

BUTLER COUNTY CHAMPION DUCK SHOOTER IS SPOOFED

It May Be Just As Well for Dick to Stay Away from Missouri for a While.

Well, "Big Slim" of Butler, Mo., is "offen" Dick Von Frank of Hammond for life.

It happened while Richard was home for the holidays. Down around Butler where the Hammond man was born and raised "Big Slim" has the reputation of being the champion duck hunter. The morning after Christmas Dick and his brother went duck hunting and came back with a poor showing.

"Huh," said "Big Slim" scornfully, "you don't know how to shoot. I'll go over'n hill did you expect to get a duck with that 'ere pop gun'?"

So it was arranged that Dick, his brother and "Slim" would go duck hunting early next day. All evening "Big Slim" sat with his feet in the oven and

told about his prowess as a duck hunter until he went to sleep and his awed audience opened a window.

The Mischief Starts.

It was after Slim had hit the hay, mumbling something about, "I'll get you some ducks," that Dick and his brother began their labors. They worked through the night operating on every shell that Slim possessed, cutting them open, extracting the shot, stuffing them with cotton and putting them back together again.

Dawn came and the three started out. They reached the river where all except the channel was ice. Above they heard the wild chorus of a great flock of ducks that suddenly performed a tail spin and shot down towards the water.

Slim confidently raised his big modern shot gun.

A hundred ducks were within easy range, presenting a target as big as a barn.

BANG! BANG!

Slim gazed in astonishment. Not a duck fell. Dick and his brother shot and were rewarded with the slaughter of as many ducks as one man could carry.

Something Wrong Somewhere.

Slim tried it again and again. He became silent about his skill and wore a troubled air. The others killed ducks until they had enough.

"Gosh straight. Gee whiz. Gosh. Gosh. Gosh," Slim kept saying to himself.

"Try and see if you can hit that log, Slim," said Dick in a sympathetic tone of voice.

Slim tried and failed.

Back at the farm house the kidding finally drove "Big Slim" to the barn for the balance of the day where he applied rustic corn words to the stock and kicked corn cobs all over the place. It was next day after a sleepless night of puzzled meditation that Slim had an inspiration. He took from his carriage belt a shell and opened it. He found it contained only powder and cotton.

Dick and his brother had gone out of reach of Slim's wrath backed by six foot two inches of Missouri muscle.

BELLANS
FOR INDIGESTION
6 BELLANS
Hot Water
Sure Relief

DANIELS IS NOT IN ACCORD

[By United Press.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Radical differences between Secretary Daniels and naval officers on naval organization developed out of Daniels' appearance before the house naval committee today.

Daniels' suggestion on transfer of reserve officers to the permanent navy on the authorization of permanent naval strength varied greatly from those made by officers. The committee with the exception of Britten, Illinois, indicated agreement with Daniels.

Daniels read to the committee a proposed bill to transfer 1,000 reserve officers to the permanent force.

To get this transfer the reserves will have to undergo a strict examination, Daniels said. Daniels' proposal differed from that of officers who asked for limited transfers. He also differed with officers on the permanent enlisted strength, which he said should be increased. Officers recommended an increase from about 130,000, present strength, to 217,000. Daniels' plans will necessitate employment of 60,000 reserves up to June 30, 1919.

"I don't believe it wise now to fix a permanent strength for the navy more than fixed in the last bill," Daniels said. Reading a report by Admiral Rodman, charging the men were "packed in like sardines aboard ship," the secretary declared he believed that battle ships can be operated with smaller complements. He recommended a study and investigation by a board of admirals.

Thirty battleships will probably be kept in full commission, Daniels said, and most of the 240 destroyers now completed and being built will be kept in full commission.

NEWSPAPERS HIT HARD IN WARTIME

"Freedom of Speech and of Press Are First Essentials of Liberty."

[Special To The Times.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Republican Publicity association, through its president, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., recently gave out the following statement from its Washington headquarters:

"No other business has been hit harder by the war than the newspaper business, particularly in the smaller cities and country towns. The large metropolitan papers have probably suffered least. During 1917, more than 1,200 publications went out of business. After making allowance for new papers started, it appears that there was a net loss of sixty-two dailies and 569 weeklies."

"The mortality statistics for 1918 will probably show an even greater loss for the shortage of paper, the increasing cost of all kinds of supplies, and the higher wages, together with the heavy call upon newspaper men for military service, have been more severe this year than last."

And one of the serious features of the situation is that the people of the country probably do not realize that the most valuable portion of the press has sustained the greatest loss. Under popular government the country press, including not only country weeklies, but the smaller dailies, is the real voice of the people. Editors of large metropolitan papers do not have and cannot have the close touch with the people that is a necessary incident of the life of the country editor. Just as Washington, D. C., is the poorest place in the country to get a line on the political thought of the nation, so the big city newspaper office is the poorest place to get correct picture of the national thought, either through the press or otherwise. The people of the United States should realize this, and should see to it that whatever else happens the country press shall be maintained.

"Freedom of speech and of the press is the first essential of a republican form of government, for the representatives of the people cannot know the thoughts and aspirations and desires of their constituents unless voiced through the mediumship of the local press to the mediumship of the editor's interpretation of the views of his community."

"The country press, including the smaller dailies, represents the producing element of our national life. The large metropolitan press represents the commercial factors. Just as production is the first essential of permanent prosperity, so the maintenance of that portion of the press that speaks for the producers is most important."

"The metropolitan press has its place in our national life and nobody wishes it ill. The fact remains, however, that the vital interests of the nation are most promptly and most clearly represented and the thought of the people most freely and most courageously voiced by the country press. The people of the country may not see it now, but they will some day realize that the large preponderance of suspensions among the weekly publications is a menace to national welfare."

DeLuxe Theatre

TODAY
DOROTHY GISH
in
THE HOPE CHEST
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—WEDNESDAY—
CHAS. RAY
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The Family Skeleton
Strand Comedy and Chester Outing.

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265 MICHIGAN AVENUE
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PHONE 1490.

EBERT IS ILL.

[UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.]
ZURICH, Dec. 31.—Chancellor Ebert is seriously ill, a Berlin dispatch reported today. He may be replaced by Herr Noske, former governor of Kiel, whose appointment to the new German ministry was recently announced.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

It has been Hammond's most prosperous year in a business way with everybody employed at good wages. But it has been a year of sadness in many homes where mothers mourn for boys who gave their lives for the country or where the ravages of the influenza have left sorrow. Hundreds of new graves at Oak Hill cemetery testify to the heavy toll of influenza and pneumonia and evidence of the fact that the flu has not left the community can be seen in the column of death notices today.

DON'T FUSS WITH MUSTARD PLASTERS!

Musterole Works Easier, Quicker and Without the Blister

There's no sense in mixing a mess of mustard, flour and water when you can easily relieve pain, soreness or stiffness with a little clean, white Musterole.

Musterole is made of pure oil of mustard and other helpful ingredients, combined in the form of the present white ointment. It takes the place of out-of-date mustard plasters, and will not blister. Musterole usually gives prompt relief from sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, head ache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosted feet, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).

30c and 60c jars; hospital size \$2.50.

MUSTEROLE
WILL NOT BLISTER

The Year Old and The Year New

WE think it well to begin the New Year by expressing our appreciation of the good will and patronage extended to us during the past year.

Our relations with our customers have never been so satisfactory as during the past twelve months.

We have tried as never before to promote the interests of those who trade with us, and we have substantial evidence that our efforts have not been in vain.

In the coming year we shall maintain to highest standards of pharmacy, the highest quality of goods, the finest possible service, and, as in the past, place the interests of our customers above our own, believing that in the long run we thus promote our own interests best.

Thanking all our friends and customers for favors shown, we extend to each our kindest regards and our best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

Summers Pharmacy
Prescription Specialists
HOHMAN ST. NEAR STATE.
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PHONES 1420-1421-28.

Only One "Bromo Quinine"

To get the results you want, use **LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS**. Look for signature of **E. W. GROVE**. Cures a Cold in One Day. 30c—Adv.

THE POLICE HAD KEPT IT QUIET

[By United Press.]
MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 31.—Following the announcement here yesterday by local newspapers that furs and other articles of women's apparel valued at \$2,000 had been stolen from the G. W. Gates & Co. cloak house last Friday night, newspapermen today learned that thirty battleships will probably be kept in full commission, Daniels said, and most of the 240 destroyers now completed and being built will be kept in full commission.

ITALIAN CASUALTIES.

[UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.]
ROME, Dec. 31.—Italian casualties totaled nearly 2,000,000 according to official figures made public today. These included:

Killed on Italian fronts, officers, 18,362; men, 443,085.

Wounded, officers, 69,749; men, 1,357,251.

On other fronts: Officers and men killed, 7,000; wounded, 15,196.

BOLSHEVIKS GAIN.

[UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.]
LONDON, Dec. 31.—Capture of thirteen towns, four villages and an important section of railway by Bolshevik forces was reported in a wireless dispatch from Moscow.

THE TIMES' FINANCIAL COLUMN

December 31.

VEAL—50-60 lbs., 17@19c; 60-80 lbs., 19@20c; 90-110 lbs., 20@21c; fancy, 22@23c; heavy-weight kidneys, 12@13c; coarse, 12c.

POTATOES—Cars, 25: Wis.-Minn., \$1.75@1.85.

CHICAGO GRAIN FUTURES.

CORN—

December	1.64
January	1.42 1/2
February	1.37 1/2
March	1.31 1/2
May	1.25

OATS—

December	.69
January	.65 1/2
February	.63 1/2
March	.61 1/2
May	.57 1/2

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

HOGS—Receipts, 67,000; market, lower—

Rough	\$15.70@16.80
Light	16.90@17.80
Pigs	14.50@15.50
Butcher	17.45@17.85
Packing	16.85@17.65

CATTLE—Receipts, 25,000; market, dull—

Heaves	\$ 9.75@10.75
Cows	8.25@14.75
Stockers-feeders	7.50@10.75
Canners	7.25@ 8.25
Calves	13.50@14.00
Butchers	8.25@14.75

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

BUTTER—Creamery extras, 66 1/2c; creamery firsts, 65 1/2c@64c; firsts, 61c; 65c; seconds, 55@56c.

EGGS—Ordinary, 59@60c; firsts, 62@63 1/2c.

LIVE POULTRY—Fowls, 25@31c; ducks, 32c; geese, 27 1/2c; spring, 37c; turkeys, 35c.

UNION WATCH SERVICES.

Union watch services are to be held this evening at the First Presbyterian church. The church choir will sing and Rev. Squires, secretary of the Calumet Ministerial Association is to preach.

STEAMER ASHORE.

[UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.]
LONDON, Dec. 31.—The American steamer Lake Weston is ashore west of the Nash Lighthouse, according to a Lloyd's dispatch. She is said to be in a critical condition.

GARY SCHOOL OFFICER SENDS A WARNING

"I would urge therefore that the people continue to give generous support to their schools of all grades and that the schools adjust themselves as wisely as possible to the new conditions to the end that no boy or girl shall have less opportunity for education because of the war and that the Nation may be strengthened as it can only be through the right education of all its people"—President Wilson.

During the war there has been a tendency to evade the school law both by parents and employers. During the influenza ban many children have been employed who are under fourteen and many over fourteen without certificates.

In accordance with the recommendations of President Wilson and in compliance with the State primary school law we shall endeavor to secure the attendance of all children at once. It is the duty of the parents not only to send their children to school but to see that they arrive there. Then the school will be responsible for them for the day. Proprietors of all stores, restaurants, laundries or other places employing children are warned to comply with the law and all cases of violation will be prosecuted without further notice.

J. B. SLEEZER,
Attendance Officer Gary Public Schools.

NO DEATHS OR ARRESTS IN GARY

The last day of the year up to eleven o'clock found Gary without a single death or arrest of evil doers within its corporation, an unusual coincidence, but the chief of police, Glen Rambo, accounts for it with the statement "that it's most always calm before the storm" and the undertakers are saying, "Guess the 'flu' flew away."

Lake County's work is not done till she has bought more W. S. S.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR GARY

The closing of the Gary General hospital at Gary, will necessitate the building of a new hospital in Gary. Is the statement given out by A. M. Fisher head of the General hospital building committee and funds and work looking toward its erection will be pushed to the limit and actual construction will be commenced in the late spring or early summer of 1919.

"We feel sure that the new hospital will be under way of construction before the end of next summer," Mr. Fisher said. "At the present time we have several plausible plans under

INTERNATIONAL COURT.

[UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.]
LONDON, Dec. 31.—Establishment of a permanent international court to adjust employment conditions as part of

Get Rid of That Persistent Cough

Stop that weakening, persistent cough or cold, threatening throat or lung affection, with **Robins' Alternative**, the tonic and upbuilder of 20 years' successful use. 50c and \$1.50 bottles from druggists, or from **ROCKMAN LABORATORY**, Philadelphia—Adv.

TO LATE TOO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Cashier; steady reliable girl. Pastime theater, 165 State st., Hammond.

LOST—Diamond shape brooch, with diamond set, valued as keep sake. Phone 1230R, Hammond.

FOUND—Automobile lamp; owner may have same by calling Humphreys Bros. grocery and paying for this adv.

FOR RENT—Furnished sleeping room, heated. 25 Mason st., Phone Hammond 3024.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. They are sold with Blue Ribbon. Make no other. Buy of your Druggist. **DIAMOND BRAND PILLS** are the only pills known as Best. Always Reliable. **SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE**

GARY STREET BY CO. TO HAVE NEW CARS

Superintendent Phillips has returned from St. Louis where he went last Thursday to supervise the shipment of ten new cars to be placed in running on the Gary Street Railway company system at Gary.

The ten new motor cars were ordered shipped for Gary last Saturday and all of the ten cars are expected to reach Gary in a week or ten days when they will all be put in running operation on the Buchanan street line and other lines of the system.

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Also good comedy.

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A special feature for the children in five reels. Also good comedy.

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IN
Blood of the Forefathers
11 reels.

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