must maintain through all my life to come-Alan would consider me his

Well, but—you see-you are his . . Oh, don't think I'm off my bat. I'm telling you the plain, unvar nished truth. You are Alan's wife . No, listen to me. You remember that day in New York when you substituted for Rose, when Alan tried to elope with her, and you went with him to Jersey City, and stood up to be married by a preacher-guy named Wright-and Marrophat broke in just at the critical moment and busted up

"Well?" she demanded breathlessly. Barcus produced a folded yellow pa per from his coat pocket and prof-

"Read that. It was handed to me as best man, just before the cere mony. Sceing it was addressed to Alan and knowing he was in no frame of mind to be bothered by telegrams, I slipped it into my pocket and forgot all about it temporarily. When I came to find it, I took the liberty of reading it. But read it for yourself."

The typewritten lines of the long message blurred and ran together almost indecipherably in Judith's vision. None the less, she contrived to grasp the substance of its meaning.

"WHY DIDN'T YOU WIRE ME SOONER," it ran: "MARRIAGE TO ROSE IMPOSSIBLE. REV. MR. WRIGHT INFORMED ME YOUR MARRIAGE TO JUDITH LAST WEEK HAD GONE TOO FAR WHEN MARROPHAT INTERRUPTED. JU-DITH LEGALLY YOUR WIFE. WOULD HAVE ADVISED YOU SOONER HAD YOU LET ME KNOW WHERE TO ADDRESS YOU. HOPE TO HEAVEN THIS GETS TO YOU BEFORE TOO LATE."

The message was signed with the name of Alan's confidential man of business in New York.

When Judith looked up she was alone in the room, but for the silent patient on his couch.

Slowly, almost fearfully, she crept to his bedside and stood looking down into the face of her husband.

And while she looked Alan's lashes fluttered, his respiration quickened, a faint color crept into his pallid cheeks -and his eyes opened wide and looked into hers.

His lips moved and breathed a word of recognition: "Judith!"

With a low cry of tenderness, the girl sank to her knees and encircled his head with her arms.

"Judith," she whispered, hiding her face in his bosom, "Judith is no

A pause; and then the feeble voice: Then, if I was mistaken, if you aren't Judith, you must be Rose-my

She said steadily: "I am your wife." His hands fumbled with her face, closed upon her cheeks, lifted her head until her eyes must look into bis.

And for many minutes he held her so, looking deep into the soul of the

Then quietly he said: "I know . . . " THE END

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# ADVANCE IN POLAND

## Report Capture of Strong Position.

## LULL IN FIGHTING IN THE WESTERN ARENA

**Torrential Rains Cause Floods** and Delay Operations.

London, Jan. 5.-Utterly irreconcilable are the assertions of the contending armies in the east. In the west the unprecedented wet weather pre cludes operations which could give decided advantage to one side or the other. The battle of the rivers in Poland has not yet come to an end.

The Germans say they have taken Borjimow, northeast of Bolimow, a strong Russian position east of Lowicz, and a step nearer Warsaw. This the Russians contradict flatly, saying that German assaults there have been repulsed with heavy losses and that elsewhere the Teutons have been held at bay. Berlin continues to report progress and the Russian statement indicates the Germans have passed Bolimow, one of the towns which the Russians were defending obstinately last week.

The activities of the Turks in the Caucasus seem to be assuming an increasing importance, judging from the attention the Petrograd official communications are devoting to this region. Although not admitting that wing. the Turks have been victorious it is conceded by the Russian war office that the invaders are fighting with great valor and stubbornness in the vicinity of the fortified town of Sar Kamysh.

Porte Makes Headway.

The Turks say they have taken this position, but Russia does not admit this, and adds that the Turks have suffered enormous losses. Comparison of the Turkish and Russian statements indicates that the Turks at present are making some headway, although both sides are losing heavily as their troops flounder and fight through the deep snow and in the bitter cold of the high altitudes.

Petrograd professes to see an end of the battle of the Polish rivers and a concentration of German forces at some other strategic point in a renewed attempt to break through, but like the prediction of what this side or the other proposed to do in Belgium and France this must be classed as a guess.

Uzsok pass and Rostoki, south of Lisko, the Russians claim some progress, and the cap ture of 2,000 prisoners and some war material. British observers say the occupation of Uzsok pass should mean an invasion of Hungary in real force. Up to the present time detachments of Russian cavalry have crossed the Carpathians, but there never has been an invasion of Hungary in strength. The Russians report their offensive in Bukowina continues.

Reports Are at Variance.

Two days ago the Russians asserted the Austrian army in Bukowina had been routed. In Galicia, according to the latest Russian official statement fighting continues in the region of Gorlice and Kakaliczyn. In Southern Poland the battling continues in the region of Inowlodz. The Russians say German attacks were repulsed, while Berlin asserts Russian attacks were repulsed with heavy losses and that the Russians have ceased attacking ITALY SECURES HUGE LOAN this position.

Both Berlin and Paris statements assert the situation in the western theater, with the exception of artillery combats at various points, was comparatively quiet. The French admit failure in the attempt to occupy a German position in the Meuse country and claim further gains at Steinbach. Berlin admits the French have made gains in Steinbach and adds that fighting for the village continues. The French claim further advances in the forest of Le Pretre, northwest of Pont-a-Mousson; and in Upper Alsace to the west of Cernay. Rainy weather continued, handicapping infantry operations.

Constantinople reports that the Russian fortified town of Ardahan, fortyfive miles northwest of Kars, has been captured and the Russians routed with heavy losses.

Stop Export of War Material.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Delegations and Baltimore, among them representatives of the German-American alliance and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, apeared before the house foreign affairs committee to favor pendropean belligerents.

## MRS. CARTER HARRISON.

Wife of Chicago's Mayor Produces an Operetta.



Mrs. Carter H. Harrison, wife of the mayor of Chicago, has written the libretto for a three-act operetta called Prince Silverwings."

The scenes of the operetta's action will be on the moon and earth. The plot is concerned with the romantic adventures of Prince Silverwings, a being well known in "Fairyland."

## RAIN DRIVES TROOPS **OUT OF THE TRENCHES**

Paris. Jan. 5.-Torrential rains. which have resulted in uncontrollable floods, and which continue to sweep Northern France and Belgium, have placed hostilities almost at a standstill, with the exception of the right

Even artillery duels have slackened, owing to the inability of transports to bring additional ammunition.

Trenches are water filled ditches. In the north rivers and creeks have overflowed, driving troops out.

The weather is accompanied by wintry winds, which cause terrible sufferings to the soldiers. In many instances they are unable to make fires to dry their clothing.

Hundreds of men are being invalided to the rear. Most of them are suffering from pneumonia. Until the weather changes there

can be no general resumption of fight-Both sides are utilizing the lull to

bring up reinforcements to threatened positions. This is a hard task. Men are forced to wade through mud up to their knees It is almost impossible for trans-

ports, except powerful motor vehicles. to move. The latter are frequently In the Vosges and Upper Alsace

fighting continues with the French making slow but steady gains.

## POPE BENEDICT WINS POINT

Belligerent Powers to Send Crippled Prisoners Home.

Rome, Jan. 5.-Evidences of influence the Vatican has now with all belligerent powers was forthcoming when it was announced that success has crowned Pope Benedict's efforts to have crippled soldiers, incapacitated from further fighting, sent to their homes.

This initial success, it is said, has cheered the pope and led him to believe that eventually a way will be found to conciliate opposing nations and end the war.

Of the 1,500,000 prisoners held by belligerents it is estimated that 150,-000 will now be restored to their

## \$200,000,000 Will Be Used for Military

Preparations. Rome, Jan. 5.—The loan of \$200,-000,000 arranged by the government in the "safety first" campaign. Acfor use in connection with its military

preparations has been fully subscribed, according to all indications. The loan is to run for twenty-five years and will bear interest at 51/2

#### FRENCH AVIATORS BOM-BARD ETTERBECK.

Amsterdam, Jan. 5.-French

aviators have succeeded in bombarding Etterbeck, German aviation station, outside of Brussels. They destroyed a dirigible shed in course of construction there and killed several German soldiers.

#### Kitis Two and Himself.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., Jan. 5 .- J. Douglas London, a farmhand employed by Charles Wheaton, shot and killed Will ing congressional resolutions to stop Lane, a fellow employe, and Mrs. exports of war materials to the Eu- Wheaton and then committed suicide. It is believed London was insane.

## ABOUT THE STATE BOY SEGURES CORN PRIZE

News of Especial Interest to Minnesota Readers.

### ORGANIZE REPUBLICAN LEAGUE

Old Time G. O. P. Leaders Hold Meeting at St. Paul and Take Steps to Rehabilitate Party.

Rehabilitation of an active Republican state organization was perfected at a meeting in St. Paul of Republican leaders by the organization of the Republican League of Minnesota, the election of temporary officers and the discussion of plans for a state convention of the league to be held not later than July 1.

St. Paul may be selected as the place for the permanent organization meeting, which probably will be held early in April. Congressman James R. Mann, Republican leader in the house, will be invited to address this convention.

"The Republican league of Minnesota" was the name adopted by the preliminary convention and, according to the organization committee's report, which was unanimously adopted, its object shall be "to aid in the welfare and success of the Republican party."

Membership will be extended to all male citizens of the state who have attained their majority and are willing to sign a declaration to support Republican principles.

W. E. Verity of Wadena was named temporary president of the organization; Charles S. Schurman of St. Paul was elected secretary and Frank B. Kellogg of St. Paul treasurer. Mr. Kellogg declined to serve, however, and while the selection of his succes sor was left to the executive committee final action was not taken by this committee.

Vice Presidents Number Ten.

A vice president and member of the executive committee was elected from each congressional district and three members at large were elected by the committee named by the respective congressional district representatives. They are as follows:

First-W. A. Nolan, Grand Meadow, vice president; Oscar Subbe, Albert Lea, executive committee.

Second-C. H. Draper, Wells, vice president; A. O. Moreaux, Luverne, executive committee. Third-George J. Bradley, Norwood,

vice president; Dr. J. A. Gates, Kenyon, executive committee. Fourth-Sylvan E. Hess, St. Paul vice president; Dar F. Reese, St. Paul,

executive committee. Fifth-Josiah H. Chase, Minneapolis, vice president; Edward A. Force,

Minneapolis, executive committee. Sixth-A. G. Day, Long Prairie, vice president; Harold Knutson, St. Cloud, executive committee.

Seventh-D. S. Hall, Olivia, vice president; Dr. C. E. Caine, Morris, executive committee.

chern, Hibbins vice president; J. B. Cotton, Duluth, executive committee.

Ninth-W. J. Brown, Thief River Falls, vice president; C. M. Johnston, Detroit, executive committee.

Tenth-Alex McNeil, Dayton, vice president; John A. Stoneburg, Cambridge, executive committee.

Executive Committee at Large Dan Gunn, Grand Rapids; J. W. Crane, Minneapolis, and W. W. Smith, Sleepy

## RAILWAY CASUALTIES LESS

Minnesota Commission Submits Its Annual Report.

While operating income of railroads doing business in Minnesota was smaller for the year ending June 30, 1914, than for the previous year, and interest charges were higher, the dividends paid showed a decrease of only a little over \$2,000,000, according to the annual report of the Minnesota railroad and warehouse commission submitted to the governor. The commission handled 7,391 complaints during the year.

The report indicates some progress cidents from the movement of trains were fewer and the casualties less, the table showing a decrease of sixteen killed and fifty-one injured.

The total railway mileage in Minnesota at the end of the year was 9,-002.27, the report shows, outside of terminal and transfer railways. This is an increase of 54.56 miles during

#### **MOVES FOR BELGIAN COLONY**

Duluth Commercial Club Hears Plan of Mme. Artois.

The first step in the movement to procure a Belgian settlement in the agricultural districts of St. Louis county recruited from the war sufferers of Belgium was taken when Mme. Phillipine Artois, a Belgian woman, presented her colonization plan before the agricultural committee of the Duluth Commercial club and others interested.

Impetus was given the scheme when at the close of Mme. Art is lecture J. L. Washburn, in behalf of a Boston land company, offered 500 acres of land to be used for the purpose.

Raises 115 Bushels Shelled on One

Roy Halvorson, sixteen years old, of Kerkhoven, Chippewa county, is the champion corn grower of Minnesot He was declared the winner over all the boys in a state contest entered by the young farmers of eighty counties. The winners were announced by T. A. Erickson of the extension division of the University of Minnesota school of agriculture and the United States department of agriculture.

Halvorson raised 115 bushels of dry shelled corn on one acre of ground and he did it by using his own system, which many corn growers declare puts him in the rank with corn experts who have helped raise Minnesots to the rank of big corn states. Three others in the contest raised more than 100 bushels of dry shelled corn to the acre.

The boy who won the first prize will get a \$200 scholarship in the agricultural school, a trip to Washington, D. C., besides the \$40 he won as champion of Chippewa county.

#### **AUTOMOBILES IN MINNESOTA**

Number of Licenses Increased 20,000 During Past Year.

The number of licensed automobiles in the state of Minnesota has increased by nearly 20,000 in the last year, according to the biennial report of Julius A. Schmahl, secretary of state. The number licensed Dec. 31, 1913, was 45,314 and it is now close to 65,000. In the three-year registration period just closed, Mr. Schmahl says, automobile license recelpts have been about \$100,000.

Nearly \$18,000 has been realized from motorcycle licenses and \$15,000 from chauffeurs' licenses. In the next three-year period he predicts that a registration of 120,000 will be reached.

## MINNESOTA HAS BIG **INCOME DURING 1914**

Minnesota as a state government had an income in the year of 1914 of \$22,680,208, of which \$6,900,000 came from the direct taxes, \$9,081,-399.03 was derived from gross earn ings and inheritance taxes and mismeous receipts, \$3,920,323.55 from

e of lands, timber and minerals e remainder from the sale of ... ificates of indebtedness, the prison wine and implement plant, escheated estates and various other sources.

The items of particular gratification to the citizenry of the state is the increase in the revenues from the gross earnings taxes of nearly \$2,000,000, which partially at least is responsible in the reduction in the tax rate for 1915 of from 5.03 mills to 4.74 mills, and the large revenues from the sales of land and timber.

These sales swell the permanent trust funds of the state to \$33,156,-996.15. These funds, which rapidly are growing at the rate of from \$3,-000,000 to \$4,000,000 yearly, can never be touched and only the interest can

be expended More than \$3,000,000 was disbursed by the state to the public schools. Minnesota today has 100 consolidated schools which provide transportation for the pupils.

### \$395.577.41 IS INCOME TAX

This Amount is Collected in Minnesota During Year.

The amount of income tax collected in the state of Minnesota druing the past year (1914) by the United States collector of internal revenue was \$395,577.41. The act imposing a federal income tax was passed Oct. 3, 1912, and became effective March 1, 1913.

The tax became delinquent July 1. The bulk of the amount, \$872,527.41, was paid in by June 30: Since that time there has been collected approx-

imately \$23,050. Reports of the income of individuals and corporations taxable will be made in January and February. They must be in the office of the collector of internal revenue by March 1.

### TWO ARE KILLED BY TRAIN

Minnesota Man and Son Meet Instant Death.

Walking on the Northern Pacific railroad track at Wyoming, their hearing muffled by their winter caps, W. J. Miller, fifty-two years old, restaurant proprietor in that village, and his son Walter, seventeen years old, were struck and almost instantly killed by a freight train.

The train approached the man and boy from the rear. The engineer, W. Peterson, says he rang the bell and shouted at the pair, who evidently were unaware of their peril. The accident occurred within 200 feet of the depot. Miller and his son were on their way to their home from a store.

## MAKES TWO APPOINTMENTS

Minnesota Governor Names Secretary

and Executive Clerk. Governor Elect Winfield S. Hammond has announced the following ap-

Secretary to the governor, Charles M. Andrist of Minneapolis. Executive clerk, Herman E. Samuel son, St. Paul.

The selection of Mr. Andrist to be secretary came as a surprise.