

## HARDIE IS GIVEN ONE TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON

### WOMAN AWARDED \$12,698 DAMAGES AGAINST RAILROAD

Miss Nora Larson Secures Huge Sum From Northwestern.

### DR. ROSENAU DESCRIBES INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Declares Germ Travels By Blood and Nerves To Spinal Cord.

After being out seven hours, a jury in district court last Thursday brought in a verdict of \$12,698 for Miss Nora Larson, 27 years old, in her suit for \$50,000 damages against the Chicago & Northwestern railroad.

Miss Larson who lives on a farm near Ellsworth, Wis., alleged that her legs were paralyzed and she was rendered a helpless invalid as the result of a brakeman shoving her on the train at North Lake, Wis., on August 3, 1921.

The railroad introduced testimony to show that Miss Larson had been quarantined for infantile paralysis four days after the alleged accident and charged that her present condition was due to that disease.

#### Many Experts Testify.

Both sides used expert medical testimony. Among the New Ulm physicians appearing in the case were: Dr. O. C. Strickler, Dr. L. A. Fritsche and Dr. J. H. Vogel. Among the others called was Dr. Edward Carl Rosenow of Rochester, a world famous authority on infantile paralysis.

Miss Larson was brought into the courtroom in a wheeled chair. She was carried to the witness stand by her father. She told the jury that she had boarded a Northwestern train to visit an uncle and aunt residing at Kaeser, Wis., near Milwaukee. At North Branch she had been ordered off the train by a brakeman who told her that it was her destination. When the brakeman found out his mistake he ordered her back on the train. She alleged she was shoved on to the train without the assistance of a brakeman's step or stool with the result that she injured her spine.

#### Railroad Not to Blame.

The railroad, on the other hand, claimed that she had got off of the train and again mounted into it of her own volition. But the main argument in the defense of the railroad was the contention that Miss Larson had been attacked by infantile paralysis four days after the accident. She had been quarantined for 16 weeks at the home of her uncle and aunt before she was able to return to her own home, according to testimony introduced.

#### Dr. Rosenow on Stand.

The outstanding testimony of the defendants medical experts was that of Dr. Rosenow who related in dramatic fashion the great fight against infantile paralysis and of his success in finding a serum which would stay the ravages of the disease and effect cures where the treatment was started in time. He had made an examination of Miss Larson, he declared, and was positive that her present condition was caused by infantile paralysis.

#### Disease is Peculiar.

"One of the peculiarities of this disease is the reason it selects a strong, healthy person for its attack when there appear to be no other cases in the vicinity," Dr. Rosenow said. "The answer is that the victim has everything just right for the disease to occur. The pains usually begin two or three days before the paralysis sets in. "The germ may come from somebody else who has the disease. Or a germ closely related to the virus of infantile paralysis may acquire this particular power in the body of the individual. It is possible, also, that there are infantile paralysis carriers who transmit the disease to others without suffering from it themselves."

#### Germ Has Long Life.

"From my investigations I know that the paralysis germ is so fine that it will go through bacteria filters and that it will continue to live for years. The germ comes from the nose, throats, teeth or tonsils and can be coughed out. The germ produces a low grade inflammation of the nose and throat. It travels either by the blood or the nerves of the throat until it reaches the brain and then the spinal cord.

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### YOUNG MEN SENT TO REFORMATORY

Carnival Employees Plead Guilty to Charges Against Them.

Stanley Entler, alias Billy Edwards, and Leo H. Halley, were sentenced Saturday by Judge I. M. Olsen to from one to seven years in the St. Cloud reformatory, when they pleaded guilty to indictments returned against them by the grand jury. Edwards was charged with attempted carnal knowledge and Halley with carnal knowledge. They were employees of a carnival which showed at New Ulm during the Homecoming celebration. They were arrested on August 23 and have been confined in the Brown County jail since that date.

Ed. Polsin, formerly of Springfield, has been released on bonds of \$500 following his plea of not guilty to two indictments which were returned against him by the grand jury. One charges the selling of mortgaged chattel property and the other the passing of a check for \$17.39 on the National bank of Springfield. Polsin was arrested by W. H. Gieseke, deputy sheriff near Broton, Stearns county, where he is now farming.

The cases of Polsin and J. F. Penheiter of Mountain Lake will be taken up when court resumes its session at 10 a. m., January 8, following the adjournment last Saturday for the holidays. Penheiter, who is now at liberty under a bond of \$1,000 is charged with perjury.

Just previous to adjournment the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case of the State of Minnesota against John Uhl. Uhl was charged with carnal knowledge of Clara Windschitl. The jury disagreed in this case at the May term of court. Two other cases are still pending against Uhl.

### REGISTER JAN. 9 FOR CITIZENSHIP TRAINING COURSE

Evening Class Will Be Conducted If Sufficient Number Enroll.

### HERMAN HEIN TO BE INSTRUCTOR AS BEFORE

Appeal Issued For Aliens To Grasp Opportunity of Instruction.

Registration will be held at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, January 9 in Room 114 on the second floor of the high school building for an evening class in preparation for citizenship, Arnold Gloor, superintendent of schools, announces. Mr. Gloor asked that everyone desiring to enter the class be on hand so that the school authorities may know whether or not there is going to be a sufficient enrollment to justify the expense of conducting the class.

#### Hein Will Teach Class.

Evening classes have been conducted in the public schools for citizenship during the past two years for the benefit of men and women of foreign birth. These classes have been taught by Herman Hein who is well fitted for such work by reason of his knowledge of both the English and German languages, his broad sympathy, and his faith in American institutions.

Many who apply for citizenship papers are rejected because they show a lack of knowledge of the essentials of our government. These evening classes offer an opportunity to get acquainted with the framework and spirit of our local, state, and national government. Training is also offered in the reading, writing and spelling of English without which political discussions in the press and on the platform cannot be followed and without which an intelligent participation in the duties of citizenship is impossible.

#### Class Needs Support.

All who have friends, employees or neighbors who need the benefits which may be obtained from this proposed class can render an important service to them by calling attention to the opportunity to enroll in the course on January 9. In some cases aliens may be timid about registering and friends will be doing a service to accompany them to the school on this first night.

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### POSTAL CLERKS ENCOUNTER HUGE DELUGE OF MAIL

As Helpers Of Santa Claus They Distribute Thousands Of Gifts.

### HEAVY MAIL BREAKS ALL NEW ULM RECORDS

Peak Is Reached Thursday When 21,000 Missives Are Cancelled.

Any one who does not already know that Santa Claus has his headquarters in New Ulm should have visited the local post office at any time during the eight days preceding Christmas.

Mountains and mountains of grimy mail sacks stuffed to the top with Merry Christmas wishes and gifts galore to gladden the hearts of New Ulm girls and boys, big and little, filled the spacious work room of the Federal building and when one mountain of mail melted away under the flying fingers of Santa Claus' helpers, the post office clerks, another mountain of sacks took its place only to give way in turn to still another and another. Any one with imaginative powers standing in the midst of these heaped up sacks of Christmas cheer would have thought of all the thousands and thousands of kind thoughts that prompted the sending of the myriads of parcels from friend to friend. No one could see this sight unmoved by the thought of the Christmas spirit that still lives in this somewhat disappointing old world.

#### No Hard Times Here.

Another question that might have been similarly settled is the one as to whether times are really hard or not. Every one thinks they have been except the post office clerks who declare that the evidence in their business is all against the hard time proposition.

#### Six Hundred Sacks Daily.

Never before in the history of the local post office has there been such a deluge of mail to be handled prior to Christmas and never before have people started so early sending their gifts. The in-coming gifts also started early this year and it was well that they did as the local post office could not have handled the entire amount had it been lumped in the last three days before the holiday. Approximately 300 sacks of mail were received every day and as many more sent out during the entire week preceding Christmas. The rush began Monday morning and the clerks had to make their hands fly to keep the receiving bins empty even as early as that.

Every train, particularly the Northwestern trains, vomited forth a mountain of mail sacks which Heinen, the mail driver, faithfully and carefully delivered to the mail clerks who put in strenuous hours assorting for the carriers. Wednesday and Thursday were the heaviest days for out-going mail and Thursday and Friday the heaviest days for in-coming mail. Three extra men were employed in the office and four extra men to deliver and an extra truck was employed in the parcel post delivery department. It is estimated that an average of twelve to fifteen hundred parcels were mailed out from New Ulm every day during the week.

#### Thursday Heaviest Day.

Approximately twenty-one thousand cancellations were made by machine Thursday which was the heaviest day. This does not include cancellation of parcel mail, all of which had to be made by hand. The average parcel post mail in New Ulm figures about twenty-five hundred parcels per week so it will be seen the volume of business in this department was about four times the usual amount and it required four times the usual force to take care of it.

#### First Class Office?

Postage sales at the window ran between two and three hundred dollars per day during the week and this large amount of business makes the December 1922 record forty per cent more than that of December 1921 and goes a long way toward helping to bring the New Ulm post office into the first class division. It is hoped that this week will see sufficient sales to bring the receipts up to the required amount to bring New Ulm into the first class list. This is a result very much to be desired and every one will look forward to the announcement of this advancement. It will mean more

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### DEBATERS ENTER SEMI-FINALS ON FEBRUARY FIRST

High School Will Be Bye Team In January Contests.

### 27 BOYS AND GIRLS PLAN TO DECLAIM

Classes Will Strive For Siegel Trophy In Near Future.

The New Ulm high school debating team will enter the semi-finals for the championship of the Second Congressional district on February 4, Superintendent Arnold Gloor, announces. The opponent of the New Ulm debaters will be chosen from the winners of a second series of debates to be held in the district the first part of January.

Nine out of the 33 schools in the Second Congressional district entered teams in the preliminary debates held December 15 and 16. The question which has been selected for debate in the state high school league this year is "Resolved that the Kansas Type of Industrial Court of Adjudication Should be Established in Minnesota." New Ulm, supporting the affirmative, defeated Sleepy Eye which had the negative; the affirmative Amboy team defeated the negative Blue Earth team; the negative Sherburn team was victorious over the affirmative team from Jackson and the Windom negative team won out from the Fulda affirmative team.

#### New Ulm is Bye Team.

The winners in this first series of debates will now meet early in January in a second series. But due to the fact that there are an odd number of teams in the district debates, one team must be the bye team. In the first series Springfield was the bye team. In the second series New Ulm has been selected as the bye team. New Ulm will therefore not debate again until the semi-finals when it will meet one of the victorious teams in the second series.

#### Side Not Known.

Miss Elizabeth Hintz, Howard Vogel and Clarence Roloff, the New Ulm debaters, will devote themselves with renewed vigor to the study of the question after the holiday vacation, R. J. Stewart, Principal of the high school announced. It has not yet been determined which side New Ulm will draw for the semi-finals.

In the meantime preparations for the high school declamation contests next month are going forward. Fourteen boys and thirteen girls have already signified their intention to try out. This is an unusually large number and the competition is expected to be keen.

#### Plan Declamation Contest.

In try-outs to be held next month the best boy and girl declaimers will be chosen from each class. They will then meet in a contest for the Siegel trophy. This will be awarded to the class securing the largest number of points. First place will count three points, second place, two points and third place, one point.

Winners in the Siegel trophy contest will be chosen to represent New Ulm in the sub-district contests. The state has been divided into ten districts. One of these districts is made up of the counties of Brown, Faribault, Blue Earth, Nicollet, Sibley, Redwood, Lyon, Lincoln, Yellow Medicine, Lac Qui Parle and the towns of Le Sueur and Cleveland in Le Sueur county. Twenty-eight schools in this district have entered the state declamation league. These schools have been grouped into five sub-divisions in which contests will be held to determine the winners who will compete in the district contest. The winner of the district contest will go to the State contest.

#### Mr. Gloor is Chairman.

The chairman of the committee to group the schools for contests in this district is Superintendent Arnold Gloor. Other members are: Superintendent E. S. Sell of Mankato and Principal E. A. Coe of Boyd. The district declamation contest was won last year by Howard Vogel who was then a sophomore at the New Ulm high school. As a freshman in 1920 he won first place in the boys declamation contest. Last year he started out by winning the boys' contest and went to the sub-district contest at St. Peter. Here he secured

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### BANDITS FOLLOW FAMILIAR TACTICS AT HANOVER BANK

Believed To Be Same Yeggs Who Blew Vault At Lafayette.

### CUT TELEPHONE WIRES IN BOTH INSTANCES

Plucky Operator Arouses Citizens Who Scare Robbers.

Officials express the belief that the four yeggs who endeavored to rob the Hanover State bank at Hanover, Wright county, last week, may have been members of the same gang who were successful in getting away with \$16,127 in cash and bonds from the Lafayette State Bank on December 15. The burglars in the two places worked much the same way. They began their operations at Hanover as they did at Lafayette by cutting telephone and telegraph wires. In each case they boldly pried open the front door of the bank and brazenly began their operations to break into the vault.

#### Girl Arouses Citizens.

But at Hanover the warning of a merchant who saw the bandit car before the bank building at 2 a. m. and the plucky awakening of the town by a telephone operator proved the undoing of the yeggs who sped down the road before 300 half dressed citizens armed with guns of all descriptions, stove pokers and baseball bats.

Miss Leona Haefler, 16-year-old telephone operator, was keeping her lonely vigil when a hurry call was flashed to the office by William Weiman, Hanover merchant. "Somebody's trying to blow up the bank," declared Mr. Weiman. "Hurry up and call out everybody in town."

Miss Haefler hurried. Working her plugs at top speed, she flashed the alarm to house after house, not forgetting the village's only hotel. There are no all-night restaurants or business establishments in Hanover, which is an inland town, reached only by automobile or farm wagon.

#### Town Rushes Out.

The citizens of Hanover responded en masse, men, women and children pouring into the street, with overcoats and capes thrown over their night clothes. A few who stopped long enough to lace their shoes missed the excitement, since the earliest arrivals reached the bank in time to see the tail lights of the bandit automobile disappear down the road leading toward Minneapolis.

One of the first to arrive at the bank was A. G. Kirecht, cashier of the Hanover State bank. He found the door smashed in but no other damage done. Vault and safe were un molested, the alarm having spread rapidly enough to scare away the yeggs before they had gotten well started with their work. Mr. Kirecht announced that \$12,000 in cash and bonds were in the vault.

Mr. Weiman declared that he was working on his books at 2 a. m. when he heard a big automobile speed up the street. He turned off his light and went out to investigate. "The bank is only a few doors from my store," he said. "I saw four men unloading some stuff from a big new touring car, parked in front of the bank. I watched them a minute and saw them lay two big canvas sheets and two big tanks, which looked like acetylene containers, on the sidewalk at the bank door."

"Then I went to my telephone and called Miss Haefler. I didn't make much noise about it, either, because I didn't want some bandit to take a shot at me."

#### Telephone Girl is Modest.

"I surely worked fast," said Miss Haefler. "Don't think I ever worked quite so fast in my life. It's a good thing I did, too, for the burglars cut our cable just when I was calling the last few houses on my list. That's why I couldn't call some other towns and ask police to head off the robbers."

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### FIRE BREAKS OUT IN EAGLE MILLS

Rye Mill Shut Down As Result of Blaze In Giant Turbine.

### CUT TELEPHONE WIRES IN BOTH INSTANCES

Plucky Operator Arouses Citizens Who Scare Robbers.

The Eagle Roller Mills were threatened with fire for a few minutes yesterday when a flame broke out in the giant turbine motor which is the principal unit of the power plant. As a result the rye mill is shut and will be closed down until an expert from the Allis-Chalmers company at Milwaukee can repair the damage. H. L. Beecher, general manager of the Eagle Mills announced. This may require a week or 10 days.

The fire was caused by crossed wires in the turbine, Mr. Beecher explained. Mill employees poured chemicals on the flames and the New Ulm fire department was summoned. The department poured on more chemicals and the fire was extinguished. The fire was inside the housing of the engine and was put out before it had an opportunity to spread into the power plant. If oil on other machines had caught fire the mill might have been endangered.

#### KLOSSNER BANK REIMBURSED BY INSURANCE

The Klossner State Bank has received their check from the Insurance company to cover the loss they sustained at the time the bank was burglarized October 18 last. The check amounted to \$415.71 and covered the following items: Money taken, \$98.13, a new door to the vault and damage to safety deposit boxes.

### PROGRESS SHOWN IN BUREAU WORK BY COUNTY AGENT

Willis Lawson Gives Report At Meeting In Sleepy Eye.

### ELECT HENRY MELZER FOR NEW PRESIDENT

Boys and Girls Club Work Has Yielded Benefits To County.

Progress of the work in Brown county during the past year in giving instruction in cattle feeding, keeping farm accounts, raising poultry, dairying, poultry culling demonstrations, field crops, Farmers' institutes and boys and girls' club work was related by Willis Lawson, county agent, at the annual meeting of the Brown County Farm Bureau held at Sleepy Eye, December 15.

#### Elect Melzer President.

Following the general meeting the directors elected the following officers to serve during the coming year: Henry Melzer, Hanska, President; James Peterson, Sleepy Eye, vice president; Edward McGowan, Sleepy Eye, secretary-treasurer and Arthur Zschetzsche, Sleepy Eye, county director.

#### First Women Chosen.

The executive committee will consist of the officers and Mrs. J. D. Ingaham, Mrs. Reuben Potter and Mrs. John Faltis. This is the first time that any women have been placed upon this committee. The directors named from the various townships for the coming year are: C. C. Current, Home; James Peterson, Eden; Joe Foster, Prairieville; Charles Remmel, Stark; Arthur Zschetzsche, Leavenworth; Herman Polkow, Burnstown; Joe Ryan, North Star; C. E. Pederson, Bashaw; H. N. Christiansen, Stately; Fred Prahl, Mulligan; Sever Frederickson, Albion; Christian Frederickson, Lake Hanska and H. A. Melzer, Linden.

#### Agent Gives Report.

"Through the assistance of the Farm Bureau the Brown County Wool Growers association pooled and shipped a carload of wool and every farmer in the pool was well satisfied with the results obtained," Mr. Lawson declared. "A cow testing association for production was organized and is now

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### ADMITS HIS GUILT BEFORE JUDGE TO ONE INDICTMENT

Court Throws Out Second Charge After Hearing Case.

### DORIS NELSON TELLS HER STORY ON STAND

Says Cornpicker Proposed They Run Away To Get Married.

Frank D. Hardie, Iowa cornpicker, who was arrested at Mason City, Ia., with Doris Nelson, 16-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson, living two miles west of Comfrey, pleaded guilty to carnal knowledge before Judge I. M. Olsen in Brown county district court and was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to seven years in Stillwater penitentiary.

The grand jury on December 13 returned two indictments against Hardie, one charging carnal knowledge and the other abduction. Hardie refused to plead guilty to the second indictment. A jury was called and at the conclusion of the testimony Judge Olsen ruled that there had not been sufficient testimony introduced to hold the defendant on the abduction charge and upheld the motion of Albert D. Flor, counsel for Hardie that this indictment be dismissed.

#### Doris Nelson Testifies.

In the course of the trial on the abduction charge Doris Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson, her father and mother, Ephraim Nelson, a brother, and Miss Nora Schoedl, whose mother runs a restaurant at Comfrey, were called as witnesses by W. T. Eckstein, county attorney.

Doris Nelson declared that she was 16 years old, having been born at Aurora, Neb., and moving to Bashaw township with her parents eight years ago. She said she was a junior at the Comfrey high school.

#### Meets Hardie at Dance.

"I first met Hardie at a dance at Dotson in July," the girl said. "He was tiling in that locality. I met him several times at dances. He came to work on October 14 for my father. He was picking corn."

"About two weeks before he left on December 6 he talked about me going away with him and getting married. He completed his work and my father paid him off on December 5. That evening I carried my clothes out in the hall and he packed them in one of his grips."

#### Buys Ticket On Train.

"He left about 7:30 a. m., December 6 with two black suit cases. I went to school in the bus at 8 a. m. and remained in school all day. I went down town at 4 o'clock and took the train. I bought a ticket on the train for Mason City. That is where Hardie said we were going. Hardie got on the train at Butterfield. He had gone down to Butterfield on the morning freight. We arrived at Mason City about 9 p. m."

#### Went to Rooming House.

"Where did you go after you arrived?" Mr. Eckstein asked. "We went to a rooming house," Doris replied. "Did you see the defendant register?"

#### Parents On Stand.

William Nelson, the father of Doris, declared that he had hired Hardie on October 14 to pick corn. Hardie left on December 6 with his two suit cases. His daughter went to school as usual. When she did not return from school, he and her mother searched her room and found her clothes had disappeared.

"I got very nervous when Doris did not come home," Mrs. Nelson said. "We telephoned to Comfrey about her but we could not secure any information. Then we searched her room to find that her clothes had disappeared."

#### Brother Finds Her.

Ephraim Nelson, 21 years old, declared he was working on a farm in Cottonwood county when he received a telephone call from home that Doris

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