

## LAND GRABBING MAY BE POSSIBLE

Rep. Frear Will Study Draft. May Take Action For Readjustment. Washington, Feb. 27.—Land grab-

bing by others than veterans will be made possible under present drafts of the soldiers bonus bill in the belief of those congressmen who have studied the measure closely. It became known today that Representative Frear, farm bloc man had been warned that the bill contained a joker which permitted the opening up of public land to others than ex-soldiers. Frear intends to study the draft carefully and, if he finds the land grant phase is too wide open he will undoubtedly take action looking to readjustment.

The original draft of the bill provides that "the secretary of the interior (chairman of the farm settlement board) made by the withdrawal from locations on sales, settlements entries or other dispositions and place under the control of the board, such unappropriated public lands as he deems necessary for the project." Further, it permitted the opening of town sites in which the board can sell lots under such regulations and upon such terms as it shall prescribe."

### Joker A Question

Whether the joker was purposely inserted to open up public domains is a question. Correction of this situation however would be a simple matter, it is said, for the work will merely have to be altered to make the project specifically open only to veterans. The House Ways and Means Committee, republicans, meet tomorrow to decide their course towards the bonus legislation. The sales tax as a revenue raiser is regarded as dead.

Meantime the American Legion is starting a movement to prevent further delay in passing the legislation. Its leaders are provoked at what they regard the dilatory practices on the part of congress and intends to create, if possible, a sentiment against such a course.

## SPEARING FISH AGAINST LAW

Unless Law Breakers Stop Their Operations Arrests Will Be Made. Citizens Should Protect Fish.

The fact that many citizens of the city are spearing fish at the mill dam and the sewer dam below the city, using strong lights to lure the fish at night, has been brought to the attention of the authorities. They are adverse to starting any arrests, feeling that the citizens were not aware of the game law which prohibits the spearing of fish, but state that arrests will surely follow if the violations are persisted in.

The Sheyenne has a great many bull heads and suckers but few pike, and it is the pike that need protection if we are ever to have good fishing. When spearing fish many pike are caught, along with the other fish, and this is the principal objection of the authorities.

A copy of that section of the game laws applying to the manner of taking fish follows:

"No person shall take, catch, kill or destroy in any manner than by angling for them with a hook and line held in the hands or attached to a rod so held, nor with more than one rod nor with more than one hook, nor more than one hook or an artificial lure attached thereto any protected fish, provided, that pickereels, suckers, red-horse carp and bull heads may be taken with a spear or dip net at any time, but no artificial light shall be used in the taking of said fish."

The authorities feel that this should be sufficient warning regarding the law applying to the matter and warn persons spearing those fish not protected to stop molesting the protected fish, and to stop the use of lights as lure.

### TWELVE ENTRIES IN FAST DOG DERBY

The Pas, Manitoba, Feb. 23.—Twelve entries, all from northern Manitoba have been entered in the twenty-mile dog derby to be held February 28 for a purse of \$2,500. The Dupas-Bancroft team will have the largest number of dogs in the race with 13. The others are using from seven to eleven. All teams have been over the course and pronounced it well suited for fast time. The betting is divided in favor of the Dupas-Bancroft team. V. Morgan's outfit is driven by the renowned Prateau. The Godboort-Justick team is warmly championed by the employees of the Hudson Bay company.

## ANOTHER FARMER'S STILL SIEZED

Fifteen Gallon Still Seized Near Fingal By Deputy Sheriff B. V. Lippold.

Deputy Sheriff B. V. Lippold had decided that many of the moonshiners in the county thought it was impossible for the officials to get over the roads during the heavy snow storms of the past few days, and he also decided that he would fool some of them. From reports received at the sheriff's office it was evident that some of the moonshiners were taking advantage of the bad weather by manufacturing a supply of illicit liquor for spring trade, feeling that the bad roads would make them safe from official interference.

Acting on this theory Deputy Lippold journeyed to Fingal on Tuesday and searched the farm of Henry Rominski, finding thereon a fifteen gallon still which had evidently been in recent use. Deputy Lippold was unable to obtain any of the manufactured article as he claims that he was seen in approaching the buildings and the owner destroyed the evidence, which had been stored in some glass containers.

Deputy Lippold brought the still to the city and summoned the owner, Henry Rominski, to appear before Judge I. J. Moe to answer to a charge of violating the prohibition law. He was summoned to appear today but owing to the fact that the roads are almost impassable it is not likely he will appear before tomorrow.

## PROFESSOR IS CENSURED FOR MAKING ATTACK

Prof. W. J. Bell of Dickinson Charged With Attacking Miss Nielson's Work

**CRITICIZED SCHOOL SYSTEM.** The state board of administration has adopted a resolution censuring Prof. W. J. Bell, of the Dickinson Normal school, for criticizing Miss Minnie Nielson, a member of the board. The resolution followed the calling of the attention of the board to an article appearing in the Fargo Courier-News, signed by W. J. Bell in which the work of Miss Nielson as state superintendent, her qualifications and the state school system were criticized. The resolution of censure of the board was unanimous, according to Chairman Muir.

Prof. Bell is understood to have submitted his resignation to President May of the Normal school, but it is said by board members that his resignation was not demanded by the board.

Prof. Bell was instructor in psychology and education, having come to North Dakota from South Dakota. He had been at the Normal School since it opened.

The action was taken, it was said, by members, because it was an act of insubordination.

The board has also, it was learned, let out George Hunt, who had been acting as inspector of construction work on the power plant at the Dickinson Normal. The action was taken on demand of Joseph A. Kitchen, ex-officio member of the board, who held that Mr. Hunt whom he said was a farmer living north of Beach and a friend of A. C. Townley, was not qualified for the work of inspecting buildings. Hunt was being paid \$200 a month. Another member of the board said his work was finished.

## U. C. T. ENTERTAIN AT LARGE DANCE

George Washington Party A Huge Success In Every Way With Large Crowd In Attendance.

The members of the U. C. T. and Auxiliary entertained at a George Washington Ball on Saturday evening at the K. of P. Hall. There were about fifty couples in attendance and everyone there reports a delightful time.

Favors were given to the guests in the form of George Washington caps, balloons and confetti. These added in a large measure to the hilarity of the occasion.

The Rathje orchestra furnished the music for the dance and, as is usual when they play, it was almost impossible to refrain from dancing.

The ladies served a lunch at midnight which was one of the features of the evening's entertainment.

The dance lasted until a late hour and the guests are unanimous in their praise of the U. C. T. as entertainers.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT COST REASONABLE

Compares Favorably With Other Cities In Efficiency And Costs City Much Less Money.

From June, 1917, to February 1, 1922, a period of 56 months, the total cost of maintaining and operating Valley City's triple combination fire truck has averaged \$11.00 per month, this covers oil, gasoline, repairs, and labor.

Moorhead, Minn., has about the same population as Valley City, the cost of maintaining their fire department last year was \$6036.07, this includes \$3149.82 salaries paid to the Chief, Assistant Chief and drivers; the total cost last year to Valley City for their fire department was \$1275.88, neither the members or officers receive a salary.

Last spring Wahpeton was quoted a price of \$12,500.00 for a fire truck the same as our own, which is more than twice what Valley City paid in 1917. (\$5,800.00 was paid).

## J. E. SWITZER WRITES WELCOME LETTER

My dear Mr. Trubshaw:

I am enclosing a check to keep the Times-Record coming to Mrs. Switzer at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. When one is a thousand miles away the news from home seems a great deal more important than it does when you are there.

I am having a very profitable year of study, and an exceedingly busy one, but that is what makes it profitable. We have a couple of days this past week when the thermometer went to ten below zero, and the people thought it was terribly cold. We have a Methodist minister up here that looks enough like you to be your brother, but since his name is Wagner, and hails from the plains of Texas, I assume that the resemblance is just a co-incidence.

With best wishes, I am,  
Yours truly,  
J. E. SWITZER.

## ONE YEGG WOUNDED IN PISTOL BATTLE

Five Bandits Confronted By Cop. Four Escape In Auto. One Wounded.

Minneapolis, Feb. 27.—One man was wounded in a running pistol battle between five yeggmen and police today. The yeggmen were fleeing from Oscar Petersen's meat market after having cracked the safe, when they were confronted by Patrolman Hofball. Four of the yeggs reached their automobile which was parked a block away and escaped. The fifth who was left behind, fled into the railroad yards. He was pursued by officers but eluded them, leaving a trail of blood for more than a block. The meat market safe yielded \$175. The gang is believed to be the same who early in the day broke into the Arion theatre and cracked the safe. They got nothing for their efforts because the safe had been cracked.

## HARVEY CHURCH MAY LIVE TO HANG

"Scared To Death" Is Opinion Of Jail Attaches. Attorneys May Appeal Case To U. S. Supreme Court.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Four physicians hovered over Harvey Church, boy slayer today to keep him alive until Friday when he will be carried to the gallows on a stretcher to be hanged. Food was injected into the body of the boy who killed two automobile salesmen, on the fortieth day of his hunger strike. Only a few inarticulate sounds came from him.

"More dead than alive," and "Scared to Death" were the opinion of several alienists. His attorneys have exhausted all efforts of the state courts to save the life of their client and are preparing to appeal to the U. S. supreme court.

### POLICE SEARCH FOR MAN

St. Paul, Feb. 28.—Police today began a search for Andrew Thoreen, 27 of Brahm, Minn., who is believed to have been a victim of foul play. Thoreen left a Minneapolis rooming house nearly two weeks ago with \$300 in his pocket expecting to deliver it to a bank in St. Paul. He had not been seen since. Police believe he may have been slugged and robbed.

## COMMENDATION FOR JURYMEN

Former Citizen Of The County And Former Chief Of Police Of Fargo Expresses Satisfaction At Gummer Verdict.

Chief of Police E. H. Swanson received a letter from Con Keefe yesterday in which Mr. Keefe expresses the satisfaction felt by the people of Fargo and Cass county at the verdict returned in the Gummer trial.

Mr. Keefe is a former resident in the county and is well known to many of the older residents here. He was also Chief of Police of Fargo for a number of years.

We print his letter below:  
Fargo, N. D., 2-27-22.

Mr. Editor:

As a citizen of North Dakota and Fargo for the past 41 years I feel as though I would like to express a few words in behalf of the justice done in regard to the murder trial that has just been finished in your wonderful little city and I am sure that our people, as well as myself, appreciate the many good things our people got while there, both in kindness as well as in justice. If there is any reward we are sure that you will get it as it is coming to you all, and especially the jurors who so loyally defended our states attorney, Wm. C. Green, and all others who were interested in this awful murder case.

I am sure that the people of Fargo and Cass county will always be under obligations for the good and loyal service we got at their hands, and I for one will always be ready to reward them for it.

The counsel for Gummer was afraid to have this case tried here, where it ought to be, on account of his past record in a great many of the criminal cases that have been tried here. He was afraid that he wouldn't get a jury to suit him. Thank God that the good citizens of Barnes county who were drawn as jurors did not know anything about the case except to see that justice was done. They relieved the people of Cass county, to whom it rightfully belonged, of the awful deal, and decided what that awful murderer, Gummer, was to do for the remainder of his dirty life. It is too bad that it could not be solitary confinement. We all hope that the other fellow with him will soon follow. It is hard to say bad things about anyone but words can't be used that would place this man where he ought to be. When a man will so mercilessly murder an innocent girl as he did, nothing can be done that would be bad enough for him.

This mother and father, and all others that knew her, have been deprived of her company just to satisfy a dirty brute. The change of venue was taken to bulldoze the people of Fargo and Cass county, but thank God the people of Barnes county were too loyal to be bulldozed by such a change and the noble jurors brought in a verdict of guilty without a dissenting vote. While they won't get any reward in this world I hope they will in the next.

It is a small thing for a mother and father to get for the life of a daughter that was so kind and good as Marie was, but it is a great comfort for others to know that such a brute is where he went to die like to others, and it can be hoped that he will be kept there and kept in confinement all of his time. Bread and water is a swell dish for him, with very little light.

I hope that the fathers and mothers of North Dakota will give this case thought, and you will in the near future get such a legislature as will make all such criminals as this one suffer solitary confinement for life,—and that means life.

Now just another word for the great and valuable service that you and each of you gave in this long and tiresome trial. I, as one of the North Dakota's oldest citizens, want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the good and valuable service you gave to our attorney, W. C. Green, and all others who so kindly assisted in bringing this murderer to justice. Again thanking you, I am,

CON KEEFE,  
207 4th St., No.  
Fargo, N. D.

### SUPPORT WATERWAY PROJECT

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Harding's full support will be given both the proposed St. Lawrence river waterway from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic, it was made known today following a conference between President Harding and Ohio legislators. Harding may urge the waterway project in a special message to congress.

## WALTER BARR DIES AT FARGO

Death Follows Lingered Illness After Severe Accident Last Fall.

Walter Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barr of this city, died at the St. Johns Hospital at Fargo yesterday morning.

Last fall, while helping in the digging of a ditch for the Valley City Plumbing and Heating Co., the side walls of the ditch caved in, burying Walter. In this accident he suffered a broken leg, it being broken in three places above the knee. He was in the Riverside hospital in this city for about eleven weeks and was then removed to the St. Johns hospital in Fargo where he has been for the past nine weeks.

We are unable to learn the direct cause of his death at this time but we understand that it was the result of complications arising from his accident.

Walter Barr is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barr of this city. He was 28 years old and had been a resident of the city practically his entire life, with the exception of the time spent in serving Uncle Sam in the A. E. F. He was well known in the city and was well thought of by all who knew him. He was a boy of good habits, was industrious and had the esteem of everyone. In addition to his parents there are several brothers and sisters left to mourn his loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barr left for Fargo on No. 136 this morning to take charge of the remains.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon. Services will be at the Lutheran Free Church, Rev. Framstad officiating. Interment will be made in Woodbine cemetery.

## RICH MEN CALLED BY DIST. ATTORNEY

Names of Prominent Men Mentioned In Alleged Fraud Case. All Belong To Same Club.

New York, March 1.—Five famous New York financiers, Percy A. Rockefeller, Thomas W. Lamont, Charles Sabin, George Baker and James Stillman will be invited to the office of the district attorney to confront Alfred A. Lindsey, the broker charged with defrauding a dozen women of more than \$1,000,000. Lindsey who is held on a charge of grand larceny claimed the financiers are members of a certain club of which it is said, he is also a member. Lindsey is said to have told officials that the members of this club are bound by oath to stand by one another financially. The financiers who are to appear today were not subpoenaed but a telephone message from the district attorney was expected to bring them to the criminal court to aid the cause of justice.

### GOV. NESTOS DECLARES CAHILL'S OFFICE VACANT

Bismarck, March 1.—J. J. Cahill was notified today by Governor Nestos that his office as a member of the board of administration is vacant because of his failure to file an oath of office since last July 6. The governor it is understood will appoint Cahill's successor in a few days. This action will give the Independents control of the board of administration, the only important board to remain under nonpartisan control after the change in administration.

George Totten, Sr. another nonpartisan has resigned. His resignation becomes effective within a short time. His resignation followed a request of Gov. Nestos who filed charges of malfeasances against him. Other members of the board are Robert Muir, Miss Minnie J. Nielson and Joseph Kitchen, the latter two independents who are superintendent of public instruction and secretary of agriculture and labor are ex-officio members of the board.

## BANDITS ESCAPE WITH PAY ROLL

Milwaukee, March 1.—Five bandits in two automobiles armed with sawed off shot guns, held up chief paymaster Fred Wallner of the Palm Olive Soap Co. here today and escaped with \$19,000. Wallner, in company with three assistants was just entering the gate of the plant when the bandits drove up. Without getting out of their car the bandits leveled their guns at Wallner and his assistants, ordered them to throw up their hands, grabbed the bag containing the money and drove away.

## WETS START SPRING OFFENSIVE IN EAST

Liquor Question May Be Injected Into Congressional Elections This Fall.

New York, March 1.—An anti-prohibition organization has launched a drive to restore light wines and beers to Americans.

These facts indicate that the long awaited spring offensive of the wets is getting underway, were made public today in a statement to the United Press by William Anderson, superintendent of the anti-saloon league.

These organizations are being formed so rapidly it is difficult to keep track of them. It was unofficially stated at the office of the league that the question would be injected into the congressional elections this fall.

The offensive launch includes: The American Federation of Labor has issued a statement favoring modification of the dry laws. Certain advocates of the soldier bonus urge paying it with a tax raised from the sale of light wines and beer. Bishop Gailor of the Episcopal church declared he found great bodies of intelligent persons all over the country who are asking for some kind of a modification of the Volstead act.

## TO SEARCH FOR GOLD AND BOOZE

Party Leave Milwaukee For Pacific Coast. Hope To Recover Lost Fortune.

Milwaukee, March —Gold valued at about \$2,000,360 and sixty barrels of whisky more than fifty years old and a large amount of jewelry at the bottom of the Pacific ocean off the coast of California, is the prize that is luring a party of Milwaukeeans to leave here Friday to risk their lives in attempting to recover it.

Off the Pacific coast the exact spot known only to the Milwaukee party which was learned from an aged Indian who died years ago, lies the government vessel, Brother Jonathan, which went down 56 years ago and is thought to have contained the treasure.

## NO CONFIRMATION OF TAYLOR REPORT

Persistent Rumors Of Confession Of Murder Suspect Not Corroborated.

Los Angeles, March 1.—An unconfirmed report that one of the two men named by Mrs. John Rupp as the slayer of William Desmond Taylor had confessed, spread like wildfire at police headquarters today. Activities among detectives who have been grilling six men under arrest, indicated some important new developments had occurred. The suspect has been undergoing the third degree thruout it was reported. It was learned that valuable information in the case had been obtained from one of the suspects. Detective Sgt. Clyne, head of the homicide squad was working on an angle of the case which it is believed will confirm the statement obtained from the prisoner with some previous clues in the mystery. These clues, which are without corroboration, led only to blank walls and had been abandoned as hopeless by the baffled investigators working on the case.

## NAVAL RELATIONS ARE ENDANGERED

Assistant Secretary Of The Navy Calls Opposition To Treaty "Soft Headed Pacifists".

Washington, March 1.—"Soft headed pacifists" are endangering the relationships established by the naval treaty negotiations at the arms conference, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt told the seventeenth annual convention of the national Rivers and Harbors congress here today.

Roosevelt adjured the country to stand steadfast against the efforts of pacifists who, he said, during the next twelve months will make every effort to destroy America's place in the naval armament agreement.

Govs. Miller of New York and Allen of Kansas were to debate on the St. Lawrence waterway project.