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ARMY CAPTAIN SLAYS FOUR, ROBS BANK AND KILLS SELF

Buying Everything in Sight

23 KILLED AND HUNDREDS INJURED IN WORST SNOW STORM FOR MANY YEARS

Railroads Are Paralyzed and Several Cities Are Completely Isolated; New York Has, Tropical Storm Which Floods City; South and Southwest In Grip of Zero Temperatures.

Washington, Jan. 12.-The severest cold wave of many years gripped the country today from the Rocky mountains eastward to the Alleghenies, and will move on to the Atlantic coast tonight and Sunday.

Twenty degrees below zero was the rule in Indiana and surrounding territory, while the cold extended southward as far as the Gulf of Mexico, with temperatures there ranging around 18 degrees above ezro. Traffic throughout the middle west is greatly impeded and coal shortage causes much suffering.

To the extreme southern limit of ? the Florida main land temperatures blizzard HITS tonight will fall below freezing and cold will be more intense all the way northward to the Canadian border. The cold will continue through

MANY KILLED. Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 12.-With the

south in the grip of its worst snow and sleet storm of the winter today, which swept through eastern Alabama and central Georgia had taken a toll of 16 lives and injured more than 100 persons.

Wire communication over a great area was paralyzed, scores of small towns in the interior being isolated, while Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville and other cities along the south Atlantic coast were cut off from outside communication.

Many Deaths.

The deaths and injured reported early today were as follows:

Dothan, Ala., six children killed and 40 injured in collapse of school house in country near Dothan. Webb, Ala., one killed and esti-

mated 70 injured in destruction of store and other buildings. Troy, Ala., one killed and several injured.

Macon, Ga., one killed at Camp Wheeler and several injured.

Low Barometer. The cold wave that extended as far south as Florida was preceded by an unusually low barometric pressure, the drifts and all were held within 28.98 being recorded at Knoxville, 40 miles of the city. Other trains, in while thunder storms and lightning accompanied a heavy snowfall at Asheville, N. C.

It was thought today that sleet and high winds were the chief causes of the isolation of most of the towns and that little or no damage had resulted in the larger cities.

Blows Down Tents.

The tornado, at Camp Wheeler containing 150 patients, and heavy rains flooded other tents. private was reported killed in the collapse of the corral of the 122d infantry, while the base ball and race track grand stand at the fair grounds were badly damaged and the winter quarters of a circus was demolished, many animals being killed.

Traffic Tie-Up.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 12 .- After the lowest plunge of the mercury in nearly 20 years, the southwest was thoping for a reaction to warmer weather today, based on weather bureau predictions of slowly rising tem-

In the wake of the blizzard and the record cold weather that followed at many points came disorganization of wire and train communication, frantic calls for coal, failure of gas service in the ('ahoma-Kansas fields and much suffering everywhere, but especially in the oil districts, where many buildings were incapable of resisting such low temperatures.

Worst Since 1873.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 12.-A blizzard that broke all records in St. Louis county since 1873 raged throughout the night, setting a low temperature mark in St. Louis of 19 degrees be low zero. Temperatures ranged from (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

The Weather

For Nebraska-Fair; slowly rising tem-



UP ALL TRAFFIC

early reports showed that tornadoes City is Isolated From Outside Communication; Snow is Blown Into Great Drifts: Paralyzes Railroads.

> Chicago, Jan. 12.-Chicago is isolated from rail communication with the outside world by one of the worst blizzards in its history.

Its business is paralyzed.

With snow two feet on the level and swept into great drifts, trains are Cowarts, Ala., seven killed and 25 neither arriving nor leaving the city.

Surface lines were scarcely able to move. Telegraph wires were in bad shape. No milk trains arrived nor were coal wagons able to move 10 per cent of the coal needed.

The thermometer dropped to 14 degrees below zero and a sharp wind from the northwest added to the suf-

Trains Stall in Drifts.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy started three passenger trains out last night. They were unable to negotiate view of this experience, were not started at all. Other roads took similar precautions.

Grocers all over the city notified customers that deliveries would not be attempted until conditions im-

Worst Storm in Years.

"The worst storm we have experienced," steam road and street railblew down some 16 hospital tents, way officials said, "because the drifting snow piles back on the tracks One after we clear them." All night, however, the officials of the several systems kept at work with snow plows in an effort to keep trains and cars

> The street car and elevated lines met with greater success in the fight against suspension of service than the team roads. Several of the railroads abandoned their suburban schedules (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

"Status Quo Ante Bellum" in Muny Court

"Status quo ante bellum" prevails at the municipal court, with Judges Britt, Holmes and Baldwin pursuing their usual activities with seeming insouciance.

been re-established between these judicial disputants. Judge Britt, after having warmed

The communiques, however, have

his feet and nose at a radiator, commented smilingly upon the situation, stating that he intended to go ahead as if nothing had happened. Charles Britt, the judge' son,

continues at his post and has not enounced his disinclination to remove himself from the payroll, this being the cause of the trouble.



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KEUS LEGALE

Russ Continue Peace Negotiations at Brest-Litovsk: Trotzky Declares Against Secret Diplomacy.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 12.-The British government has decided to establish innoff, who was appointed by the Bolsheviki government as Russian ambassador at London, according to the Daily Mail. This step, adds the newspaper, has been taken with a view to btaining useful information in regard to conditions in Russia.

Remain at Brest-Litovsk.

Amsterdam, Jan. 12.-Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, at the conference at Brest-Litovsk yesterday said that in order not to leave any possibility in the fight for peace unutilized the Russian delegation accepted the German demand that the negotiations be continued at Brest-Litovsk.

The chairman of the Russian dele gation said that, in full accord with their former resolution, the Russians desired to continue the peace negotiations quite apart from the fact whether or not the entente powers participated.

General Peace.

Trotzky said he had noted the statement of the central powers that the basis of a general peace as formulated in their declaration of December 25 was null and void and added:

"We adhere to the principles of democratic peace as proclaimed by

Referring to the objection raised by the central powers that the transfer of the negotiations to Stockholm or some other neutral point, as requested by Russia, might enable the entente nations to interfere, M. Trotzky said the Bolsheviki government had been consistent and independent in its peace policy and that there was no reason to assume entente diplo-(Continued on Page Two, Column Six.)

Sleeps Out, Goes to Movies, and Does Not Eat for Two Days

down which he thought his parents Finn style. would administer to him for taking 13 cents belonging to his mother and James said: disposing of the money in the purchase of candy and admittance to a cents worth of candy and den went "movie," little 11-year-old James Su- to a movie. It wuz cold atterwards, an' I couldn't sleep outside, so my chanek, 1911 South Fourteenth street, chum said I could sleep in de hallway spent two days and two nights away of his flat near Thirteenth and Hickfrom home, with no previous thought ory all night. of proper shelter from the piercing

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Because he feared a stern calling fell to a hearty lunch, in Huckelberry When questioned concerning his ex-

"Wull, de first night I bought 3

"I went to school all day yesterday an' den I went to another movie His adventure was brought to an left." "It wuz cold again las' night, so I

climbed in dat express wagon and went-right in de livery barn when de men pulled de wagon in. An' I wuz sleepin' fine when de p'liceman pinched me.
"I hope I get home now, cause I'm

The boy's parents were notified and Deficiency for cor. period, 1915, 1.61 inches taken to a nearby restaurant and he took him home this morning.

WAR SECRETARY GRILLED BY SENATE COMMITTEE; SHARP DIFFERENCES OF OPINION

Baker Is Accused of Giving Country Wrong Impression of Departmental Conditions; U. S. Will Feel Secure When Facts Are Known, He Assures In-

formal relations with Maxim Lity! sharp cross-examination today at the hands of the senate milicommittee conducting the war inquiry.

about 1,200 Lewis machine guns held in storage, while cantonments and camps need them for practice.

TOO MUCH DELAY. "That is the essence of this whole COAL SHORTAGE thing," said Senator Weeks. "There is delay, too much delay. Things that could be done at once are delayed when every day counts."

"Mr. Secretary," Chairman Cham-berlain broke in, "your general statements of conditions are all calculated to leave the impression that all these matters are really in good shape." The senator cited reports of clothing shortages at Camp Sherman and

FEELING OF SECURITY.

"The effect on the country your statements is to lull it into feeling of security that everything has been done that should have been done. I don't think it has.'

"I think the country is entitled to feel secure," Mr. Baker replied earnestly, "When the facts are known the country will feel secure." Senator Hitchcock, another demo-

ratic member of the committee said: the Teutonic allies and that it will earth in his behalf. "But, Mr. Secretary, we have pecific testimony of exact clothing enemy until they shall make them dihortages, while your testimony seems o contradict them completely. Mr. Baker said the shortages cited

might be of final and not initial equipment. I agree with the chairman," coninued Senator Hitchcock, "that you erything is lovely, that there are no shortages and that these reports are

Conditions Not Perfect.

"Quite the contrary," Mr. Baker an-"I want to give the picture as it is. There was a shortage of overcoats and other clothing. But I think the figures of shortages you have were at the climax of the shortages. I think the country ought to have the knowledge that since those not perfect, of course." "The fault I find," the chairman re-

plied, "is that if congress and the people get the impression, which your general statements give, that everything is all right, they will believe that no legislation to correct the department's system is necessary, and from our testimony I think it is necessary." "But I must insist," said Mr. Baker, "that under facts as they are the country is entitled to reassur-

Early Mistakes.

(Continued on Page Two, Common Three.) common human beings assembled set limit.

vestigators at Washington. Washington, Jan. 12.-Secretary Baker came in for more

The committee demanded to know what had been done

Secretary Baker promised that they immediately would be distributed, and Senator Weeks observed that the distribution had been delayed a month.

> **BECOMES ACUTE** IN TWO STATES

Washington, Jan. 12 .- Fuel Administrator Garfield today ordered mines in West Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania to concentrate for the next (en days in shipping coal to ceptain d'stricts, in Ohio and Michigan, where the shortage is acute.

France Will Not Conduct

Peace Negotiations Now

Paris, Jan. 12.-That France does not purpose to have anything to do Litovsk between the Bolsheviki and have no peace dealings with the rect was stated in the Chamber of Deputies this evening by Stephen Pichon, minister of foreign affiairs. The statement was made in reply

to a demand that the government issue passports to socialists desiring to proceed to Petrograd, and that seem to have the impression that ey- the entente powers make a joint declaration of their war aims,

GUILT FOR CRIME AT CAMP FUNSTON Lewis R. Whisler of Salina, Kan., Found Dead in Office After Order Is Issued to All Officers to Have Finger Prints Taken; Leaves Note

SUICIDE FIXES

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 12.—After murdering four men in charge of the army bank at Camp Funston with an ax and battering their bodies beyond recognition in an effort to obtain \$475,000 in cash which was believed to be secreted in the vaults, Captain Lewis R. Whisler of Salina, Kan., late today, took his own life.

To Woman.

His suicide followed a general order issued after the quadruple murder requiring all captains to report and have their finger prints taken.

DEMOS GROOMING

Mysterious Visit of Senator Hitchcock This Week Sets Tongues to Wagging as to the Best Timber.

"It is my opinion that John H. company late yesterday, and today he Morehead, former governor, is doing into the senatorial race and Mr. More-head may strive to return to the state

chatty, giving the impression that The former governor gave the impression that he has arrived at that mature age which would lend dignity to the position of senator and he added that he never felt in better physical condition.

Neville or Morehead.

"Mr. Morehead said he was thinking of the senatorial ambition, but had not made up his mind. I think he is feeling around a little and it is my firm conviction, however, that should Governor Neville decide to get into the senatorial race, that Morehead would not oppose him, Thereville or Morehead will make the race," said Mayor Dahlman.

The report that the governor is concock-Mullen political combination Howard as senator.

Arthur Mullen went to Lincoln as soon as he had conferred with Senator Hitchcock in Omaha and the national committeeman made straightway for the state, house, where he sought the gubernatorial ear.

Ashton C. Shallenberger M. L. Corey, W. E. Reea and Congressman Stephens are also being mentioned in connection with the senatorial race. City hall politicians who are close to the inside of things aver that there is a strong possibility that Neville will with the peace negotiations at Brest- be groomed and that the Hitchcock-Mullen crowd wili move heaven and

Record Cold in Fremon.

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 12 .- (Special l'elegram.)-All records for continued cold weather in Fremont were smashed Friday when the government thermometer registered a minimum of 24 below and a maximum of 18 below for the day. A number of Fremont church will have no services Sunday.

Horse Draws Baggage Trucks At Union Station in Freezeup

That "necessity is the mother of in- there. The views concerned lionth time Friday night when horses discouraging days supplies have been were used at the Union station to chest with great importance, "I'll very much increased. Conditions are draw baggage trucks. Thin, heavily use 20 ton of coal tonight! Rock draw baggage trucks. Thin, heavily use 20 ton of coal tonight! Rock packed layers of snow blocking the Springs coal, too. runways was the cause.

bony white horse among the shadows glances, but as the reason for the back to the original subject. specter like stranger became apparent!

the evidences of the extreme cold of last night. His majesty, the perplies had been increased during the room at 10:30 and scattered his per- "Hooverize" exists, and that 20 tons | Bolsheviki detachments have se

"Why," he said, swelling out his no means, 'tain't. You know, when As first the apparition of a great, they tried to get me to take this ony white horse among the shadows job—" And so on interminably until of the station platform caused a num fate and a puff of cold air through a ing seven hours has taken place beber of surprised and questioning suddenly opened door brought him

"Twenty-eight below. Yeah, Fact This, however, was only one of portant chest puffed up dangerously alties. -"or I'll know why!"

NOTE TO WOMAN. Captain Whisler used a regulation service rifle, shooting himself twice in

the head., The first bullet glanced and the second entered the brain. He left a note addressed to a woman, which read: "I have been thinking of committing suicide for a FOR U.S. SENATE long time but I never had a good reason. Yesterday I went out and made myself a reason."

His body was found in his office. Where Captain Whisler had washed himself last night there were found many splotches of blood. A table in the room was smeared with blood, and two soaked towels were found. Borrowed Two Hatchets. Captain Whisler, it is said, bor-

rowed two hatchets from a supply

borrowed two more. Four hundred and seventy-five thousome hard thinking on the subject sand dollars in cash, the larger part of entering the race for United States of which would have been deposited senator," commented Mayor Dahlman in the army bank at Camp Funston. during a discussion of the political was sent from here yesterday and rumors that Governor Neville may get yesterday afternoon, it became known

Kearney Wornall of Kansas City, Mr. Morehead visited the mayor's the only survivor of the five men who office this week and was unusually were in the army bank here last night when the institution was robbed, told there is a senatorial bee in his mind. the authorities the robber was an army captain whom he recognized, it

was announced this afternoon, "The murders were committed by a captain," Wornall told the authori-"He wore no mask. He came into the bank and said he was short of money and hated to do it. man's face is familiar with me. Winters was well acquainted with him."

Sees He Is Recognized. Efforts on the part of Wornall's questioners to obtain further information were futile, as the injured man soon lapsed into unconsciousness. When he made the statement that an fore, it appears to me, that either Ne- army captain committed the murders his mind seemed to be working clear-

y, it was said. According to Wornall, an insistent sidering running for senator was knock at the door of the bank building given color by events of the week, about 8:30 o'clock last night, caused The visit of Senator Hitchcock to them to admit a man who immediately Omaha for a few days is said to have covered them with a revolver. He had some bearing on this political then commanded Wornall to tie the situation. Neville is generally believed to be the choice of the Hitch- after which he tied Wornall's hands. Wornall said he thought the robber which is opposed to the idea of Edgar realized that he was recognized by some of his victims and that he decided to kill them. The robber picked up a handax from the floor and began

> faces of the helpless men. Sentry Found Wornall. C. F. Winters, vice president of the National Reserve bank of Kansas City and cashier of the army bank, was the first man attacked He died early today. O. M. Hill and Carl Ohelson, clerks, were next struck down, after which the man attacked Wornall and John Jewell of Spring-

raining blows upon the heads and

Wornall, when found by a sentry was taken to an infirmary. A detail was sent to the bank building. The four bodies were found and the military police notified. Wornall was removed to the base hospital at Fort

Winters received four or five severe cuts on the head and forehead. Hill and Jewell were beaten about the head almost beyond recognition. Ohelson was apparently killed instantly by a blow on the forehead with the blade of the ax.

Murders a Mystery.

Officials in charge of the case were asking themselves how it was possible the murders could have taken (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

That "necessity is the mother of in- there. The views concerned the vention" was proven for the mil weather, Rock Springs coal, and him-HOURS WITH ARMY OF UKRAINIANS

Petrograd, Jan. 12 .- Fighting lasttween Maximalist and Ukrainian troops near Rachmatch, in the govspecter like stranger became apparent! "Twenty-eight below. Yeah. Fact! ernment of Tchernigov, according to people ceased to wonder, and their ceider fast. By morning it'll advices received here. The fighting is interest became quite casual.

Settin' ceider fast. By morning it'll advices received here. The fighting is said to have resulted in severe casu-

A Reuters Limited dispatch from The personage doubtless forgot to Petrograd says it is reported there sonage whose business is to heat the "know why." And, judging from the that the Ukrainian troops have occu-Mr. Baker cited statistics of short- depot and outlying yard sheds, sputtering of the radiators all night pied Rachmatch, in the government age early in December and how sup- sauntered through the general waiting long, he forgot that such a word as of Tchernigov, after severe fighting. month. Mistakes in distribution and sonal views broadcast among the of Rock Springs coal was his own the stations at Debalzavo, in Karkov, Inovska and Semenov.