

ABOUT THE STATE FRANCE IS FLOODED

News of Especial Interest to Minnesota Readers.

REAPPORTIONMENT DEMANDED

Number of Other Important Recommendations of Northern Minnesota Development Congress.

Reapportionment as one of the most important problems and fundamentals to the proper development of Northern Minnesota was given much attention at the meeting of the Northern Minnesota Development congress at Brainerd and was enthusiastically endorsed, as was the stand taken by Governor Eberhart, who announced that, if necessary, he would call a special session of the legislature to pass a reapportionment bill.

In brief the meeting requests the following of the state legislature:

Reapportionment of Northern Minnesota.

More adequate patrol of forests to prevent fires, and establishment of contingent fund of \$200,000 for that purpose.

Abolition of the various state bureaus and commissions which delegates believe hamper the proper enforcement of law and the development of the state, and the creation of a new state department, in the three divisions of which the work of continuing the business of the bureaus and commissions could be more easily handled.

Monthly Sale of Lands.

Monthly sale of state lands in every county in the state containing state property instead of the present annual sale system.

Better roads and a 1-mill tax to be expended for roads and bridges under the supervision of the state highway commission.

Better rural schools, to consist of graded township institutions teaching the elements of agriculture, to be fostered by state aid.

Taxation of state lands for roads and bridges.

Sale of low interest bearing securities held by the state.

Corn contests inaugurated by the federal government.

The employment of women inspectors in the state labor department to look after young women who leave the country districts for the larger cities of the state.

The following officers were elected: President, H. J. Maxfield, Wadena; secretary, W. R. MacKenzie, Bemidji; treasurer, Walter J. Smith, Eveleth; executive committee, William J. Brown, Marshall; M. N. Koll, Cass Lake; W. E. Richardson, Duluth.

Duluth was selected as the next meeting place.

TOWN'S ONLY SALOON CLOSED

Government Agents Make a Raid on Georgetown, Minn.

The one saloon of Georgetown, a small town in Minnesota eighteen miles from Fargo, N. D., was raided by Special Indian Agent N. A. Way and Local Deputy Quinn. More than \$400 worth of liquor was taken into the street and demolished by the two men.

After completing their work the agents returned to Fargo to go to Bemidji, where they will act under orders of "Pussyfoot" Johnson, who has made the statement that the twenty-eight saloons of that city will be closed within forty-eight hours.

Given \$25,000 for Services.

Judge Walter H. Sanborn of the United States circuit court at St. Paul has entered an order allowing Judge Charles E. Otis \$25,000 for his services as master in chancery in the Minnesota rate cases. This was the sum named by the master as reasonable compensation and it was allowed over the protest of E. T. Young, former attorney general, one of the attorneys representing the state in this litigation.

More Saloons Are Closed.

Special Agents Way, Quinn and Branon closed fifteen saloons at Big Falls, Kelliher, Margie and Haupt and destroyed some liquor. The remainder was shipped out of the country to the dealers from whom it came. Tenstrike is now the only wet town on the Minneapolis and International railway line in the Indian country north of Bemidji.

Duluth's Population 78,466.

The government census figures give Duluth a complimentary position among the large cities of Minnesota in percentage of increase of population in the past ten years. Her rate of growth, 48.1 per cent, places her second in the state. The figures give Duluth a population of 78,466.

Two Children Cremated.

While Mrs. Homer Sevilla of Gilbert was absent from her home for a few minutes to start a fire in a rooming house near by, her two little children, both under six years of age, were smothered to death by the smoke from flames which broke out in her absence.

Oldest Minnesota Woman Dead.

Mrs. Mary Levallia is dead at Wabasha at the age of 104 years. She is said to have been the oldest woman in the state.

Practically Every Stream Out of Its Banks.

Hundreds of Villages Surrounded by Water Being Provisioned by Soldiers With Boats.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The dyke along the river Rhone, protecting Lapalud, has burst, submerging the town.

Several houses were demolished and it is feared that a number of persons were killed.

Military engineers were sent to Lapalud to render assistance.

Torrential downpours continue throughout France and the flood situation hourly grows more serious.

Hundreds of villages are surrounded by water and are being provisioned by soldiers with boats. Immense damage has been caused in the valley of the Loire by the breaking of the dyke near Nantes. The waters flooded farms and villages lying below the level of the embankment to a depth of six feet. The floods also invaded the lower quarters of the Nantes, rising to the tops of the lamp posts in the streets.

Practically every stream in France is out of its banks.

The Rhone is again rising at the rate of two inches an hour, overflowing its banks and driving the people of the neighborhood to the hills. The railroad lines are cut at many places and mails are being delivered in boats. Caen, in the department of Calvades, is flooded.

LEHMANN SUCCEEDS BOWERS

Becomes Solicitor General of United States.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Announcement was made at the White House of the appointment of Frederick W. Lehmann of St. Louis to be solicitor general of the United States to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lloyd W. Bowers.

Mr. Lehmann was born in Prussia in 1853. He graduated at Tabor college, Iowa, in 1873, and was admitted to the bar that year. For the last twenty years Mr. Lehmann has practiced law at St. Louis. He is president of the American Bar association, chairman of the board of freeholders of the city of St. Louis, a body charged with framing the new city charter, and is president of the St. Louis library.

BLOODY BATTLE IN SYRIA

Seven Hundred Druses Reported Slain by Turks.

Constantinople, Dec. 3.—Seven hundred Druses have been slain in battle with Turkish troops at Hauran, Syria, south of Damascus, according to dispatches received here.

Despite the heavy slaughter the main body of the Druses, estimated to number 10,000, is still holding out and another fierce encounter is expected.

The present conflict is believed to be another long chapter of outrages growing out of religious hatred, that the Turks have perpetrated on the Druses, who withdrew from the Mohammedan faith centuries ago.

The Druses are reported entrenched in a mountain fastness that will make their dislodgment difficult.

THOUSANDS ARE AFFECTED

Conductors and Trainmen Demand Increase in Wages.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Representatives of approximately 55,000 conductors and trainmen employed on the sixty railroads west of Chicago, who have demanded an increase in wages averaging about 15 per cent, are holding daily conferences with the general managers in presenting their arguments for the advance in pay and improvements in working conditions. It is estimated that the new scales asked by the men will exceed in amount those asked by the engineers recently, which aggregated nearly \$5,000,000.

DIES ON GRAVE OF TOLSTOY

Coachman of Late Russian Author Ends His Life.

Berlin, Nov. 30.—Lying on the grave of Count Leo Tolstoy at the foot of Poverty Oak at Yasnaya Polyana, Russia, the coachman of the great author, who aided his master in his flight which ended in death, opened the veins of his wrists and bled to death.

The man had been inconsolable since Tolstoy's death. He believed that he was partly responsible, for he had aided the aged man in his preparations for the flight from his home.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

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DR. F. A. COOK.

Explorer Confesses He May Not Have Reached Pole.



MAY NOT HAVE REACHED POLE

Dr. Cook Admits He Might Have Been Mistaken.

New York, Dec. 1.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Brooklyn explorer, in an article which will be published in Hampton's Magazine, confesses that he does not know whether he reached the North pole or not. Dr. Cook, who has been in hiding for over a year, has informed the editors of the magazine publishing his story that he will return to the United States with his wife and children Dec. 22 in order to spend Christmas here.

The explorer states that it would be impossible for any man to demonstrate beyond question that he had been to the North pole. He characterizes the region as a region of insanity, where one cannot believe the evidences gathered by one's own eyes. He says that he had always looked upon the discovery of the pole as an achievement for his own personal satisfaction, for the satisfaction of a craving and desire that was greater than any other factor in his life. When he found how tremendous a sensation his statement that he had attained the pole created he was overcome with bewilderment.

HUNDREDS LOSE LIVES

Terrific Storm Rages on the Caspian Sea.

Astrakhan, Russia, Nov. 30.—During a sudden tempest in the Caspian sea a landing stage on which were 300 Persian dock workers was dragged from its moorings and swept out to sea.

The storm was so violent that attempts at rescue were futile and all hope that any of the men will be saved has been abandoned.

Scores of ships, several with their crews on board, were sunk at their moorings at different Caspian coast towns.

Seven towns along the coast were flooded, the inhabitants in hundreds of cases being forced to take refuge in haystacks. The plight of the sufferers is pitiable, as intense cold has added to the general misery.

A number of steamers have been sent from this port to aid the sufferers.

BEGINS HIS EIGHTH TERM

Porfirio Diaz Has Ruled Mexico for Many Years.

City of Mexico, Dec. 1.—Porfirio Diaz has completed his seventh term as president of Mexico and today began another term of six years.

Harrassed by revolutionists who seek his overthrow and bowed down under the weight of eighty years it is doubtful if the great statesman and soldier will live to complete the new term upon which he has just entered.

The grim, determined spirit of his Indian ancestry is yet in evidence in the drastic measures he has taken to put down the revolts of his disloyal subjects—for subjects they are, since Diaz, with the name of president, rules as a king.

GARMENT STRIKE MAY END

Terms of Settlement Are Put Up to the Workers.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Terms for the settlement of the garment workers' strike were tendered to the council settlement committee and Mayor Busse by representatives of Hart, Schaffner & Marx, chief of the employers affected, and were tentatively accepted by representatives of the workers to the conference called by the mayor.

The end of the strike now depends upon acceptance of the terms by the strikers.

FISHERMEN MAY BE DEAD

Fifteen Missing From Charleston, S. C., Several Days.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 2.—Fifteen fishermen are supposed to have been drowned off Charleston, their smacks having been missing for several days.

A report says a smack, probably one of theirs, was sighted floating bottom upward.

FIVE FAMILIES DRIVEN OUT

Suffer From Exposure to Cold in St. Paul Blaze.

Flame and smoke, which threatened every moment to give them into death's grasp, compelled five families living in a two-story house at St. Paul to flee into the street. With the temperature hovering about the zero mark they hurried in scant attire to the homes of neighbors for shelter. Two children, aged seven and six years, were rescued by their mother, a frail woman, who carried them down stairs through choking smoke. Both children have been suffering from scarlet fever and the exposure to the cold may result seriously.

The house in which the families lived caught fire from sparks wafted by the high wind from the burning woodwork shop of the Mahle Wagon company.

Aged Woman Taken to Prison.

Mrs. Eliza Goebel of Moorhead, aged eighty-seven years, recently sentenced to five years for manslaughter in the first degree, has been taken to the penitentiary to begin her term. She was accompanied to Stillwater on what many believe to be her last journey by her son and Sheriff Archie Whaley and wife. Mrs. Goebel was sentenced as a result of the death of Stina Narverud of Hitterdal, upon whom she performed an operation.

CENSUS BY COUNTIES

Table Showing Population Now and Ten Years Ago.

Minnesota gained 324,314, or 18.5 per cent, in population in the past ten years. The following is a table showing the comparative population by counties in 1910 and 1900:

County.	1910.	1900.
Aitkin	10,371	6,743
Anoka	12,493	11,313
Becker	18,840	14,375
Beltrami	19,337	11,036
Benton	11,615	9,912
Big Stone	9,367	8,731
Blue Earth	29,337	32,263
Brown	20,134	19,781
Carlton	17,559	10,017
Carver	17,455	17,544
Cass	11,620	7,777
Chippewa	13,458	12,495
Chisago	13,537	13,248
Clay	19,640	17,942
*Clearwater	6,690
Cook	1,336	816
Cottonwood	12,651	12,069
Crow Wing	16,861	14,250
Dakota	25,171	21,733
Dodge	12,094	13,340
Douglas	17,669	17,964
Faribault	19,949	22,055
Fillmore	25,680	28,233
Freeborn	22,232	21,833
Goodhue	31,637	31,137
Grant	9,114	8,935
Hennepin	333,480	228,340
Houston	14,297	15,400
Hubbard	9,831	6,573
Isanti	12,615	11,675
Itasca	17,208	4,573
Jackson	14,491	14,793
Kanabec	6,461	4,614
Kandiyohi	18,969	18,416
Kittson	9,669	7,885
*Koochiching	6,431
Lac qui Parle	15,435	14,289
Lake	8,011	4,654
Le Sueur	18,609	20,234
Lincoln	9,874	8,966
Lyon	15,722	14,591
McLeod	18,691	19,595
*Mahnomon	3,249
Marshall	16,338	15,695
Martin	17,518	16,936
Meeker	17,022	17,753
Mille Lacs	10,705	8,066
Morrison	24,053	22,891
Mower	22,640	22,335
Murray	11,755	11,911
Nicollet	14,125	14,774
Nobles	15,210	14,932
Norman	13,446	15,045
Olmsted	22,497	23,115
Otter Tail	46,036	45,375
Pine	15,878	11,544
Pipestone	9,553	9,264
Polk	36,001	35,428
Pope	12,746	12,577
Ramsey	223,675	170,554
Red Lake	15,940	12,195
Redwood	18,425	17,261
Renville	23,123	23,682
Rice	25,911	26,080
Rock	10,222	9,668
Roseau	11,338	6,994
St. Louis	163,274	82,932
Scott	14,888	15,147
Sherburne	8,136	7,281
Sibley	15,540	16,862
Stearns	47,733	44,464
Steele	16,146	16,524
Stevens	8,293	8,721
Swift	12,949	13,503
Todd	23,407	22,214
Traverse	8,049	7,573
Wabasha	18,554	18,924
Wadena	8,652	7,921
Waseca	13,466	13,760
Washington	26,013	27,808
Watsonwan	11,382	11,496
Wilkin	9,063	8,080
Winona	33,398	35,686
Wright	28,082	29,157
Yellow Medicine	15,406	14,602

*Organized since 1900.

Of the eighty-five counties in the state twenty-eight declined in population this year, as compared with the official returns for 1900. The counties that showed decreases are: Blue Earth, Carver, Dodge, Douglas, Faribault, Fillmore, Houston, Jackson, Le Sueur, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nicollet, Norman, Olmsted, Renville, Rice, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Stevens, Swift, Wabasha, Waseca, Washington, Watsonwan, Winona and Wright.

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