The Hessian fly was said to be prevalent in all parts of Indiana, but no damage reported. Some fly damage was reported from Michigan, however.

E. W. Scott of Starkweather, sent in \$68 to the Courier-News for himself, \$50 for the recall fund and the balance for his membership. J. A. Carter of Warwick came thru with a check for \$26.15, \$7 for subscription to the Courier-News, the balance for the recall fund.

## THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OPEN

Federal Legislative's Begin Long Grind Of Laws

The National house of congress and the senate has resumed its formal session and President Harding has delivered his opening address to the body. It is expected there will be a steady grind of law making and debate continuing until well into the fall months, according to press dispatches.

## Dr. George A. Henry



Dr. George A. Henry of Ohio, renowned lecturer on "America and the Next World War for Freedom" will deliver one of his famous addresses at the Norwegian Lutheran church here Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Henry has been an associate of "pusyfoot" Johnson on popular subjects. It is the desire of Rev. George O. Loftness of the church here that as many people as can take advantage of the opportunity offered.

There will be no charge for the lecture. Rev. Loftness, one of the popular preachers of this region, says in commenting on the Friday night event: "The people of this community are invited to hear Dr. Henry in his great Chautauque lecture, 'America as leader in the campaign for a Dry World.' All are welcome, it's free."

## GERMAN EMPRESS DIES IN EXILE

Kaiser's Wife Passes On To Greater Life

DOORN.—Former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany died Monday. The end came just one year after she suffered her first serious attack of heart disease.

It was while she was preparing to enter the House of Doorn, the present home of the former Emperor of Germany after her long residence at Aachen that she was stricken with what at the time was believed to be a fatal attack. That was on April 11, 1920. For a few days there were reports that her death was momentarily expected but she rallied and accompanied her husband to Doorn on May 15 last.

## POPULAR DANCE SATURDAY NITE

Woman's N. P. Club To Give Event For Friends

The Woman's Nonpartisan club will give another of its popular dances in Labor hall Saturday nite with excellent music, it was announced by Mr. White, president, this afternoon. Tickets are being distributed thru the business district and are reported as selling rapidly. Dancing will begin promptly at nine, with a complete supper to all couples, at midnight. The general public is invited to attend the affair, which if following the style and example set by previous events, will be one of the leading early spring social affairs of the season among the working folks of the city.

## British Turmoil Rankles The Government's Officials Who Are Seeking To Quell Recalcitrants

## Nonpartisan League Booms Stronger Than Ever

Campaign Fund For Recall Election Growing By Leaps And Bounds. World Gets Its Full Quota Of Support. Subscriptions Pouring In Rapidly

The Nonpartisan league is gaining strength in every nook and corner of the state according to reports reaching here daily. Not since 1915 when the organization headed by A. C. Townley swept the voters into one great solid movement for the benefit of farmers and working men, has the big machine shown so much evidence of being supported by the great mass of the populace of North Dakota. Funds are pouring into headquarters at Fargo for the recall campaign to be staged by the I. V. A. November 8th; The Courier-News, the North-

## CRITICAL POINT REACHED TODAY

Miners Refuse To Accept Offers Of Owners Made

## GOVERNMENT FIGHT

Trouble In All Parts Of Nation Looked For Development

LONDON, April 13.—The nation's turmoil is growing in intensity. The conference of mine workers and owners along with government officials has ended without results. A critical point in what is believed will develop in a nation-wide tie-up of industry has resulted with possibly terrible results in the next few days. The miners have refused to accept the offer of owners which was made in conjunction with a plan to pool profits. Lloyd George is taking a firm stand, while labor leaders are standing just as stolidly behind their avowed program for a betterment of working conditions and wages—with a more reasonable price of the products effected to the consumers. "The situation is still critical." The only government proposal which the miners would consider was one in which the government offered, after the wage question had been settled, to give temporary assistance to mitigate the rapid reduction of wages; the others they brushed aside, at times with heated arguments. The premier met the owners and miners in separate conferences, then jointly. But none of the arguments of the premier or the mine owners could move the miners; they stuck firmly to their demand for a national pool of profits and a national settlement of wages, declaring thru their spokesman, Frank Hodges, that "the workmen for the first time are going to have a share of the total prosperity in trade."

## Widow With Seven Children Needs Aid In Dire Straits

Who will help a widow, with seven children, the oldest 16 and the youngest 4, until arrangements can be completed by the city or county for aid? The family has been maintained for two weeks out of the big heartedness of working men—the cupboard has been bared, few clothes are available for the kiddies, the mother is broken hearted. Mrs. Camutex La France, wife of the hostler by that name who died two weeks ago is the woman the appeal is made for. She with the seven children are hoveled together in a little shack on the west side of the city—208 W. Eleventh street—wondering where to turn and what to do. Subscriptions can be addressed to The World or investigation made and help rendered direct to Mrs. LaFrance.

## DAKOTA IS IN CONDITION NOW

Tax Returns Prove That State Does Well By N. P. Rule

FARGO, N. D.—Five thousand more North Dakotans made income tax returns this year than did last year, according to W. E. Byerly, United States internal revenue collector for this district, with offices in Fargo. The reason for this is the fact that more Dakotans received taxable salaries during 1920 than did during 1919, Mr. Byerly said. There were a large number of exemptions among 1919, Mr. Byerly said. There were a large number of exemptions among the 5,000, and many of those who were required to make a tax report for the first time had no taxes to pay, according to Mr. Byerly. Over Half Million Paid A total of \$660,996.92 had been paid into the revenue office on March 19 last as tax money for 1920, representing the first of the quarterly payments, and in many instances, the entire income tax payment of Dakotans. Taxes listed with the revenue office for 1920 total \$1,340,000, Mr. Byerly said. The very largest proportion of this money was collected during the first 15 days of the month of March.

## HARRY PALMER BACK RETURNS TO HOME HERE

Harry Palmer, one of the Great Northern force, who with Mrs. Palmer has been in Kansas and Oklahoma and Arkansas the past month looking after property interests, has returned to Devils Lake and is again back on the job with the "Jim" Hill gangs. "Bread and butter," says Harry, is what I am after, "altho I may conclude to shift to the south later."

## Labor To Back Boy Scouts If?

Union labor as represented by the Federated Shop crafts in meeting here last week voted unanimously to support and aid the Boy Scouts band if the past record of the organization controlled by a business man's committee is wiped out—if the band will play for all public meetings without relation to partisan politics. A servant and friend of all parties.

## Pring McQuarrie To Open His Tire Shop

Pring McQuarrie, prominent tire repair business here in previous summers, has made plans to open his shop again opposite the Lake Motor company on Third street. Mr. McQuarrie announced today he will begin business tomorrow.

## I.W.W. MUST SERVE TERMS

Supreme Court Refuses To Review Cases Of Fourteen

WASHINGTON.—William D. Haywood and 79 other Industrial Workers of the World who were convicted before Federal Judge Landis at Chicago in 1918 of attempting to obstruct the government's prosecution of the war, must return to federal prison as a result of the refusal of the supreme court to review their conviction. Haywood and 14 others, were sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment each, and fined sums ranging from \$25,000 to \$35,000. They and others were sent to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., but subsequently were released on bail bonds aggregating \$500,000, pending the outcome of their appeals.

## REICHERT NAMED STORES RECEIVER

Succeeds Johnson When Opposition Shows Itself

MINOT, N. D.—C. W. Reichert, of Carrington, has been named permanent receiver for the Consumers United States company by District Judge G. H. Moelling. The company operates thirty-seven stores in North Dakota. Council for the farmer stockholders opposing appointment of W. G. Johnson as receiver, recommended Reichert, and the representative in court for the stores declared Reichert's appointment would not be opposed. Johnson has been in charge of the company's affairs pending appointment as receiver, but when opposition to his appointment developed, he asked today that his name should not be considered for the place.

## HARDING AGAINST LEAGUE OF NATION

Formerly Kicks Over Bucket On Wilson's Plans

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Final rejection of the League of Nations by the American government has been proclaimed to the world by President Harding in a solemn proclamation of the foreign policy of his administration.

## BENSON COUNTY FARMER COMMITS A JAIL SUICIDE

Ends Life In The County Jail While Demented Opinion

Mipnewaskan, N. D.—Andrew E. Olson, 43, farmer, was found dead in the Benson county jail, his body partially suspended from an electric light wire formed in a noose around his neck. With his weight partially supported by his knees, he had struggled to death. Olson had been arrested the day previous, charged with beating his wife with a fist. After a hearing Olson was adjudged insane and was awaiting transportation to Mankato, Minn., where he is believed to have effected his suicide. He leaves a wife and eight children.

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