

Nebraska—Possibly snow; slowly rising temperature.

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The man who foolishly does me wrong, will return to him the protection of my most ungrudging love; and the more evil comes from him, the more good shall go from me.—Buddha.

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Night Mail Takes First Toll of Life

Relief Pilot, Bringing Christmas Messages, Killed When Parachute Fails to Open After Leap. Plane Crested With Snow

Charles Gilbert, air mail pilot, died Sunday night and wrote a new chapter in the traditions of the service. Speeding through inky blackness, he battled a blinding snow storm in a valiant attempt to carry Christmas mail to Omaha and the west. He heard his motor cough and choke, and die.

Nowhere could he see a light save those, which flowed by his instrument board. The Illinois cornfields below were a sea of blackness. Takes His One Chance. Searching for an emergency landing place was useless. He took his one chance—unbuckled his harness, strapped on his parachute and leaped into the dark.

The parachute caught in the wind and was torn from its ropes. Gilbert dropped like lead and was killed. It was the first fatality of the night air mail. His plane crashed half a mile from where his body fell, a mile from Kanewsville, Ill. It was found there at 8 a. m. Monday by Pilot R. G. Page, who had been searching for the wreck since daybreak.

Word of the discovery of Gilbert's body came just as a squadron of mail pilots were preparing to take off from the Omaha field to search for their fellow flyer. Air mail officials had felt that Gilbert must be dead since 4 a. m. Monday, when he should have arrived at the Omaha field, but they had held a faint hope that he might have been able to keep in the air until daylight.

Gilbert had left Maywood field, Chicago, at 7 p. m. Sunday in a plane loaded with 250 pounds of Christmas mail. Pilot R. L. Wagner took off from the same field five minutes later with another load of mail. Both pilots were scheduled to stop at Iowa City, and Wagner reached there safely. He took off almost immediately for Omaha and arrived here on schedule time. He had not seen Gilbert after leaving Chicago.

Alarm Is Spread. Gilbert never arrived at Iowa City or Omaha. When the delay increased to hours, officials began a search, and found that he had last been seen over Kanewsville. Telephone centrals were asked to spread the alarm, and hundreds of farmers were called and began a search for the plane.

As soon as day broke, planes took up the search and Pilot Page sighted the wrecked machine. Gilbert was not in it. Parties of farmers then took up the search again, and the body was found a half-mile away. Made a Battle. The plane bore the marks of the battle with snow which resulted in the first fatality of the night mail. It was thickly crusted with snow and ice. Aviators believed that motor trouble finally caused the tragedy.

Heavy Christmas Mail Made Necessary Fatal Trip of Extra Airplane

The report of the trip by R. L. Wagner, mail pilot of the companion plane, as handed Superintendent Colyer at the air field Monday morning was as follows: Encountered snow squalls between Chicago and Iowa City. Trip not exceptionally bad. Superintendent Colyer said that Wagner was held three hours at Iowa City on account of word of storms between Iowa City and Omaha.

He left Maywood field near Chicago at 7:10 p. m. Sunday and arrived in Omaha at 4:37 Monday morning. Only one plane carries mail from Chicago to Omaha usually, said Colyer, but extra-heavy Christmas mail made the second plane necessary.

Gilbert was making an extra trip to Omaha. He had been in Omaha Friday night on the regular run of air mail service and had returned Saturday to Chicago. Improvements in City Auditorium Plan of Hopkins

Councilman Asks for Estimates on Proposed Changes; Work Will Cost \$75,000. A substantial program of improvements at the Municipal Auditorium is contemplated by City Commissioner John Hopkins.

The commissioner has asked for estimates of the cost of increasing the basement space from 60x120 to 100x220, installing steel work for the support of a new concrete main floor, a new floor, improved roof and modern public comfort station in the basement.

The work will cost approximately \$75,000, part of which may be paid from the proceeds of comfort station bonds which the city is authorized to sell. The commissioner believes he will be able to obtain about \$15,000 from the public building fund and some from the miscellaneous fund.

Hardwood Over Concrete. The new concrete main floor will be covered by a hardwood floor which will be removable in sections when not needed, as in the case of an automobile show.

The enlarged and improved basement spaces would accommodate dogs, poultry and similar shows in the lower part of the building and would offer additional space for automobile shows. Legion Asked Improvement. The convention committee of the American Legion and representatives of the Greater Omaha committee brought to the attention of Commissioner Hopkins the necessity of improvements on account of the national convention of the American Legion here next summer.

The receipts and expenditures of the Auditorium for this year will just about balance, leaving nothing from that source for improvements. Retiring Court Clerk Sues for Extra Compensations

Woman, 87, Is Found in Pile of Snow

Victim of Zero Weather May Die as Result of Exposure; Hands and Feet Frozen. Amputation Necessary

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 22.—After wandering from her home in Elba, Neb., early Saturday morning, in sub-zero weather, barefooted and only scantily clad, Mrs. Palacz, 87, was found by a searching party, lying unconscious in a snowdrift along the railroad tracks about a mile and a half from her home, late Saturday afternoon.

The aged woman is believed to have become temporarily unbalanced. She lived alone in a small cottage in Elba. When it was discovered that Mrs. Palacz was missing, searchers set out to look for her. Her footprints were easily discernible in the snow. Following these, the rescuers came upon her still form in a deep snowdrift.

Unconscious, with both hands and feet frozen, the unfortunate woman was taken to the home of a son in Elba. Though still alive Monday morning, attending physicians do not believe that she will survive the long exposure. Should she live, however, it was believed it will be necessary to amputate both hands and both feet.

MORE SNOW DUE; COLD UNABATED. Omaha's cold wave continued Monday, with only slight relief in sight. Snow is predicted for Monday night and Tuesday.

After a temporary relief Sunday from the sub-zero temperatures in which Omaha has shivered for almost a week, the mercury dropped back to its favorite spot of 2 below zero at 8 a. m. Monday and rose only 1 degree in the following hour. One-tenth of an inch of snow fell in Omaha Sunday night.

"Slowly rising temperatures to-night and Tuesday" was the official prediction of Meteorologist M. V. Robins Monday morning. He added that the accent was on the "slowly." Partly cloudy weather, with probable snow, is also forecast.

The cold wave had not lessened Sunday night throughout Nebraska and the entire northwest. The cold spot in Nebraska was at Valentine, where 12 below was reported. Other cold spots in the northwest were at Miles City, Mont., 27 below; Cheyenne, 4 below; Sioux City, 12 below; North Platte, 8 below, and Lanier, 12 below.

The highest temperature in Omaha Sunday was 15 above, from 5 to 6 p. m. Chicago, Dec. 22.—Its greatest woe spent, the cold wave which swept across the country the past week, paralyzing transportation and communication facilities, and accompanied by sub-zero thermometer readings, had released its clutch on the midwest today and was replaced by moderate weather, with snow in some places.

Governor Bryan Superintends Moving Day at Old State House

Watches Installation of Furniture in New Office and Then Poses for Picture; Republicans Still Waiting for Rooms in Building. Lincoln, Dec. 22.—Another of Gov. Charles W. Bryan's ambitions was realized today when he moved into the new state house and thus became the first governor as well as the first state officer to officially transact business in the capitol which former Gov. Samuel R. McKelvie started to build.

The governor arranged so that Charles W. Pool, secretary of state, and the other democratic elected among the state officials, should be the second to move into the new quarters. Dan Swanson, commissioner of public lands and buildings, George W. Marsh, state auditor, O. S. Spillman, attorney general, and C. D. Robinson, state treasurer, do not know when their quarters will be ready for occupancy. It so happens that the governor's office and the offices of democratic appointees were marked "ready for occupancy" first.

Rooms Unfinished. "The truth of the matter is that the new state house isn't ready to move into for 30 or 60 days," Dan Swanson, land commissioner, said. A report was current in state house circles today that now that the governor's ambitions had been satisfied, the material side of the proposition must be considered by Governor-elect Adam McMullen and he may be obliged to move into the former quarters of the governor in the old state house until the governor's office is really ready for occupancy.

None of the five rooms of the governor's suite is really completed. In not a single room is the floor completed, nor are the walls or other decorations. In order to make a proper setting for the photographers who snapped his picture at an early hour in the morning for the first time in the new quarters, Governor Bryan appeared at his office at 8 this morning.

Governor In Charge. The entire janitor force was put to work in moving the old dilapidated furniture of the old office into the new quarters. The governor personally superintended the moving of the furniture. Until 30 days ago it was not even suspected that the governor would move into the new quarters for two or three months. Then it was suddenly discovered that the legislature provided for the management of the state house by the governor instead of the commissioner of public lands and buildings who had been in charge of the capitol quarters for years. It was not more than a week later that Governor Bryan announced that the governor of Nebraska would move into his new quarters some time in January and he would be the governor to make the move.

144 Bottles of Whisky Seized. Samarick and Minneapolis Agent Destroy 12 Cases of "Poison." Federal agents last Monday seized 144 bottles of alleged bottled in bond whisky shipped by express to Omaha. The shipment, in 12 cases, was consigned to George Brownling, Hotel Loyal. Upon a tip, Capt. Addison Townsend, head of the mobile agents of Minneapolis, and Robert P. Samarick traced the shipment to the Loyal hotel, where no one called to claim it. The shipper's name on the cases was "M. D. Brown Printing company, New York city."

The bottles were finally destroyed after the officers waited vainly for several hours. "The persons who ordered the stuff can be happy that we did destroy it," said Captain Townsend, "for the stuff was the worst sort of imitation bonded stuff and really poisonous. All through the bottles were marked 'non-fillicible,' several of them were leaking."

Townsend has several other tips that he is to run down in Omaha, in addition to assisting Elmer Thomas in making Omaha dry New Year's evening. MAN LEAPS OFF TRAIN INTO SNOW. Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 22.—After wandering over the prairies for some time after he had jumped from a window of a Northern Pacific train near here last night, a man about 30 years old, who gave his name as Harley E. Gish, and said he was a cousin of the two movie stars, Lillian and Dorothy Gish, is in a hospital today in a serious condition.

He was found today near the farm of J. A. Shirley, near here, with his hands severely frozen and severe cuts about his head. He had protected his face from freezing by wrapping a light coat around it. He was not well clothed when found. He said he had been working in Wilton, N. D., and was on his way to Rockford, Ia. FRANCE WILLING TO RETIRE DEBT. Washington, Dec. 22.—France's determination to pay the United States its war debt of approximately \$4,000,000,000 was reaffirmed today by Jules Jusserand, the retiring French ambassador, in an extemporaneous speech delivered today before several hundred capital women in the new Masonic temple.

Air Service of America Is Superior

Secretary Wilbur and Rear Admiral Moffett Declare U. S. Leads in Material, Design and Efficiency. Inferiority in Number

Washington, Dec. 23.—Inferiority in number but superiority in material, design and general efficiency distinguishes the American air service as compared with those of other countries, Secretary Wilbur and Rear Admiral Moffett, chief of the bureau of aeronautics, today told the special house committee aircraft investigating committee.

"We feel we are not behind," the secretary testified. "As far as the navy is concerned, the condition is satisfactory except that we need more ships. I believe that no other nation has anything better than we have."

New Types Designed. The superiority existed, Admiral Moffett said, despite the fact that only 224 of the 840 planes of all kinds being used by the navy would be relied upon for satisfactory operation under war conditions. Most of these 224 planes were built during the last three years and already were beginning to be obsolete, he told the committee, because new types were being designed which were the superiors of any in the world.

The United States the admiral continued, was far ahead of any other country in the development of special airplanes for use afloat, the catapult system of launching bombing machines from ships, for instance, being a thoroughly American invention. Pointing out that 117 planes were on duty afloat, November 1, he said the department intended to supply all battleships with two fighting and one observation plane and destroyers with one machine.

Both Secretary Wilbur and Admiral Moffett, with suggestions that the next war would be waged entirely in air, asserting that the necessity for landing bases and relatively limited range of action would always subordinate airships in importance to floating ships. Secretary Wilbur said that apart from their scouting activities, planes were a "trifling" addition to warfare, while Admiral Moffett declared "the air is merely a new arm but will not displace anything."

Both witnesses also opposed the proposal for a unified air service, expressing the opinion that naval aircraft should be controlled only by persons thoroughly conversant with naval conditions and problems. "I do not see the possibility of an invasion of the United States in case of the case ready for argument by Wednesday so that it will reach the jury by Christmas eve."

Dr. John Mayhew was the first witness called today and briefly testified that he thought that Schuerman was insane when he killed Reinmiller. Dr. Stowell, superintendent of the insane asylum, also of the same opinion. Dr. Harry Everett was on the stand next of the afternoon and when asked regarding his qualifications as an expert on psychology, he stated that he had studied in Berlin, Vienna, Chicago and other places. He testified that Schuerman was insane when he took Reinmiller's life.

MAN INJURED IN AUTO-TRAM CRASH. Mike Sarano, 32, was painfully cut and bruised about the legs when he was thrown from an automobile in a collision with a street car Sunday at Thirty-third and G streets. Sarano was riding with Joe Marino, 509 1/2 South Twenty-fifth street, when Marino's car crashed into the rear end of a westbound street car. Marino was unhurt in the crash, but his car was badly damaged. Sarano's injuries were treated by Police Surgeon Young and he was taken to his home.

Chicken Thief Addict of Gum Boots

The man who stole 50 Rhode Island Red chickens from their coop at the home of W. W. Moore, 1710 South Fifty-fifth street, wore rubbers with a V-shaped niche in the toe, lives west of Sixtieth street, and has a black hair.

These are the deductions of Detectives Treglia and Cummings, who were assigned to the case. The detectives found the peculiar footprints scattered around the chicken coop. They followed them through snow and mud for five blocks, to Sixtieth street. They lost them there because automobiles had obliterated the footprints.

They are now looking for a man whose rubbers have a cut in the toe. Alleged Slayer Depicted as Victim of Epilepsy, Man With Brain of Child by Medical Experts. Jury to Get Case Today

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Summary of the Day in Washington. A senate committee heard arguments on the proposed Boulder canyon dam. The Department of Agriculture began its campaign against the poultry pest. J. E. Hoover was appointed director of the Justice department's investigation bureau. Secretary Wilbur and Rear Admiral Moffett announced aviation news to a house committee. A. W. Hall of Pennsylvania was appointed director of the bureau of engraving and printing. Official phases of the inauguration of President Coolidge Mach 4, were agreed upon at a White House conference. President Coolidge, it was made known, is recolonizing in patronage matters, the reading out of the republican party of insurgents who opposed his election. It was learned that the Washington government will engage in no controversy on the subject of gun elevation until congress makes known its attitude on the question of appropriating funds.

We Have With Us Today

S. Hoyle Clark, Capitalist, New York City.

Mr. Clark is the son of one of the men who was largely responsible for the upbuilding of the west. His father was S. H. H. Clark, who was president of the Union Pacific in the early days and who had much to do with the development of the railroad and the territory which it serves. His son lives in New York City, with a summer home at Belvedere, N. Y., but makes frequent trips into the middle west to look after his interests in this part of the country. With Mrs. Clark and their two daughters, Mary and Ann, he arrived in Omaha Monday and will remain in the city until January 1.

Red Oak Theater Sold.

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 22.—H. Simons, former owner of the Empress theater, has bought from L. M. Beardsley the Beardsley theater at Red Oak. He will take possession January 1.

Closed Car Service

is offered to prospective home buyers by Real Estate dealers advertising today in the Real Estate for sale columns, classifications 95 to 104.

The following real estate dealers are represented today: Maurice B. Griffen Co. E. R. Carse C. W. Young & Son Mr. J. Lickly A. J. Cole Payne Investment Co. Edw. F. Williams Co. Hamilton & Co. Traver Bros., Inc. Benson & Carmichael American Mfg. and Fin. Co.

Franklin County Pioneer Succumbs to Paralysis

Franklin, Dec. 22.—P. F. Pierce died at his home in Franklin following a paralytic stroke. He was one of the oldest settlers of Franklin county and a civil war veteran. He was with Sherman in his famous march to the sea. He is survived by 19 children, many grand and great grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He was the oldest of four generations of one and five generations of another branch.

Retired Admiral Dies.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Rear Admiral William K. Vanrepen, retired, former surgeon general of the navy died here today. He was born at Bergen, N. J., in 1849. He retired in 1907.

WOMAN SREAMS, FOOLS STICKUP

Mrs. H. Dilsen, 302 1/2 V street, was stopped Sunday evening near her home by a negro band who pointed a gun at her and ordered her to throw up her hands. Instead of complying she screamed and ran to her house. The band did not shoot or attempt to stop her. Fletcher Red, Twenty-eighth and R streets, was arrested later for questioning regarding the robbery, but was dismissed.

Trees Damaged by Rodents Which Gnaw Bark for Food

Columbus, Dec. 22.—Frozen snow, which prevents rabbits, mice and other wild rodents from getting food in grasses and shrubs, is resulting in heavy damage to fruit trees in orchards, the animals gnawing off the bark round the tr

The Weather

For 24 hours, ending 1 p. m. December 22.

Precipitation (inches and hundredths)	Total, 93	Total since January 1, 28.37	Deficiency	0	
Hourly Temperatures:					
8 a. m.	22	9 a. m.	22	10 a. m.	22
11 a. m.	22	12 m.	22	1 p. m.	22
2 p. m.	22	3 p. m.	22	4 p. m.	22
5 p. m.	22	6 p. m.	22	7 p. m.	22
8 p. m.	22	9 p. m.	22	10 p. m.	22
11 p. m.	22	12 noon	22		