

SOWING THE WIND REAP WHIRLWIND

INVESTIGATION MADE BY GOV'T
AGENT DISCLOSES MUCH
CROOKED WORK

FARMERS WHO WERE DRIVEN
ABOUT LIKE DOGS NOW
HAVE INNING

One of the great injustices of the war was revealed when the activities of Agent Vidian Vye were recounted to government secret service agents here and at Sleepy Eye at various times during the past few months. The story has been kept back by the Review at the request of the investigators in order that they might pursue their investigations unhampered by the efforts of the malefactors to hush up the injured parties. Now that the story has been fully made public by the city papers there is no more reason for silence on the part of the Review and the story will be told in full as it was given to the government agents by the farmers who had been robbed of their wheat in varying quantities, ranging from a few pounds of granary sweepings to several hundred bushels which they had reserved to make sure that they would have seed wheat for planting in case the crop of 1918 should prove a failure.

Looking For Trouble.
Few there are who do not know that Vye came here on the orders of the state food administration to look for wheat hoarders. Some one, a party well-known in the county, had reported that some of the farmers were hoarding wheat in Brown County and Vye started out to see about it. It seems that he found easy sailing when he appeared on the scene, for the campaign of intimidation that had been carried on in New Ulm and other parts of the county against the farmers who had joined the Non-partisan League had prepared them for almost any treatment by any one representing the so-called loyalists.

There were hundreds of farmers who had dutifully complied with the request of the food administration to sell all their wheat early in the season but even those who had every wish to follow the instructions of the department to the letter could not believe that the government would want a farmer to neglect his insurance of a crop in 1919 by selling all of his 1917 crop before he was certain of a crop in 1918. Nor did any one except Vye interpret the order to mean that granary sweepings were included in the order to sell.

Crop Insurance Desired.
As a consequence, hundreds of farmers in the vicinity of New Ulm were "caught" with wheat on hand, some a few pounds lying about the floor of the wheat bins and some with just sufficient wheat for seeding, some of it already treated for use, and others with slightly more than they might need for seeding but not enough more to make a trip to market a worth-while expense. There were few who had more than they actually needed for seeding, and some of them were men who had expended years of effort to bring their seed grain up to a high test, who had labored hard to clear their fields of noxious weeds and who felt that to introduce unknown seed into their fields would work in many cases havoc with all they had done to make their fields produce the maximum crop, surely a thing to be most desired in the time of war and starvation and waste by submarine.

A Merry Carnival.
But these considerations had nothing to do with the thought processes of the callow youth sent here to investigate wheat hoarding. He was here to cover himself with glory and he found many ready to help him. When he would drive up to the local hotel, the Dakota House, when he came in from a trip of terrorizing the farmers, some of the "better class" would be sure to be on hand to greet him with laughter and jest as to how he had made the farmers cringe and come to time. It was a gala time for those whose patriotism took that form, or for those who had a grudge against the farmers for one reason or another. Every day Vye got wind of new hoarders and every day he drove madly about the countryside, forcing farmers who were in the midst of harvesting a crop already overripe and calling for immediate attention, to take their teams from their binders and drive to Sleepy Eye where they were made to pay a fine, sell their few pounds of wheat and deliver the proceeds, in whole or in part, to the Red Cross, the organization of mercy. Nor was the flogging of the wheat all that was done. Every

farmer was compelled to pay for auto hire which Vye expended, or said he did to bring the culprit to time. Farmers were forced to pay ten and twenty (Continued on page 2.)

COUNCILORS FILE FOR RE-ELECTION

L. B. KROOK, KARLAUFDERHEIDE
AND FRED HAMANN THE
CANDIDATES

ALL THREE WARDS VERY QUIET
AND NO OPPOSITION
ANNOUNCED

Although the city election is only two weeks away, all is quiet and peaceful. A reason for this may be found in the fact that the election this year will be only a ward contest for the different seats at the council table. The three councilmen whose terms expire are L. B. Krook, Karl Aufderheide and Fred Hamann. Up to Monday nothing had transpired to give an indication as to their intentions to run or not to run for re-election.

Petition Filed
Then things began to develop. Mr. Krook appeared at the city clerk's office and filed his petition as candidate for re-election in the third ward which he is now representing in the city council. The high esteem in which Mr. Krook is held by the other members of the council is shown by the fact that they elected him as president of that body. So far no opposition has developed in his ward.

Papers Circulating
Although the other two outgoing councilors had not filed their petitions for re-election with the city clerk at the time of going to press, it is known that their petitions are circulating among their friends, leaving no doubt about their intentions. Mr. Aufderheide will run again in the second ward while Mr. Hamann will be nominated in the first.

In spite of the prevailing quiet in all three wards it is not at all unlikely that some opposition may arise in each one of them. Usually this happens very shortly before election day, so there is still a possibility that it will come to a real contest for all three seats.

Next Saturday, March 22, is the last day for filing petitions of nomination. Three days later, March 25, has been set as registration day for the city of New Ulm.

MARKET DAY TO BE REPEATED

The first public market day held in New Ulm last Saturday by the well-known auctioneers, Dorn and Schueller, proved to be a success in every way. In spite of the bad roads quite a crowd of farmers came to town and bought freely of the articles for sale. A good number of city people also joined in the march out Broadway to the market place.

It is the intention of the auctioneers to stage another sale in the near future but they are still undecided whether to hold it now or to wait until after seeding. Announcement will be made in the Review when they have decided definitely upon the time.

LABOR COMMITTEES ORGANIZE

At a meeting of the joint committee of the central body of the New Ulm branch of the Minnesota Federation of Labor and the Commercial Club held Friday evening at the Commercial Club rooms, further discussions took place regarding preparations for the coming state labor convention which will be held in New Ulm in July.

Several of the joint sub-committees were organized, the members having been appointed at a former meeting. These committees are:

Housing committee: E. A. Pfeiffer, Judge Wm. B. Mather, L. B. Krook, Chas. Hesse, Wm. Schroeck, Wm. Arndt, Anton Simmet and John Theurer.
Finance committee: Ferd. Crone, J. A. Ochs, Jos. Smasal, Jos. Stadick, and Arnold Cordes.

Entertainment committee: G. A. Ottomeyer, Alb. Steinhauser, J. H. Haenze and Oscar Dingler.

Committee on halls: Jos. Klaus, Wm. Pfeiffer, Chas. Weiland, A. L. Boock and Henry Gasink.

Publicity committee: H. H. Walter and Cornelius Sittard.

Sheriff Wm. J. Julius, Supt. R. B. Kennedy and Fred Behnke made business visits in Sleepy Eye last Wednesday.

Russell Johnson got home last week and is spending a few days with his parents before going to Madison, Wisconsin, to resume his law course at the University. He has been home from overseas for several weeks but was just recently released from camp. He is looking splendid.

ANOTHER MESSAGE BRINGS ITS SORROW

HOME OF NEW ULM PEOPLE IS
DESOLATED BY WAR'S
SAD TIDINGS

FINE YOUNG MAN REPORTED TO
HAVE DIED OF WOUNDS IN
OVERSEAS SERVICE

Another New Ulm boy is reported dead in France. With the armistice signed over four months ago, news of the death of a beloved one who saw service in the trenches and was wounded in battle, seems so much harder to bear. Tuesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wellmann received word from the War Department that their son Albert Nagel was dead and that the date and cause of his death was undetermined. The fact that the Department is unable to state when and how the soldier died, leaves some hope that the information upon which the telegram was based might not be authentic.

Albert Nagel was born in New Ulm January 11, 1891 as the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nagel. He spent his childhood and youth in this city and left from here for Minneapolis where he



learned the barber trade. He came back here and worked for Fred Peuser and for a time was in partnership with Anton Simmet. Then he went to Adams in this state where he entered into partnership with his brother Arthur.

Overseas Half A Year.
At the time of the draft he was working in Minneapolis, but was drafted from Adams, Mower County where he had his residence. As soon as he was notified that he was to be inducted into the service, he came home and visited with his folks for several weeks. The contingent he was with left for Camp Dodge in February, 1918, where he was in training for a couple of months and was assigned to Co. "E" 139th Infantry. In April he was transferred to Camp Mills, N. J., and was sent overseas the same month.

Since then the family has had no word from him. He did send a panoramic picture of the Wessering Valley and a handkerchief with the name "Alsace" embroidered in it, so it is presumed that he saw service on the Alsace front. A letter addressed to him was returned from Tours, France, under date of November 18th, with a notation in the handwriting of the nurse that he was ill. About the same time the family received word from the War Department that Albert had been slightly wounded September 27th. Since then they had heard nothing until the War Department sent the message which was received here Tuesday. From Arthur the family has received frequent letters, the last one from Tours, France, where Albert is supposed to have died. It may therefore be that Arthur was in the same city when his brother died unbeknown to him.

Albert Nagel was a model young man and was well liked by the young men with whom he used to chum. He was very much devoted to the home folks and always assisted materially in supplying their wants. He took a keen interest in music and learned to play the cornet and was a member of a small band which some of the musically inclined young men of town had organized. In addition to his brother Arthur who is in France, he is survived by his brother Evan who is at home, his sisters Bertha and Elsie in Minneapolis, Tina and Lillian who are at home, and his step father, and his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wellmann. A sister died several years ago during the outbreak of typhoid here.

MINNESOTA VALLEY HAS EARLY FLOOD

COTTONWOOD RISES FAST
AND CAUSES BIG ICE
BLOCKADE

TWO BRIDGES UNDER WATER
FOR SEVERAL DAYS
ICE DYNAMITED

Last Thursday, the water of the Cottonwood river began to rise, slowly at first, but inside of twenty four hours it was way over the banks and flooded the whole neighboring district. The ice started moving and was carried over onto the surrounding fields.

The rise of the river continued until last Saturday. On that day it still rose about 5 inches but after that it became stationary for some time and on Sunday afternoon it slowly began to fall until on Monday the water was mostly back in its bed again, leaving much ice on the roads and fields.

Minnesota Rises Too
At its greatest height on Saturday the Cottonwood river came within a foot from the top of the Cottonwood bridge leading to the Poor Farm. The bridge did not get entirely under water so that it could have been used if the roads had permitted an approach.

As in former years, this heavy onrush of waters from the Cottonwood river into the Minnesota river had the effect of a barrier or dam in the larger river, and forcing it to rise even faster and higher than the Cottonwood river. Thus the whole area between the junction of the two rivers and the M. & St. L. railroad bridge was one nice big lake on Saturday and Sunday when many people of New Ulm enjoyed the fine sunshine in the open and took a walk down to the river to witness the unusual spectacle.

Bridges Under Water
The crossing of the river was then only possible over the Middle bridge while the two other bridges, the Beussmann and the Courtland bridges, were under water. Heavy ice floes moved slowly down the river and piled up high at the dam near the Bentzin mill, leaving only a small outlet for the fast gathering water.

This made the blowing up of the ice dam imperative. Street Commissioner Herman Schemann started in with this work on Saturday and by Sunday the water and ice moved faster causing a considerable fall on that day and on Monday.

NEWS OF THE BOYS

Walter Puhmann has written his parents from France that he is getting along fine but he is quite ready to come back to New Ulm any time they will let him do so.

Walter Backer, son of Christ Backer, has been mustered out of the service and has returned to New Ulm for a good visit with his parents. Walter is probably New Ulm's biggest soldier boy and a fine strapping specimen he is. If he had gotten over the big pond he could have scared the enemy by his bulk, we are sure, and could have taken a gun emplacement all by himself; but alas, he didn't get across. He was first a member of the Dunwoody classes, being in the band there. He was then transferred to the Great Lakes naval training station where they kept him busy night and day tooting a horn while the boys at the station underwent intensive training to enter the marines. For the past two or three months he has been traveling about the country with the government's exhibit train of war trophies. All the various trophies have been gathered together since the exhibit in New Ulm last fall and now they have 31 cars loaded with various exhibits captured in the different conflicts and the train is taken to all the large cities of the land. Walter is glad to be out of the service and says that he thinks he will stay here in New Ulm for a little while to enjoy his freedom. He is a structural steel draughtsman and his line of business is quiet now owing to the immense cost of steel, and so he will take his time about looking for another position.

Kasson Seiter surprised his family mightily last Sunday when he dropped in on them, looking fit as a fiddle in his khaki. Kasson has been out west in the government spruce camps but was mustered out some weeks ago. He stayed in the West to look after some business matters and also to take a look over the field for his work,

that of electrical engineering. He says that the West is as dead as can be and that soldier boys are tramping the streets begging for anything to do to keep themselves in living funds.

TRAINS DELAYED BY HEAVY RAINS

MANY WASHOUTS IN SOUTHERN
MINNESOTA REPORTED
BY RAILROADS

SUNDAY TRAIN FROM MANKATO
ARRIVES 5 HOURS LATE
AT NEW ULM

Heavy rainfalls of Saturday and an increase in the volume of water from the melting snow swelled the streams in many sections of Minnesota Saturday.

Railroads recovered only slowly from the effects of the washouts in southern Minnesota and Iowa. Although trains were running on most of the lines Sunday, in many cases they were late and some cut out entirely.

5 Hours Late.
The C. & N. W. train which is due at New Ulm at 2:08 P. M. on Sunday was more than 5 hours late, arriving at 7:25 in the evening. A big washout on this line was reported between Winona and LaCrosse.

Service Suspended
The St. Paul road announced that on account of washouts on the Southern Minnesota division train service would be abandoned for some time. On the M. & St. L. Kansas city trains were delayed by washouts in Iowa.

Rivers Again Normal
Reports from Winona said that the streams in that section had returned almost to normal after the floods of Saturday. The rainfall ceased late Saturday and the peak of the flood was reached at midnight. The damage was done with a sudden blow. Few rural roads are passable in southeastern Minnesota.

A TIME FOR ALL THINGS.

The Review accepts the challenge of the Brown County Journal. In our experience as a lawyer of over 25 years we have often witnessed the miscarriage of justice and we have therefore become a trifle skeptical of the law meting out substantial justice at all times, especially in hysterical times as at the present. We felt right along that the activities of Vidian B. Vye were outside the pale of the law if viewed from the principles of justice upon which all law should be based.

We encouraged the farmers wherever we could so that they would not lose hope, because we knew that eventually truth would prevail and overcome deceit and intrigue, but we were requested by the farmers to do nothing openly, because they were carrying on an investigation of their own thru the federal department. Hence our silence all these months. We were simply patiently waiting for the government to take up this matter and discipline their own representatives.

Now that this diabolical plot is public property we have bestirred ourselves to secure as much assistance to the farmers as is in our power and we have interviewed and secured the assistance of the following law firms to aid the farmers in getting their money back without any compensation to the law firms named as follows:

- Olsen & Mueller,
- Ad. Frederickson,
- Albert Steinhauser,
- Albert Pfeander,
- Albert Flor.

Mr. George Erickson of the law firm of Pfeander & Erickson feels that because he is chairman of the local Red Cross, that he should remain absolutely neutral, otherwise his name would appear among the law firms also. This is notice to the farmers that the above named law firms will handle their claims without any compensation. There will be no fees and no expense and the farmers will have the united efforts and united ability of these law firms to fight their cases. Bring your claims to which ever of these firms you prefer and do this at once, so that the matter can receive speedy attention.

PROGRAM OUTLINED FOR LABOR CONFAB

PREPARATIONS IN FULL SWING
TO MAKE CONVENTION
A SUCCESS

JOINT COMMITTEE DISCUSSED
HOUSING PROBLEM AND
ENTERTAINMENTS

The program for the coming state labor convention which will be held next July in New Ulm was roughly outlined at a meeting of the central body of the New Ulm branch of the Federation of Labor and of the Commercial Club Friday evening. Only a few members did not attend and among those present the feeling prevailed that everything should be done by New Ulm and its citizens to give the labor delegates a rousing welcome and make their stay in the city as pleasant as possible. This it is realized, can be achieved only by starting early to get everything ready and to interest the general public.

Special Train For Delegates.
Some of the questions discussed at the committee meeting were those regarding the entertainment, reception and housing of the 500 delegates expected to attend. It is to be expected that some of the delegates will be in the city on Sunday, especially those who belong to the important committees to take the necessary steps in preparing for the business sessions of the convention. The great bulk of the attendance is not expected to arrive before Monday when a special train on one of the two roads will be arranged for. The time and route of this train will be decided by the state officers of the federation since they know best when the delegates should all be in town to be able to be present at the first meeting.

Entertainments
Among the entertainments so far decided upon are an auto ride for the attending delegates, given by the city of New Ulm. This is to take place Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. In the evening of the same day a public reception is to be held in one of the halls of the city, the mayor delivering the principal speech of welcome. The hall to be used for this gathering will be decided on later. Some of the members preferred the Armory, while others were in favor of Turner Hall.

Parade On Tuesday.
If present plans are to be carried out there will be a parade of labor members Tuesday evening followed by a concert in Turner park. Arrangements will be made that both local bands participate in this concert.

The big feature of Wednesday of convention week will be a dance, probably at the Armory, for the outside guests and their friends.

Housing Problem.
The housing of the several hundred delegates from outside also was briefly touched upon. It was left to the committee in charge first to find out what the capacity of the local hotels is. After the full recovery of Mr. Pfeiffer, chairman of the housing committee, this committee will have another meeting in which a report will be made on the hotel question and then the room facilities in private homes will be considered.

There can be no doubt that even at this early date nothing is left undone by the committee members to make the delegates during the labor convention days feel at home in New Ulm and to help them in every way possible to derive the utmost benefit from their deliberations.

EDELWEIS CLUB FURNISHES EXCELLENT PROGRAM

Last Sunday afternoon members of the Turnverein and Turner Frauenverein were entertained by the Edelweis Club at Turner Hall, the entire program being rendered by the young folks. Miss Violette Steinmetz presided at the meeting. The first number was a piano duet by Violette and Magdalene Steinmetz. The only other musical number was a vocal solo by Gertrude Winkelmann. There were three recitations in all, Therese Pfander, Louise Mayer and Hugo Schleuder furnishing these numbers. The entire program was well rendered and pleased the audience very much. The young ladies also proved that they were adepts in the culinary art, because they served a most delicious supper. The evening was spent in dancing and playing cards. The Zoelingsverein will furnish the program at the next gathering which will be held on the second Sunday in April.