

Cold Wave Holds City in Icy Grip

Temperature Falls to 6 Below; Relief Predicted for Some Sections of Nebraska.

Bluffs Courts Closed

"Snow and colder," said Meteorologist M. V. Robbins. He was right. Right as far as Omaha was concerned at any rate.

Reports from Stations at 7 p. m. Station Name High Precipitation Low Wind Dir. Clouds

Wire Trouble Develops

Trouble was reported from many sections with communication lines which were snapped by the cold.

Mr. Robbins predicted some relief for a portion of Nebraska Thursday night and today but Omaha was not listed among these sections.

The snow fall throughout the day was not heavy. It was steady and dry and drifted before the wind into each crack and cranny almost as fast as it fell.

Janitor Burned

James Miller, janitor, suffered painful burns about the hands, when he attempted to turn off the feed pipes to the radiators.

Two district court juries were dismissed for today because of the cold. The biting cold contracted telegraph wires until they broke along the lines between Omaha and Chicago early in the evening.

Gas Shortage at Casper

At Casper, Wyo., reported a gas shortage as a result of the cold weather. The oil fields were dependent upon waste paper and boxes for fuel when the liquid in the shallow laid gas lines froze and stopped the passage of the gas.

Those are 10,000 persons living in the W. districts who are dependent upon gas for fuel. Schools were dismissed and every odd end of wood, paper or anything else combustible was pressed into service to heat the homes.

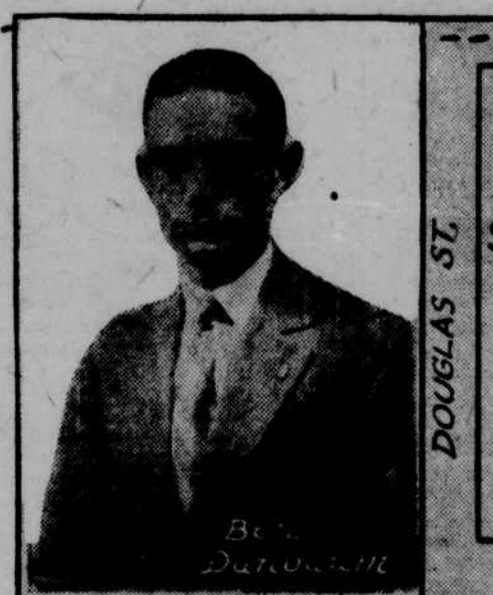
Greater damage to the fruits was averted by keeping a constant watch over the smudge pots in the groves.

We Have With Us Today Prof. Edward P. Warner, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.

Hot Lunches Being Served in Pawnee County Schools Pawnee City, Dec. 18.—The dinner hall, so long associated with the little red school house of the rural district school children, may become a thing of the past if a new policy adopted by many schools of this county is generally accepted.

Barbers Raise Prices. Bridgeport, Dec. 18.—Prices for barber work in Bridgeport have been raised. A hair cut costs 50 cents and a shave 25 under the new scale adopted by the reorganized Western Barbers' association.

Detective Chief Critically Wounded in Gun Battle



Ben Danbaum, Detective Chief.

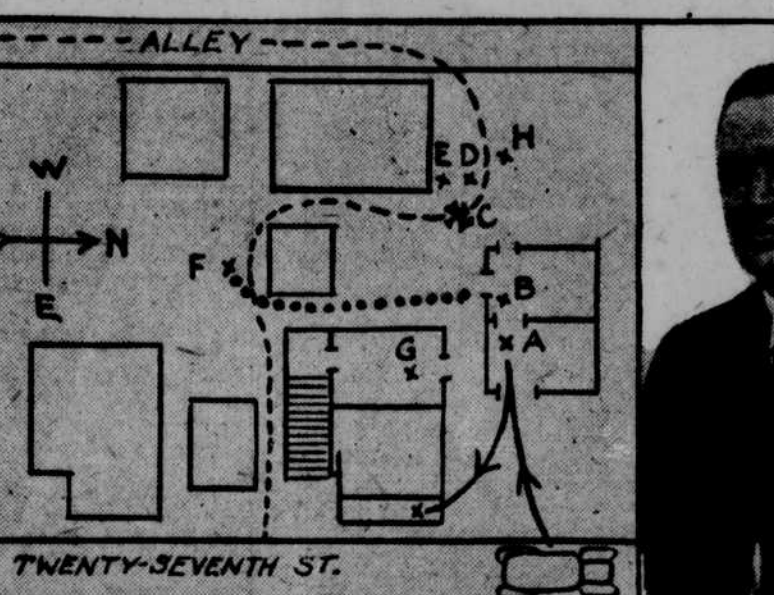


Diagram showing approach of police and detectives in surrounding house in which Mylar had barricaded himself.

Shows position of negro when he fired the first shot of the battle which ended in his death. C designates point where Chief of Detectives Ben Danbaum was standing when he was shot. D represents Detective Ryan who caught Danbaum as he fell.

H designates spot at which Summitt took Ryan's shot gun from him when the latter turned to assist his fallen chief and poured the remainder of its charges into the besieged dwelling. Solid line denotes approach and retreat of Summitt and Hughes.

Detective Chief Falls While Leading Men in Gun Battle; Police Fire Kills Desperado

Burning Rags Thrown on Roof of Building to Drive Out Negro Accused of Attacking Girl; Tear Bombs Are Hurling Into Four-Room Structure.

ANOTHER OFFICER SLIGHTLY WOUNDED; VEST SAVES HIM

By GENE ROUSE. Newly appointed Chief of Detectives Ben Danbaum, wounded in Omaha's bloodiest gun battle since the 1919 courthouse riots, lies at Nicholas Senn hospital fighting for his life.

The negro was shot and killed. Danbaum was wounded by a charge of buckshot fired by Frank Mylar, negro, a moment after he had arrived with two emergency carloads of police and detectives to aid Detectives Palmtag, Nelson, Hughes and Summitt in the arrest of the negro, charged with a statutory offense against a negro girl, 17.

Detective Chief Noted Among Fellow Officers for His Courage

Chief of Detectives Ben Danbaum was noted among his fellow officers for a courage that was little less than foolhardiness. After Mylar's gun-fire had driven Detectives Palmtag and Nelson from the house in which the negro had barricaded himself, Palmtag called the police station for reinforcements and suggested that the officers bring gas bombs with which to drive the man into the open.

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Jury Finds for Roeder in Suit

Declares Him Not Guilty of Negligence; First of Series.

Dr. Clyde A. Roeder Thursday won the first of a series of slander, malpractice and conspiracy litigation in which he is involved. After less than four hours of deliberation a jury in Judge A. C. Troup's court found the surgeon not guilty of negligence and malpractice in an operation upon Avedine Seely, 4, of Magnolia, Ia., on January 12, last.

Cabinet Dinner Held in Capitol

First of State Functions of White House Social Season Is Staged.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The cabinet dinner, first of the state functions of the White House social season, was given tonight by President and Mrs. Coolidge.

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Woodmen Christmas Party.

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Champion Judging Team to Be Guest of City of Omaha

Members Will Be Banqueted by Chamber of Commerce in Appreciation of Honor Brought to State.

Members of the championship judging team of the University of Nebraska, entertained at the South Omaha livestock market last Wednesday, are to be invited to come again to Omaha this time as guests of the Chamber of Commerce, it was announced Thursday.

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All Santa Claus Mail to Be on Way by December 23, Postmaster Hopes

Postmaster Charles Black had his best laugh for several days when he was informed that Postmaster William E. Morton of Kansas City had issued a challenge to all postmasters in the country to show a better record than the Missouri office for handling the Christmas mail rush.

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Myler Wanted by Police on Charge of Girl: Parents Swear Out Warrant

"Frank Mylar, Trucking and Heating, Orders Taken Here, Day and Night Service," says a home-painted sign fastened on a post in the front yard of the Mylar dwelling at 118 South Twenty-seventh street.

The property is handled by E. D. Wood. The house, a four-room frame affair, is set about 80 feet back from the sidewalk. The street at this point is less than 20 feet wide.

CZECH POET IS CLUB SPEAKER

Monksignor John Vranek of Omaha, Czech poet, was the principal speaker at the second meeting of the Czech club of Creighton university Wednesday evening.

INSURGENTS FIGHT UNDERWOOD BILL

Washington, Dec. 18.—Their ranks bolstered by the return of Senator Robert M. La Follette, members of the senate insurgent bloc this afternoon opened a drive to prevent a final vote on the Muscle Shoals project until after the Christmas recess.

Two Have Narrow Escape

"He was just inside the kitchen door," said Summitt, and in response to a "Charge up your hands, he let go with a throw up his shirt."

Building Fired

From a second-story window at the rear of the house next door south of the Mylar residence, a fireman hurled a bucket of water onto the roof of the besieged house.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 a. m. December 18, 1924. Temperature: 7 a. m. to 10 a. m. 10; 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. 10; 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. 10; 4 p. m. to 7 p. m. 10; 7 p. m. to 10 p. m. 10; 10 p. m. to 1 a. m. 10; 1 a. m. to 4 a. m. 10; 4 a. m. to 7 a. m. 10.