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## Gov. Ham- mond Dead

End Came Unexpectedly [This

Morning at New  
Orleans, La.

Governor Hammond passed away this morning at Clinton, La., a small town where he was looking after personal business affairs. He dropped dead on the street.

Governor Hammond is the second Democratic governor of Minnesota to die while holding that office.

He was a man of excellent habits and great ability.

His death elevates Lieut. Gov. Burquist to the governorship of the state.

### Saloons Go Out In Pine County

The licensed saloon flickered out in Pine county last Friday evening when six places in Pine City and one at Sturgeon Lake shut up shop in pursuance of the county option mandate.

At one time there were upward of 30 saloons in the county. The number was first cut down by a movement among the dealers at Sandstone. Then Hinckley went dry, followed by Sandstone and Bruno. Then the "road house law" shut up Beroun, Nickerson, Denham and Arville. Then came the final crash and gradually the lights have gone out at Finlayson, Willow River, Sturgeon Lake, Boring and Pine City—one by one as their licenses expired up to the last day.

The bar fixtures in the Emil Hoefel place have been packed and Ed Frochaska expects to open a drug store there as soon as he can get settled.

Peer Engel will continue to occupy his building as an office while settling up his affairs preparatory to moving away.

James Hurley is decided as to just what use he will put the old Hotel Agnes bar room.

Jos. Petschel opened up a soft drinks parlor with pool table and lunch in his place the morning after.

Wm. Buselmeier has done the same, excepting the pool table, at his place.

Dan Heintz, who recently sold the old pool hall, has leased the old Chas. Stekl place and opened a soft drinks stand with pool and lunch accessories. He also figures on running a roller skating rink in the hall above.

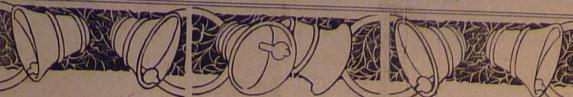
Edward Voigt, the Finlayson man who shot his wife, daughter and then himself at his home west of that town two weeks ago, was arraigned before Judge Russell at Sandstone last week on a charge of assault in the first degree and committed to the county jail at Stillwater.

He wished to enter a plea of guilty but this could not be accepted while any doubt exists as to the recovery of his wife and daughter, who are expected to pull through satisfactorily.

Alumni Defeats High School  
The basketball game played at the Armory last evening between the Alumni and high school resulted in a victory for the Alumni, the score being 22 to 17. The crowd was not up to the standard and the boys are more deserving of your support.

The line up of the Alumni was as follows: Gray and Hoefel forwards, Hamlin center and Womack and Peterson guards. Hodge substituted for Gray in the second half.

The line up of the high school was: Blanchard and Babcock forwards, Hady center, Wilcox and Korbholz guards. Maden subbed out for Babcock in the first half when he was forced to retire with a bad cut over the eye.



We Wish You

## A Happy New Year



Milburn and Pine Grove  
W. Olson has returned from an extended visit in Wisconsin.

Wm. Zasters of Lake Pokegama, is working for John Roubinek this week.

Mrs. Gust Grandt's brother of Rush City visited at her home over Christmas.

The St. Croix band is going to give a dance in the armory now. Watch for dates.

Last Saturday August Sperling moved his saw mill to Grassston for the winter's sawing of logs.

Mrs. Walter Peterson's mother, who came to visit her over Christmas, was so unfortunate as to suffer an attack of the grippe.

Chas. Peterson and wife returned yesterday from a few days' visit at the home of his daughter at Peoria, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mearer are in charge of the George Nichols farm while Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are enjoying a visit to points in Iowa.

Christmas entertainments drew good crowds last week to the Galilee school where Miss Janecek's students gave a fine program on Tuesday evening, to the Pine town hall on Wednesday evening when Miss

Brekke's students furnished the program and a basket social was enjoyed afterward, netting \$10.15 for the school, to the Milburn school on Thursday evening when Miss Anderson's pupils gave an entertainment.

Miss Nelson's students rendered a fine program and to the Pine Grove church on Saturday evening when the annual Christmas festival was given. All were greatly enjoyed by those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trollet left Monday for St. Paul, to visit relatives and friends for a few days, after which they expect to return in about two weeks.

Henry Studd made a business trip to Friesland Thursday.

Miss Anna Amrin is visiting her cousin the Westman's of Cloquet.

Louis Rohlf and family visited at Goose Creek, Sunday and Monday.

Ernest and Arthur Anderson came home from Duluth last Thursday.

Arthur Swanson and John Bock arrived home from Kensem, N. Dak.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Studd of St. Paul are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Klang of Brainerd are spending the holidays at Mr. Klang's parents, the Peter Nelsons.

Ben Carlson and John Leffer visited at their homes in Harris and New Brighton respectively, Saturday and Sunday.

John Martin and Alfred Olson returned from the northern part of the state Thursday. They will remain for the winter.

Concerning the closing of Minnesotans come home for the Xmas festivities, which included a family reunion at the Lindgren home, it being the first time in five years that all of the children have been at home.

Pokagonia News  
Misses Petri Miller and Josephine Gjorud were up from St. Paul to spend Christmas and Sunday, returning Monday.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEET

Of The Nessel Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Jan. 18th.

The Annual meeting of the Nessel Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Rush City for the election of officers and the transaction of other business' annually regularly come before it, will be held at the town hall at Rush City, on Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 1916, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 o'clock p. m. All members please attend.

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I have a high grade piano, which I will sell at a very low price, either for cash or on terms. If you want a bargain answer quick. —G. W. T. Care of The Pine Poker.

One Pine City individual complains that the local paper writes everything. Wrong again. If the Poker published half of what it knows about that fellow he would pack his grip and get out.

Nabbed For Illegal Fishing  
Game Warden Jackson was at Sturgeon Lake last week, when he arrested four residents for illegal fishing in the lake of that name. They have not been tried yet and the charge may be allowed to remain over their heads during good behavior, though this is not authoritative.

A warrant has been issued for a man living east of Kerrick for pulling a gun on the game warden. Our understanding is that the man was not even suspected of violating the law but was sought by the officer to tell what he could about the incursions of poachers in that region.

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## Hinckley Af- ter Court H.

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# ASQUITH BLAMED FOR BLUNDERS IN BRITISH ATTACKS

LONDON NEWSPAPERS CONDEMN SLOWNESS AND MISMANAGEMENT OF THE DARDANELLES ENTERPRISE.

## NO TRUCE ON CHRISTMAS AND NO HEAVY FIGHTING

English Cabinet is indicted for postponement of Munitions Bill Until After Holidays—No Insight Given Into Lord Derby's Report on Recruiting.

London, Dec. 27.—King Constantine has telegraphed to Emperor William saying that it would be impossible to allow Bulgarian or Turkish troops to cross the Greek frontier, says the Mail's correspondent at Athens, who had interviews with the Greek ministers.

London, Dec. 27.—Christmas passed without heavy fighting anywhere on the European front. It passed also without a truce to give a touch of humanity to Christmas day. The United Kingdom, however, whereas the Greeks have given a truce between the political parties, which was observed during the early months of the war and which apparently was cemented for the duration of the war when the coalition government was formed.

Attack on Government.

The past week has seen a steady growth of the newspaper attacks on the government, the general burden of which is the slowness, the lack of foresight and decision and the mismanagement of the Dardanelles enterprise.

The newspapers generally hold Premier Asquith responsible for the conduct of affairs. The Northcliffe group, headed by the Times and the Daily Mail, with the support of the Post, was joined by the Observer, which is the foremost Sunday paper, and the Referee, which has a large audience among the masses.

### Munitions Bill Delayed.

The two latest counts of the indictment of the cabinet are the postponement until after the holidays of the munitions bill, the postponement of giving the country an insight into Lord Derby's report on his recruiting results. In the meantime the verdict of union labor on Mr. Lloyd George's appeal for relax union rules in munition works to permit the entry of 30,000 unskilled laborers is awaited with interest.

From different correspondents come various reports on the situation in the Balkans, some concurring that the Allies have captured all the territorial gains within their immediate ambitions and therefore will not move further. Other correspondents represent them as being determined to extend the boundaries to include the important port of Saloniki.

### FAILS TO FIND INCAS' GOLD

U. S. Postoffice Inspector Working on Alleged Fraud in Peru, Ready to Return.

Opposite Panama, Dec. 27.—Harry A. Barber, a United States postoffice inspector, who has been in the interior trying to locate the gold, has found no trace of the treasure, but is unbroken, failed in his quest.

Inspector Barber was sent to Peru to investigate for the federal authorities at Wilton, N. J., but after failing to find the gold, he turned his attention to the McNamee case in which the Duncans and other leading Delaware financiers are mentioned.

McNamee, who organized a large corporation on the strength of having discovered the source of the gold of the ancient Incas, it finally became involved with the postoffice department.

McNamee is now at liberty under \$10,000 bail, and according to Barber, is in Peru again, endeavoring to locate the treasure.

### Peace Societies United.

New York, Dec. 27.—The New York Peace Society, of which Andrew Carnegie is president, has united for "close cooperative efforts" with the American branch of the league to enforce peace, which is headed by Wm. H. Taft, now president, according to an announcement made by W. H. Short, secretary of both organizations.

### Shanghai Editor Slain; Mystery.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—The assassination at a Christmas banquet of Wong Yuen Yung, former editor of the *Astafeo* News, a pro-monarchical publication, has added another name to a long list of mysterious deaths. Wong was a cousin of Yuan Shih Kai, head of the Chinese government, had kept his position in the United States and was not known to have sympathies were for or against the establishment of Ching as a

MRS. WILLIAM ALEXANDER



# EAST STRUCK BY WEIRDEST STORM; CAUSE OF DEATHS

RAIN, HAIL AND SNOW, ACCOMPANIED BY THUNDER AND LIGHTNING AND GALE REACHING 90 MILES.

## TELEGRAPH SERVICE IS CRIPPLED IN NEW ENGLAND

Shipping of All Kinds Scurries to Shelter to Escape Heavy Seas—Thirty-five Persons Aboard Canal Boats Near Death On Sandy Hook.

Nex York, Dec. 27.—One of the wildest storms the East has seen in many years—rain, hail and snow, accompanied by thunder and lightning and a gale reaching maximum velocity of 90 miles an hour, descended over the East as the aftermath of a Christmas fog.

It directly caused four deaths in the vicinity, caused several telegraphic lines to break, shipping, crippled railroad traffic and caused considerable property damage.

### Lightning Amidst Snow.

The storm, composed of thunder and lightning in the midst of driving snow, awakened New Yorkers at the height of the storm about 7 o'clock in the morning.

The wind shifted to the northwest and increased in violence, reaching its greatest intensity at 9 o'clock, and soon after carrying of the storm cloud.

The gale continued, however, throughout the day, hurling in hundreds of plate glass windows and toppling down the street and demolishing several partly built structures.

### Deaths During Blinding Snow.

The storm, which began in Massachusetts, the weather bureau reported, and the telegraph companies said, their service in New England had been badly crippled, although communication had not been entirely lost with the principal cities.

Shipments of all kinds scurried to shelter to escape the heavy seas and several ocean liners dropped anchor until the gale abated. Thirty-five persons aboard 15 canal boats driven ashore by the gale were rescued by the coast guard crew at that point, assisted by the crew of the coast guard cutter Seneca.

The deaths all occurred while the blinding snowstorm was at its height.

## FORTUNE IN KITCHEN STOVE

Five Hundred Thousand Dollars in Stock Certificates, Stolen in Filth, Found in Wellington.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Five hundred thousand dollars in stock certificates and checks, stolen from a registered mail pouch while it was in transit in the mail, were recovered by the police at the Pennsylvania railroad station late Christmas eve have been recovered in an old stove in the home of two negroes who were driving the vehicle.

The small pouch contained stock certificates and checks estimated to be worth \$50,000.

When the pouch reached the station it was found open. All but \$30,000 of the securities and checks were missing. The remainder was found in the wagon.

The drivers of the wagon, Albert and Earl Johnson, who are not related, were arrested on suspicion and held in heavy ball for further examination.

The first search for the stolen money resulted in nothing being found, but another visit to the home after the new year, following a seven week examination, revealed \$350,000 in securities of the Du Pont Powder Co. and \$150,000 in checks in the unused stove.

The informant expressed the belief that a settlement will positively be reached, a settlement and a rupture thus avoided.

School Burns: Students Flee.

HIGHLAND, N. Y., Dec. 27.—From a highly confidential nonpartisan source in Vienna, private advises have been received, taking an optimistic view of the Austro-American situation.

The American government, it is believed, appears to be actuated by a sincere desire to preserve friendly relations with the United States, even at a considerable sacrifice, and is endeavoring to form a rapid reconciliation.

There is no note on the Ancona

which the United States deem satisfactory.

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Gols Nails in Hindenburg Statue.

London, Dec. 27.—The Greek government has taken cognizance of the recent landing of Italian troops near Aiyos, and a friendly split off from the Greek ministry. Some of the women visitors, who were received by a committee of American women, were arrested, according to a declaration made by General Alvaro Obregon, Carranza commander.

Barnesville Jail Empty.

BARNESVILLE, Minn., Dec. 27.—The most striking record of non-arrests in this city's history, was revealed by records covering the past month. Mr. Caldwell has been engaged in his banking business in Omaha since his graduation from Yale university 30 years ago.

Ohioan Banker Dies.

CALDWELL, Neb., Dec. 27.—Victor B. Caldwells, president of the United States National bank of Omaha, died of a complication of diseases.

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Sympathetic Business.

"Sonny," said a small boy's father, "you are getting on at your new house."

"Very well, dad," said the boy.

"Well, I shall come down and see you in your new home one day," remarked the father.

"Well, if you," said the boy, "you must remember we have numbers at our house instead of names, I'm thirty-one."

The next morning the father went down and knocked at the schoolhouse door, and when the schoolmaster opened it he said: "I've come to have a look at my boy; I'm the father of thirty-one."

"Come inside," said the schoolmaster sympathetically. "I've got four more prospects of my establishment over to the Allies."

According to German electricians

there were never collections on transmission lines that carried 100,000 or more volts,

even when they are not charged.

JAMES F. BYRNES



# AUSTRIA IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANCONA DISASTER

NEW AMERICAN NOTE TO DUAL MONARCHY DECLARES CULPABILITY OF NAVAL COMMANDER IS ESTABLISHED.

## VIOLATED PRINCIPLES OF LAW AND HUMANITY

Officer in Charge of Submarine Ordered Destruction of Ancona After Engines had been Stopped—United States Declines to Enter Debate.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Secretary of State to Ambassador Penfield "Department of State, Washington, December 19, 1915.

"I wish to call your attention to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, textually as follows:

"The government of the United States has received the note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, transmitted to me by cablegram on December 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration."

"On December 15, 1915, Baron

Zwicknagl, the chargé d'affaires of the imperial and royal government at Washington, transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austrian naval admiral of the fleet regarding the sinking of the steamer Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board.

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## An Old Indian's New Year Greeting

That you may always have a tent and no sorrow as you travel.  
That you may always have a cache for your food and food for cache.  
That you may never find a tree that will not give sap or a field that am said so—Birmingham Age-Herald.

### AN ESSAY ON "NOO YEAR'S"

Little Eddie Gives His Reasons for the Annual Holiday and its Celebrations.

New Years is the time when a man takes off crusty timer ter what a fine feller he niles if it's not only a littul different. That makes a littul resolutions and stands in front of a mirror to see if there is a halo around his head. The resolutions peep in the ten sent store; they don't last long.

The other object of New Years is to give the wine sellers and the cellars a chance to earn money. On New Year's eve everybody goes downtown, where the lights are bright and sit around tables to wait for the year to make in. When the clocks get to twelve, the people who have been made pale by the time comes in, and everybody stands up and hollers or else blows horns. Why peep out do this I don't know unless it is that the new year is a brand new think it has slipped in without any body knowing it. The feeling on the morning after New Year's is responsible for many of the resolutions. Peo sez that it is a good time to make a new start, and we all well, the particular resolutions are well put into immediate and drastic effect on that date. Do not plunge hastily into the water, and waste a perfectly good resolution. From personal experience I know that it is a weakness, in a moment of sentimental and saffron-hued regret, to the oneself up so tight in an ironbound and ill-tempered New Year's resolution that it takes forever to the January 15 to separate oneself from it, and can be done then only with considerable mental anguish and a badly lacquered conscience.

I have on hand now a variety of general jobber assortments of shop-worn, good resolutions, adopted unanimously by the committee on resolutions at its annual meeting sometime between the 25th and 31st of December. Most of these resolutions has been used long enough to know that they not frayed on the edges or bubbly in the brushing from excess of use. They look awfully good at this giddytime of the year when one's bank account appears delicate and remorseful. This is the time for a good resolu-



ition to make its strongest appeal to you. You survey the field with an anxious and appealing eye, and looking for comfort and succor. The good resolution steps blithely forward with a smile; bright and cheery, with an air of unconcerned face like the inquisitive book agent it slips a blank into your ready and nervous hand and says, "sign here." You are in no mental or physical condition to refuse. You call out to anything down much as you can for resolution. It is likely the night before you could not even turn the bedclothes down but probably rested your wearied head upon the pillow and spread your classic cover over the dim-witted snowdrifts here and there.

You put your hand to your solid ivory, but throb-bing hot, and try to recollect your thoughts. You must have reviewed the past and something in it to clear you out with a single bright spot.

On top of this someone sticks a package of letters under the door. You open them slowly, and then find the gas bill, the electric bill, the rent bill, the grocery bill, and you vainly attempt to calculate at what time next spring by the strictest economy and by cutting out cigars and high-toned, you can reasonably expect your bank account to be convelescent. Score 12 to 0 in favor of the good resolution.

You try to remember if the good resolution now facing you looking so strong and vigorous has ever been introduced to you before. It looks familiar somehow. Can it be by any pos-

sible to have some good resolution that you fall for late year, which gains the promise of carrying you through the good year 1915 holding out firmly on a permanent seat on the water car-

and fresh from the many effects of King Neptune. You recall with what joy your embrased said good resolution a year ago; how you laid upon its neck and clung to it for an hour of your distress and brooding remorse. You reflect that ought to be a good resolution, but it is "Made in Amer-

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you remember that something went wrong with it during the first nine months of the year. You turn to "the

"New Year's Day in the New Year."

Joe M. Chappell in National Magazine.

### FACING THE NEW YEAR.

When the year is on the threshold,  
To you it past,  
Gather up its stores of blessings,  
Chain and hold it to the future  
On a path unknown.

Brewer, strong and true,  
For a brighter day.

—Mrs. Mary B. Wiggin.

In a Scotch Heaven.

Early in the last century, an old Forfarshire aristocrat, invited in the bedroom corner of his castle an automatic organ. It was her delight of a mother to play her guest with its strains. But it was more of those distract-

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Then you turn your bloodshot eyes,

both of them saying "I'm in" in your dressings, you behind the mirror, giving you the wife of your bosom,

and with a broken sob you scratch the blank from the whitewashed head

"good resolution" and once more you are "on."

Listen—if you do it, and you will—

that you may always have a tent and no sorrow as you travel.

That you may always have a cache for your food and food for cache.

That you may never find a tree that will not give sap or a field that am said so—Birmingham Age-Herald.

THE PINE POKER, PINE CITY, MINN.

## MANAGEMENT OF SMALL APPLE ORCHARD



Heavy Load of Snow Apples in Michigan Orchard.

M. C. BURKHART, United States Department of Agriculture in the United States.

Throughout the humid regions of the United States there are large numbers of small apple orchards. In many sections there is scarcely a farm which has not a few trees.

The orchards vary in size from a few, trees to several acres.

They were planted mainly for the purpose of having a home source of supply and were not planned as commercial plantings nor intended to be sold.

Most trees were kept and used.

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If you would have

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What Will You Do For Seed Corn Next Spring?

There never has been a season in the history of corn growing in the Northwest that was so unfavorable as the one just passed. It is very doubtful if any of the 1915 corn crop will cure so well as to make seed corn of high germination. This being the case, it is evident that there will be little, if any, seed corn saved from the 1915 crop suitable for planting under Northern conditions.

Fortunately, however, I have procured a limited quantity of sound, dry, 1914 seed corn of fine quality, well selected stock, carefully tested for germination. I quote as follows:

Minnesota grown Yellow Dent \$4.00 per bushel  
corn, germination test about 92%  
Minnesota grown White Dent \$4.00 per bushel  
corn, germination test about 90%

This price is made provided you can give me your order at once, delivery to be made to you in ten days or any time up to A. J. 1st, 1916. As I can get only a limited amount of this corn, I must have your order at once for the price is likely to advance or stocks in view become sold out.

Some authorities say seed corn will be worth \$5.00 to \$10.00 per bushel next spring. This is your opportunity to obtain Minnesota grown corn at a reasonable price.

I have a sample bag of this corn at the store. Come in and see it. If you are not coming to town within the next day or two, better send your order by mail or telephone. First come, first served.

Very truly yours,

W. F. GLASAW.

## ELECTRIC SERVICE

Our ambition is to furnish a complete service, not merely to supply the current necessary for your needs, but to promptly take care of your repairs, new installations, complaints, etc. Should any condition arise whereby your service does not give you the utmost satisfaction, you are earnestly requested to report the same.

Eastern Minnesota Power Co.

## Pine City News

Suit of rooms for rent. Gentleman preferred.—Mrs. Asplund.

Royal typewriter for sale. In good condition. Inquire at this office.

Mrs. Wm. Daley and daughter Mary were St. Paul visitors yesterday.

Big dance in the Armory. Monday evening, Jan. 3. Caferelli's orchestra.

F. G. Bolken arrived Monday from Amador, N. D., for a visit at the Axell home.

Wm. Buckley and family spent Christmas with her folks at St. Paul, returning Tuesday.

Joe Carlson of the Big store spent Christmas and the week-end with his parents at Harris.

Mrs. Mary Topinka of Hinckley spent Christmas at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. P. McQuisick.

Miss Stella Babcock arrived home last Friday from her school at White Pine to spend the holidays.

Lost: gold watch—Elgin, hunting case with initials engraved thereon. Liberal reward at this office.

The Lohmans and Mrs. Gervow and son spent Christmas and the week-end with relatives at Forest Lake.

Dr. Skully left, last Thursday, for Le Sueur where he spent Christmas with his parents, returning Monday.

Please return all empty bottles, cases and kegs at once as am endeavoring to clean up my business.—Peter Engle.

Have Staeske, the expert watch maker and engraver, do your watch, clock and jewelry repairing. All work guaranteed.

W. F. Mikska left last Friday for his old home at New Prague where he visited under the parental roof until Tuesday.

Henry Fisher was dinner at St. Paul to eat Christmas dinner at his mother's home, returning to that city on the night train.

A. G. Ballata will pay \$5 reward for evidence leading to the conviction of the person who shot through his fish house on Cross lake.

Miss Edyth Robinson, who teaches in the village schools at Mora, is home to spend the holidays with her parents south of town.

The G. A. Stakes went to St. Peter last Friday where they spent Christmas with relatives and old friends, returning Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Livingston were up from Hudson whether they recently moved, to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. L. H. McQuisick.

The Dudley brothers—E. C. and O. E.—expect to open a vulcanizing and battery recharging shop here as soon as a suitable location is found.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Kick, west of town, Tuesday. Also a boy at the John Wiehe home on Wednesday of last week.

Clinton Breckinridge and wife were up from Minneapolis, where he is in the employ of the Railway & Warehouse Dept., to spend Christmas and Sunday.

Mrs. F. E. Smith and children left last Thursday for Stillwater to remain during the holidays. Frank accompanied them down and returned home Sunday.

D. C. Gray was down to spend Christmas from Duluth, where he is employed temporarily in the office of the N. P. division superintendent who is sick.

The Naval Militia will give a Military ball in the Armory, New Year's night. It will be the best dancing party of this year and will set a strong pace for the coming year.

Nearly a score of the friends of Miss Bessie Kilgore surprised her at her home, Monday evening, when games were played, refreshments served and a very pleasant evening spent.

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Mrs. Ethel Sherwood went to St. Paul on Monday to meet her mother and they are expected home tomorrow. Mrs. Sherwood has been absent about five weeks, visiting relatives at Dakota points.

We desire to extend to all the readers of The Pioneer our heartiest good wishes for a Happy New Year. May health and prosperity be yours throughout 1916. The executive staff and employees of Hotel Venzone, Minneapolis."

Frank Bele was up from Elbow Lake, where he is employed in the printing office, to spend Christmas. He returned Sunday. Miss Adelade Bele was also home from her work at St. Paul to spend Christmas and the week-end.

A. Kicker, who is E. M. P. Co. representative in the Brainerd territory, and A. C. who handles the Beroun yard of the Inter State Lumber Co., were here to join the family circle over Christmas and will be back for New Years.

A. Studin returned to his home at Cambridge last Friday after a 2-months' visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anna Madden here. Mrs. Madden accompanied him and expected to visit there and at Fort Lake until after New Years.

Mrs. Dunning received word, the first of the week, of the serious illness from pneumonia, of her daughter, Mrs. Kneen, at her home at Spooner, Wis., but she is now much better. Mrs. Kneen and her husband visited here last summer.

Albert Jumer, who is spending the vacation from his school work at Chicago with his mother and sisters at Minneapolis, came up last Thursday for a day's visit, returning on Friday with his father, who remained at the Flour city until yesterday afternoon.

Work was begun yesterday on cleaning out the old harness shop, which was gutted by fire about three weeks ago. Repairs will be begun at once and Mr. Glasgow hopes to have them complete in about a week or so when Mr. Hass will at once move the harness shop back to its old location.

Mrs. Ruth Stephan came down from Hinckley last Friday noon and that afternoon accompanied her aunt, Miss R. Hay, to Hinckley where she remained at her sister's home until Tuesday. Howard Blanckenship accompanied them and expects to spend New Year day with his father on the farm in Cloverton.

Theresa spent Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Eddy, at Brookpark, returning Monday. They expect to leave Jan. 5th, for their annual stay of a few weeks at Excelsior Springs, Mo., whence they will likely go to New Orleans for a time and probably visit other southern points during the winter.

Work on the extension addition at the creamery are progressing satisfactorily and within a short time the Pine City creamery will be the largest in the county. The addition to the north end of the creamery is 20x36, making the entire work room about 36x50. A 12-foot addition is also being put onto the end of the fee house.

Owing to increased business, the Railway will add another operator at the depot after Jan. 1, making three operators here. Under the new arrangement they are supposed to serve only nine hours each and the old arrangement has closed a portion of the depot from 7 to 11 p. m. though someone has managed to be about most of the time for public convenience.

Rudolph Wosmek was called to St. Paul, Tuesday, in connection with the \$500,000 corporation, the organization of which he handled, there just before the holidays. It was a distinct recognition of Mr. Wosmek's ability for those who had watched his work in school to select him for such a work—and is a satisfaction to his hosts of friends in Pine City and the county.

Gen. Manager Allen was "chief cook and bottle washer" at the Power Company office much of the past week, with Miss Mulheran at her home at Wykoff from Wednesday of last week to Tuesday of this.

Miss Mallison at her home at Minneapolis from Friday last to Monday and then was spending Friday, Saturday and Sunday with her wife and her folks at Stanchfield.

The election officers of the Royal Neighbors in the Pythian hall Tuesday evening, to choose officers, were elected: Ellen C. Schumacher, president; Lydia M. Robinson past oracle; Lydia M. Robinson past recorder; Mary Pufari receiver; Olivia Wilcox marshal; Jennie Schofeld L. S.; Sophie Sommero O. S.; Lucy Gilson manager; Lucy Gilson installation officer; Josephine Sobotka ceremonial marshal.

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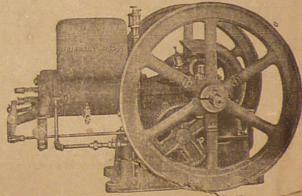
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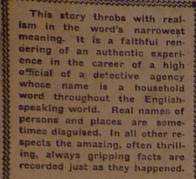
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# A Lost Identity

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Notebook of an Old Detective  
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And With Names and Places Hidden Published as a Proof That  
Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction



This story throws with realism in the word's narrowest meaning, it is a faithful rendering of an authentic experience of a member of a high official of a detective agency whose name is a household word throughout the English-speaking world. Real names of persons and places are sometimes disguised. In other respects the amazing often surprising, always gripping facts are recorded just as they happened.

"Mr. Hazard, wait! I want to speak with you."

Felix Hazard had just descended the "L" steps at Fifth avenue and Madison street, when he was stopped by a "the Sutherland Detective Agency," to take up the labors of the day, when his steps were arrested by a soft feminine voice. He stopped instantly, and a without surprise wheeling round met the girl's anxious look. He knew the voice.

"Certainly," Hazard said seriously.

The two drew closer together, and moved after the steps away from the bustling sidewalk.

Nominally, Helen Bertel was a stenographer at the Sutherland offices; but, besides being a strikingly pretty girl, with a dimpled smile of winsomeness, she had on more than one occasion, when asked to meet an emergency, shown a capability and adaptability that placed her in the rank with the company's best operatives. She was, however, a girl of means.

Felix Hazard and Helen Bertel were good friends. Indeed, it was hard sometimes for the man to smother the glow that was wont to leap up in his eyes when she made no attempt to hide his admiration, however.

The girl smiled faintly.

"Perhaps it is serious," she returned, "but I am really queer—what do I say to see you about? I'm glad we met here instead of having to walk till we got to the office."

"Last night, as may you remember, was beautiful—a full moon and I was in a humor that I had not been, alone in my room, and I went out into the lake lots farther than I should have done. . . . I had an adventure."

Her large gray eyes were dancing with suppressed excitement.

"Is the middle of the lake?" Hazard inquired.

"Goodness, no! But I was far enough off shore to make a very narrow escape. The moon was high up behind me at the time, and once when I looked back I saw a rowboat. It was white—like a shell of abalone on a path of cold silver fire."

Felix Hazard scolded whimsically and gently.

"The moon's influence still lingers, I see. What a queer girl you are!"

She made a little mouth at him and went on:

"It was empty, or I thought it was one does not always skirt危险地 across the lake every night, you know, and of course I turned and paddled straight to where it was."

"Well, it wasn't empty. A man lay unconscious in the bottom, his white face turned up to the stars. I knew he hadn't been dead, but even while I was holding the two boats together and peering down at him, he opened his eyes and looked up at me the way it was funny!"

"To say the least, I couldn't think of what to do," he said.

"I was so frightened, and all at once he was dead; but, even while I was holding the two boats together and peering down at him, he opened his eyes and looked up at me the way it was funny!"

"Then when he had been hurt, and I not know. Would you believe it? He hadn't the slightest idea how he got injured, or how he happened to be out on the lake in a rowboat at nearly midnight."

"I guess he was making mental note of everything. He had an unusual appearance, if you know what I mean—shirt unfastened, shoes unlace; his collar was open, and his hat was missing missing. Also he didn't have an overcoat."

"He was too weak to help himself, and there wasn't another boat in sight—wherever he had come from, he must have been in the middle of the lake. I tied my canoe to the boat and towed it back to the beach; not so easy to do with only a single paddle."

Hazard was intensely interested, not so much because the episode was unusual in itself, but also because he knew that Helen Bertel would not be telling him about it with so much detail if she were not moved by some desire."

"Well, I prompted her, 'what's the answer?'

"Why, on the way to land I made another discovery, and I wanted to tell the victim's identity. He is a strong man, however, and all the countless little marks of breeding and refinement that a girl can't mistake. Yet somehow it impresses me that he was not dressed for the part; his clothes were worn, correct, as to style, but they had not been made for him. They clashed with his personality—do you know what I mean?"

"I understand. Somebody had exchanged clothing with him—to ride the victim's identity, to set the man free, to give him a false scent, or for the more simple motive that your chum's suit was better than his assailant's."

"That's right," Hazard said re-

covered his senses, but remained silent. He kept watching me with a puzzled expression, as if he felt he ought to know me but couldn't recall my name or where we had met. In fact, everything he looked at—even in his hands, the lake, the boat, the moon—all seemed strange to him.

"What's your name?" I asked him. "Name?" he repeated, looking more closely at me. "I know what you think—that I don't know what I mean."

"I soon realized that I had a charge that was as helpless and dependent as a little child. Fancy! It was nearly midnight too!"

"What did you do with him?"

"The girl colored, but answered steadily.

"Why, just what I thought you and I were going to do under the circumstances. I felt a responsibility. When I saw how helpless he was I went through his pockets. And he let me proceed as if I were the proper thing to do, just watching me, a bewildered sort of animal. I found was some envelopes and a postcard. . . . Did you ever hear of 'Denver Ed' Rawlings?'"

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"I do know, though, that I'm not the crook in envelopes, in my pocket book, I have a bump. I've given the phase of the matter more thought than any other. If the blow that brought me to the ground was aimed at me, of course, that the blow that brought me to the ground was aimed at me, I've heard of inherent depth being cured by cranial operations; but some how with me I can't believe such to be the case. All my instincts and inclinations are against it."

"While the young man was speaking Felix Hazard had been watching him



