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## 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.

Mrs. Louise Samuelson, sixty years old, a pioneer resident of St. Paul, is dead.

Company A, Second regiment, Minnesota national guard, has been transferred from New Ulm to Laverne.

Dennis Mangan, eighty-five years old, hanged himself at his home in St. Paul. He was despondent over ill health.

Arthur Bergstrom of Strandquist, this state, fighting with the Canadian troops in France, is reported to have been wounded.

The state of Minnesota had a cash balance of \$6,605,637.16 on hand on June 30, 1917, according to State Treasurer Rines.

The monthly report of the state hospital for the insane at Rochester shows that 1,385 patients are now being cared for there.

An engineer from the bureau of mines at Washington will be sent to Minnesota shortly to inspect the iron mines of the state.

The Minneapolis Association Opposed to Woman's Suffrage has decided to abandon its political efforts and take up Red Cross work.

Joseph Lowey of Rochester, four years old, was drowned while attempting to recover a ball which had fallen into a barrel partly filled with water.

The Federal Loan bank of St. Paul has made loans totaling \$417,000, according to figures on the first quarter year of operation of the institution.

John Ditter, aged thirty-seven, contractor and builder at Hamel, was killed in that village when his horses ran away and threw him out of a wagon.

William Rahn, who for twenty years has been widely known in Minneapolis musical circles as a violinist, was drowned while bathing in Beebe lake, Wright county.

James F. Bell of Minneapolis has been appointed chairman of a provisional national committee to mobilize the milling industry to help win the war for the United States.

James F. Wallace, ousted from his seat in the Minneapolis city council by the courts for violating the state corrupt practices law, was returned to office at a special election.

Lloyd and George Munz, fourteen and sixteen years old, brothers, were drowned in Lake Francis, near Janesville, when a wave capsized the boat from which they were fishing.

Nearly 5,000 Scandinavians from the Twin Cities attended a picnic under the auspices of the Minnesota Scandinavian grand lodge of the International Order of Good Templars.

Tearing down an American flag and crushing it under his heel, while uttering vile epithets, almost cost Victor Salmi his life at Kinney. When rescued by the police he was badly disfigured.

Annual license fees collected from hotels and restaurants throughout the state amounted to \$8,698, according to a report to the state treasurer by William G. Mee, state hotel inspector, for the fiscal year ending June 30.

Schroeder, a fishing village on the north shore of Lake Superior, in Cook county, is in the throes of a smallpox epidemic. Twelve entire families are stricken and the infection has been carried into practically every home.

Margaret Groff, nineteen years old, and Mrs. Bessie Frisk, aged twenty, both of Minneapolis, were sentenced to ninety days each in the workhouse by Municipal Judge Smith of Minneapolis for wearing soldiers' uniforms.

Minnesota may lead the entire United States in the reduction of fire loss through Fourth of July celebrations this year, only a few fires and one or two minor accidents having been reported to State Fire Marshal Hargadine.

The Hanna Ore Mining company of Duluth, capitalized at \$3,000,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The business of the new corporation will be mining, smelting and refining of iron ore and other metals.

John M. Brooks, a farmer residing near Blooming Prairie, was instantly killed when a heavy car owned and driven by his son-in-law, John Schutt, slid off a high grade and turned turtle. Other passengers in the car were badly bruised.

Work on a second state and federal highway from the Twin Cities to Duluth is to be pushed forward at once as a result of a conference between the delegation from Anoka, Isanti, Kanabec and Pine counties with C. M. Babcock, state highway commissioner.

The accounts of Adjutant General Fred B. Wood of Minnesota have been audited by the treasury department at Washington and approved. This means that the treasury department will open an account with Captain Harry L. Brady, property and disbursing officer of the Minnesota national guard, and that the state will get all funds held up since March 1.

### RAY P. SPEER.

Minnesotan May Be Named as Aide to Food Director.



Ray P. Speer of St. Paul, publicity man for the Minnesota state fair, probably will be delegated by the American Association of Fairs and Expositions to serve at Washington as an aide to Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator.

Miss Belle M. Comstock and Miss Adelia Swanson, who lost their lives in the Christopher Columbus disaster at Milwaukee, were teachers in the Rochester (Minn.) public schools. They were at Chicago attending teachers' summer school at the Chicago university.

The state military board has requested the state public safety commission to replenish the state guard fund. When war was declared artillerymen and infantrymen were called upon to guard buildings and were paid out of this fund, so that the fund is nearly depleted.

Frank Schley, said to be a wealthy farmer, was arrested at Osseo on a charge of having made insulting remarks about the American flag. J. E. Smith, a member of the Hennepin county public safety commission, made the arrest and placed Schley in the Hennepin county jail.

Judge John C. Nethaway of Stillwater, former assistant attorney general of Minnesota and Democratic politician, is dead at Shakopee. He was sixty-seven years old. Mr. Nethaway was appointed to a judgeship in the Thirteenth district by Governor Burnquist more than a year ago.

A deal involving all the active Great Northern ore properties has been closed with the M. A. Hanna company of Cleveland, O. The deal involves the mining equipment and mines which have been under operation by the Great Northern ore trustees. About 25,000,000 tons of iron ore is involved.

Clarence E. Robb, sixty years old, an employe of the Soo Line for many years, was found dead in bed at his home in Minneapolis. Heart disease was the cause. His family was absent at the time and Mr. Robb's body was discovered by neighbors who went to his apartments after not seeing him about for several days.

Jacob Francisus, aged 102, is dead at Belle Plaine, where he had lived fifty-seven years. He was five months old when the battle of Waterloo was fought only seventy-five miles from the cottage where he sat in his mother's lap. Mr. Francisus began smoking at the age of seven and kept it up until the day of his death.

Official announcement is made that Major William H. Hart of St. Paul, for several years in charge of accounting payrolls in Adjutant General Fred B. Wood's office, will resign shortly. Sergeant Harry Radcliff, connected with the regular army for more than seven years and former Minneapolis license inspector, will be Major Hart's successor.

A resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to make a sweeping investigation throughout Minnesota into the high cost of living, the alleged practice of speculators in storing immense quantities of commodities to await higher prices and the railroad car situation with regard to the coal supply was adopted by the state public safety commission.

Frank Connors, Indian agent, is in a hospital at Cloquet, seriously injured, and J. F. O'Neil, railroad station agent at Carlton, is held by the authorities as the result of a shooting at Sawyer. It is said Connors was watching a resort at Sawyer for evidence of illegal sales of liquor to Indians when he became involved in an argument with O'Neil and a companion.

John Halloran, 103 years old, who lived on the same Minnesota homestead for sixty-two years, is dead at St. Thomas, Scott county. Mr. Halloran was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1814 and came to the United States in 1830. He was married in Ohio in 1850 and at once removed to Minnesota, working for a time as an engineer on a steamboat on the Minnesota river.

Thousands of men, women and children cheered and waved flags, and dredge and factory whistles shrieked as the United States steamer Dandelion chugged up the Mississippi river to the Washington avenue bridge at Minneapolis, the first vessel through the dock of the new government high dam and the first river steamer to reach Minneapolis since old steamboating days.

## SLAVS PURSUE TEUTON FORCES

Russians Make New Gains on Eastern Front.

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

Latest Report Tells of Capture of Seven Thousand Men, Bringing Total in Present Offensive to More Than Twenty-five Thousand.

London, July 10.—New and powerful blows are being struck by the Russians in Galicia. Apparently they have broken the Austro-German line west of Stanislaw and south of Halicz, as the latest official report from Petrograd not only tells of important gains for the Russians in the Stanislaw area, but declares the Russian cavalry is pursuing the retreating enemy. This pursuit already has reached the Lukva river.

Halicz, the gateway to Lemberg from the south, seems doomed to fall unless the Russian onslaught is stopped quickly. A Russian push northwest from Stanislaw would result in Halicz being hemmed in on three sides.

The renewed Russian onslaught in this sector brought with it not only additional territory by 7,000 prisoners and forty-eight guns, including a dozen large caliber pieces. The total Russian captures of men in the present remarkable offensive is mounting rapidly and now is in excess of 25,000.

Ready for Drive on Lemberg.

North of the Stanislaw area General Grusloff is holding fast to his newly won positions near Brzezany and Konluchy, where his troops are well placed for a continuation of the drive on Lemberg along converging railway lines. Austro-German counter attacks here have failed to shake the Russian possession of this valuable terrain.

There is little except local fighting along the British front in Northern France, but farther down the line the Germans are giving the French little rest. Attack after attack is being launched by the crown prince in desperate attempts to shake the French from their positions along the Chemin des Dames. There was another such drive at Patheon, but like others that preceded it the effort was unsuccessful.

Meanwhile such trenches as the Germans were able to retain after their repulse in the attack of Saturday night in the Aisne region were wrested from them in greater part by a brilliant counter offensive started by the French.

A withdrawal of Russian forces on the front near the border between Persia and Mesopotamia is announced by the Russian war office.

## GERMAN AIR RAID INFURIATES LONDON

London, July 10.—Indifferent to a steady downpour of rain, which lasted the whole day, many thousands visited the area where bombs fell Saturday.

The damage consisted mainly of broken glass and window framing. The actual material damage effected was comparatively insignificant, which tends to prove that the bombs carried by the airplanes were far less destructive than those dropped previously in the Zeppelin raids.

Although the loss of life was considerably less than on the previous airplane raid Saturday's attack appealed more to the popular imagination, owing to the peculiar circumstances and temerity of the raiders in flying low. Little less is talked of but the impunity with which the raiders set about their task and it is certain the government will have to meet strong criticism both in the press and in parliament. The feeling in parliamentary circles is rapidly growing in favor of vigorous reprisals.

A score of enemy machines was able to operate with calm impunity and it is asked what will happen if 200 come, or, as the Koelnische Zeitung recently urged, a thousand.

## AMERICAN SHIP TORPEDOED

Crew Landed Safely on Northwest Coast of France.

London, July 10.—Sinking of the American steamer Massapequa by a German submarine is announced by the admiralty.

The crew was landed at the Isle de Seine, an island off the northwest coast of France. It is about twenty-eight miles southwest of Brest.

The Massapequa was a 322-foot steel steamer of 3,193 tons, owned by the New York and Porto Rico Steamship company. Her port of register was New York.

British Destroyer Sunk.

London, July 10.—A British torpedo boat destroyer was torpedoed by an enemy submarine in the North sea and sunk, an official statement says. Eight men were killed.

### GENERAL PARKER.

Designated as Commander of Southern Department.



Photo by American Press Association.

Brigadier General James Parker has been designated as commander of the Southern department by the secretary of war. General Parker has been acting as department commander since General J. I. Pershing was called to Washington.

## HALF BILLION MORE WANTED FOR SHIPS

Washington, July 10.—Another appropriation of \$500,000,000 for shipbuilding probably will be asked of congress immediately by the administration.

Contracts already let and about to be closed, the shipping board announced, have absorbed the first \$500,000,000.

President Wilson's approval of the program is yet to be obtained, but it is understood the president is in full sympathy with the plan to use every resource in constructing a great merchant fleet.

First estimates of 3,000,000 tons construction within eighteen months will be exceeded greatly if the plans of the shipping board and Major General Goethals, manager of the board's emergency fleet corporation, are carried out.

The present aim is to build at least 5,000,000 tons dead weight in addition to vessels already under construction for private account, which will be taken over by the government.

## PASTORS SIGN PLEDGE TO WORK ON FARMS.

Sioux City, Ia., July 10.—Complying with an appeal issued by Bishop Homer C. Stutz several Methodist ministers of Sioux City have signed an agreement to spend part of the summer and fall on farms, taking the places of harvest hands who have joined the colors.

Rev. H. E. Hutchinson, pastor of the First church, was the first pastor to respond to the appeal.

## PACIFISTS ASK EARLY PEACE

Meeting in Chicago is Attended by Many Secret Service Men.

Chicago, July 10.—Many resolutions dealing with the war were adopted at a mass meeting here in connection with the second American conference for democracy and terms of peace. Fifty secret service men were said to have been present.

The resolutions favor an immediate general and democratic peace, urge the government to announce immediately its war aims and pledge the conference to work for repeal of all laws for compulsory military training and service. Representative Mason of Illinois attacked the draft law.

## COST OF WAR TO GERMANY

\$750,000,000 a Month is Statement Made to Reichstag.

Amsterdam, July 10.—Discussion in the German reichstag at Berlin of the first reading of a bill providing for a credit of 15,000,000,000 marks (\$3,750,000,000 at par) is reported in a Berlin telegram.

Count von Rodern, secretary of the imperial treasury, stated the monthly expenditure from February to May was 3,000,000,000 marks (\$750,000,000 at par).

The latest war loan totaled 13,120,000,000 marks (\$2,280,000,000 at par).

## Aged Writer is Dead.

Holliston, Mass., July 10.—Miss Katherine Abbott Sanborn (Kate Sanborn), author, who earned her first money by writing while still wearing short frocks, died here. She was seventy-nine years old.

## Brazil Denies War Rumor.

Rio de Janeiro, July 10.—Official denial was made here to a rumor that spread all over Brazil that Germany had declared war on Brazil.

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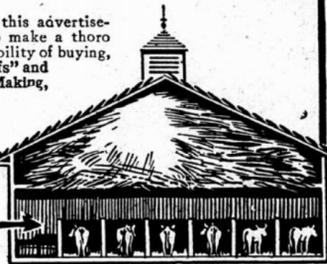
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