## in Minnesota

International Falls. - In a decision from Attorney General Smith, just announced, the city council is restrained from issuing liquor licenses.

Hutchinson. - The closing of the saloon at Biscay by the operation of the Dunn roadhouse law marks the end of a strenuous struggle for ex-

Moorhead.-The Clay county grand jury has returned four indictments against the Moose lodge of Moorhead, charging "illegal sales of intoxicating liquors.'

Fergus Falls. - Otter Tail county is dry for the first time since it was organized, the last saloon in the county, at Elizabeth, eight miles from here, having closed.

Pine City. - A runaway near here resulted in the death of Charles Rebholz. He was thrown from his wagon and struck the frozen ground on his head and was dead when picked up.

Crosby. - Otto Hillbert was run over by a train here at Guthrie mine and killed. He was a car spotter, 33 years old, and lived in Ironton. He is survived by a widow and three chil-

New Ulm. - Two Russian wolf hounds entered Schell's deer park here, killed four domesticated deer and inflicted injuries on three others before assistance could be given to the animals confined in an enclosure.

Rochester. - J. Q. R. Howell, a transient selling insurance here, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. Howell recently was discharged from the City hospital in St. Paul, for lowing an attempt in that city to end his life.

Rochester. - Rochester's new ar mory, costing about \$30,000, will be dedicated formally Jan. 8, according to plans being made by the local machine gun company. Governor Hammond has accepted an invitation to attend.

St. Paul. - Eight states were represented at the first northwestern corn show opened in St. Paul. The number of individual exhibits manifests the interest that farmers throughout the northwest to the Pacific coast have taken in the show.

Faribault. - D. W. I'lsley, a farmer near here, claims honors for freak ears of corn. He picked one in his field that had four branches, all distinct ears in themselves. The ear was found growing on the top of a stalk in

place of the tassel. Montevideo.-The Montevideo conference of senators and representatives and people of the Seventh congressional district, called by A. F. Teigen, has made its debut. Mr. Teigen was elected temporary chairman.

A fair delegation was present. Mankato. - The quarterly meeting of the Blue Earth County Equity society adopted resolutions favoring government ownership of telegraphs, telephones, railroads and money; also favoring national defense, but with the government making its own munitions and battleships.

Duluth. - Joseph T. Nelson and Gust L. Wedan, former cashier and assistant cashier, respectively, in the county treasurer's office, both confessed defaulters, were sentenced by Judge Danver to seven years each in the state penitentiary at Stillwater under the indeterminate plan.

Tower. - Fire destroyed the buildings at camp 2 at Bear creek, belonging to the Trout Lake Lumber company of this city. About 100 men were employed there. Five men received serious burns and were brought to a hospital in this city. Among those injured are John Hendericks and John Brewer of this place.

Rochester. - A mass meeting has been held in Dover, and the consolidat tion of eight rural schools was discussed. O. C. Swain, rural school commissioner, and County Superintendent W. L. Mercer were the speakers. It is planned to build a \$20,000 schoolhouse, where agriculture, domestic science and manual training

will be included in the curriculum. Brainerd. - The state convention of bricklayers, masous and plasterers elected these officers at their seventh annual convention: President, A. E. Hilker of Austin; first vice president, Sam Blondell of Red Wing; second vice president, Matt Lellman of Minneapolis; third vice president, Fred Gittkowski of Duluth; secretarytreasurer, Nic Korth of Mankato. Rochester procured the next conven-

Minneapolis. - Because the interstate commerce commission has decided that 2.4 cents a mile is a fair rate for interstate passenger travel on western roads, and the Minnesota law prohibits the charging within the state of more than 2 cents a mile, the great fight against the Minnesota law in which the United States supreme court once decided against the railroads, may be reopened all along the line. For nearly five years the Minnesota 2-cent fare law was fought by the roads.

Little Falls. - With no weapon but his automobile, Dr. E. E. Hall killed a big wolf on a road north of the city after a three-mile chase. The wolf appeared ahead of the car, and Dr. Hall speeded up the machine in pursuit when the animal fled along the highway. It was struck and killed by the bumper of the automobile.

Hibbing. - After an entire day's fruitless search to surprise tilters of the Indian lid and discover secret liquor caches, federal Indian agents stubbed their toes on their quarry, dug up \$2,000 worth of liquor and dumped it into Sturger a lake.

### What's Doing | MINNESOTA AIDS HOME BUILDERS

STATE ART COMMISSION DIS-TRIBUTES 1,000,000 PLANS FOR MODEL FARMHOUSES.

STATE CAPITOL HAPPENINGS

Events of General Interest in Minnesota Condensed and Revised for The Greater Convenience of Busy Readers.

St. Paul. Minnesota homebuilders are getting state aid on a large scale. The state art commission, according to a bulletin just issued, has sent out 1,000,0€0 plans for model farmhouses in the past 24 months. The plans were submitted by leading architects of the state and have been sent out at merely a nominal cost, a service that no other state government has undertaken to give.

This service is now being extended. ed with requests not only for plans, but for information about building materials of all knds, paint, cement and the like, or what sort of a heating plant is best. The Minnesota chapter of the American Institute of Architects has undertaken to render this service in any event. This custom applies free, through the art commission as an outlet. It is known as the "Architec- the officers as well and, when Christtural and Allied Arts Service Department will soon be open to all the people of the state. Inquiry of the Minnesota state art commission, Old Capitol. St. Paul, or addressed to 504 Esser building. Minneapolis, will bring com plete information about the new ser vice, also about new plans for 50 mod el village houses, which will be furn ish for the mere cost of the blueprints

Snyder Again Heads Regents.

The board of regents at the University of Minnesota has re-elected the officers to serve for 1916. Fred B Snyder of Minneapolis, as chairman of the executive committee. The personnel of the standing committees was retained.

Three gifts amounting to more than \$2,100 were presented to the regents and accepted. Furnishings for the Charlotte S. Winchell cottage, amount ing to \$1,500, were donated by the Min nesota Alumnae club.

A bronze table commemorating Prof A. E. Haynes was accepted by the re gents for the university. The tablet was presented by almuni of the university who were students of Dadd; Haynes. Many of the contributors were Spanish war veterans.

\* \* \* Epidemic Holds Attention.

The status of jaundice as a disease has been raised by an unusual epidem ic that prevails in Minneapolis, according to Dr. H. A. Burns, epidemic logist of the state board of health with offices at the University of Min board, from the usually sedate flag nesota. Ordinarily the disease is not rant special attention, but its ravages this year have called the attention, of medical science to the fact that little is really known about it.

\* \* \* Bulletin on Christmas Trees.

Christmas trees fires in Minnesota last year cost a loss of between \$6,000 and \$10,000 and State Fire Marshall Hargadine in a special Christmas tree Bulletin calls attention to the fact. Extra precautions this Christmas are requested. In decorating Christmas trees the distance from home and friends Hargadine advises the use of fireproof makes it incumbent on all to do their material. Cotton and tinsel he says are dangerous and a menace to life and property. Fireproof decorations are obtainable at all stores.

\* \* \* Disposes of Securities.

The State Board of Control has disposed of \$75,000 worth of educational building certificates and \$50,000 of Historical society building securities to the Harris Trust and Savings bank of scheduled time, but many more men Chicago. For the first named securi- than usual are allowed to "sleep in, ties the state receives a premium of and, after the tiniest minimum of \$3,750 and on the latter \$1,100.

The educational certificates draw 5 festivities are gotten under way. per cent and the historical building securities 41/2 per cent.

For Central State Board.

state normal school beard, as proposed So they go at their potato races and in the plan of a central state board of pie-cating contests and tugs of war education, has been made by pres- and jumping contests with the same ent members of the board to the state fervor that they show when trying for efficiency and economy commission, a 12-inch turret gun record or stampwhich met at the state capitol to de- ing out a Caribbean revolution. There cide on its course of action in framing is no lack of interest. That can be dea plan to reorganize the state govern pended on. And when call is sounded

\* \* \* Educator Makes Suggestions.

quality of its rural schools, it should ness," as the baseball people say), require the teaching of the fundamen- and, after an early supper, a stage is tals of agriculttre in every state-aided rigged up va the quarter-deck and the school, county and city, in the opinion of D. D. Mayne, principal of the School of Agriculture, university farm.

\* \* \* Special Child Labor Agent. W. D. Washburn, chairman of the Minnesota child labor committee, says that this committee expects to employa special agent to investigate the employment of children less than ten years old to sing in motion picture shows. Mr. Washburn said this com- ate, while the pirouetting and gyrating mittee also will investigate cases of of the cakewalkers themselves are children under ten years selling pap- well worth seeing. The program is a ers on the street or engaging in any long one, but interest never lage for street trade. Plans to have the pre- a moment-for American sailors are sent child labor laws revised by the just as thorough at play as they are next legislature are being made by Mr. | while at work Washburn's committee.

## CHRISTMAS IN NAVY

How the Festive Season is Observed Aboard Ship.

Not Much Work Is Done-Athletic Sports, Traditional Dinner and Evening Entertainment Features of Occasion.

OWHERE in all the world is the "spirit of Christmas" entered into more whole-heartedly than on board the ships of the United States

Observance of this chief of all national holidays varies, of course, in form with the location of the fieet at the time.

Into each of the continental "home ports" (headquarters of certain individual vessels) the big gray monsters come dropping in by twos and threes till, in New York and Philadelphia, and Norfolk and Frisco, it looks almost like a naval review. According to long established custom, they are there to give the boys in blue a run on the beach ("liberty," as they call The art commission has been delug- it in the service), and every man jack who is not actually undergoing punishment is allowed and encouraged to take his look at the bright lights-go home on leave or uptown for fun or anything else he likes as long as his money lasts but away from the ship not alone to the enlisted men, but to mas morning dawns in a home port, there are not likely to be many more persons on board any man-o'-war than the regulations call for in the mini-

The few "shipkeepers" cannot, uniler such circumstances, make a very successful effort toward merriment, Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan writes In the National Monthly, but what they lack in numbers they invariably tnake up in other ways, one of these ways being the complete satisfaction of the inner man.

Abroad and at sea, though, it is altogether different. Every soul on



A Christmas Concert on Board Ship.

officer and the more or less unapconsidered sufficiently serious to war proachable first lieutenant, down to "Jimmy-legs" and the ship's cook the messenger boy, voluntarily constitutes himself a committee of one to see the thing through in "old navy" fashion, and even King Neptune, when he comes on board on "crossing the line" to douse every hayseed and landlubber, has a formidable rival in the "spirit of Christmas."

It matters not much whether the ship be anchored off Vera Cruz or plowing through the Pacific ocean, level best to make at least a brave try for "Merry Christmas."

Routine drills are entirely suspended; and, except for cleaning ship (cleanliness in the navy being deemed not only akin to, but actually neck and neck with godliness itself), not a lick of avoidable work is allowed to be done by anybody.

"All hands" are called, to be sure, on tidying, up, preparations for the day's

There is a varied athletic program that begins in the forenoon, and after an bour or so off for dinner at midday, continues well along toward sun-A protest against abolition of the set. Sailors are taught to be thorough. they are a tired lot.

Toward sunset the various contests have been completed (or not unusu-If Minnesota would improve the ally called off "on account of darkcrowning event of the entire celebratim is on. Sometimes it is a minstrel slow, another time a vaudeville per-14 rmance, but without exception there is plenty of music and near music, and no such entertainment would be complete without the inevitable and inimitable cakewalk. Some of the improvised costumes are fearfully and wonderfully made. But they are striking and, for the most part, very appropri-



Candles on the tree aglow, Holly red and mistletoe; Radiant faces, rapturous cries, In the cursery wondering eyes, Stockings full and bulging out. Stockings tall and buiging ow.
Toys of every sort about;
Music, joyous, glad and gay;
All of Christendom at play;
Season of the Holy Child,
Dearest gift, divine and mild,
Angel songs, dispelling fear,
Yule, the blessed Yule is here! Rose Mills Powers, in Youth's Compan-

#### MANNER OF GIVING PRESENTS

Simple Little \_mbellisnments Such as Ribbons, Seals and Holly Count for Much.

At no time does the manner of doing a thing count for so much as at the time of Christmas giving; and while in a few instances there are those who overdo the outward embellishment of gifts, none of us now like to offer the simplest little remembrance unless wrapped in spotless paper, tied with gay ribbons and adorned with bright seals expressing merry

And this is as it should be for the holiday season gains a great deal of cheeriness and zest from the multiplicity of beribboned white parcels whisking to and fro, and we do not regret the passing of the yellow paper bundle of our grandmother's day.

But the attractive appearance of the gift is not all that counts; we must be careful of the how and when and where of presenting it.

The time that custom more and more sets apart for the exchanging of gifts among friends is Christmas eve, any time from dusk to midnight; but Christmas day itself is sacred to presenting gifts within the family circle.

Some families put all the gifts in the library or living room, in separate piles, and then, after a deliberate breakfast, they all walk in and open the packages in the presence of each other.

Never give a gift in person if you can contrive to send it or put it where it will be found awaiting the recipient when he or she is alone, for when received in this way the gift makes its strongest appeal to one's appreciation.

In giving money, even to near relatives, the utmost care should be taken to give it in the most delicate way possible; especially if you know the money is needed.

One of the cleverest ways is to take a tiny Japanese umbrella, place the money in a paper bag and, after rolling and tying the bag around the upper part of the handle underneath. close the umbrella over it and tie with narrow ribbon.

Another good way is to present an attractive little booklet with a check or a greenback for a bookmark, writing on the flyleaf, "note page 14." Turning to see what is noted, the fresh new paper money is seen and the recipient appreciates the manner of its presentation no less than the material benefit.

#### WHY YOU HANG STOCKINGS

Popular Christmas Custom Said to Have Come Down to Us From Old Italian Practice.

There is a story from Italy which some suppose to be the beginning of the present idea of the Christmas stocking. Years ago good old St. Nicholas of Padua used to throw knitted purses with money in them in at the windows of the poor. These knitted purses were not unlike stocking without a foot, and later it became the custom of the people to hang this knitted sack just inside the window that St. Nicholas might put something in as he passed. When these purses went out of use the stockings were substituted. In the northern part of Italy it was a little too chilly to leave the windows open and the stockings were hung by the mantel place so that they might be filled from the chimney.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Play Santa, it you will, but don't get your whiskers burnt.

Julklapp Delivery.

This is an expression used in Denmark and Sweden and denotes their way of sending gifts. Jefore Christmas all the gifts are wrapped so as to disguise the contents Each package is labeled for whom it is intended and then at odd moments during the day these are thrown in at the doors of the windows

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After a lot of difficulty he borrowed a shabby silk hat from his village audience. Turning it upside down to prove there was nothing inside, he next placed it brim uppermost on his little table and proceeded to produce 12 eggs from its depths.

The audience watched with goggling eyes, and then burst into wild

"And now," the magician went on, bowing his thanks, "I will show you that, although the hat is emphy, there is inside it the hen that laid those

Putting his hand into the hat he withdrew a fluttering, squawking fowl, which he placed on the table, and turned to face the applause.

Instead there was a wild yell of laughter. He turned in amazement, which changed to horror when the fowl shrieked:

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Soldiers Want No Children.

I asked Zeni Peshkoff, socialist, what his sensations were when he went out to kill. "It didn't seem real, it doesn't now. Before my last charge the lieutenant and I were filled with the beauty of the night. We sat gazing at the stars. Then the command came and we rushed forward. It did not seem possible I was killing human beings." It is the unreality that sustains men. Germans are not human beings-only the enemy. For the wounded French soldier will tell you he loathes war and longs for peace. He fights or one object, permanent peace. He fights to save his children from fighting.

"Have you any children?" I asked one soldier, "No, thank God." is the enly. "But why?" "Because," comes the flerce answer, "if I had a son I would rather he deserted than see what I have seen." The man is not unusual. The soldiers-not the women-are beginning to say: "We will have no more children unless there is no more war."-The New Republic.

Big Chance Both Ways.

The famous physician and the emnent clergyman were deep in a discusion which threatened to become acri-

"You see," said the minister sarcastically, "you medical men know so much about the uncertainties of this ings, Abscesses, Sores, Etc., use world that I should think you would not want to live."

"Oh, I don't know," responded the physician caustically. "You clergy men tell us so much about the uncer tainties of the next world that we don't want to die."-Ladies' Home Journal.

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A wag in the crowd is supposed to have recognized the horse, for he shouted out, "Baker!" The horse promptly stopped dead, and nothing could urge it on. The situation was getting painful, when the officer was struck with a brilliant idea, and remarked, within hearing of his steed: Not today, thank you."

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"Yes? How did he vote?" "Why, he's for it with enthusiasm,

so we'll book you-" "You'll book me as against it with

enthusiasm. In all the thirty years o our married life my husband and have never agreed on anything, an t's too late to begin now."

Ungrateful Wretch.

"I'm writing a letter to Aunt Sarah! said wifey, "thanking her for the vist she paid us. Do you wish to add any thing to it?"

"You might thank her on my be half," replied hubby, "for not stayin; any longer than she did."

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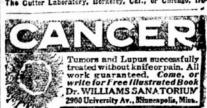
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