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According to the Bemidji Herald a "Ford for President" club has been started in Bemidji with over 100 members.

James Gray and George Authier keep up their reputation as clever fiction writers, as their Washington correspondence show.

Strange that Ford is a fool now—and yet it is only a few months ago that the president called him to Washington to consult as to the state of the country.

John Burke again went after the Minneapolis Federal reserve bank in his speech to the grain growers. It will be wiser to answer his statements about discrimination against farmers, than to call his remarks "bunk."

S. G. Iverson is officially in the field for governor, and it may as well be admitted that he would be if nominated a most formidable candidate. It is, however, a long, long way to nomination under existing circumstances with so many after the nomination.

A lot of the talk about hyphenated Americans is just nonsense. It is disgusting to see so much fuss and feathers about it in the republican press of the twin cities, a press which was largely instrumental in making the hyphen a factor in Minnesota politics.

Evidently misinformation was sent out of Washington as to Congressman Lindbergh's vote on speaker. It was stated that when Lindbergh's name was called on the vote he answered "present." The congressional record shows that he voted for Mann, the republican floor leader.

Under a Washington headline, the papers say that Dan W. Lawler is being seriously considered for the post of ambassador to Chile—and that National Committeeman F. B. Lynch, his bitter enemy, gives his endorsement. We wouldn't be surprised at the latter statement. Lynch would have Dan sojourner in a good deal warmer place than Chile but even the distance of the South American country would be most refreshing to the national committeeman.

The Minneapolis Journal Washington correspondent says that a prominent democrat—not of Minnesota—attended the meeting of the democratic national committee, holding a proxy for the express purpose of fighting F. B. Lynch if the latter's name was proposed for chairman, on the ground that the national committeeman had not supported Mr. Lawler when that well known democrat was the regular democratic candidate for senator. We are surprised that any importance should be attached. It has never been denied that Mr. Lynch supported Congressman Stevens quite regularly. It is also a fact that many of the federal appointees in this state didn't know they were democrats till Wilson was elected. The administration has been advised of all this, we suppose, and we don't think it makes much difference. The party fealty cry is only brought up now when it is to the interest of someone to use it for an excuse when other reasons are lacking.

We really don't think the metropolitan press would abuse Ford so much if they didn't fear that perhaps after all his expedition will help the cause of peace. To publish cartoons representing Ford as a foolish clown, as the Minneapolis Journal did, and to publish an article from a Detroit paper criticising him, as the Tribune did, makes little difference to the average citizen, who long ago ceased being influenced by the editorial columns of the metropolitan press. The Detroit paper says that Ford never had the advantage of a school or college education. That is unfortunate, but it is also true of Abraham Lincoln. Our belief is that Ford knew well enough the storm of ridicule and abuse he would receive, but that he felt it could easily make the sacrifice if it helped to concentrate people's minds on the idea of peace. Before peace comes, it must be in the popular mind in place of war. If the Ford expedition helps the cause it will be worth all the ridicule and abuse.

Mankato Review: Irving Cobb is to be credited with the discovery that the first man who wrote it Xmas was the father of a family and the X stood for a ten dollar bill.

Itasca County Independent: Funny thing about that—some of our merchants urges us to do our Christmas shopping early, and then they put off their Christmas advertising until the last minute.

St. Cloud Journal-Press: It is going to take a man of governor size to defeat W. S. Hammond, and as between Hammond and some of the men seeking the republican nomination, we have no hesitancy in saying that we should favor Hammond. Let us have either a good republican or a good democrat for governor, and relegate the fence riders and the bronchos to private life.

Litchfield News-Leader: What will the big plants do for employment in the way of manufacturing ammunition and arms after this war is over if they cannot fool this government into spending millions for national defense? We do not blame them for working the graft if they can make it win; but we do blame congress and the tax payers if they allow themselves to be thus bamboozled.

"CHRISTMAS FIRE DANGER DOUBLED THIS YEAR," SAYS STATE FIRE MARSHAL

"The danger of Christmas fires this year is increased two-fold because of the double holiday—Saturday, December 25, and Sunday, the 26th," says Robert W. Hargadine, state fire marshal.

Therefore, this department urges that extra precautions be taken by all the merchants in Minnesota to prevent an outbreak of fire, which is always inherent with the Christmas season, because of the nature of decorations used and the augmented crowds in the stores.

Many mercantile establishments lend themselves to this Christmas hazard by using inflammable decorations. The merchant is urged to look well to this, because holiday fires in stores are usually holocausts—a match, a gas flame or an electrical defect may cost many lives and result in a mercantile sacrifice altogether inexorable. Reports on file in this department show that Christmas disasters are decreasing in number. This is due to the friendly spirit of co-operation of merchants with the fire marshal's departments throughout the country. But because of the fact that the holiday season is a busy one with store-keeper and customer alike, the following suggestions are made by way of reminders:

Watch gas jets—watch smokers—watch electric wiring.

When your store closes Friday night, December 24, see that there is not a spark lying about. Have all accumulations of rubbish cleaned up and placed in a fireproof receptacle or removed from the premises, and see that no waste material of an inflammable nature is left in corners or out-of-the-way places in the establishment which would result in fire from combustion.

If these precautions are taken, the fire marshal's department feels that more will have been done on the part of progressive Minnesota merchants to reduce the fire hazard of the Christmas season this year than ever before.

FLYING ACROSS ATLANTIC IS EASY

In the January American Magazine Merle Crowell quotes Henry Woodhouse as saying that a transatlantic flight in an aeroplane is now an easy matter. Mr. Woodhouse is governor of the Aero club of America and member of the conference committee on national preparedness.

"The \$100,000,000 spent, and the \$200,000,000 appropriated for military aircraft in the last three years by the nations of the world will be one of the best investments for peace," said Mr. Woodhouse. "As an indication of the stimulus that flying has received, I may mention the fact that any of the 'super-Americans' Mr. Curtiss is building could easily fly across the Atlantic Ocean."

THE HIGHEST NAVIGABLE LAKE IN THE WORLD

In the January Woman's Home Companion a writer says: "Lake Titicaca between Peru and Bolivia, is over 13,000 feet above the level of the sea, and is navigated by steamers of about one thousand tons, plying twice weekly between Puno in Peru, and Guaguqui in Bolivia. The writer of this is an American who is now in South America, and has crossed Lake Titicaca frequently."

Long Prairie Leader: The state university authorities decided to stand for the present conference rule against summer base ball. Without question the university authorities have gone counter to the wishes of the people of the state who want clean athletics outside as well as inside the state university.

Red Wing Eagle: Twenty-one pints of whiskey were found in a piano at Des Moines, Iowa, the other day. We have heard pianos that sounded as if they contained even more harmony-disturbance than that. But anyhow this should serve as a hint for people to examine the interior of their pianos when out of tune.

Capitol Notes: Governor Hammond of Minnesota is being talked of for temporary chairman of the next national democratic convention, or else he may be the man to make the principal speech nominating Wilson, according to Washington dispatches. The governor, when asked regarding the matter, said that he has no intention of filing as a delegate to the convention.

Says W. J. Bryan in his Commoner: "For the year preceding the war Germany expended 293 millions upon her army and navy. For the same period the United States appropriated for the same purposes 312 millions. Does anybody believe that the nation is in any such state of unpreparedness as the eastern press would have us think or as the paid traveling organizers of the navy league and the national security league and similar organizations assert?"

Red Wing Eagle: Once more the price of paper has been boosted, and further raises are promised—on account of the war in Europe, of course. One can readily see how the aforesaid war affects the making and handling of paper. Naturally the spruce trees, straw, rags, etc., from which paper is made, have become much scarcer and more difficult to handle. Also the large quantity of water which is required in the manufacture must necessarily cost more to obtain now that the war is on. And the railroads have of course got much longer between destinations. All on account of the war in Europe. In a horn!

Howard Lake Herald: A man came into the office and ordered the paper stopped because we sent him a bill for 50c (the usual rate) for a card of thanks which he had ordered published in the Herald. He kept reiterating the fact that he had taken the Herald for 32 years, but we could not see how this had any bearing on the subject as we are not even that old yet. Some people seem to think that an editor ought to publish anything they send in, free of charge, when they wouldn't go to any other business man and expect him to give them anything. We love the people, who give us news items, but we expect to get paid for advertisements.

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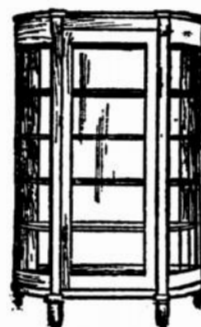
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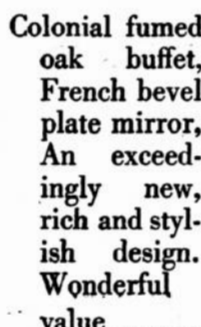
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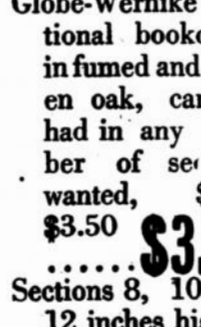
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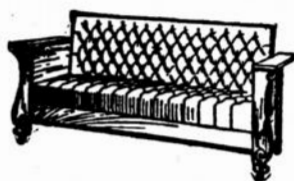


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