

ABOUT THE STATE

News of Especial Interest to Minnesota Readers.

GATHERED FROM ALL SECTIONS

Happenings of the Week Briefly Told for the Convenience of the Busy Reader.

Minneapolis reports the first fatal heat prostration in two years.

Fire started by lightning destroyed the Farmers' Co-operative elevator at Atwater.

B. B. Smith, agent of the Omaha railway in Stillwater for thirty years, died suddenly of heart disease, aged fifty years.

The Eighth division of Minnesota United States marines at Lindstrom has received orders to be in readiness to move to the front at any time.

Christ Tromburg of St. Paul is dead and Waldemar Larssen of St. Paul was seriously injured as a result of an automobile accident near White Bear.

The Minnesota camp of the order of Maccabees has gone on record in favor of extending the insurance benefits to all members who are national guardsmen.

The first gun of a campaign to vote St. Louis county dry will be fired at a meeting at Virginia July 9. The Anti-Saloon league will co-operate with local workers.

The University of Minnesota rifle team tied for eighth place in the National Rifle association's intercollegiate outdoor rifle tournament at Washington, D. C.

Twenty-two nationalities were represented in the night school classes for the instruction of aliens which were conducted by the Virginia public schools last year.

While carrying flowers to her grandchildren Mrs. Fred Johnson, aged sixty, of Albert Lea, was decapitated by a train. The flowers were found scattered about her body.

J. W. Gaver of St. Paul was elected president of the National Wholesale Saddle association, in session at Milwaukee, and Buffalo was selected as the next meeting place.

The third annual Minnesota Rural Life conference is scheduled to begin its five days' session at University Farm, St. Paul, July 24. Many speakers of note are on the program.

Wages of machinists and boiler-makers at the Northern Pacific railway shops at Brainerd have been increased 2 1/2 cents an hour. The men work nine hours a day and the increase dates from May 1.

Stocks on the coal docks at the head of the lakes are becoming depleted, particularly in soft coal, for the demand from the interior is the heaviest at this time of year that coal dock men remember.

Rufus Clapp of St. Paul, nephew of United States Senator Moses E. Clapp and a student at Yale, is dead as the result of ptomaine poisoning several weeks ago at a class banquet. He was twenty-three years of age.

One thousand delegates, including thirty pastors from out of town and representing fifty denominations, were in attendance at the convention at Minneapolis of the Young People's societies of the Mission church.

Three hundred thousand feet of logs in the Mississippi and Rum River boom company's boom below the government dam between the Twin Cities went down river with a rush when a sudden rise carried out the boom logs.

The fourth annual tennis tournament of the Southern Minnesota Tennis association will be staged at Winona July 17, 18 and 19. The events are open to residents of Minnesota south of and not including the Twin Cities.

Kenneth P. Gregg, has written a letter to Julius Schmah, secretary of state, asking that his name be withdrawn as an elector on the Progressive ticket. He is the first of the twelve Progressive electors to take such action.

Chippewa Indians of Northern Minnesota have offered to organize a battalion of warriors for service in Mexico if a call for volunteers is made by the president. Twenty Indians at Red Lake reservation are in charge of the tentative recruiting.

John Hanson, a farmer near Thief River Falls, was shot and killed by his son Louis, aged twenty-eight. The young man is declared to be insane. When questioned he admitted that he shot his father and dragged the body into a woodshed.

Eric L. Thornton of Benson has been chosen chairman of the new Republican state central committee and will manage the party's campaign in Minnesota. Mr. Thornton is a young attorney and never was prominent in politics until this year.

Official tabulation of the vote in the Ninth congressional district reveals Halvor Steenerson of Crookston a winner over A. G. Anderson of Fergus Falls by better than a two to one vote. Becker was the only county that went for Anderson.

While driving a cow with a rope attached to the animal's head and tied around his waist, George Muenkel, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Muenkel of Caledonia, was killed when the cow made a sudden leap and dragged the lad about 150 feet.

THOMAS FRANKSON.
Must Defend Right to Remain on Republican State Ticket.



Thomas C. Frankson of St. Paul spent too much money to win the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor, it is charged in an ouster contest begun by thirty-two Minneapolis voters who have signed a petition to have the courts annul Mr. Frankson's nomination. It is charged Mr. Frankson spent more than \$25,000, while \$3,500 is the maximum allowed by law.

Otway W. Baldwin, who was born in St. Anthony, this state, in 1856, is dead at Duluth. He was a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Columbia University Law School.

The entire secret service force of the Great Northern railroad—114 men—has resigned and the Pinkerton detective agency was placed in charge of the work on the whole Great Northern system. The walkout followed the resignation of A. G. Ray, chief special agent.

Mrs. Anna Lasher of Virginia has been granted a second divorce from her husband, Edward Lasher. The couple were married on March 7, 1903, at Motley, this state. They were divorced Jan. 10, 1910, at Brainerd and about a year later they were remarried at Moorhead.

Matt J. Ring, Minnesota's tallest soldier in the Spanish-American war, is dead at his home in Park Falls, Wis. He was a member of Company H, Thirteenth Minnesota. He enlisted at the age of seventeen and at that time was 6 feet 7 inches tall and was known as the "Minnesota Baby."

Five hundred striking miners gathered before the city jail at Eveleth and threatened to break in and release seven prisoners who had been arrested for carrying concealed weapons in maintaining a picket line. After the police made a few arrests of ring-leaders the mob dispersed.

Carlo Tresca, strike leader on the Mesabi range, has been arrested on a charge of criminal libel for allowing the red banner, "Murdered by Oliver Gunmen," to be carried at the head of the funeral procession of John Alar, a striking miner who was killed in a clash with mine guards at Virginia.

Upstate editors, their wives and invited friends from other sections of Minnesota will visit the Chippewa Indians Aug. 5 and 6, auto through the Minnesota forest reserve and participate in an old fashioned basket picnic, when the annual outing of the Northern Minnesota Editorial association is held at Cass Lake.

Mrs. Andrew Anderson and her two sons, aged nine and eleven years, lost their lives in a swollen creek near Montevideo. Recent rains had made the little creek a rushing torrent. The boys were crossing on a small plank bridge and fell into the stream and the mother was drowned in an attempt to rescue them.

James Lawther, Red Wing capitalist, whose benefactions public and private have been many, is dead at his estate in Ireland. He was reputed to be worth more than \$1,000,000, having become wealthy through investment in Red Wing and Goodhue county realty. He had crossed the ocean fifty times, but has resided in Ireland since 1911.

The strike of teamsters at Minneapolis is assuming serious proportions. Practically every kind of hauling is paralyzed. Hospitals, hotels, wholesale and retail merchants and commission men are forced to do their own hauling. Retailers are forced to use private automobiles, push carts and other improvised vehicles to serve their customers.

A plea for the voluntary exclusion from Minnesota of importations of white pine, currant and gooseberry plantings from other states has been directed to all Minnesota nurserymen by F. L. Washburn, state entomologist. The reason is the menace of the white pine blister, prevalent in some sections of the country but so far extremely rare in this state.

The assessment of income tax, both corporation and individual, this year is \$729,897.85 more than that made on 1914 incomes in Minnesota. The total assessment on 1915 incomes in the state is \$2,511,561.95, of which \$1,688,455.46 is on corporation incomes and \$823,106.49 on individual incomes. On 1914 incomes the corporation tax was \$1,199,714.78 and the individual income tax assessment \$581,949.32.

UNABLE TO STEM TIDE

Germans Bringing Up Reserves.

ALLIES MAKING GAINS

French Lose and Retake Position Near Verdun.

Paris, July 4.—The French offensive south of the Comme, in conjunction with the British drive, continued with complete success, the war office announced.

The French have occupied two lines of trenches of the second German position on a front of five kilometers (three miles), and have captured the village of Herbecourt.

East of the Meuse, on the Verdun front, the Germans captured Damloup redoubt, but the French soon afterward regained possession of it.

The reserves, which the Germans rushed up to the Somme region to check the Franco-British offensive, began to make themselves felt, according to latest reports received here.

The fighting reached a pitch of exceptional desperation, but nevertheless the German efforts to check the allied advance failed.

The Franco-British allies, these reports say, retain the initiative, unimpaired and as the result of the day's fighting have materially advanced their line and strengthened their hold on what they had previously won.

The capture of Curin, especially in view of the rapid program made south of the Somme, represents a great step forward, for the village bars the road leading to the only points where the river can be passed.

The French troops have now before them on the road to Perrone, their goal, a series of hummocks, each of which is crowned by a village, ending in a narrow plateau.

The British on their part have made steady progress towards Bapaume, which is an important center on account of the intersection there of the main highways which apparently are their objects.

LONDON PRESS SANE IN VICTORY'S HOUR

London, July 4.—The London papers in their editorials deal with the situation on the British front in somewhat reserved fashion, some of them pointing out that it is not yet known whether this is really the long awaited "push" or only another feint in greater force than any of the previous movements.

The Graphic remarks: "Our bombardment still is being maintained along the whole front and the enemy does not know whether we may not at any moment rush another stretch of line."

The Express says: "The war has entered a fresh and probably the last phase. Our hopes may well be high but our patience must continue."

ORDERED TO HOLD ALL THEIR TRENCHES

London, July 4.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from headquarters in France, describing the fighting of the last two days, says that a close, bitter and intensive struggle was engaged in over every furlong of the front, which had been fortified, continuously, for seventeen months by every mechanical device known to modern warfare.

"The highest tribute to the success of the onrush," says this account, "was the undoubted fact that the Germans were in no degree taken by surprise."

"According to prisoners, the bulk of the enemy's reserves were brought up to the support and reserve trenches, and the men in the trenches everywhere were ordered to hold out to the death."

THREE LOSE THEIR LIVES IN RIVER.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., July 4.—Three persons were drowned in the Cedar river here. Donald Wilson and Donald Ritchie, each seven years old, stepped off a sandbar into six feet of water. An hour later Batzle Wharton, twenty-five, was overcome by cramps while swimming and drowned with 2,000 people nearby.

FRANCIS J. HENEY.
Will Support Mr. Wilson. California Progressive



Washington, July 4.—Francis J. Heney, California, leader of Roosevelt delegates to the Republican convention in 1912, will support President Wilson for re-election.

RUSSIAN LINES ARE RESISTING DRIVE

London, July 4.—As the result of one week of most costly onslaughts on the Russian lines between the Stokhod and the Styr rivers the Austro-German forces have advanced their battle front at the most five miles eastward towards the Styr, and that only in some sectors, says a Reuters despatch from Petrograd.

Military authorities, the correspondent adds, are confident the Russians are firmly holding the enemy on this front, pending the development of General Letchitzky's sweep through Bukowina, notwithstanding that strong German reinforcements are entering the field.

Meanwhile the Russians have progressed fifteen miles southwestward of Kolomea and the Austrians there are hard pressed to cover their retreat to the Carpathian mountains.

British Advance Continues. British Headquarters in France, July 4.—A further advance has been made by the British forces east of the Ancre river, North of the town of Aricourt, the British pushed forward and gained ground at a higher elevation.

German Garrison Surrenders. British Headquarters in France, July 4.—The surrender of the remnant of the German garrison in La Bolelle was officially announced.

INCOME OF NATION EXCEEDS EXPENSES

Washington, July 4.—The government closed its fiscal year June 30 with total receipts of \$338,403,969 and total disbursements of \$269,866,159, an excess of \$78,537,810, compared with a deficit of \$59,436,580 for the year ending June 30 last.

Income tax receipts amounted to \$124,867,430, compared with \$79,828,675 last year. Of the total \$56,909,941 came from corporations and \$67,957,488 from individuals.

The balance in the general fund at the close of the year was \$236,879,590, including amounts to the credit of disbursing officers. The actual balance was \$174,965,231, the largest balance in the general fund since 1908.

Customs receipts for the year, Secretary McAdoo said, amounted to \$211,866,222.34, as against \$209,268,107.43 the previous year, and exceeding the estimate by more than \$16,000,000.

SCHOOLBOYS GO INTO CAMP

Taking Course of Military Training at Port Hamilton.

New York, July 4.—Five hundred public school boys from this city, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, mobilized at Port Hamilton for military maneuvers, began training under the direction of the National School Camp association.

The boys, who are from nine to seventeen years old, will remain in training from two weeks to two months, as they or their parents decide.

So far as possible they will receive instruction similar to that given to army recruits. Army officers will deliver lectures and there will be daily drills.

It is estimated that 6,000 young men and boys will be in training in various military camps in New York state this week. One of these camps, located at Port Terry, Plum Island, will be attended by 1,200 youths.

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