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COMPANION'S LIFE SAVED BY SMALL BOY'S COURAGE

Seven-Year-Old Earl Ployhar in Line for Carnegie Medal by Saving the Life of His Playmate.

An accident which might have resulted fatally had it not been for the quick action and courage of little Earl Ployhar, occurred Saturday afternoon close to the little park bridge near the Elk's building. The two boys, Earl Ployhar, aged seven, and Wilton Wold, five years old, were shooting bow and arrows at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Winton threw his bow now upon the thin crust of ice on the south river bank. He then started after it, whereupon Earl remonstrated with him, saying that the ice was unsafe. Nevertheless, Winton ventured out upon it and when out near the edge, the ice gave way and the boy was plunged into the water. The river is icy cold and the boy could not swim. Young Ployhar rushed down the bank and without hesitation jumped in after his chum. He is able to swim somewhat, but his clothes and the fact that his companion was almost as heavy as himself made his task very difficult. Earl got hold of the boy and tried to boost him on the ice, but it was so rotten that it broke with his weight.

The accident had been witnessed by Brakeman Jim Collins and Fireman Iverson from the railroad track. They both rushed to the rescue. Meanwhile Earl was keeping the smaller boy above water and telling him to hold his breath. They got out in the stream some little distance. When the men got too close to the edge of the ice, Collins fell through. Iverson extended his ash-hoe to young Wold. He grasped it and was drawn ashore. A plank was thrown out on the ice and Earl was able to pull himself out. In the struggle in the water he had kicked off one of his shoes. Winton Wold was immediately taken into the Elk's building and was later transferred to the Platou hospital, where he was well cared for. He had some water in his lungs, but was able to come home Sunday morning. Earl Ployhar is the son of F. E. Ployhar. Undoubtedly had it not been for the prompt and intelligent assistance given by the little Ployhar boy, his companion would have drowned before other help could have arrived. It was a remarkable rescue in that the hero of the situation was so young and yet knew exactly what to do and did it. If anyone in the United States deserves a Carnegie medal, we may truthfully say that Earl Ployhar does. Let us hope that a movement be started for that purpose. Another man was on the scene at the time of the accident, but no one was acquainted with him and he has not been seen since. He was a tall, heavy man with a dark moustache. Jim Collins received a thorough wetting as well as the boys. The Ployhar boy has suffered no serious consequences from his cold bath, as he had swallowed no water and was promptly cared for. Here's a pointer as to the value of the Chautauqua to Valley City: Young Ployhar learned to swim at the Chautauqua last summer. The saving of one life is worth all that the Chautauqua has cost our citizens.

Miss Florence Lavery has returned from Getchell Prairie, where she spent the Easter vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keller.

PROTESTED LOCATION OF THE STOCKYARDS

The city council met in regular session Monday evening to transact routine business. There were two petitions presented for curb and gutter, one of which was granted, this being for two blocks on the west side of Eighth avenue north, from the German Lutheran church. A petition for water main was also granted. A protest was received signed by 50 citizens asking the removal of the stock yards which are situated near the street car track out by the gravel pit. The matter was referred to a committee for investigation and report. The new members of the council will be seated at the meeting called for April 20.

GREEK LABORER FOUND THE ICE VERY ROTTEN

A Greek laborer tried to cross the river on the ice near the county hospital Monday evening. The ice gave way and the man fell in. A hurry-up call to the police station for help brought Chief Swanson and Fred King but by the time they arrived he had got to shore by clinging to a cake of ice and through the help of his comrades. This should be a warning to people who might venture upon the ice at this time of the year.

CAPTURED FOUR OF ESCAPED CONVICTS

Bismarck, April 5.—Four of the six prisoners who escaped from the penitentiary were captured at 7 o'clock yesterday morning along the Missouri river bottoms about 56 miles south of here. They were returned to the prison at noon Sunday. All of the men refused to discuss their experiences during the four nights and three days they have been hunted by posses and blood hounds. It is known, however, that they have not slept indoors during that time, that they have had plenty to eat and that they entered a farm house, where one of the men secured a new brown suit and the rest took overalls and jumpers to wear over their prison garb.

Four farmers of the vicinity of Hazleton, Emmons county, came upon the four men just as they awakened from a sleep just outside of a school house. Another posse from Bismarck who had followed them all the previous day and started out again Sunday morning was only half a mile away at the time the capture was made. The fugitives were not armed and gave up without a struggle. One of the men, Irwin, refused to talk at all, while the others just laughed at the questioners. Warden Talcott stated that they had refused to discuss their experiences after being brought back to the prison. No trace has been found of the other two men who escaped at the same time. There is one report that they went west on a through train and that clue is being followed now. A report that they were near the Turtle mountains in the northern part of the state was followed up, but was found to be without foundation.

NORMAL SCHOOL OPENS FOR THE SPRING TERM

Normal school opened Tuesday for the spring term and the usual influx of students and teachers took place on Monday evening. Among the arrivals were the following people:

Ruth Martineson and Ada Urban, from Hebron; Iva Mayer, of Sutton; Marguerite Gustafson, Esther Semlin and Dorothy Lincoln, all of Bismarck; Oscar and Carl Hassen, of Churches Ferry; John Rund; Erwin Rue; Fred Nunn; Robert Bell.

Miss Paula Kittle arrived from her home at Casselton. Others from the east were: Alice Carpenter, Christina Black, Alice Larson, Julia Nelson, August Sommermeyer, Vida Hautmann, Clara Olson, Elizabeth Paulson, Lulu Fuchs and Eva Brindle.

Among the Soo line arrivals were Stella Weatherly, Thelma Hansen, Carl Opdahl, Clarissa Hutchings and Ivan England. Grace Forbes arrived from Bismarck.

Miss Cranz and Miss Riebe returned from Fargo, where they have been visiting during the vacation. Miss Susan McCoy, who visited at Bismarck, and Miss Fannie C. Amidon, who spent her vacation with friends in Corry, Pa., are registered at the Kindred hotel.

Miss Mabel Fredrickson arrived Tuesday morning on the Soo. She had been visiting with her parents during the vacation.

WRESTLING MATCH SET FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

Bill Bublitz and Murray, of Tower City, will meet Saturday evening at the city hall in Oriska in a wrestling match that ought to be a good one. Bublitz holds the middleweight championship of the university of North Dakota and Murray is a good man.

Mrs. F. W. Raymond has as her guest, Miss Claribel DuBois, of Baraboo, Wis.

HONOR and SHAME

Over in Europe eight nations are hurling their strongest and best men at each other's throats. They are sending these men out to kill one another and to lay waste as much territory as may be. They are causing the destruction of property, both private and public. And they are piling up for the future a load of taxes that will stagger many and burden all, while trade and industry alike are paralyzed by the terrific struggle.

Why? For wealth—as wealth is represented by commercial and industrial and (save the mark!) educational enterprise and progress. And this wealth not that of the men whose lives are being demanded as a sacrifice, but that of those in position to profit most by whatever conditions may arise.

For power—not the power that enables a man or a group of men to do a full day of good work, but the kind of power that enables one nation to command and compel obedience on the part of others.

For fame? No hardly that. History will give a place to each of these embattled powers, and a something that will be not fame, but notoriety. And each of these nations calls its action one of honor.

Down in Havana two human beings hurled their weight and physical strength upon each other. They each did their utmost to beat down his opponent; to render him unconscious; to inflict some such injury as to maim him for the time being at least, and perhaps (who cares?) for the rest of his life.

Nobody will suffer but those two men themselves. Neither of them hopes or will try to take the other's life. They will damage no property, injure no person's interests and hinder no man's welfare. Whatever financial loss is felt will be voluntarily undertaken by whoever feels it.

Why do these men fight? For wealth—as wealth may be measured by the division of what others are willing to pay to see the affair.

For power? Not in the least, for neither will have or control more power when the fight is over than he does at this moment.

For fame? Well—call it that. And from one of the country—from one of the world—to the other men will denounce the Havana exhibition as a shame and a disgrace to humanity.

The Big Fight

Willard Establishes Himself as the World's Champion

Round 1—Ringside, Havana—Johnson landed the first blow, a left to Willard's jaw. He followed it with an uppercut. Willard landed two on Jack's ribs and drew a smile from Johnson. Johnson drove two lefts in succession to Willard's jaw and went into a clinch. Johnson landed two rights. Willard came back with two lefts on Jack's ribs. Willard swung viciously, but missed. They clinched. Jess landed his right on Jack's stomach. They clinched again. Johnson blocked three jabs and then landed on Willard's jaw. Jess swung wild, Johnson rushed him to the ropes and Willard clinched. Willard landed his left on Johnson's jaw and right on his head. Johnson smashed Willard in the face with a hard right. It was Johnson's round.

Round 2—Johnson blocked two swings for the face and it brought a smile from the negro. Willard landed his left on Johnson's body. Johnson cut loose with three lefts on Willard's ribs in rapid succession. Willard swung and Jack ducked, coming back with a left swing to Willard's face. Jess sent his right to Johnson's body. Johnson is keeping close to Willard. Round even.

Round 3—Willard swung twice, but missed. Jack times his left for Willard's body, but Willard blocked him neatly. Willard rushed Johnson, but missed another swing. They went in a clinch. Johnson drove Willard to the ropes with five successive blows. Johnson broke through Willard's guard, landing blows rapidly on Willard's heart. He jabbed Willard's face and landed his right on body and started to "kid" Willard. He landed another on Willard's body and one to the right. He drove the white man to the ropes with a shower of punches as the round ended. Johnson's round.

Round 4—Johnson blocked three vicious lefts, then two more, and they clinched. Jack sent his right to Willard's body. Johnson ducked a right swing and they were on the ropes. Willard followed with a half dozen blows to the body and face and Jack landed on the stomach, but his right to the jaw was blocked. Willard missed and Johnson drove one to his face. This was Willard's round by a shade.

Round 5—Willard landed to the face and drew blood from Johnson's mouth. Jack shot a hard left to the body and right to the face. The black man ducked right and landed three punches on Willard's body. Johnson landed three hard wallops. Willard swung a hard one to Jack's body and drove him to the ropes as the gong rang. Willard's round.

Round 6—Willard took the offensive and missed swing for Johnson's head. Jack drove his opponent to the ropes with blows on head and then landed a terrific left on body, Jess followed it with a punch below the heart. Johnson drove a left and right to body. Willard put two rights to Jack's chin. Johnson drove Jess to the ropes.

Johnson's round. Round 7—Johnson blocked a left and then clinched. Jack landed a left to the body driving Willard to the ropes. Willard landed his right on Jack's jaw and Jack sent in two blows to the body and then rushed Willard to the ropes. Willard missed a right swing but landed with left on Jack's face. Jess sent his right and left to Jack's wind. Johnson drove Jess to the ropes as the round ended. Johnson's round.

Round 8—Johnson sent his left to Willard's jaw and Willard came back with a right to Jack's body. The negro shot two stiff punches to Willard's body, and then cut Willard's ear and landed again on his head. Johnson's round.

Round 9—Willard rushed, but Jack blocked four swings for the head but Willard finally landed a right to Jack's body. Willard landed one under Jack's heart and the negro smashed Jess in the stomach. Willard returned right to jaw. Johnson landed left on body and drove Jess to ropes. Round even.

Round 10—Willard now forced the fighting and landed hard left to Johnson's face, but Jack drove him to the ropes with hard body blows. Johnson jabbed him in the face three times and then rushed Willard to the ropes with a volley of blows to the face. Johnson landed a right on Willard's body and followed it up with a terrific right to Willard's jaw. Jack was trying for a knockout. Johnson's round.

Round 11—Johnson forced the fighting and landed on Willard's body. They clinched. Willard landed his right to Jack's body and Johnson sent a hard right to the stomach and another left swing to his face. Jack ducked a right swing. The negro landed two more body blows and Jess countered to the body. Johnson came back with a left to the body. He landed on Willard's stomach with right. Round even.

Round 12—Johnson went after Willard and landed twice on his body. Willard missed a terrific right for Jack's head. Johnson ducked neatly. Jack smashed Willard on the head and face with right and left and sent his left to the body. The colored man smashed left to Willard's jaw and Jess countered twice on the wind. Johnson then landed four on Willard's head, driving him to the ropes. Johnson's round.

Round 13—Johnson went after Willard, landing two punches to the body. Jess retaliated with a right to his body which caused Jack to smile, and he landed his left on Willard's jaw. Johnson followed this with another to body and drove a terrific left to Jess's body. Willard missed a swing. This was Johnson's round.

Round 14—The crowd was kidding Johnson and he kidded back. Willard rushed but missed three swings. Jack landed his left on the body and then (Continued on Page 6.)

RAILROAD MAN SAYS PROSPECTS NEVER BETTER HERE

Mrs. A. L. Watson of Fillmore, Sask., Can., arrived Tuesday morning from the east, for a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Aldahl, on West Front street. Mrs. Watson is the sister of Mrs. Aldahl and is en route to her home in Canada from Minneapolis and points east. She will remain here until Friday.

Dr. Rasmussen and wife, formerly of Kathryn, made a short stay in Valley City, leaving for their home at Center Monday evening. The doctor says he has a great location and is doing well. Center is the county seat, and the real center of a big business district.

MASONIC BALL WAS MOST ENJOYABLE

The members of the Commandery, the Chapter and Blue lodge of Masons gave a most enjoyable dancing party Monday evening in the Armory. There were about 100 couple present, and the knights were in uniform. The music for the ball was furnished by the Baerten's orchestra of Fargo. The grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Winterer, Mr. Winterer being the past grand commander of the state of North Dakota. After the dancing was over, luncheon was served in the W. R. C. rooms, by Manager Gisellius, of the Hotel Rudolf.

The decorations for the ball were most elaborate and unique, and presented a real Japanese garden, much credit being given to Herman Stern, who was on the decorating committee. Ferns and Easter lilies were used in decorating. Apple trees and apple blossoms surrounded the outside wall. Many out-of-town guests were in attendance at the ball, which was one of the most magnificent affairs ever given in Valley City.

U. S. REFUSES TO ABANDON PRINCIPLES

Washington, April 5.—The United States government has made public its note to England announcing that it "could not admit" either the right of the allies or their claim for justification in placing an embargo on all commercial intercourse between Germany and neutral countries.

"To admit it," says the communication, "would be to assume an attitude of unneutrality toward the present enemies of England which would present circumstances for England to make such claims and would be for her to abandon and set at naught the principles for which she has consistently and earnestly contended in other times and under other circumstances."

The note reviews at length the legal phases of the blockade of belligerents and virtual blockade of neutral coasts. In conclusion, the United States affirms its expectation that England, after having considered "the possibilities of serious interruption of American trade," under order in council, "will take steps necessary to avoid them."

LIGHT VOTE MARKED THE CITY ELECTION

The city election on Monday passed off very quietly and only about half the vote was cast.

In the First ward a three-cornered fight resulted in the retirement of C. J. Lee after about 15 years of service in the ward. Rev. C. F. Bublitz got into the game by the sticker route in the morning and won out.

In the Third ward another old war horse in the person of John Holland went down to defeat by Rev. L. G. Moultrie, a good man, by the way, and one who will serve the ward well. John Skretting defeated W. J. Curran in the Second and Sim Mason had no opposition in the Fourth.

The following is the vote: First Ward—C. J. Lee, 56; C. L. Bublitz, 64; Thos. E. Keough, 11.

Second Ward—John Skretting, 73; W. J. Curran, 37.

Third Ward—John Holland, 106; L. G. Moultrie, 128.

Fourth Ward—Sim Mason, 28. John Billet and son left for Bismarck Monday morning on No. 8.

Fargo, April 6.—"All the time that I have been in the northwest I never saw a more optimistic feeling than is in evidence right now and I never saw a time when there were such prospects for increased acreage and bumper crops than at the present time," said Edward A. Whitaker, traveling passenger agent for the Chicago & North-western railway, who was in the city Tuesday on business for his company. Mr. Whitaker said that he has been traveling over North Dakota for the past five years and that he does not remember a time when everything looked so hopeful than they do this spring.

"I find in traveling over the state a sense of contentment among farmers and business men and a most optimistic feeling is prevalent in every section. The farmers are getting busy on their spring work and in every part of the state I have found them at work discing and harrowing and getting ready to put in crops.

"A most notable thing in evidence this spring is the increased interest the farmers of the state are taking in their work. There is going to be a great increased acreage all over the state and there is going to be better farming done than ever in the history of the commonwealth. In the slope country there is going to be much more corn planted than was put in last year and it is going to be better cared for. Other crops are going to be handled on a systematic basis too and livestock, especially hogs are going to receive much more attention from the farmers.

"The work that the agricultural institutions and the railroads have been doing in the state in the way of educating the farmers is now obtaining results and there is going to be less of the one-crop idea in evidence this year than ever before.

"With the conditions such as they are and the farmers taking a greater interest in their work there is every evidence that North Dakota is going to be exceedingly prosperous this season and this is going to have its effect on immigration. This state needs more people and there is no one thing that will do more to bring them than good crops.

"There has been a wonderful change in the state since I first began making this territory five years ago and it certainly looks prosperous to see the large numbers of silos that are now in use and being built. The farmers are getting the right idea."

Mr. Whitaker says that he looks for a large passenger traffic to the west coast this summer. He says that there is evidence everywhere that there are going to be a large number of people take in the Panama-Pacific exposition.

CLUB IS STUDYING DOMESTIC SCIENCE

"The Food Value of Gelatin" was the subject of Mrs. Floyd Tenny's address before the Neighborhood Study club Monday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. F. P. Dadey. Mrs. Tenny took her audience through the entire process of manufacture of the various kinds of gelatinous food products, discussed their nutriment, the various ways of serving them, and made clear to all the important place they should occupy in the meal because of richness in protein. Following the address the literary program, in charge of Mrs. Fred Reidman, occupied considerable time, the subjects under discussion being the advantages and disadvantages of co-education; followed by one of the new geological theories, read by Mrs. Tuttle.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mrs. S. S. Tuttle, treasurer; Mrs. Henry E. Nelson, secretary. Four new members were admitted. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. M. Greenwood.

Mrs. Tenny has been engaged by the club as instructor in a course of domestic science and her work is proving of great interest to the members.

M. R. Nelson, who represents the Atwood-Larson Grain Co., returned Saturday to Valley City from Bismarck and points in the western part of the state on the Turtle-Lake branch, where he has been spending the past two weeks on matters of business connected with that company.