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5 KILLED, 30 INJURED IN GAS EXPLOSION

DEPUTY SHERIFF IS "BEATEN UP" BY I. W. W.

MATTHEW JONES' FACE
BATTERED; BOTH EYES
CLOSED; ATTACKED ON
TRAIN; PISTOL TAKENHad Hired Bunch of Men in Duluth to Work at
Backus-Brooks Camps at Gemmell;
Were Enroute to Woods

Sheriff Kennedy Arrests Three

Men Taken at Walker After Leaving Train;
Carried Revolvers, Alleged; Ripple
Meets Injured Man at Train

Half asleep, in a car filled with men whom he had hired in Duluth yesterday to work in the lumber camps of the Backus-Brooks company at Gemmell, Matthew Jones, representing the Backus-Brooks company, was attacked last night by a bunch of members of the I. W. W. while on the train enroute and fearfully beaten. Both eyes were closed tightly and his face is a swollen black and blue mass. So badly was he beaten that some of his best friends in Bemidji scarcely knew him when he was escorted from the train at an early hour this morning by Chief of Police Ripple.

Five "Jump" Sheriff.

According to the story, Jones, who is a deputy sheriff, had hired the men in Duluth and two cars were filled with the men to be taken to the camps now on strike by the I. W. W. After the train left Brainerd Jones, so it is said, was dosing when five of the men in the car "jumped" him. There were 49 in the car and it is said many of them were members of the "One Big Union."

A telegram was sent to Chief Ripple of Bemidji and the chief and two of his men met the train which arrived here about 6 o'clock this morning, two hours late.

The men who committed the alleged assault left the train at Walker.

In the beating up process, Jones' revolver was taken from him.

Chief Ripple Ready.

When the train pulled into Bemidji the men left on the train were scattered through two cars. When Chief Ripple boarded the train and walked through the train some of the men, hired by Jones, arose and started to follow. The chief had on a heavy overcoat but underneath was a belt from which was slung a heavy Colt revolver and when he discovered some of the men starting to follow him he threw open his coat, slapped a hand on the "smoke wagon" and made ready to draw, and there was a hasty resumption of former seats.

Shannon is Called.

Jones was taken to the city building and Dr. E. A. Shannon, city physician, summoned and the injuries of Jones attended to.

A telegram received later from Sheriff Kennedy at Walker contained the information that three of the alleged assaulters of Jones had been arrested. It was stated they had revolvers in their possession and that Jones' revolver was also found on one of the men arrested.

In all probability warrants will be issued for the men who attacked the deputy.

BEMIDJI MEN FIGURE IN
LEGISLATIVE HEARING

St. Paul, Feb. 2.—Joseph Ettor and other leaders of the I. W. W. resisted efforts of the house labor committee to learn about methods and principles of the famous organization, at the hearing on the senate bill creating an emergency fund of \$50,000 a year for the governor to use in meeting conditions such as the recent outbreak in the Minnesota woods.

Ettor contended that the committee's only task was to inquire into working conditions. In this he was supported by E. G. Strand, Socialist representative from Two Harbors, who declared that the proceeding was a "fake investigation," going into the affairs of an organization that is "none of our business." He was overruled by the rest of the committee and effort was made to learn how far the I. W. W. goes in advocating and practicing sabotage, but such questions were met with constant objections by Ettor and defiant refusals of the witnesses to answer.

House Chamber Packed.

The house chamber was packed with spectators, including most of the members of the legislature. The

hearing lasted several hours with only five witnesses on the stand. Some 40 witnesses are on hand, and a score of I. W. W. agitators at the hearing applauded the speeches of their representatives. The committee was interrupted frequently by I. W. W. men in the crowd who wished to express their feelings.

Arthur W. Thorn, 25 years old, of Bemidji, was on the stand for three hours at the outset of the hearing. He had belonged to the I. W. W. for two years, he said, and went to Gemmell last fall to work in camp No. 46 of the International Lumber com-

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MR. G. HOG APPEARS IN
BEMIDJI; SEES SHADOW;
6 WEEKS MORE COLD

A little bundle of fur gave a slight quiver this morning, there was a slow unfolding, a lazy stretch and a yawn and Mr. G. Hog was awake from a long snooze.

"Wonder how the weather is outside," he mused to himself as he lazily lay in his warm and comfortable habitat.

"Well, I guess I'll get out and look around," and suiting his inclination the little fellow, whom tradition says on February 2 indicates the coming six weeks of weather, slowly drew himself together, meandered up to the mouth of his winter home and out he hopped.

A chilly shiver ran through him and lazily rubbing his sleepy eyes he took a survey of his surroundings. With the turning of his head he happened to notice his shadow athwart the spotless coverlet of the earth and he ejaculated, "Me for another six weeks," and disappeared again into his tiny lair, curled up and was soon asleep to await the passing of six weeks more of cold weather.

GIRLS' TEAMS CLASH
AT ARMORY TONIGHT

Tonight the girls' basketball team of the Bemidji high school will meet the girls' quintet of the Bagley high at the Armory in Bemidji, and an interesting game should be the result.

The locals have been practicing hard and this will be the first time the high school girls have appeared in a contest this winter.

Game will be called at 8:30 o'clock.

OHIO ISSUES CALL TO
RALLY TO PRESIDENT

(By United Press)

Columbus, O., Feb. 2.—The Ohio House of Representatives by a unanimous vote today adopted a resolution addressed to President Wilson that "it views with alarms" the present crisis and calling upon every citizen of Ohio to stand by the president as one.

N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE
AGAIN IN SPOTLIGHT

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Senate today adopted a resolution authorizing the attorney general to investigate the buying and selling of contracts on the New York Cotton exchange.

REPORTS FOR DUTY WITHOUT REPAIRS

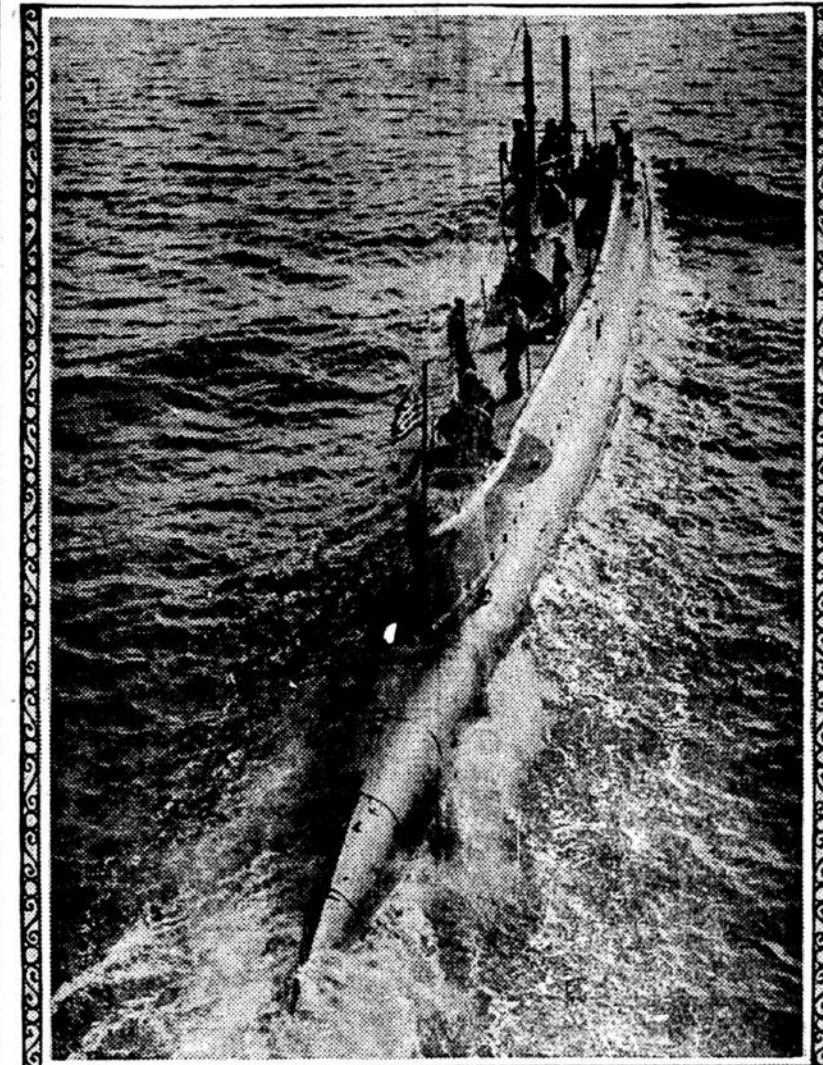


Photo by American Press Association.

United States submarine G-1, after waiting in drydock nineteen months, had to sail without repairs because steel companies were too busy.

Tragedy In Life Of Fire
Truck Driver; Chicken On
Own Stove Burns - Alarm

"I've been a member of the fire department for a long time," explained Garry Brennan, driver of the big motor truck of the Bemidji fire department, this morning to a representative of the Pioneer, "and I've made all sorts of runs, at all times and in all kinds of weather and I've always endeavored to do my duty as I should, and I hope I have. I've fought fires in business blocks, fought 'em in houses, in woodsheds and barns of every description and had come to the conclusion that there wasn't anything that could possibly burn that I hadn't tackled, but I never was called out to put out a chicken before, and with the mercury slipping out the bottom of the tube at that."

"And then to think—yes, just think—in my own house, too."

"That was the best chicken I ever knew. I could see myself sitting

on the starboard side and not a slippery corner to turn nor a 'jit' to get around, and clear sailing for a long run."

"Talk about dressing—boy, there wasn't a button in it and it was trimmed swell. It was shirred from the wrist to the elbow and scrambled from the elbow to the shoulder and was fricasseeed just like some you've seen. And to think—"

But the newspaper man was already reaching for his handkerchief. It was nearly 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon that Mrs. Brennan placed a chicken on the range to cook and stepped to a neighbor's on a slight errand. The receptacle containing the fowl boiled over, the grease fell on the hot stove, there was a smudge and—some neighbor turned in a fire alarm.

Loss—One perfectly good chicken. Damage, large—To fire truck driver's feelings.

"Poultry", SUBJECT OF
EXPERT ON TUESDAY

There will be an illustrated lecture on the subject of "Poultry" in the high school agricultural room Tuesday evening, February 6, by Prof. N. E. Chapman of the state university. The lecture will begin at 7:30 o'clock and will last about an hour. All persons interested are invited to attend. There will be no admission charged.

NORWEGIAN VESSEL
IS ANOTHER VICTIM

(By United Press)

London, Feb. 2.—The Norwegian steamer Portia, has been sunk by a German submarine, it was announced today.

EDITOR MAKES CALL

Harry Bright, editor of the Walker Pilot, and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Wood Wednesday night.

"NOTHING YET", REPORTS
STATE DEPARTMENT

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 2.—The definite statement by the state department was made today that "nothing had gone forward to Germany yet."

PATIENT IMPROVES

Mrs. F. W. Bolger, who was operated upon Tuesday morning, is getting along nicely after her operation.

EIGHTEEN TENEMENTS
WRECKED WHEN MAIN
BURSTS IN CROWDED
DISTRICT OF CHICAGOOver 2,000 Persons, Half Naked and Without
Foot Covering Driven From Homes at
Early Hour This Morning

Yawning Pit Opened In Street

Force of Blast So Terrific Some of Structures
Are Completely Demolished; Mercury
Stands Four Below Zero

(By United Press)

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Five persons are known to have been killed and at least thirty injured by a gas main explosion early this morning which wrecked eighteen tenements in the congested district on the West Side. Over 2,000 half clad and bare-

footed persons were driven from their quarters into the open with the mercury registering four degrees below zero.

The force of the explosion was terrific, one portion of a street being opened up into a yawning pit and some of the buildings were completely demolished.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
COACHED IN DECLAMATION

Miss Blanche Door is coaching the Bemidji high school students for declamatory and debating contests to be held later in the winter. The debating contest will be held some time this month and the declamatory contest will take place in March. Miss Door is instructor in English in the schools.

BEMIDJI POULTRY TO
CROOKSTON EXHIBIT

Dr. J. Warninger of this city has 18 Buff Rock chickens he will ship to the Poultry show in Crookston Monday. Among them is the cock, "Woodrow Wilson," who won the sweepstakes at the Beltrami county poultry show in December, having a score of 93%, scoring half a point more than any other rooster in the show in December.

The birds will be shipped in a coop invented by Dr. Warninger, being a training, shipping and show coop. This crate, which has many advantages in its favor, will be manufactured by Dr. Warninger in Bemidji. One of the features of the new crate is its light weight. The crates are made in four sizes, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inches in height and 24 inches wide. They are constructed of wall board, reinforced with lath and are equipped with a door that closes automatically.

In shipment, the crates are turned on their side, with the door up, and this protects the birds from the cold. The crates have a handy arrangement for watering and feeding the birds, so that the spilled water and feed falls on the floor instead of remaining in the crate. The coops are easily cleaned. Dr. Warninger invites all who are interested in poultry to come and see his birds before they are shipped, as after the show they will be intermingled with the rest of his flock.

"Big Bemidji" Defeats
Grand Rapids by 19 to 11
In Hard Fought Game

In a game featured by hard playing, rough work and fouls galore, the Big Bemidji basketball team defeated the aggregation representing Grand Rapids at the Armory last evening by the score of 19 to 11. A large crowd witnessed the contest and was not slow to voice its disapproval of some of the tactics employed by some, especially one, of the visiting players.

Senseless Kicking.

H. Mayne Stanton refereed and right off the reel commenced to penalize the visitors for violation of the rules which brought forth some protest on the part of one or two of the visitors, but when it comes to knowing basketball they couldn't tell Stanton anything about the game for his long experience in officiating on the "big time" is too well known. In the second half Jacobson went in for George Graham.

Johnson's Shoulder Out.

During the game one of the Grand Rapids quint grabbed "Fuzz" John-

son by the arm which swings from a recently dislocated shoulder and a nasty twist again threw it out. Immediate attention again placed the shoulder in action and from the way Johnson played after that it's a good thing for the boys from the Rapids that both of Johnson's arms weren't jerked from their sockets.

Peck, a former Bemidji player, was in the visitors' lineup.

The lineup and score:

BEMIDJI	GRAND RAPIDS
Howe	McAlpine
Johnson	F.
Berrigan	C.
Graham	G.
Cameron	Whaling
	Longhurst

Summary:—Field baskets, Bemidji, Howe 4, Johnson 3, Cameron 1; Grand Rapids, Powers 1, Peck 1, Whaling 3. Free throws, Howe 2 out of 5, Johnson, 1 out of 2; Powers, 1 out of 3, Peck, 0 out of 2. Referee, Stanton; timekeeper, of Grand Rapids; scorer, Tanner.

WILSON SEEKS RELIEF
FROM STRAIN; PLAYS
GOLF AND CONFERS

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 2.—President Wilson sought relief from the strain over the present international crisis brought on by Germany's declaration of intent to wage an indiscriminate submarine campaign by playing a game of golf this morning.

During the larger part of the forenoon he kept closed in his study advising with Colonel House and Secretary Lansing. The latter is none too well, having been ill for a month.

While the president and secretary wrestled with vexatious problems, German Ambassador von Bernstorff and other Central power diplomats enjoyed themselves attending a motion picture theater showing war movies.

"STAND BY PRESIDENT,"
ADVICE OF HUGHES
WHEN ASKED VIEWS

(By United Press)

New York, Feb. 2.—When Charles Evans Hughes was asked today for his views on the latest international crisis, he replied, "We should all stand by the president."

PACIFIC COAST SOLON
ASKS FOR 100 'DIVERS'

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 2.—Senator Poinexter today presented a bill asking for the building of 100 submarines in addition to the 18 provided for in the naval bill. He claims the Pacific coast is helpless for defense.