

## WOODMEN OF THE WORLD TO MEET IN THIS CITY

Virginia Designated Yesterday as Next Meeting Place of Fraternal Society and Its Auxiliary, the Woman's Circle; Fred Haller Lands Convention.

Nineteen Seventeen State Convention Will Come to Virginia and Will Bring More Than 300 Delegates from Various Lodges Over State of Minnesota.

At the state convention of the Woodmen of the World and its auxiliary, the Woman's Circle, concluded after a two days' session at Staples, Minnesota, last night, Virginia was designated as the city where will be held the next state convention of the order and its auxiliary in April of 1917.

The landing of the convention for Virginia was due to the work of Fred Haller, Central avenue shoe merchant, who was the delegate from Virginia and has for some time been working on the matter of having Virginia designated the next state meeting place of the Woodmen of the World. Mr. Haller first proposed Virginia at the state convention of the Woodmen of the World two years ago, when it went to Duluth.

The order has a large membership over the state and at the Staples meeting about 300 delegates were in attendance, besides those present to attend the meeting of the Woman's Circle. The lodge is a fraternal insurance order which has a large and constantly increasing membership in Virginia.

Mr. Haller told the delegates yesterday that he invited them to the best little city in the world, the best town in Minnesota, located in one of its most interesting sections, promised to show them the largest cork white pine lumber manufacturing plant in the northwest, the open pit mines, the finest school buildings of any city of similar size in the state and did a stroke of boasting that was so effective that Virginia was selected with slight opposition.

Mr. Haller is expected to return to the city this evening.

## C. N. WILL PUT ON WORK TRAINS

The Canadian Northern railroad during the summer of 1915 will continue its work of improving the road and right of way of the Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific between Fort Frances and Duluth. Last year there were in service during the greater part of the summer season a large number of work trains and considerable money was expended in ballasting, laying new steel and improving the right of way. This year's improvement campaign will not be on such a large scale, but will give employment to several extra gangs during the summer months. When the work will be completed has not yet been definitely decided.

## GERMAN SOLDIER'S LETTER IS RECEIVED BY VIRGINIA RELATIVES

William Engel, serving in the army of the German emperor in the forest of the Argonne, has written a letter to his parents which has been forwarded to Virginia relatives and will be read with interest here. He is one of a family of six sons serving in the German army. Three of them have fallen since the war began. The letter follows:

Milles, France, in the Argonne. Dear Parents:— On the morning of January 25 we were divided up in different companies, some to cut the barbed wires, some for the landsturm. We had been for several days building trenches and digging mines toward the French trenches. We had in the neighborhood of 150 heavy cannon in our rear and several mine throwers. Some of us had hand grenades. With axes and wire cutters, we started ahead to cut down all obstructions. There is a monument put up in 1814 for old Field Marshall Blucher. On this monument it says that the ground about it can not be captured. Now we are a considerable distance on the other side of it. It was a terrible

## MANAGERS IN VIRGINIA FOR A CONSULTATION

Far from Settled Fact That Virginia Will Retain Franchise in Northern League.

Whether or not Virginia will have league baseball during 1915 is still far from settled. One thing is certain, however, and that is that this city will not be represented in the Northern this year unless more interest is manifested in baseball than has been evident up to this time.

There has been a fair response from the fans to the plan of selling sufficient season tickets to guarantee the support of the club, but it is not sufficient to assure the proper financial backing from the start. Baseball last year cost the owners of the Virginia team some money and during the season of 1913 they lost heavily. They frankly state that they do not propose to finance the team this year unless there is a better prospect for patronage than at present.

Manager Somers of the Superior team, Manager Harry Blume of the Duluth team and owners Finch and Coates of the Virginia team are in consultation today over the outlook for baseball in Virginia. President Burmeister of the Northern League was expected to attend the conference, but wired this morning that he would be unable to be present. Burmeister is insisting that Virginia show that it will properly support a team and if it is unable to do so is in favor of transferring the franchise to some other point.

Local fans do not propose to see the Virginia franchise leave this city if it is possible to have it remain here and there will be renewed efforts at once to pledge support to the team.

## LOPOVICH IS NOT BOUND OVER

Quite a different story from that given to the sheriffs office and the newspapers developed yesterday afternoon at the preliminary hearing of Mike Loppovich on a charge of threatening to kill E. J. Thomas, camp clerk at Wallace with an axe, with the result that Loppovich was dismissed by Judge Carey. It was developed that Thomas is in the habit of carrying a gun and that during his altercation with Loppovich he had reached for his hip pocket. Loppovich proved that he had not menaced Thomas with a double-bitted axe as alleged. He was released from custody at the conclusion of the hearing. S. S. Dahl represented him in court.

## M'ADOO GOES TO A HOSPITAL

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, March 11.—Secretary McAdoo went to a Washington hospital this morning to be operated upon tonight or tomorrow for the relief of appendicitis. It is said that so far no complications have appeared.

## IRON AND STEEL TRADE LOOKS FOR A GOOD SEASON

Virginia Mining Man Returned from East Says Conservatism Characterizes Outlook for 1915 at Eastern Centers; Start Will Be Slow.

Growing Impression in Financial and Business Circles That European War May End as Suddenly as It Was Begun and That Finish Is Near.

Conservatism characterizes the outlook of the iron and steel trade at eastern centers for the season of 1915, according to A. B. Coates, who returned today from a visit to New York City, Cleveland and several eastern cities.

"The general opinion seems to be," said Mr. Coates this morning, "that we are going to have a very good year and that before the end of the 1915 ore shipping season there may be developments which will cause operations at the close of the season to be brisk in the ore market. The season will probably be late in opening, but the outlook seems to be for a gradual increase in business through the summer months. It is not going to be a big year perhaps in the broadest sense of that term, but it will be a very fair season."

"In eastern business and financial circles there is a growing impression that the European war may be ended just as suddenly as it started. The spring campaigns in Europe are being watched with the keenest interest. If Greece and Italy should enter the war on the sides of the allies, which now seems quite probable, many shrewd observers hold the opinion that it may result in an early conclusion of peace. All authorities are agreed that with the coming of peace there will follow here a period of industrial activity quite unprecedented."

No Ore Sales. Up to this time no ore sales have been reported on the Mesaba Range and there is little indication of preparations for a resumption of mining activity, except by the Great Northern interests which, according to a story from Hibbing are preparing to ship 6,000,000 tons from their Mesaba Range properties. Local operators do not believe the price of ore will be fixed for some time. They anticipate an increase over the price levels of last year and if it is not forthcoming many of them will allow their properties to remain idle this year.

## MUCH INTEREST IN SCIENCE LECTURE

One of the largest audiences which has ever listened to a Christian lecture on the Mesaba Range is expected to attend the lecture given under the auspices of the Christian Science Society of Virginia tomorrow evening at the Socialist opera by William D. McCracken, C. S. B., member of the board of lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston.

The lecture will be the second held under the auspices of the Christian Science Society of Virginia. Scientists will come from Hibbing, Eveleth, Chisholm, Buhl, Aurora, Biwabik, Tower and Ely to attend the lecture. The various Christian societies on the Range are enjoying a steady growth. The general public is cordially invited to the lecture at the Socialist opera tomorrow night which is free. There have also been issued a large number of special invitations.

## THAW'S SANITY IS BARRED AS TRIAL ISSUE

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.) NEW YORK, March 11.—Justice Page, sitting at the trial of Harry K. Thaw on a charge of conspiracy to escape from the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane, this morning sustained an objection by Deputy Attorney General Kennedy to questions asked by Thaw's counsel regarding Thaw's sanity. The ruling of the court is interpreted to mean that the question of Thaw's sanity will not be admitted as a trial issue. The prosecution closed its case at 12:30 o'clock today. Harry Thaw went on the witness stand in his own defense at 3:20 o'clock this afternoon.

## IS STRONG OPPONENT OF COUNTY DIVISION



ANDREW NELSON Duluth

Andrew Nelson, of Duluth, is one of the strong opponents of the division of St. Louis county and is taking a prominent part in the campaign being made by the Duluth Commercial club to accomplish the defeat of the pending measure before the state legislature. He was the democratic candidate for congress last fall and was strongly supported on the Ranges.

## NO MORTGAGES ON COOK FARMS

Virginia Man Returns from Trip Examining Titles and Finds Unusual Conditions.

Alex MacDonald, of Virginia, is home from a trip to the country about Cook where he has been on business and incidentally had an opportunity to examine the title of more than 50 farms in the vicinity of the village of Cook. "If there is a farm mortgaged in the country about Cook, I did not find it in the 50 or 60 titles I had occasion to examine in looking after some insurance business. I consider this a remarkable record for a new country. I have never seen more thrifty or prosperous settlers than those of the Little Fork valley seem to be. They are not of the extravagant type. They live within their means. What they can't pay for they don't buy. The progress they are making is surprising."

## TWO BIG PAYDAYS HERE YESTERDAY

Two of the biggest paydays of the month started in Virginia yesterday. The Oliver Iron Mining company is paying its employees in the Virginia district and the Virginia & Rainy Lake company's semi-monthly payday was yesterday. It is estimated that the former concern paid out about \$60,000 in this city alone and the latter about \$20,000.

## COLE FUNERAL NEXT MONDAY

The funeral of W. H. Cole of the Cole & McDonald Exploration company and president of the American Exchange bank of this city will be held next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Duluth and will be under the auspices of the Knight Templar. The body is on its way from Pasadena, where Mr. Cole's death occurred Monday night, to Duluth. Interment will probably be made at Forest Hill cemetery. Many old friends of Mr. Cole from the Iron Ranges, are preparing to attend the last rites.

## MATTSON AND SAARI RELEASED

Gust Saari and Lauri Mattson, accused of assaulting Oscar Helstrom with an axe during a brawl on the Northside Saturday evening were released on furnishing cash bail of \$500 each this morning to insure their appearance at the next term of the district court in Virginia. Both men deny their guilt of the charge and will make a fight. They declare Helstrom was the aggressor in the fight. Attorney Charles Onkka has been retained to defend them.

## VIRGINIA CLUB WILL PROTEST TO COUNTY BOARD

General Indignation in This City Over Appropriation of Only \$50,000 from County Road Fund to the Sixth Commissioner District.

Indicated Tonight's Meeting of Commercial Club Will Be One of the Biggest of the Year; Emphatic Protest Is Planned to the County Commissioners.

From present indications the general indignation evident everywhere over the city since the announcement that the board of county commissioners had appropriated from the county road fund of \$600,000 only \$50,000 for the Sixth commissioner district, will manifest itself tonight in one of the largest meetings of the Virginia Commercial club held this year.

That there will be an emphatic protest and that a committee will be appointed to attend the next meeting of the board and ask for a reconsideration of the appropriation is certain. Business men generally are up in arms as a result of the action of the commissioners last Saturday and they are going County Commissioner Penttila's statement that it was a raw deal, several degrees better. Many openly declare that it was a political job and that the district should not permit it, but should if necessary resort to the courts to secure justice.

County Division Report. The club will also hear tonight a report on the status of the county division bill and will arrange for the sending of a delegation to St. Paul next week to remain until after it has been finally disposed of. The present plan is to send E. J. Larson to St. Paul Monday to remain on the ground. He will later be joined by Mayor Boylan and by other Virginia business men who are interested in county division. President Murphy said this afternoon that besides the county division issue there were a number of other important matters to come before tonight's session of the club.

## TWO GOOD MEN SIGN CONTRACTS

Virginia contracts have been signed by Ed Herian and Lyle Carlin, members of last year's Ashland baseball team. Whether or not they will play in this city remains to be seen, depending on what disposition is made of the Virginia franchise, but it is certain they will play on the Coates & Finch team in the Northern league. Herian is an infielder and catcher. He is the heaviest hitter on the Ashland team and last year earned from the fans the sobriquet of the "Michigan fence buster," making more long and timely drives than any man on the Ashland team. Carlin is also a heavy hitter and a fast infielder. The boys are regarded as two of the most likely recruits signed by the management of the Virginia team so far this season.

## DAIRY HERDS BEING TESTED

City Veterinarian Dr. Guidinger, has begun his annual test of the dairy herds and cows contributing to Virginia's milk supply. The tests so far conducted have been on the Southside of the city of single cows kept by the families of laborers. One cow failed to stand the tuberculin test and was ordered destroyed. The inspection of the large dairy herds adjacent to the city will be undertaken as soon as the city inspection is completed. Besides the various dairy herds nearby there will be inspected herds at towns on the Duluth, Missabe & Northern and on the Canadian Northern at towns shipping large quantities of milk to Virginia daily.

## MINISTER OF SPAIN PROTESTS

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, March 11.—Spanish Minister Riano has informed the state department that four Spaniards have been assassinated in Mexico City and has presented reports of the burning and looting of private residences on the outskirts. He makes a specific request for immediate action on the part of the United States government.

## RIGID INQUIRY INTO SINKING OF THE FRYE

Decision of Neutrality Board Awaited on Problems Arising from Ship's Fate.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

NEWPORT NEWS, March 11.—The Eitel's commander has informed the port collector that he does not intend to interne, but will make repairs and continue his voyage of adventure.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The following statement was issued at the White House today: "President Wilson, when asked regarding the sinking of the American sailing ship, William P. Frye, by the German auxiliary cruiser, Prinz Eitel Fraiderich, said: 'The most searching inquiry will be made and whatever action is taken will be based on the result of that inquiry.'"

Officials are awaiting the decision by the neutrality board of the problems arising from the destruction of the American vessel by the Frederich, now at Newport News, before deciding on what action will be taken.

A report is expected soon from the collector of the port at Norfolk before whom the Frye's master and crew were to appear to tell their story of the vessel's capture and destruction. Meanwhile an immediate decision by the board is looked for on the question of how long the German raider might remain in port and undergo repairs and what disposition is to be made of the more than 300 survivors of the various ships she has captured.

Sunk Second American Ship. Washington, March 11.—The British steamer Charcas, said to have been one of the Eitel's prizes sunk in the South Pacific was American owned, the property of a New York company. She was enroute to New York to take American registry when destroyed.

The neutrality board has made a report which it is understood recommends that the Eitel be permitted to make such repairs as will make her seaworthy, under the supervision of the American naval authorities. If the commander of the Eitel requests it.

The discussion of the sinking of the American vessel, Frye, is taken to foreshadow a strong protest to Germany.

The contention of the German commander that there was contraband aboard the Frye has been set up in other cases, but has never been recognized by the United States as the only justification for such action on the part of a belligerent.

The fact that the Eitel was commanded by German naval officers and was under commission of the German government, and the fact that no lives were lost when the Frye was sunk, have transferred the case from the realm of criminal proceedings under the federal statute under a possible charge of piracy, and makes it the subject of diplomatic negotiations with the object of gaining reparation for the owners, who it is claimed were unfriendly. That the United States will ask damages and an explanation from Germany is regarded as certain.

Eitel Commander Silent. Newport News, March 11.—There is no indication from the commander of the Eitel as to whether he will interne or make repairs and attempt to break through the cordon of the allies warships off the coast. It is generally believed, however, that he will interne.

The crew of the Frye was released from the Eitel late today and brought ashore. Twenty-two arrived, but two of German nationality remained behind and responded to the colors of the fatherland by enlistment.

## MANY CAMPS BREAKING UP

Many of the smaller operators on forest products in the woods to the north of Virginia, are breaking camp this week. Soft weather of the past few days in some sections has completely destroyed the logging roads. The Canadian Northern is again taking crews out of service, after six weeks of winter business in volume unparalleled in the history of the line. The larger concerns using feed roads are still working. Most of them do not plan to suspend until the latter part of this month.

## ENGLISH TROOPS MAKE PROGRESS ON WEST FRONT

Under Cover of French Artillery Fire They Advance and Capture Neube Chappelle, Three Miles from La Bassee; Capture Thousands of Prisoners.

Bombardment of Dandelles Continues With Fire from Turkish Forts Reported As Slackening—Von Hinderberg Makes Another Swift Attack.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.) LONDON, March 11.—Under cover of the fire of the French artillery the British troops have captured Neube Chappelle, three and a half miles north of La Bassee. This success included the taking of thousands of prisoners and several machine guns and is the most considerable advance made in force, it is strategically of the greatest importance as the position commands the roads to La Bassee and Lille.

Paris reports the resumption of the Dardanelles bombardment. It is said that the fire of some of the Turkish batteries under attack slackened perceptibly during the engagement.

Field Marshal Von Hindenberg is making another unexpected and swift attack upon the Russians, apparently intending to strike at Przasny, where the Germans were recently defeated. An important battle is developing.

King Signs Reprisal Measure. The British plan to give effect to the naval reprisal council has been signed by King George. Details of the plan, which is for retaliation for Germany's submarine warfare against British shipping, while not made public, it is said, propose to stop all trade to and from Germany.

## INQUEST TO BE HELD TOMORROW

Assistant County Attorney Richard M. Funck will conduct an inquest over the remains of Louis Brugge at Eveleth tomorrow. Brugge is the man found shot in the boarding house of Tony Schuster at Aurora last Monday morning. The theory of suicide is still strong, but inmates of the boarding house who were in a room directly below that where the body of Brugge was found, declare they heard only one shot fired, while two bullet wounds were found in his body. One had been fired through the head and the other had pierced the heart. Either should have been instantaneously fatal. The evidence of a large number of witnesses will be taken at the Eveleth inquest tomorrow. The body was removed there from Aurora the first of the week.

## ANGORA MAN WANTS HIS BIT

That an Angora merchant is wilfully, maliciously and feloniously fracturing the state law by selling cigarette papers is the startling information contained in a personal letter to Judge Carey of the Virginia municipal court today written by an amateur detective at Angora, who has been taking correspondence school lessons in "shattering and detectin." He tells the judge that if he will split half the fine with him he will promptly file a complaint and see that the Angora merchant is brought to justice and made to pay the price for his negligence.

## ICE GOING OUT OF CURLING RINK

Virginia curlers have a grievance with the weather man. With the Honor Brand trophy still to be contested for and with a consolation event left to play the ice at the local rink is in such condition today that play is impossible and one sheet is being taken out. The stave shooters, however, believe there will be a change in present conditions soon and that there will be sufficient cold weather before the spring break-up to admit of the events unfinished being played off. A second sheet of ice may be taken out tomorrow, but every effort will be made to preserve enough ice to admit of curling the final games, under the present mild weather conditions at the point where it is impossible.