

## LIGHTNING KILLS 11 YEAR OLD GIRL

LITTLE ESTHER SCHLEUDER OF NORTH STATE STREET IS VICTIM OF STORM.

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND BURIAL OF CHILD, ON MONDAY MORNING.

Eleven year old Esther Schleuder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Schleuder of 416 North State street, was killed by lightning Saturday noon shortly after twelve o'clock. The child had just left the house of her parents to run across the street to get some change at the Ben I. Vetter grocery store when a heavy flash of lightning followed by a terrible crash struck her down on the sidewalk and cut off her young life.

**Hit On Back of Head.**  
One of the Sisters in the convent near by saw the girl fall and she and some of the other Sisters ran out to see whether they could be of any assistance to her. The child was dead, though, when they and other people from the neighborhood arrived. The child had been struck on the back of her head, her hair being burned at the spot where she was hit. On further examination it was found that a blue and red stripe ran down her left breast to her heart where her body showed a large spot of a dark color. It is further stated that the soles of her shoes were torn off entirely and that one toe on her left foot was all black. The electric stroke must have left her little body by this toe after it had done its terrible work of destruction.

**Thrown To Gutter.**  
Mrs. Joe Domeier and her two little children had just passed the Schleuder house when the flash came that killed the child. She did not see Esther fall but she turned around to seek cover at Schleuder's and then saw the body in the gutter. The child was thrown about six feet from the center of the sidewalk where she was hit to the place where her body was found.

**Many Sympathize.**  
The news of the death of the child went around town like wildfire and sympathetic remarks were made on all sides. The grief of the parents was deepened by the fact that their daughter was to have received her first communion at the Catholic church the following morning.

Herman Schleuder, the father of the child, is lineman of the New Ulm Rural Telephone Company. They have three other children, Lucile, Otto and Ora.

Monday morning at half past 8 o'clock a very large crowd gathered at Holy Trinity church to attend the funeral services of the little storm victim. The day before many had called at the house to show their sympathy with the bereaved family, the flower donations filling a large part of the death chamber. Esther's class mates appeared in their communion dresses and attended the services in a body. Rev. Robert Schlinkert gave a short sermon fitting the sad occasion. Burial took place in the Catholic cemetery. Those present from out of town were: Mrs. John Mueller, Springfield, an aunt of the child; John Schwertler, Morgan, an uncle; Miss Schwertler of Comfrey.

**House Struck.**  
During the same thunder storm Saturday noon the house of M. Kopping on North German street was struck by a flash of lightning. The family was at the dinner table when the flash entered the house at some unknown place and went through five different rooms. No body was hurt and the rooms visited showed only several black lines at the wall. The electric spark finally left the house by forcing its way through one of the walls tearing a big hole on the outside of the house.

## SHOOTING CLUB DOINGS.

Sepp says to himself, says he, "I'll show the Review and the rest of those guys what real shooting looks like to-day. I'm going to wear the real decorations this trip or know the reason why!" And the result of this desperate resolve may be seen in the following table of scores:

King Man	Score
Jos. Klaus	188 172
J. Hauenstein Jr.	163 90
Wm. Pfeiffer	145 101
Hugo Gebser	109 118
Alb. Fritsche	92 92
Geo. Wicherski	80 56
Emil Seiter	78

## IN GOOD CONDITION.

The directors of the Brown County Farm Bureau recently met at Sleepy Eye for the discussion of the affairs of the organization. It was generally agreed that the bureau is an excellent condition financially as well as with regard to membership. The farmers are getting better acquainted with its scope and join in increasing numbers. Of those that were forced by Vye last summer to join the bureau only seven asked for the return of their membership fee. This is less than six per cent since Vye tried his trick on all farmers of Brown County.

Miss Elsie Middledorf who was a guest at the Rev. W. A. Juedes home for about a week has returned to her home in Blue Earth. Reverend Juedes who has been ill for several weeks is improving slowly. It is hoped that he will be able to attend to his duties soon.

## STONE QUARRY TO BE OPERATED SOON

IOWA CONCERN PURCHASES ALL STOCK OF LOCAL STONE COMPANY.

PRODUCT OF PLANT IS FIRST CLASS ROAD MATERIAL, TESTS PROVE.

The new owners of the New Ulm Stone Company's stock and property, a still unknown Iowa concern, are determined to operate the plant again in the near future, according to Herman Held, manager of the company. Some of their experts were here lately to look over the geological formation of the territory and to determine the amount of stone in the Redstone quarry situated across the river in Nicollet county near the conflux of the Minnesota and Cottonwood rivers. This survey was made with a view to install larger machinery, a new steam shovel and a bigger stone crusher.

**Stock all Sold.**  
All the stock of the company which which consists of 133 shares has been sold to the Iowa concern, with the exception of only 7 1-2 shares. It is said that the new owners intend to incorporate for at least \$100,000 as compared with the present capital stock of \$25,000. This additional capital would be used to enlarge the plant quite considerably. Although the sale of the stock must be considered a loss to the city of New Ulm and its inhabitants the requirements of the increase in local productive power as a natural consequence of the growth of an industrial plant of that kind on the other hand are of considerable benefit to the community.

**First Class Product.**  
The stone product of the New Ulm Stone Company's quarry has been tested by the federal Bureau of Chemistry, Division of Tests, which is part of the United States Department of Agriculture. In its report made in 1905 shortly after the opening of the quarry in the summer of the preceding year, this Bureau stated that the stone specimen produced by the local concern "is a coarse grained, pinkish gray rock composed essentially of angular quartz fragments colored by hematite" and that the sample tested "is the hardest quartzite we have ever tested, and its toughness is also above the average."

**War Caused Idleness.**  
The priority order of the Railroad Administration during the war sounded the deathknell of the Redstone plant. Under this order no more cars were available for the shipment of the product and that meant a total shutdown of work in the quarry. The period of idleness has lasted more than a year now, but there is a demand for the product of the plant and New Ulm crushed stone will again soon be found on the market.

## NOT PATRONAGE

"More and more am I convinced that we can do little toward Americanization until we approach the immigrant from some angle other than a mere feeling of patronage or philanthropy: until we are prepared to consider not only what we propose to give to him, but, as well, what he can bring to us. For some contribution he does bring, just as millions of immigrants have brought theirs in the past."—President Somers, New York City board of education.

## FERGUS FALLS HIT BY FEARFUL STORM

TORNADO KILLS 200 PEOPLE AND INJURES MANY MORE, REPORTS SAY.

600 HOMES AND LARGE PART OF BUSINESS SECTION WRECKED.

Fergus Falls, a city in Otter Tail county with a population of about 12,000, was hit by a tornado Sunday night. Two hundred persons are reported to have been killed and about four hundred injured. With hundreds of homes and business houses wrecked by the storm, this is Minnesota's greatest disaster since the forest fires which swept the Northern part of the state last year.

**Hotel Is Wrecked.**  
The Grand Hotel at Fergus Falls was one of the buildings in the path of the cyclone. Seventy-five persons are thought to have been buried in its ruins. The Northern passenger and freight depots also were demolished and the Great Northern "Oriental Limited" consisting of eight coaches filled with passengers were thrown into a ditch some miles west of the city, all cars overturning.

Latest available reports said that three blocks in the business section of the city had been wiped out, says the Minneapolis Tribune.

The telephone operator at Wahpeton, a town on the North Dakota line, about fifty miles west of Fergus Falls, said that reports there placed the loss of life in Fergus Falls at 200. Seven hundred houses and other buildings were destroyed by the storm or by a fire which followed, doubtless caused by the collapse of buildings in which fires were being used for various purposes.

The storm struck Fergus Falls about 7 o'clock. Great Northern train No. 1, the Oriental Limited, west bound from Chicago to Seattle, was blown from the track about 20 miles west of Fergus Falls, but early reports said only one passenger was injured. A girl received a sprained ankle. The passengers were taken to Moorhead.

Brainerd, Minn., residents saw the storm sweeping in a northeasterly direction, passing over several towns after its destruction at Fergus Falls, but no other towns in that vicinity reported serious damage. The tornado traveled from Fergus Falls to Wadena and northward to Walker, but there are no other reports of serious damage.

**New Ulm Is Visited.**  
Shortly before midnight on Sunday an electric storm struck New Ulm and remained over the city or nearby for several hours. Although the lightning was of a very severe nature no injury or damage was reported up to Monday evening and the accompanying rain was (Continued on page 3.)

## NEW ULM GIRL MAKES GOOD IN HER OLD HOME TOWN.

One of New Ulm's popular young ladies who has made a place for herself in her home town in spite of the handicaps which always attend that endeavor is Frances Bertha Krook, Soprano, who has established enviable reputation for herself as an exceptionally fine instructor of voice in this city.



In her teaching, she is thorough and conscientious, and her work bespeaks all the elements of success.  
Miss Krook is endowed with a voice that is strangely and impressively beautiful. She has had the best training, which is very apparent in her artistic singing. Her career will be watched with interest.  
Miss Krook entertained her pupils last Saturday at a private recital. A Festival had been planned by the pupils for June 29 and 30 but this has been postponed to a later date not yet decided upon. Miss Krook will not teach during the summer.

## LAW IS VIOLATED BY RED FLAG USE

"AMERICA FIRST" MAGAZINE DISPLAYS EMBLEM ON MAY ISSUE

EVEN POSSESSION OF PRINTED COPY OF RED FLAG MADE A FELONY

The irony of fate has played a nice trick on the Minnesota super-patriots. The May number of the "America First" magazine, one of the sheets that claims to have a monopoly on everything really American, shows a flaring red flag. Thousands of copies of this number have been distributed throughout Minnesota. All this would have been all right before February 28, 1919, when the state legislature passed a law against the use of the red flag.

**Possession a Crime.**  
Under this new Minnesota law, which was approved by Governor Burnquist on the same day, even the possession a printed copy of a red flag is prima facie evidence of a felony. Section 2 of the law reads: IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION, custody or control ANY RED or black FLAG, OR ANY PICTURE, OR FACSIMILE THEREOF, WHETHER PRINTED, PAINTED, STAMPED, CARVED OR ENGRAVED ON ANY CARD, PAPER OR INSIGNIA, with intent to display the same in the state of Minnesota. The possession, or having of the same in possession or custody, of any such flag, or picture, or facsimile thereof, as above prohibited, by any person, shall be deemed evidence of an intent on the part of the person so having the same in possession, custody or control to display the same within the state of Minnesota. And section 4 of the law says that "any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a felony."

**Aimed At League.**  
The red flag bill was originally drafted to put the Non-partisan league out of business. As introduced it was not a red flag bill at all, but proposed to prohibit the display of such pennants as are used by members of the Non-partisan league on their automobile windshields. The sponsors of the measure in the legislature, however, insisted that it was not aimed at the farmers. They said it was a measure to prevent the stirring up of class hatred. They left the inference that it was intended to be used against the Socialist party, which uses red as the color of its movement, just as the woman suffragists use yellow as the color of their movement.  
The use of the red flag by the anti-League outfit, on the cover of "America First" magazine, is intended, clearly, to stir up prejudice and set class against class. The promoters of the red flag law said that this was exactly what their bill proposed to stop. Now, let's see them enforce their law.

## SPLENDID RECORD OF N. U. STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY.

Mrs. Emmy Steinhauser and daughter Miss Gretchen have returned to New Ulm for the summer vacation, the latter having just completed the academic course at the State University. Commencement was held Thursday of last week and the ladies spent the week end at the Titus Marek home at Crystal Bay, Lake Minnetonka before returning home. Miss Steinhauser was graduated from the College of Science, Literature and Arts and has made a splendid record, having completed the four years course in three years, in spite of the handicap if the flu epidemic which closed the University for several weeks last fall, and also without taking any summer school work, as is usually done by those who make the course in less than the regular time. Miss Steinhauser took her first year's college work at Butler College, Indianapolis, and the other two years at the State University of Minnesota and she has been offered and urged to accept a post as assistant in the biological sciences at the University. Miss Steinhauser is a niece of Robert Nix who has long been known as one of the most brilliant men of the State. He was known as a wonderful student, having completed the University course in a little more than two years.

Mrs. C. Hohn, Anna Schmidt and Miss Bessie Schrader returned from St. Paul the fore part of the week, where they attended the State Sunday school convention.

## SLEEPY EYE LAD DROWNS

Last Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock Thomas Thompson, a young man about twenty years of age, drowned in the Big Cottonwood river at Springfield. Young Thompson had been swimming in the vicinity of the bridge with a number of other boys. When he found himself in the swift current he became exhausted and called for help but his companions were unable to reach him and he went down about 500 feet below the bridge and was not seen again. It has been stated that quite a crowd of spectators looked on from the bridge but there was nothing that could be done to save him. The body was recovered Friday.

The young man's home was at Sleepy Eye but during the past several months he had been employed as a barber in Springfield. He had many friends in New Ulm and the neighboring villages who deeply deplore the sad happening.

## MINNESOTA RIVER OVERFLOWS VALLEY

ENTIRE FARMS UNDER WATER HEAVY RAINS CAUSE MUCH LOSS

MANY ROADS INUNDATED AND SEVERAL BRIDGES MADE IMPASSABLE

The excessive rains of the past few weeks have caused the Minnesota river again to overflow its banks. At the end of last week the waters in the valley near the city were higher than during any other flood in the last seventeen years, it is reported by the Eagle Mill which keeps a log of the river stages. In the short period of four days the water rose a dozen feet, the level advancing at the extraordinary speed of three inches per hour. The heavy down pours which followed one another at short intervals swelled the peaceful, sluggish Minnesota current to flood proportions.

**Out of Banks**  
The rise began as early as Saturday a week ago and soon the roads from Nicollet county leading to the bridges were under water, thus cutting off from the city all of the farmers who have been in the habit of coming from that section to do their trading here.

**Cottonwood High.**  
The Cottonwood also began rising early last week and reached its crest Thursday and Friday when it started to go down slowly inch by inch. On Friday it fell about fifteen inches in all going further down on Saturday and Sunday. It may be some time, though, until it reaches its normal stage again. When the river was at its highest level on Thursday and Friday morning it came up to the floor of the bridge near the Cottonwood Roller Mill, without however doing any damage to the bridge.

**Mills Closed.**  
On Thursday the turbulent waters of the Minnesota river entered the elevators and the basement under the engine room in the power plant of the Eagle Roller Mill. A drain pipe loosened and permitted the water to rush in. The water stood five feet high before it was possible to check it. The pumps were soon set in motion, getting all the water out during the following night. During this time the mill had to be shut down because it was found necessary to remove the big belts on the fly wheels. In all, the disturbance lasted about 18 hours, the wheels being set in motion again Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

**Traffic Closed.**  
The traffic across the Minnesota river to and from the city of New Ulm is closed again all roads leading to the bridges being many feet under water. Some people whose business forced them to make the trip, crossed the stream in boats or launches.

Considerable damage has been done to the crops in the lowlands in this section of the state it being impossible to enter the fields to cultivate. In many cases crops have been blighted and even the crops on some higher ground have been partly affected.

**In Other Towns.**  
In Springfield the water of the Big Cottonwood river overflowed into the Riverside Park and the road between the bridge and the creamery was under water, according to the Springfield Free Press. At the brick yard the water flooded the lower side track and got into most of the new kilns.  
Wahasso and other Redwood county towns were equally hard hit by the storm and rain. The village of Marietta in Lac Qui Parle County was flooded by a cloudburst and set under water making the use of row boats necessary.

## GERMANS DECIDE WILL SIGN TREATY

PEACE ASSURED BY VOTE OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AT WEIMAR.

THREE RESERVATIONS ARE MADE BY THE NEW CHANCELLOR HERR BAUER.

Weimar, June 23.—The German National assembly voted this afternoon to accept the peace treaty by a vote of 237 to 138. Five members declined to cast their ballots. At this time also a vote of confidence was given the new government with Chancellor Bauer as the head. Fifty-five members declined to vote on this issue.

Bauer declared in a speech that the Germans would sign but that they would not recognize the terms which placed the sole guilt for the war upon Germany nor would they recognize the right of the allies to demand that private citizens, even though former rulers of Germany, be turned over to other nations for trial. The keynote of his speech was a warning to the German people that they would suffer less by signing the terms than refusing them.

**News Reaches Paris.**  
The German note, Paris accepting the peace terms, was presented to the allies at 5:25 o'clock this afternoon, less than two hours from the time limit set for presentation.

**Authorized To Sign.**  
A Geneva dispatch to the Journal declares that the German national assembly has given Herr Haniel von Haimhausen full powers to sign the peace terms.

**Wednesday or Thursday.**  
The peace terms will not be signed before Wednesday or Thursday, according to announcement. The Germans have stated that additional plenipotentiaries will arrive for the ceremony.

**Wilson To Start For Home.**  
President Wilson's plans, which are conditional on the signing of the treaty tomorrow, are that he will leave Paris Wednesday evening, sail from Brest Thursday and arrive home about a week later.

## CROWDS ATTEND FARMERS' PICNIC

Numerous farmers from all around Sleepy Eye attended the League Picnic, which was held in the south park of that city, Tuesday June 17. They came from distances as far as Morgan to hear the speeches of Otto Nellermer, National League speaker, and Thomas Van Lear, former mayor of Minneapolis. Mr. Nellermer spoke on the benefits of the new State Bank system in North Dakota and Mr. Van Lear gave a vivid picture of the American soldier returned to civilian life. The latter speaker, who is regarded one of the best orators of the Northwest, paid his respects to the government of our sister state to the West for the splendid treatment it has accorded the returned soldiers of the state. In addition to the \$60 bonus each soldier and sailor receives from the national government the North Dakota administration provided that they should be given an extra bonus of \$25 for each month in the service from the funds of the State. In Minnesota the people have heard much talk about the good behavior of the boys but nothing has been done to show the State's appreciation of their service by granting them some appreciable gift, he said. Van Lear's speech met with the hearty approval of all present. Senator F. Romberg introduced the two speakers.

Both the Sleepy Eye band and the Jolly Farmers' band furnished music for the occasion. They played in the streets before marching with the crowd down to the park and then gave several selections on the picnic grounds. It was a very successful affair that will long be remembered by those who attended.

What are we to think now of that high standard of French civilization for which America supposedly entered the war and for which she had many thousands of her bravest sons slain on hearing of the stoning of the German peace delegates by a Versailles mob? This illustration surely is characteristic in the light of the ravings by the allied and American press against so-called "hunnish" acts committed by the Germans. So far we have not seen any condemnation of the French behavior by the same press.