

## GERMANS ADVANCE AT SEVERAL POINTS

(American Press)  
Berlin, Dec. 29.—Today's reports throw little light on the general situation, although minor gains are reported against the Russians in Poland. There, it is stated, the German lines have been advanced at a number of points on the lower Vistula river.

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—Russian forces, according to advices received from Galicia, have succeeded in crossing the Biala river and in taking possession of a twenty-mile strip of territory south of Tuchow, thereby separating the two Austrian armies. The forces of General Boehm-Ermoli, the Austrian commander, are reported by the Russians to be retreating precipitately and the Western Austrian army is said to be crippled severely.

London, Dec. 29.—The investment by the Russians of the Austrian fortress of Cracow again has been raised, a Petrograd dispatch says. Following an attempt made by the Austrians to divide the Russian forces in Galicia the Russians retreated eastward fifty miles.

The initiative in military operations apparently has been left for the time being to the airmen. Aerial raids across the English channel to the Lower Thames, over Freiburg, Nancy, Metz and Sochaczew, Poland, and on the German naval base at Cuxhaven, inflicted considerable damage in the aggregate.

Details of the Cuxhaven expedition still are lacking and although Berlin asserts that the British aviators accomplished nothing it is said in Hamburg that some damage was done. It is evident, however, that the heavy fog prevented the British from carrying out fully their plans.

Activity on land and sea apparently is diminishing. Even in Russian Poland the fighting is becoming less severe, without a decision having been reached. Vienna admits that the Austrians have been compelled to give ground before the Galician Carpathians and in Berlin, it is said, the German attacks along the Bzura river, west of Warsaw, have ceased. Petrograd reports only artillery fire in this region.

North of the Vistula river in Poland, where Miawa was recaptured by the Germans last week, the invaders seem to have made little progress. In Southern Poland, where the German right wing joins the Austrian left wing, there has been some fierce fighting, with slight gains for the Teutonic allies, judging from the reports coming from Berlin and Vienna.

Allies' Onslaught Checked.  
In the western theater of the war the onslaught of the allies would seem to have been checked by the counter attack of the Germans. French troops during the last three days have made minor advances, according to the official statements given out in Paris, but apparently not at the same rate of speed as chronicled a fortnight ago. With the exception of the capture of certain Anglo-Indian trenches near the Tys last week, most of which the allies claim to have recaptured, the efforts of the Germans to send back the allied line appear, in the opinion of British observers, to have been generally abortive.

The French official statement concedes the loss of a section of trenches at a point south of Ypres, while Berlin advises tell of the taking of these trenches and several dozen prisoners. The French claim advances in Belgium have brought the allies to the foot of the sand dunes west of Lombaertye, on which the Germans have established their line of resistance.

In the region of Lens, the French say, 800 yards of first line trenches were occupied. Artillery fighting in the region of the Aisne and in Champagne, particularly around Rheims and Perthes, is chronicled. The French claim progress on the heights of the Meuse and the repulse of a German counter attack to the northwest of Stenbach, in Upper Alsace.

In the Vosges the Germans bombarded the railroad station of St. Die. Berlin claims repulses of attacks northwest of Arras, southeast of Verdun and west of Senheim, and says the naval bombardment of German positions on the coast resulted in the killing of several inhabitants of West-ende.

Mild weather is impeding the progress of heavy guns.

London, Dec. 29.—"The raid of British warships and aeroplanes upon the German naval base and the dropping of bombs upon Cuxhaven may be regarded as England's answer to the threats of Admiral von Tirpitz."

This was the statement of a government official here. All England is elated as a result of the success of the British squadron in entering the waters of the heretofore dreaded Helgoland. It is generally believed that the bombs dropped by the naval aviators did more damage than the Germans' care to admit.

"Von Tirpitz threatened with words to attempt to starve out England by establishing a submarine patrol and torpedoing merchant ships," the official declared. "Deeds are better than words. The raid made upon Cuxhaven speaks for itself."

## PRINCE EITEL FRIEDRICH

Kaiser's Second Son Is Being Urged for Throne of Hungary.



The candidature of Prince Eitel Friedrich, second son of the Kaiser, for the throne of Hungary is certainly being energetically pushed by Germany. It has been put about in Hungary that the name Eitel is merely the modern form of Attila. This naturally, according to German reasoning, marks out the holder of the name as hereditary claimant to the independent throne which, it is forecasted, will be one of the results of this war for Hungary.

## FAST CONTEST EXPECTED

Minneapolis Independents to Meet "Big Bemidji" on Armory Basketball Floor This Evening.

## COMPRISED OF COLLEGE STARS

"Big Bemidji" will meet one of the state's best basketball quintets when the Minneapolis Independents play at the Armory this evening. The visitors are making a tour of the state, playing only organizations which have claims on the championship and figure on returning to the Mill City with the distinction of having eliminated the local boys from the race for the national championship.

Comprised entirely of players who have university and college reputations, the Independents will present a formidable lineup when they tackle the Bemidji five.

But with the championship as their goal the local athletes will enter the contest with a determination to win, and if greeted by defeat it will follow one of the hardest fought contests ever played here.

## MOVE BATTLE FROM BORDER

General Scott Reaches Agreement With Mexican Factions.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The plan proposed by Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff United States army, for the prevention of firing into American territory along the Mexican border has been agreed to by all factions, according to an unofficial word received by Secretary Bryan.

It provides that General Hill of the Carranza forces should abandon Naco and be permitted to go unmolested to Agua Prieta. General Maytorena, who has withdrawn his forces southward from Naco, would agree not to occupy Naco. Sonora would thenceforth become absolutely neutral.

## Sheriff in St. Paul

Andrew Johnson, sheriff of Beltrami county, is spending today in St. Paul on official matters.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Otto Johnson, last evening, a son. Mr. Johnson is in charge of the school farm.

For motorists who smoke, a new electric torch is equipped with a cigar lighter in one side.

## NEW BANK AT SPOONER

Julian Peterson, Bemidji Boy, to Be Its Cashier.

With Julian Peterson, a former Bemidji boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Peterson, Jr., as its cashier, the State Bank of Spooner will open its doors on the first day of January. The bank is organized with a capital of \$10,000, and Julian, at present with the Spooner Security State bank, which is moving to Baudette, is to be the cashier of the new institution. He is the principal stockholder, and his brother Garnet and other citizens of International Falls and a number of Spooner citizens, also have stock in it.

## BEMIDJI MEN TO ATTEND

Expected That This City Will Be Represented at Meeting Held to Organize Potato Growers' Association.

## MEANS MUCH FOR INDUSTRY

When the University Farm conference is called at St. Paul on January 7, the purpose being to organize a State Potato Growers' association, Bemidji will be represented, it is expected.

Bueford M. Gile, the Bemidji agriculturist, who has been in communication with R. S. Mackintosh, special committee chairman, today received a letter in which he was asked to name a list of Bemidji business men and farmers who are interested in the proposition that information and programs concerning the conference might be sent them.

Potato problems will be discussed at the meeting, and the advisability of the organization of a growers' association, similar to the one now in operation in Wisconsin, will be brought up. The neighboring state association has done much during the past three years toward the standardizing of the potato crop and is now working on the establishment of proper grades that will suit the market conditions.

As the potato industry here is of vast importance to the farmer, it is urged that Bemidji be represented at the meeting.

## SUFFRAGE FORCES GATHER

Many Prominent Women to Watch Debate in Congress.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The fight in behalf of the adoption by congress of a constitutional amendment to extend suffrage to women took on additional interest with the arrival here of many prominent woman suffragists. They plan to be on hand during the debate in the house on the proposed amendment and to attend the annual meeting of the congressional union for woman suffrage on Jan. 10.

Chairman Henry of the house rules committee plans to report a rule to provide for discussion on a resolution on submission of the proposed constitutional amendment to the state legislature within a few days.

The suffrage fight in the house is expected to rival in interest the contest over the prohibition constitutional amendment.

## WAR ENDS IN \$90,000 FIRE

East Grand Forks Buildings Proposed for Saloons Are Burned.

East Grand Forks, Minn., Dec. 29.—A \$90,000 fire loss was suffered here when five buildings adjoining the principal pedestrian bridge across Red river were destroyed. The fire was caused by an overheated furnace. Part of the bridge connecting Grand Forks and East Grand Forks also was destroyed.

The buildings destroyed have long been in controversy in a local factional fight, the East Grand Forks council having refused to grant saloon licenses to occupants of the structures.

## Brother is Ill

Miss Elizabeth Murphy, deputy register of deeds, and her brother James, were called to Baudette by the serious illness of their brother John, last evening. John is a Koochiching county homesteader and was taken to Baudette following a serious attack of appendicitis. His condition is critical.

Rock from which Portland cement can be made has been discovered in the Philippines.

## STATE HAS RIGHT TO 65,000 ACRES

Auditor Iverson, in Last Official Report, Says Minnesota Deserves Much Land on Federal Patent.

## HAS 10,100 MILES OF DITCHES

Have Cost \$13,697,000 and Benefited 7,182,000 Acres—Asks Legislature To Provide Survey.

There is no problem of the state's development more important than that of drainage and the fact that reclamation in Beltrami county is fitting for agriculture such a vast number of acres, makes it doubly interesting here. According to Samuel G. Iverson, in his last official report as state auditor, Minnesota, a pioneer in the matter of state drainage operations, expended \$13,697,000 in the construction of 10,100 miles of drainage ditches for the reclamation of 7,182,000 acres of fertile land.

After serving twelve years as auditor and eight years as deputy auditor and four years as accountant in the office, Mr. Iverson retires January 4, at which time he will complete thirty-four years of public service, covering in addition to the positions named, six years as postmaster of Rushford and four years as deputy state treasurer.

## Asks for a Survey.

In his closing message he urges the legislature to provide a complete survey of the lakes in the Iron ranges to obtain permanent evidence for future use to provide that the removal of ore under lake beds without authority from the state shall constitute a crime; to prohibit the draining of any lake without authority from the state; to make arrangements for the mining of ore beds under meandering lakes. This matter he declares to be of extraordinary importance, for, in his opinion, the value of such ore deposits will run into tens of millions of dollars.

## Has Right to 65,000 Acres.

Mr. Iverson devotes considerable space to a discussion of the swamp land grants by the federal government. He says that, according to government records, Minnesota is entitled to federal patent on 65,000 acres. The federal government, he further declares, erred in conveying swamp lands to railroads and tracts aggregating 1,156,585 acres to homesteaders. While it would be impossible to obtain these precise lands, he urges that steps be taken to induce the federal government to give other lands in their place. Furthermore, the state, in his opinion, is entitled to 24,100 acres of swamp land on the White Earth reservation and about 25,000 acres on the Mississippi-Chippewa reservation.

The controversy between the state and the interior department over the possession of lands on the Indian reservations has been in progress for eleven years with such success on the part of the state that Minnesota has obtained patents to 121,599 acres. The remainder should be obtained without delay, he contends.

## State Receipts \$22,680,208.

The total receipts of the state for 1914 were \$22,680,208, of which \$7,100,000 was derived from direct taxation, \$9,081,000 from gross earnings taxes and miscellaneous sources and the remainder from the sale of state lands, and timber, iron ore royalties and the sale of certificates of indebtedness.

The investments of permanent trust funds of the state, namely, the permanent school fund, the permanent university fund, the swamp land fund and the international improvement fund on August 1, aggregated \$20,923,996 and are growing rapidly. The increase for 1914, for instance, was about \$3,500,000.

Although the finances of the state are reported in excellent condition, Mr. Iverson urges the state to lead in economy as the figures of his office show that not only the state but the municipalities are increasing their expenditures out of reasonable proportion to the increase in population or assessed valuation. He cites that in 1902 the average rate of taxation throughout the state was 24.3 mills,

## TO SHIP ANOTHER CAR.

More Cattle Will Be Sent to St. Paul Market By Farmers.

For the third time during the past several weeks a car of cattle will be sent to the St. Paul stock yards by Bemidji farmers next Saturday. Bueford M. Gile, who superintends the shipments, as the representative of the Business Men's association, announced this morning that there is still room for several more head and urges that others who desire to include cattle so notify him at once. W. G. Schroeder will accompany the car to St. Paul. Sales of other cars brought the farmers more than \$2,000.

## WANT ORDER SUSPENDED

Great Northern Moves to Prevent the Restoration of Duluth-Bemidji-Grand Forks Sunday Train.

## EXPECT COURT DECISION TODAY

Assistant Attorney General Edgeron expects that a decision will be announced today on the motion made by the Great Northern railway's counsel, M. L. Countryman, Saturday, that the order of the state railroad and warehouse commission directing the restoration of Sunday passenger service between Duluth, Bemidji and East Grand Forks, be stayed until the case can be heard on its merits in the regular course of business.

The deputy attorney general, accompanied by Commissioners Mills, Elmquist and Jacobson appeared before District Judge William Leo Kelly on the appeal of the railway from the commissions order. Counsel Countryman promptly asked that the road be allowed to disregard the order as affecting last Sunday, alleging that as the public could not have sufficient notice for a restoration of the service there would be no patronage. To this the court consented.

Then the railway through its attorney made the formal motion that the order be stayed until the appeal could be decided. The state, through the deputy attorney general, on behalf of the railroad board and the complainants in Duluth and towns and cities westward to East Grand Forks argued against the holding up of the order.

## FIRE FIGHTERS MEET

Election of Officers Will Take Place This Evening.

With election of officers and other matters of importance up for settlement, it is expected that a large attendance will be had at the meeting of the Bemidji Volunteer Fire department which will be held in the council chambers of the City hall this evening. Because of the basketball game, announced Scott Stewart, secretary of the department, the meeting will be called to order at 7:45 sharp. Firemen should remember that the "ghost" walks tonight.

## Read the Review.

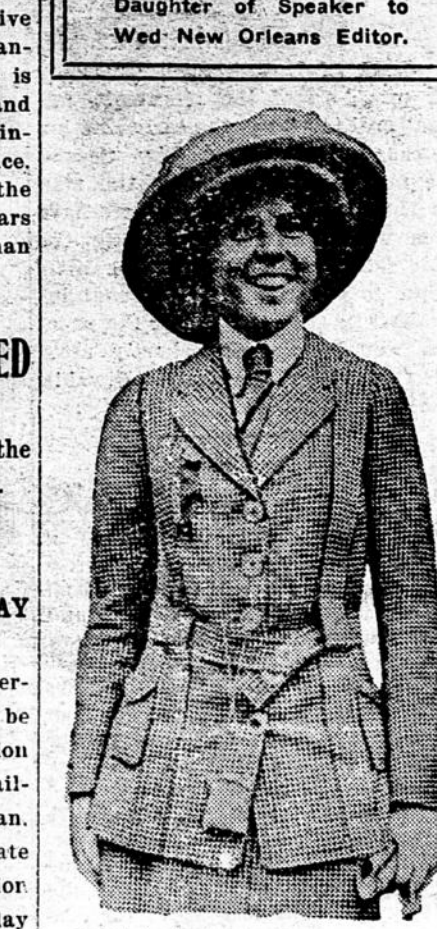
On the last page of this issue will be found a cartoon review of 1914. The cartoon is the work of "Hop," author of the Scoop series and is worth your inspection. Read the review.

While in 1914 with double the assessed valuation, the average rate was 33.4 mills.

"Since 1866 we have expended up to July 31, 1914, for new state buildings the sum of \$27,317,855.73. Of that sum, \$14,513,262.72, or more than half, was expended during the last ten years. Not parsimony but intelligent economy is needed. Every legitimate demand for the wards of the state should be promptly met, but beyond that it is time to pause in erecting new buildings. We need a rousing revival of old fashioned economy and the state should lead in this movement."

## BEMIDJI MERCHANTS TO CONDUCT GIGANTIC JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

MISS GENEVIEVE CLARK.  
Daughter of Speaker to Wed New Orleans Editor.



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The engagement of Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of Speaker and Mrs. Champ Clark, to James M. Thompson, editor of the New Orleans Item, is announced. The wedding will probably take place in the spring or early summer. Thompson was one of the leaders in the 1912 fight to nominate Speaker Clark for president and he met Miss Clark at that time.

## CONCERT THIS EVENING

Excellent Program Arranged for Band Entertainment Which is to Be Given in City Hall.

## OLLIE NELSON TO BE SOLOIST

With Ollie Neilson and Alden Remfrey as soloists, the December concert of the Bemidji band will be played in the City hall this evening. The program as announced by Director Remfrey, is of much excellence and should prove the best entertainment of the winter season.

Immediately following the concert a dance will be given, for which a small admission charge will be made. There is no charge for the concert and a large number should be in attendance.

## The program follows:

1. March—Temple of Youth..... Wheeler
2. Medley Overture—Bits of Remick's Hits, No. 14.....Lampe
3. Serenade—The Moonbeam's Pale..... Ripley
4. Waltz—Leaves of Autumn..... Stickney
5. Vocal Solo—Selected..... Ollie Neilson
6. Intermezzo—Carnation Johnson
7. Idyl—In the Alps.....Brandt
8. Violin solo—Selected..... A. Remfrey
9. Overture—The New Era.....Heed
10. March—Strong Arm.....Johnson

## INSTALLS NEW REFRIGERATOR

Stewart's Grocery Equipped With Modern Vegetable Cooler.

One of the latest model Crystal Vegetable refrigerators has just been installed at Stewart's grocery. It is an attractive fixture, being made of white enameled steel, with large glass windows. There are five aluminum shelves, the top one, in which the ice is kept, being enclosed. Vegetables of all kinds are placed on the shelves, and the cooled air, together with the drippings of the ice, keep the contents in an absolutely fresh condition.

The vacuum principle is used in a South Carolina inventor's machine for picking cotton which can be carried on a man's back.

Dates Will Soon Be Announced and Co-operative Movement Will Bring All Sales During Same Period.

## CONSUMER TO BE BENEFITED

Will Be Given Advantage of Larger Selection—Plan a Great Success in Other Cities.

That Bemidji is fast coming to the front in the retail mercantile business is evidenced by the fact that its retail stores have during the past year co-operated to such an extent that they have commanded the attention of the buying public from far and near, and as a result are enjoying the distinction of being classed among the leaders in the retail business of the northwest.

To still further encourage the confidence of the public they are making great preparations now for a tremendous co-operative January clearance sale, the opening date of which is to be about January 9. That such a movement will attract wide attention is a certainty, and indications are that hundreds of out of town people will be attracted by announcements to be made by Bemidji stores.

## During Same Period.

A January clearance sale is an event which has already been so strongly impressed upon the public that it is looked forward to with considerable interest. Now on top of this regularly inaugurated event, our Bemidji stores come forward with the startling announcement that instead of each store conducting its sale on some certain date, all will unite upon a date and hold their sales during the same period, yet conduct them separately.

This new plan should be of vital importance to both the consumer and retailer, as it gives the consumer a wider range of selection and secures for the retailer a much larger outside patronage. The consumer is also given the advantage of competitive prices during the sale period heretofore unknown and it gives them positive assurance that Bemidji merchants will do just exactly as they advertise. In fact, they could not under the conditions do anything else.

## A Great Success.

In cities much older than Bemidji, where this method of semi-annual clearance sales are conducted, the plan has worked out beautifully and proved advantageous to all interested, especially the consumer. In fact, some cities refer to these events as a semi-annual celebration at which time free dinners are provided visitors who shop at local stores and various forms of entertainment given during the sale period. The city streets are decorated with banners and bunting as well as the store fronts and windows.

## Welcomed by Citizens.

The suggestion of co-operative semi-annual clearance sales was made at the last meeting of the Merchants' association, but it was not dreamed that the movement would be begun this early and the idea will no doubt be welcomed by our citizens.

The stores which have already signified intention of entering are O'Leary-Bowser company; Schneider Bros. company clothing store; Gill Bros. clothing store; the Bazaar store; The Leader, and Schneider Bros. company ready-to-wear store. Others who believe the plan a good one are asked to co-operate, as it is desirable that all merchants enter into this big, booming trading festival.

## PECK INJURED; NOT TO PLAY

Trafton Will Be Shifted From Guard to Center in Game Tonight.

When Bemidji meets the clever Minneapolis Independents tonight the team will be without the services of Glenn Peck, center. Peck, who is one of the quint's most reliable players and a hard worker, was injured in practice last evening, his ankle being sprained. Trafton will be played at center in the game tonight, being shifted from guard, in which position he starred in the Little Falls games of last week, while Bell and Miller will alternate at guard. It is expected that the change will not materially weaken the strength of the quint, but will interfere with its teamwork. Peck will be able to perform in the St. Cloud games.

For copying documents a process has been invented which makes photographs directly on paper without the use of a negative.

An Englishman has invented a machine which splits the most knotty remnants of wood into evenly sized kindlings.

## SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



## Scoop Is Waiting For Summer For His



## By "HOP"



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