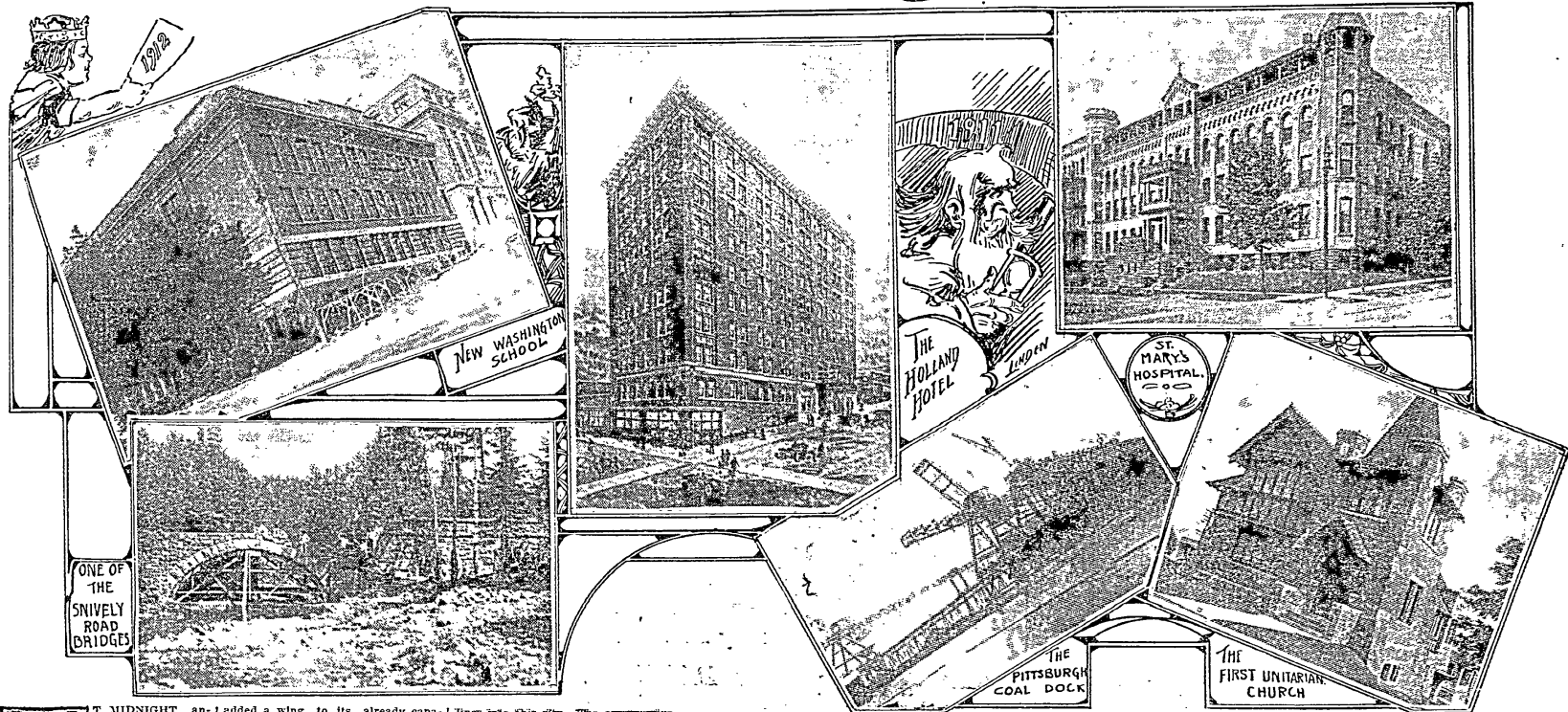


## A FEW OF DULUTH'S 1911 ACHIEVEMENTS.



**ONE OF THE SNIVELY ROAD BRIDGES**

changes have been brought about in this city during the past year. Architecturally the sky line has changed, buildings have been erected, additions have been made to a number of the more important ones and handsome residences have sprung up all over the city. Parks have been improved and bridges placed along the boulevards and drives thus enhancing the beauty of the Zenith city.

The civic and public improvements have been many, but the greatest achievement of the city, in the opinion of the officials and the people, has been the readjustment of taxes. While the rates have only been lowered slightly, the assessments and rates are now more evenly balanced, thus giving great relief to the people.

The Commercial club has done

excellent work for the city during the year, and the officers of the club declare that the greatest thing that they have accomplished has been preparation and presentation of the rate cases to the interstate commission. The papers as arranged by the traffic commission of the club present three separate and distinct points, the first looking to adjustment of the grain rates from the Dakotas which have long been in a chaotic condition. Second, the exchange which requires an adjustment, and third, the distribution from Duluth to southern Minnesota. In 1910 the entire sum raised by popular subscription was only \$26,000, while this year the club expects to get together \$60,000. An industrial commission will be formed and it is the belief of officers of the club that this will result in bringing a large number of important and profitable industries to the city.

From a civic and educational standpoint the most noteworthy accomplishment of the year was the completion of the new Washington school, which is practically devoted to the development of manual training. The new coal dock built by the Pittsburgh Coal company and finished during 1911 has been the means of increasing the traffic in fuel on the lake and is one of the important factors in the development of Duluth. The mid-summer Water Carnival and annual regatta of the Duluth Boat club is one of the greatest advertising features of the city and does more to attract strangers to the city than any other one thing, according to the Boosters. Last summer this event was celebrated in a more elaborate manner than ever before, a number of new events being offered to Duluthians and their guests.

added a wing to its already capacious building. This was a much needed improvement. Along the same line is the erection of the St. Louis county sanitarium which will be opened to the public shortly and will be devoted exclusively to the care and treatment of tubercular patients. This will be the first county tubercular sanitarium in Minnesota. The

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People's meeting on Sunday evening which is causing the church to be filled to its doors. Many other churches have started movements to encourage an attendance of worship with great success.

If 1912 treats Duluth as well as did 1911 and the growth of the city is as steady during the coming years then, indeed, will be realized the dream of George H. Maxwell which he expressed in his speech before the Commercial club recently and in which he said: "In ten years Duluth will have a population of over 1,000,000 people. This is not the wild figment of a disordered imagination but is based upon the natural and inevitable growth of the Zenith city."

"Much that might be looked on today as going too far beyond conventional ideas should in fact be done to make the lives of the working people of Duluth full of contentment and happiness and of the aspirations of a higher citizenship."

"If Los Angeles could transform the deserts of South California into gardens; make a commercial seaport out of an inland Mexican village; and accomplish such wonders, surely Duluth with its wonderful natural advantages can accomplish the colonization of 5,000,000 acres of the most fertile soil in the world lying at its backyard and have a population

and night serving 2,000 men and boy members and countless non-members. This, declared Mr. Bevis, is far more worthy of praise than any other single act of the Young Men's Christian association. The very fact that every hour in the year help was being given in some manner to someone is in itself a great achievement.

Another park board achievement is the enlargement of the old and the construction of several new skating rinks. Electric lights have been placed at intervals around the rinks and officers are stationed nearby to keep order. Duluth children thus have been granted an opportunity to indulge in this most healthful of sports with all the danger—physical and moral—eliminated.

The religious world in Duluth has not been idle during the year. The churches and societies have strongly allied themselves with the Men and Religion Forward Movement and have made this city one of the strongholds of the work. The First Presbyterian church has inaugurated a series of

greater by far than a million inhabitants."