



**News Snapshots
Of the Week**

Suspense again prevailed throughout the country over the submarine question when President Wilson dispatched a firm note to Austria asking for a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona; Baron Burian, foreign minister of Austria, was expected to meet our demands. China again became a monarchy when President Yuan Shih Kai was named emperor. In the European fighting zone the allies had to retreat over the Greek frontier into Saloniki. Germany declared it was not responsible for Captain von Roncken's alleged spy work in this country. The report of the war college headed by General Macomb asked for \$500,000,000 for preparedness. Mexico named Eliseo Arredondo as ambassador to the United States. Oscar S. Straus was made chairman of the public service commission of New York city.

State News Told in Short and Pointed Paragraphs

North Dakota citizens now have 24,910 automobiles—one for every 33.7 people.

Martin Hanson of Snow had his hand badly injured while operating a grain separator.

H. F. Purfeest, a farmer near New Salem, lost his right arm in a corn shredder last week.

The seventh annual meeting of the Farm Managers' association will be held in Fargo, January 19, 1916.

During the fire drill at the Mandan High school, the building was emptied of 400 pupils in 45 seconds.

It is reported that Streeter will have a flour mill of fifty barrel capacity. John Bord is the promoter.

A. J. Keifer, formerly county auditor of McHenry county is now manager of the Farmers' elevator at Hazen.

The new Equity elevator at Dunn Center is now in operation and the farmers are elated over the success attained.

As a result of the Bottineau county short course in agriculture 180 boys became members of the Boy's Farming club.

The directors of the Farmers' Co-operative store at Maddock met on Dec. 29 to consider applications for salespeople for 1916.

Grand Forks county makes a clean sweep of the prizes for the fourth district of North Dakota at the St. Paul corn show.

Elgin, on the N. P. south of Mandan, while only a six months old town is to have a lighting plant—also a white way.

The Burleigh county Farmers' Educational Cooperative Union has gone on record opposing the administration's armament program.

The Deering Enterprise complains that trains of the Deering branch has been running four to five hours late, supposedly from force of habit. Farmers around Fergus Falls, Minn., report substantial returns from the cream they are selling to the Fergus Falls Cooperative Creamery association.

L. M. Oppegaard, manager of the Andrews elevator at Hastings, suffered a painful accident a week ago by falling on a stairway in the elevator.

Since its opening in May, 1915, the Hannaford creamery has received a total of 135,885 pounds of butterfat which was made into 165,337 pounds of butter.

H. H. Swenson, register of deeds of McKenzie county, reports that as a result of the big crops this year, many farmers are paying off farm mortgages.

Peter C. Jorstad, a resident of Pierce county for the past 25 years, died at his farm home, near Rugby,

last week. Death, it is that was due to coal gas.

That Bottineau county regards herself as strictly in the "corn belt" is evidenced by the fact that 54,000 acres were put to corn in that county last year.

The fifth annual corn crops show to be held at Crookston, under the auspices of the Minnesota Red River Valley Development association will be held Feb. 7 to 12.

Andrew Anderson, living near Tagus, shot and killed his neighbor, Ole Haugen, last Thursday. The cause of the shooting was unknown at the time of writing.

A number of milk dealers of Grand Forks who were recently convicted of selling impure or under-standard milk will appeal, alleging that the method used by inspectors is obsolete.

Nick Reuter recently killed a lynx near his farm west of Garrison. It is reported that there are a number of these animals and also some deer in the woods along the Missouri river.

The Hawkeye Valley Farmers Club of McKenzie county is agitating the idea of a state convention of farmers clubs, to be held at some centrally located point during the winter.

Subscribers to the Griggs County Telephone company at Jesse, near Binford have lodged a protest with the state railroad commission against the new rate promulgated by the company.

Bert Shuey, near Pine City, won first prize from the second district at the national corn show at St. Paul last week. John Crov, Jr., East Grand Forks, won first prize from the first district.

The premium list for the North Dakota State Poultry show has been sent out from the office of Secretary C. A. Nash. The show will be held at the Fargo Auditorium from January 28 to Feb. 4, inclusive.

In the past four weeks, says the Kildeer Herald, the Kildeer Equity elevator has handled 100,00 bushels, about 70 cars of grain. The Herald adds that this is the best record of any farmers elevator in the state.

The Glenburn Advance says, "the train service on this branch is strictly on the bum these days. Monday the passenger train did not arrive till 11:30 p. m. Tuesday night's passenger train did not arrive till Wednesday morning."

The Hastings Times, commenting on the significance of Christmas makes this pertinent suggestion: "Let us see if we are following the example of Him whose birth we celebrate, or making a mockery of the day by our selfish indulgences."

Bernard Kasselheim, near Carrington,

sends weekly a ten-pound sack of white flour to his aged parents in Germany. It costs him \$2.50 each time a package is sent, the parcel post between Germany and the United States having been suspended.

Two farmer telephone lines will soon be operation in Dunn county, connecting the farmers with Dunn Center. One of the lines is promoted by the members of Longfellow Equity local and the other by farmers between Emmerson and Dunn Center.

Philip Bender, near Dickinson, is under arrest, charged by the Occidental elevator company of that place with having sold mortgaged property. It is charged that he sold grain to the elevator company which was mortgaged to one George R. Brairerd.

Petitions are having a wide circulation in Bottineau county, protesting to the North Dakota delegation at Washington, against the preparedness program. Practically every farmer and business man in the territory circularized are signing the petition.

Patrons of the Sheerwood branch of the Great Northern are getting disgruntled with the train service. The Sheerwood Tribune says that the wheezy old engines are getting worse. Perhaps the Interstate Commerce Commission had better boost freight rates a little.

Extensive preparations are being made for the annual auto show which will be held in the big J. I. Case building on N. P. avenue, Fargo, January 18 to 22. Decorations are now being made and an advertising campaign is being launched. Season tickets will be \$1.50.

Engineer W. R. Veigel, in charge of the Red Tail bridge across the Little Missouri at Medora, expects to have the bridge completed in about four weeks. This is one of the most needed public improvements in the west end of the state, as any one who has traveled thru there with an auto can testify.

The Ayr Farmers' elevator company brought suit against Alexander Moug, Jr., to recover payment for wood and coal sold to the defendant. The defendant brought a counter claim to recover damages for failure of the company to buy options on wheat for him. The defendant was given a verdict, by a jury in Judge Pollock's court for \$269.99.

Government detectives are busy in North Dakota looking over deeds and other transfers of property to see if the stamp tax law has been complied with. It is reported that many transfers show a consideration of only one dollar—done to avoid the stamp tax. It is estimated that Uncle Sam is losing over a million dollars a week thru this scheme.

The supreme court of this state

has handed down a decision holding that industrial sites on railway right of way and used for places of business by the Standard Oil Company, elevator and lumber companies are taxable locally. This is an interesting case and will probably be taken to the United Supreme Court, as no other state in the union taxes such property locally.

Attorney General Linde hands down an opinion to the effect that the appointment of Senator W. B. Overson as a member of the board of control is unconstitutional. The attorney general holds such an appointment is contrary to the constitutional provision that members of the legislature cannot accept appointments to civil office while serving as members of the legislature.

Plans are being made to hold a Farmers' Short Course of Institute at Ellendale on January 6, 7 and 8 which promises to be the most successful yet held there. This is for the farmers living in the west half of Dickey county. An institute will be held at Oakes on January 3, 4 and 5 if plans of the county agents are carried out. This will be for farmers living in the eastern part of the county.

The Devils Lake Journal calls attention to the fact that farmers should take notice that the North Dakota Corn show and the North Dakota Improved Seed Growers' association, run separate contests. Corn intended for exhibition in the seed contest should be mailed or expressed to H. L. Bolley, Secretary-Treasurer, N. Dak. Improved Seed Growers' association, Agricultural College postoffice, N. D., on or before January 3rd.

A discovery that may have both a sanitary and economic value has just been made in relation to the jack rabbit and cotton tails of this state. Hunters have reported the animals this winter the victims of disease which has been attributed to a tubercular trouble. So pronounced has the disease been in some localities physicians have advised the public against the use of the rabbits for food unless a careful inspection showed there was no infection.

A case of interest, perhaps to the entire state, is one originating in Nelson county and against the directors of Petersburg school district. The directors made arrangements to pay the parents of children to haul their own children to the consolidated school instead of furnishing the regulation school bus. Certain taxpayers have asked for an injunction restraining the action of the directors. The hearing is set for January 3 before Judge Cooley of Grand Forks, to be heard at Lakota.