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## RADIO FANS RECEIVE MESSAGES FROM GERMANY

### DISTRICT COURT HAS 76 CASES ON CALENDAR

One of Heaviest Schedules Ever Faced by Brown County Court.

### VOGTEL EXECUTORS SUE TO RECOVER \$210,000.

Fourteen Defendants Named By State in Criminal Cases.

Facing a calendar of 76 cases, one of the heaviest in its history, the December term of the Brown County district court will open Monday with the convening of the grand jury. Petitioners have been ordered to report for duty on Tuesday. Sixty-three of the cases which are scheduled for trial are civil, while 14 deal with criminal charges, Carl P. Manderfeld, clerk of the district court, announced yesterday.

Leading all civil cases in the amount involved is the suit of Melvin A. Vogtel and Harold C. Vogtel, as executors of the estate of Charles Vogtel, against H. L. Hoidale, Receiver for the Century Milling Company, Minneapolis. The two executors are appealing from an order of the probate court on March 14, 1922 allowing a claim of \$210,000 against the estate of their father.

### File Claim For \$393,000.

When Mr. Vogtel died in November, 1920, as a result of a fall from the upper window of a Minneapolis hotel, he was manager of the Eagle Roller Mills at New Ulm and president of the Century Milling Company, Minneapolis. The stock he owned in the Century company was assessed 100 per cent and this concern, filed a claim of \$393,000 against the estate of Mr. Vogtel.

Judge William B. Mather of Probate Court allowed the claim to the amount of \$210,000, as this amount of stock was in the name of Mr. Vogtel but disallowed the claim of \$183,000 for stock which had been made out to Harold Vogtel.

Mueller & Streissguth will represent the executors in the case and Fowler, Carlson, Furber and Johnson of Minneapolis will appear for Mr. Hoidale.

### Liquor Cases on Calendar.

The fourteen cases on the Criminal calendar deal with liquor violations, assault and battery, resisting an officer, carnal knowledge and malicious destruction of property. Charles Schroeck, Helmut Reinke and Ralph Glaser will have the grand jury consider their cases of alleged violations. William Edwards, Leo H. Halley and John Uhl are charged with carnal knowledge in the Uhl case a jury disagreed at the last term of court.

### Three Berkner Cases.

Edward F. Berkner, Sleepy Eye real estate dealer, has three cases listed against him. In each of the cases he was found guilty in municipal court and appealed to the county court. The charges are such misdemeanors as driving an automobile without license plates and resisting an officer on two occasions. William Roberts, also of Sleepy Eye, is charged with using abusive language and resisting an officer in two cases which he has appealed from municipal court. The case of Robert Bartel, charging him with painting the front of the Brown County Journal building will be presented to the grand jury. Wenzel and Charles Kraus, will face trial on a charge of assault following their appeal from the fine of \$50 imposed in justice court. It is alleged that they beat up John Schroeder last July.

The fourteen cases on the criminal calendar are as follows:

- State of Minnesota vs. John Uhl
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- State of Minnesota vs. Wenzel Windschitl
- State of Minnesota vs. Wenzel Kraus, Jr., Charley Kraus.
- State of Minnesota vs. Billy Edwards
- State of Minnesota vs. Leo H. Halley.
- State of Minnesota vs. Edward F. Berkner.
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- State of Minnesota vs. Wm. Roberts.
- State of Minnesota vs. Helmut Reinke and Ralph Glaser.
- State of Minnesota vs. Charles Schroeck.

The 62 civil cases which are on the calendar are given below:

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### ARM IS CAUGHT IN DRIVE WHEEL

Paul Schuman of Morgan Receiving Treatment At Hospital.

Paul Schuman of Morgan is in the Loretto Hospital receiving treatment for a broken left arm which he suffered while applying dressing to the drive belt of the Fred Berdan threshing rig operated on the Joe Kinney place. Schuman's arm was caught and jerked into the pulley, twisting it severely and breaking both bones. He was brought to the Loretto Hospital where the bones were set and he is now reported to be improving rapidly.

Arnold Woller of Gaylord had the misfortune to have his hand caught in a corn shredding machine on the Gilmeister farm north of town. The accident happened while he was feeding corn into the machine. The hand was badly mangled.

Mr. Woller was first taken to the Gaylord hospital but later removed to the Bethesda hospital, St. Paul, where he is now receiving treatment in the hope of saving as much of the hand as possible.

### MANY PRIZES FOR FANCY POULTRY

Silver Cups And Cash Premiums Included In Awards.

Silver loving cups, cash prizes and ribbon premiums are included in the imposing list of awards the Brown County Poultry Association has prepared for the annual poultry show which will be held this year on the main floor of the New Ulm armory, January 5, 6, 7, and 8.

The premiums are headed by silver cups donated by the Citizens State bank, New Ulm, and the First National bank of Sleepy Eye. The first cup, valued at \$50, will be given for the best display in one variety. The second cup, worth \$40, will go to the highest scoring pen in the show. The cups must be won three times to become the permanent property of the winners.

### To Give Cash Premiums.

Cash premiums will be awarded for both single specimens and pens. The first prizes for single specimens will range from 50 cents where there is one entry to \$3 where there are 20 entries. Second, third, fourth and fifth prizes are in proportion.

The first prize for pens where there are six entries is \$4, second prize, \$3; third prize, \$2; fourth prize \$1 and fifth prize, a ribbon. Where there are four entries in a pen, the prizes are \$3, \$2, \$1, and a ribbon. Prizes of smaller amounts are given for pens of three, two and one entries.

### Announce Sweepstakes.

A sweepstake award of \$5 will be given for the best display in each of the following classes: American class, Asiatic class, Mediterranean class, English class and Continental class. A sweepstake prize of \$2.50 will be awarded for the best cock and hen, and the best cockerel and pullet.

Ed. L. Hays of Minneapolis who has a national reputation as a judge of poultry and who has officiated at many of the larger shows in the United States has been secured to judge the exhibits.

### Show Open To All.

The association invites "all breeders, fanciers and everyone interested in better poultry to come with their birds and participate with us in the show." If not convenient to come personally the association asks that exhibits be sent and says that "all stock will be well cared for and returned in the best of condition."

The show will be the sixth annual of the Brown County Poultry association and is expected to be the greatest in its history. The officers are: Anton Weis, president; Ezra Berkner, vice president; H. F. Raabe, secretary-treasurer and Julius Grams, assistant-secretary. The directors are: William A. Lindemann, Joseph Karl and Edgar Ruenkel. The superintendent of the show will be Jake Vetter.

Rev. Julius Engel and daughter Irma of Elkton, S. D. were guests at the Rev. C. J. Albrecht home last week. They left on Wednesday for Lebanon, Wisconsin, where Rev. Engel has accepted a call as pastor of the Lutheran congregation.

### COUNCIL GRANTS DRINK LICENSES FOR YEAR 1923

New Owners Of Manderfeld And Schroeck Places Get Licenses.

### COMMITTEE REDUCES INSURANCE \$12,400

Residents Complain About Impassible Condition Of Avenue.

Twenty-four soft drink licenses for the year 1923 were granted by the City Council at its meeting last night along with two licenses for the remainder of 1922 to new proprietors in the former Charles Schroeck and William Manderfeld places.

Joseph A. Schnobrich, a retired farmer, and A. S. Dorn, an auctioneer, were given permits to sell soft drinks in the former Manderfeld place from December 6 to December 31, 1922 and for the year 1923. Similar licenses were given to Dave Leonard for the Schroeck place. Leonard is a former partner of Schroeck.

The licenses of Manderfeld and Schroeck were revoked by the City Council after a hearing November 22 at which evidence was introduced purporting to show that both places had violated state and national prohibition laws by selling liquor.

### Dietz Testifies.

Joseph Dietz who was present at the meeting vouched for the character of Leonard. Mr. Dietz said that he owned the building and intended to work in the place as a bartender. Members of the Council expressed themselves as satisfied with the character of Schnobrich and Dorn.

A soft drink license costs \$10 and must be secured by all who sell soft drinks whether at soda fountains or over a bar, according to the city ordinance, adopted several years ago primarily for the purpose of regulating drink places. In addition to those already mentioned the others who received soft drink licenses for the year 1923 were as follows: Anton Bartl, August Beyer, W. J. Esser, Jacob Fritz, A. J. Groebner, Anton A. Henle, Herman A. Kretsch, Adolph Klause, Robert Meidl, Anton Nun, Ben M. Reinhart, Henry C. Schmidt, Ben I. Vetter, Veig Bros., Fred Williams, John Zischka, Concordia Club, Willibald Eibner & Son, F. W. Eibner, New Ulm Candy Kitchen and New Ulm Turverein.

### To Buy Turbine Pump.

The council adopted a motion providing that bids be advertised for a turbine pump to be used on the new well No. 6. Herbert Huevel- (Continued on page 7.)

### DROPS DEAD ON SUNDAY EVENING

Matthew Petersen Sinks To Floor And Dies One Minute Later.

Matthew Petersen, 59 years old, died at 7:30 p. m. Sunday in the drink place of John Zischka on South Minnesota street from heart failure. Mr. Petersen entered the place and went back to the pool tables. A moment later he sank down to the floor beside a chair. S. H. Becker and Frank Dietz rushed to his assistance and he died in their arms.

Mr. Petersen has made his home for the past seven years with W. D. Edwards, 5 North Front Street. He was born February 22, 1863 near Buffalo, New York, and had been a resident of New Ulm for 30 years. For 16 years he conducted the saloon opposite the Eagle Roller Mills, retiring from business some four years ago.

Mr. Petersen had been a member of the New Ulm Volunteer fire department for more than 20 years. The firemen will have charge of his funeral which will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow from the Edwards home. Mr. Petersen is survived by four stepdaughters, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Barbara Nielsen and Mrs. Anna Rothe, Delevan, Mrs. Pauline Young, Havre, Mont., and one step-son, Alfred Keller, Walnut Grove.

P. J. Ritschel was in the Twin Cities last week to attend to business matters. He also spent a day at Jordan, visiting with relatives.

### GIRL WRITES OF \$500,000 WINONA COLLEGE BLAZE

Miss Lillian Eyrich Gives Vivid Description Of Big Fire.

### GROUND IS SHAKEN BY THREE EXPLOSIONS

Main Building Burned And Other Structures Are Damaged.

A graphic description of the fire which early Sunday morning destroyed the main building of the Winona State Teachers' college and damaged the library and heating plant has been received from Miss Lillian Eyrich, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eyrich, South Broadway. Miss Eyrich and Miss Eleanor Gewerth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gewerth, South Front street, are the two New Ulm girls attending the institution.

The total loss is placed at \$500,000 without any insurance. The dormitories of the school were not burned and there was no loss of life. Miss Eyrich's letter to her parents which was partly written while the fire was in progress is as follows:

"I am sitting here with my coat on, too heart-sick even to take it off. Our Normal school is burning! We've just been over to watch it. Every little while a roof or part of a wall groans, falls and rumbles. The flames look horribly beautiful!"

"It started at about 5 o'clock this morning. All our records, term grades, books and industrial artwork—oh, everything is up in smoke! I have some books there and Industrial Art work."

"One of the girls just came home and said that the library is burning too. It's in a separate building and oh, all those books! There is absolutely no decent fire protection here."

"There were three explosions, one right after the other, and they shook the ground like an earthquake, tore down the partitions, and blew off the roof. They think it was the gas in the Domestic science rooms. Eleanor and I were in the building all day yesterday and can't help thinking what would have happened if the explosion had occurred a few hours earlier."

"Miss Loughlin had a \$500 set of new books and they're all gone. Miss Guildemeister has more than that—all the teachers' lost just oodles. Miss Richards is crying and everyone is upset. The school nurse tried to get some things out, but it was useless. We're going over now to watch it burn. It's nine o'clock and it's still raging."

"Later—this is 11 o'clock. The buildings look awful. They managed to save the library furniture and we're all going over there to help dry it with rags. They've called a mass meeting at the Congregational Church for 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. They've ordered new books which will be here by Tuesday, so there won't be any delay."

Ignition of dust in ventilating tubes, or a leak in a gas pipe is believed to have caused the fire, according to the report appearing in the *Minneapolis Tribune*. The flames spread rapidly. No insurance was carried on the buildings.

Shortly after the fire had been discovered there came a series of explosions which tore out whole sections of the roof and flooring.

### Flames Seen In Basement.

The fire was discovered at 5:30 a. m. by a resident of the neighborhood, who observed flames in the basement at the southeast corner of the main hall, in a room used partly for the baling and storing of waste paper.

A general fire alarm was sounded and 15 streams of water were played on the building with little effect. At 8 a. m. little remained except the outer walls, which are still standing.

Sparks and flying embers carried the flames to a score of houses in the residence district east of the college, and citizens, aroused from sleep, were aided by half the fire department, allotted for emergency measures to extinguish minor roof fires.

Later the intense heat from the blazing main building caused the wooden supports under the tile roof of the college library to ignite, and that roof was destroyed.

Books in the building were damaged by water and smoke, but that damage (Continued on page 2.)

### GERMAN PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING MANY HARDSHIPS

Dr. O. J. Seifert Writes Of Conditions in Berlin And Vienna.

### ONE AMERICAN DOLLAR WORTH 7,600 MARKS

Board and Room For Two Can Be Secured At \$6 A Week.

Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Seifert are paying 44,000 marks a week for room and board in Berlin. Butter is 1,200 marks a pound, beefsteak 800 marks, and a pint of milk costs 120 marks. Eggs sell for 50 marks each.

This is the information in a letter received this week by the *Review* from Dr. Seifert. And while the prices are working great hardship on the German people they are not exorbitant for one who has American money. Dr. Seifert declares that he receives 7,600 marks for one American dollar. This makes the board and room bill of Dr. and Mrs. Seifert amount to but \$6 a week.

### Poor Suffer Hardships.

"For the poor German people, living expenses are out of reach," Dr. Seifert writes. "I cannot see how they manage it. Actually some of them are living on nothing but bread and water."

"The working girls at our hotel receive 2,000 marks a month. A moderately good dress will cost about 15,000 marks while the price of a good dress is 50,000 marks. The middle class, the intelligent, the old people who have retired and the poor class are suffering terribly. These are the persons who need help."

### Will Stay In Berlin.

Dr. Seifert states that they will remain in Berlin for the present and not Vienna. Conditions in Vienna at the present time, he asserts, are disrupted and living expenses much higher than in Berlin or the States.

"My work here is very interesting and the hospitals are overcrowded," the Doctor says. "People cannot afford to go to the doctor with the result that they visit the charity hospitals. The physicians have a hard time of it, too. For a consultation they should at least receive the price of a pound of butter, but very few persons can afford to pay that. And so it goes in this otherwise beautiful Germany where formerly everything was sunshine and roses."

Dr. and Mrs. Seifert sailed from New York on October 3 for a six months' trip to France, Germany, Switzerland and Belgium. The object of the trip is to give Dr. Seifert an opportunity to study at European clinics.

### WINTER BLASTS STRIKE NEW ULM

Strong North Wind Causes Mercury To Drop 67 Degrees.

Dropping 67 degrees in 48 hours was the surprising record of the mercury from Sunday to Tuesday. Sunday afternoon New Ulm residents doffed winter coats and strolled about the city as if it were a spring day. Tuesday morning they were searching drawers and closets for the heaviest of winter clothing.

The sharp change in weather really occurred Monday when a strong North-west wind sprang up and increased in intensity during the day. The mercury fell rapidly. By night it was too cold to snow, although several attempts were made in this direction about 6 o'clock.

The advent of winter during the first week of December followed a November remarkable in the history of Southern Minnesota, according to the records of Alex Henle, volunteer meteorologist. The month had 20 cloudy days and about five inches of rain. This was three inches more than ordinary. As if not satisfied with this gloomy record, November raised a general disturbance over the state on its last day, blowing down telephone and electric light poles and smashing in plate glass windows.

Miss Clara Fitzke of St. Peter has accepted a position as clerk at the Wonder Store.

### CLERK DISCOVERS PHARMACY AFIRE

Schmucker and Burk Store And Other Buildings Are Saved.

Several New Ulm business houses might now be without homes had it not been for the fortunate return of Clarence Herzog to the Schmucker & Burk pharmacy last Wednesday evening. After the drug store had been closed for the night, Mr. Herzog, who is employed as a clerk, came back to the store on an errand. He opened the door leading to the basement and was met by a rush of smoke.

Investigation showed that fire had started under the sidewalk in front of the store. Flames were burning advertising material which was kept in this space by the pharmacy. No one knows how the material became ignited.

The fire department responded immediately and the flames were extinguished. While the damage done was negligible it could easily have become a disastrous fire had the flames burned through to the chemicals stored in the basement, many of which are of a highly explosive nature.

### REDWOOD COUNTY TAKES PRISONER

John A. Weeks Finds Jail Term Does Not End With Liberty.

John A. Weeks found out Monday that the expiration of a three months' sentence for passing worthless checks did not mean liberty. Redwood county officials were on hand to take him into custody for a similar offense at Lamberton.

Weeks came into New Ulm last summer and nonchalantly passed a \$25 check off on the Central Garage. The check was drawn on the Brown County bank which notified the Garage that there were no funds to cover it. A warrant was sworn out for Weeks' arrest but he had left town.

### Draws 90 Days.

Weeks was later taken into custody by Hennepin county authorities on a similar charge but because New Ulm had a stronger case he was turned over to Brown County officials. William H. Gieseke, deputy sheriff, went to Minneapolis and brought Weeks to New Ulm. He pleaded guilty before Judge I. M. Olsen and was sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Sheriff W. J. Julius notified Hennepin county and Redwood county officials on Saturday that Weeks' sentence was about to expire and asked if they wanted to do anything with him. Sheriff Earle Brown of Hennepin county replied that Weeks' difficulty in Minneapolis had been settled, but Redwood county officials asked that he be held for them to answer to charges at Lamberton.

### Salesman Is Arrested.

Harry Davis, traveling salesman, has discovered that it does not pay to drive an automobile in New Ulm while drunk. He was discovered last Tuesday evening by Deputy Sheriff Gieseke leaning over the steering wheel of his automobile in an intoxicated condition. The machine was on North Minnesota street.

Davis was taken to the police station for the night and the next morning fined \$100 and costs, amounting to \$106.80 by Justice N. Henningsen. This is the second defendant within two weeks to be fined \$100 and costs by Mr. Henningsen for driving an automobile while intoxicated. The first was Morris Larson of Evan who was arrested with three companions on North Payne street.

### EMERY WHEEL BREAKS; CUTS CASH IN FACE

John G. Gronau, 201 South Jefferson street, had a narrow escape from serious injury last Wednesday afternoon when an emery wheel broke in his carpenter shop while he was sharpening a planing knife. A section of the wheel struck him in the cheek. A deep gash was made and his eye blackened. It was necessary to take five stitches to sew up the wound. Mr. Gronau is now recovering rapidly at his home.

Patrolman Edward Wagner and family were Sunday visitors at Fair-

### LOCAL OPERATORS HEAR NEWS FROM STATION AT NAUEN

Radiograms Come Distance of Over 5,000 Miles To New Ulm.

### SCHLEUDER GETS WORD FROM SHIPS AT SEA

Reports From France And Mexico Are Likewise Received Here.

Receiving messages from Nauen, Germany, 5,270 miles from New Ulm, is the most recent radio achievement of Victor Schleuder and Ernest Sperling, New Ulm operators. Not only have radiograms from this powerful German station been caught but the local fans have taken messages from the Eiffel Tower station in France, from Mexico City, from Honolulu, from ships at sea and from stations in practically every state in the Union.

Both Mr. Schleuder and Mr. Sperling hold amateur radio licenses from the government and as such are under oath not to divulge messages which are sent to other stations than their own. But they explained that in general the radiograms from Germany, France, and Mexico City had to do with press reports and government news. The foreign messages are received by the naval radio station at Annapolis. Many of them are in secret code.

### Beat Newspapers To It.

It is a common thing for the local operators to receive messages sent out by the Annapolis station to ships at sea. These radiograms deal with storm warnings, latest news bulletins and instructions to captains of vessels. Over their radio sets, Mr. Schleuder and Mr. Sperling have received in the evening the news of European events which appeared in the metropolitan papers the next morning. The messages from across the water are transmitted on wave lengths of from 10,000 to 25,000 meters.

### Received Word From Ship.

It is a common thing for the local men to hear concerts at Schenectady, New York, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Atlanta, Ga.; Chicago and the Twin Cities. Messages are received from Havana, Cuba, and Honolulu. Mr. Schleuder recently received word from a ship in the Atlantic ocean, 500 miles from New York. There is a total of 129 different stations from which the local operators can receive messages and music.

Football scores were received by Mr. Schleuder from such stations as Schenectady, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, and Chicago. Recently he had the interesting experience of listening to the tests conducted by the General Electric company at its Schenectady station of an apparatus for reproducing the human voice so that it retains all of its natural characteristics.

### Take Pictures of Voice.

The new apparatus is not a record of the voice as is reproduced for a phonograph but the voice photograph on a film. The projection of the film on a small electric screen reproduces the voice without the scratches of a record, Mr. Schleuder explained. In the tests Mr. Schleuder said that it was impossible to distinguish the photograph of the voice from the genuine voice. When this method is developed, he declared that voice films will be sent to five or six of the leading stations in the United States and they will be reproduced simultaneously at these stations when an address is made. In this manner the natural voice will be carried over the United States.

### Many Radio Fans.

While Mr. Schleuder and Mr. Sperling are the only radio amateur operators in New Ulm, who have government licenses for transmitting and receiving messages, there are a number of broadcasting fans who receive messages. Among these may be mentioned the following: Frank Niemann with his aerial wires on the fire station; Harry Beyer at the Northwestern hotel; Werner Baer on North Washington street; Chester Alwin on Third street north; Dr. G. F. Reinke on Center street; the Ulrich Electric Company on North Minnesota street; Joe Everling on South Minnesota street; Jack Forster on North Minnesota street and Otto Niemann who had the misfortune to have his wires on the Brey (Continued on page 3.)