

MEXICAN FEDS MINE RAILROAD TO THE CAPITAL

Explosives Said to Be Planted Every
Half Mile from Vera Cruz to
Mexico City.

READY TO TOUCH OFF FUSES
Road to Be Blown Up if Americans
Start Inland.

THROWING UP ENTRENCHMENTS
Activity Near Vera Cruz is Worry-
ing General Funston.

PREPARING TO SEND TROOPS
Transports at Galveston Taking
Aboard Food and Supplies.

BOTH BRIGADES ARE READY
Ten Thousand Men in Texas City
Can Break Camp and Embark
at Sounding of the
Bugle.

BULLETIN.
WASHINGTON, May 5.—Secretary of
State Bryan announced tonight the three
South American mediators in the Mexi-
can difficulty would meet at Niagara
Falls, Canada, May 18 to receive repre-
sentatives of the parties to the contro-
versy.

BULLETIN.
VERA CRUZ, May 5.—Refugees arriv-
ing here today from Mexico City bring
conflicting reports concerning the pur-
poses of Provisional President Huerta.
Some say he has agreed to retire from the
presidency, fixing Thursday of this
week as the date of his withdrawal.
Other reports from the capital declare
that Huerta, instead of yielding, has de-
termined to play out the game.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Information
came from Vera Cruz to the Mexi-
can War department today that the Mexi-
can federal troops have mined the
railroad tracks from Vera Cruz to
Mexico City in preparation for the
event that the American forces at-
tempt a march on the capital.

No information had been received
of reports that the San Francisco
bridge on the Inter-Oceanic railroad
had been damaged.

The mines are reported to be located
a half mile apart, and Mexican soldiers
have been detailed to touch off the fuses
should hostilities eventuate. These pre-
parations and the throwing up of defenses,
which are daily making the position of
the Mexican federal troops stronger, are
known to be a source of worry to Gen-
eral Funston, and it is understood that
he would welcome orders to start for the
Mexican capital at once.

Admiral Mayo, at Tampico, has in-
formed the Navy department that he
would have no trouble in taking Tampico
with his present forces.

Port of Tampico Closed.
Admiral Badger reported to the Navy
department today the receipt of word
from the torpedo boat destroyer Drayton,
at Tampico, that Territorial Minister
Huchra had ordered customs officers
not to clear or enter any vessels
from or to American ports. This order
was further reported, had been given to
all ports in the state of Vera Cruz.

The Drayton also reported thirteen
Americans had been detained against
their will at Matamoros, in the state of
Tehuacan, about sixty miles from Tampico.
This information was given to the Brit-
ish consul at Tampico by American refu-
sion, who said the Mexican authorities
gave as their reason for holding the
Americans a desire to assure their safety.
The British consul has wired the gov-
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"MET" IS BACKING MAGUIRE

Nebraskan Lines Up Against Brother
Charles at Lincoln.

FOR JOHNSON FOR POSTMASTER

Former Associate with
Paper Would Like to
for Postmaster Whom
Secretary Opposes

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, May 5.—(Special Tele-
gram.)—Representative "Johnny" Maguire
is convinced that A. V. Johnson will be
the next postmaster at Lincoln. His con-
viction amounts to a dead certainty, and
he said so this afternoon when inter-
rogated about conditions political with
reference to his suggestion of a man to
take Ed Sizer's place.

Just on what grounds Mr. Maguire
believes the gentleman from the
First district refused to develop. He
did say, however, that he had nominated
the right man for the place and that the
fight now being made against Mr. John-
son by certain influences in Lincoln
would not win out.

Rumor has it heretofore that Lee
Metcalfe, late governor of the Isthmian
Canal commission, is for Johnson, as
against the formidable candidate for the
postmastership of the capital city of
Nebraska, F. W. Brown. This, if true,
may be accounted for in the fact that
while there is a vast appreciation on the
part of R. L. Metcalfe for his friend and
co-laborer in the cause of democracy,
the secretary of state, there is little or no
love between Mr. Metcalfe and Mr.
Bryan's brother, Charles.

Rumor persists that they never did
get along together while Mr. Metcalfe
was editing the Commoner in the absence
of his chief, Mr. Secretary Bryan.
Now, it is understood Mr. Metcalfe has
joined the "Johnny" Maguire wing of the
democratic party in the First district
and stands for Johnson against Brown. And
summer is still on the way. What the
fall will produce when these warring fac-
tions meet in the primaries is pretty
hard to predict.

Luther Drake and G. W. Wattles of
Omaha, who have been in Washington
several days, left this afternoon for the
west.

E. W. Romister of Walthill expects to
leave for home tomorrow.

COLORADO SOLONS PREPARE MEASURES

General Draws Bills In-
Solve Dispute Be-
tween Miners and Owners.

ARBITRATION IS PROPOSED
Decisions of State Board to Be Bind-
ing on All Parties.

DISARMAMENT ISSUE IS ACUTE
Rumor Miners in Huerfano County
Are Hiding Their Guns.

COLONEL LOCKETT IN COMMAND
First Trainload of Troops Arrives
from Georgia—Begins Outfit-
ting Plan for Handling
the Situation.

DENVER, Colo., May 5.—Five admin-
istration measures to carry out the pro-
gram in the governor's call for the extra
session have been prepared by senate and
attorney general Fred C. Carr.
The first would submit a constitutional
amendment empowering the legislature
to create a state board of arbitration to
handle industrial disputes and providing
punishment for refusal to abide by its
decision.

A bond issue to cover the state's in-
debtedness of approximately \$1,000,000 is
proposed in another bill providing that
the bond issue be submitted to the people
at the next general election.
Two other bills would give the governor
authority to close saloons, prevent the
sale, gift or purchase of firearms and
ammunition in times of internal disor-
der. A fifth measure covers the propos-
al for the establishment of a state
police force.

When the senate convened today Sen-
ator H. E. Garman introduced a joint
resolution requesting the state land board
to file with the legislature a statement
of all leases of coal lands, their condi-
tions and dates of expiration and pro-
viding for the appointment of a joint
committee to report whether the terms of the
leases have been fulfilled. The resolution
went over one day.

Disarmament Question Acute.
The question of disarmament of all
factories today became the most im-
portant development of the indus-
trial situation. Reports had it that
the strikers in Huerfano county had re-
versed their decision to deliver up their
arms and it was reported from Pueblo
that strikers had succeeded in smuggling
arms and ammunition through there to
some unknown place. The strike break-
ers in the northern coal fields, centering
in Boulder county, yesterday openly de-
clared they would work no longer if the
mine guards were disbanded unless the
federal troops were stationed on mine
property to protect them.

The operators have taken the position
that they will deliver their arms to the
federal troops when their property is
given protection. By some this was
taken to mean that the operators will
insist upon actual placing of soldiers on
their property, though no representative
operator would discuss that particular
phase of the question.

Colonel Lockett Takes Command.
TRINIDAD, Colo., May 5.—Colonel
James Lockett, commanding the Eleventh
United States cavalry, arrived here at
7:30 this morning to take command of
the federal force in the Colorado coal
fields. He was driven at once to army
headquarters, where he conferred with
Major W. A. Holbrook on the strike situ-
ation.

The first troop train, carrying about 200
men, arrived shortly before 10 o'clock.
The second train was close behind. The
Eleventh brought its horses and equip-
ment and was ready to go into active
service.

The new commander of the federal
force in the state said he would not de-
cide upon a definite plan of action until
he had been fully informed as to the
situation.

"I am new here, and have come from a
distant part of the country," he said.
"Until Major Holbrook has put me fully
in possession of the facts as to the situa-
tion, I can make no announcement of
policy. Particularly, I can say nothing
whatever regarding the matter of dis-
armament."

Colonel Lockett said he was taking up
the matter of distributing his forces
throughout the strike district. His own
headquarters, he thought, would be at
Trinidad. The colonel had arranged to
grant interviews during the day to strike
leaders and other parties to the labor
war.

House Declares for Two Battleships

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The adminis-
tration's two battleships program for
next year in the naval appropriation
bill was sustained in the house today
when the one battleship proposal was
struck out and the two battleship provision
was rejected by a vote of 41 to 152.

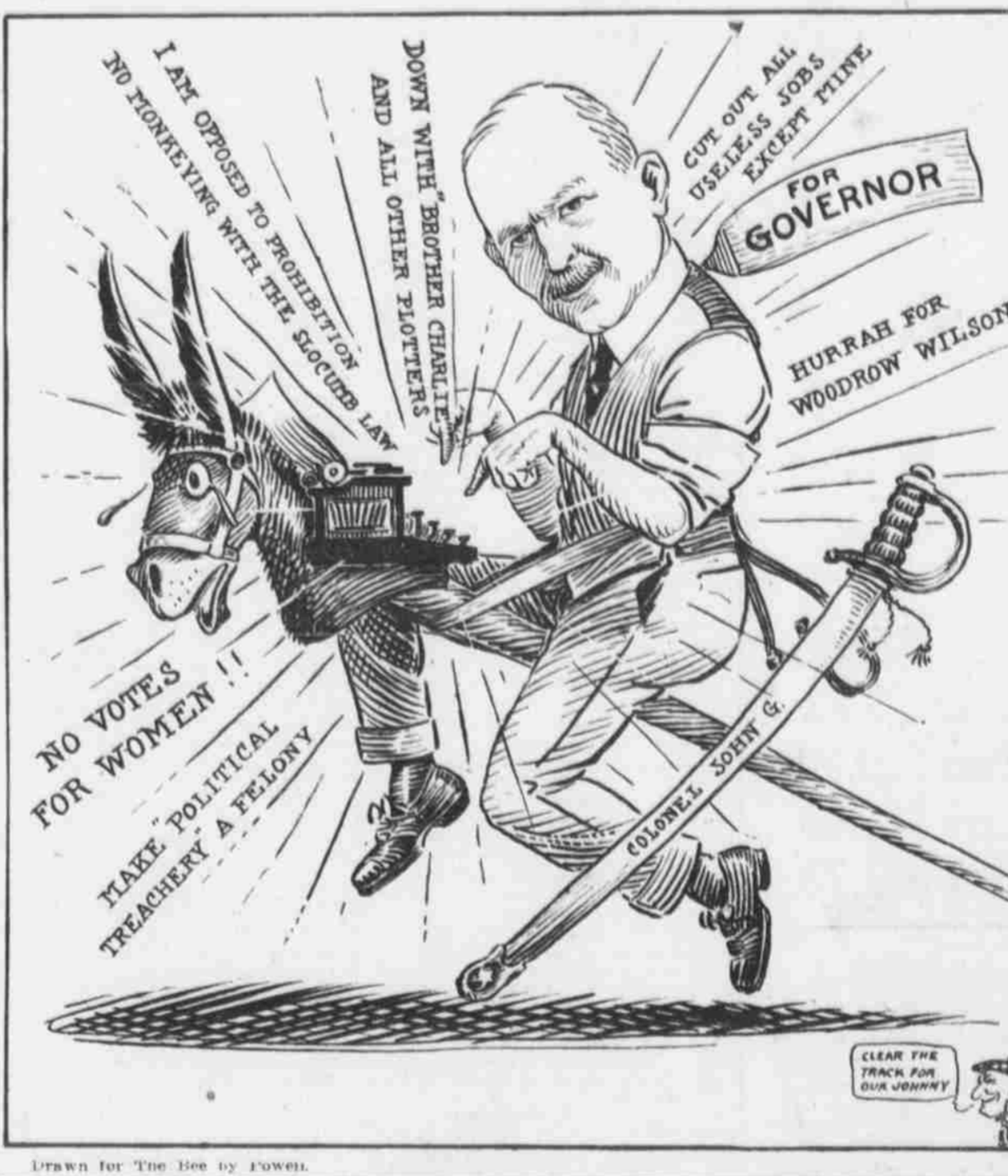
During the debate Representative Mad-
den of Illinois said that "if there should
be war between this country and Mexico
every citizen of the United States will
stand by President Wilson."

Representative Witherspoon of Missis-
sippi characterized the expenditure of
\$200,000 for two battleships as "damm-
able graft." Representative Hobson of
Alabama favored an amendment for con-
struction of a super dreadnaught.

**Mme. Nordica is
Reported Better**
BATAVIA, Java, May 5.—Madame Li-
lian Nordica, the operatic singer, who
has been seriously ill here for some
weeks, showed slight improvement to-
day.

Madame Nordica was shipwrecked near
Thursday Island last December and her
experience resulted in nervous prostra-
tion which developed into pneumonia.
Early in April she went to Batavia and
recent reports have described her condi-
tion as very grave.

Colonel Maher Gets His Typewriter Battery in Action



Drawn for The Bee by Howell.

LA FOLLETTE CHARGES PLOT Alleges Conspiracy to Intimidate Interstate Commerce Body.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Senator La
Follette today charged a conspiracy to
intimidate the Interstate Commerce
commission.

He declared it would lay on consum-
ers of the country aggregate
of Hundred Million
Dollars.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Senator La
Follette told the senate today he would
lay before it "an organized conspiracy to
control, to compel and to intimidate the
Interstate Commerce commission" in the
increased freight rate case that had been
pending for several months.

In urging the passage of his bill to
make it unlawful for any person to at-
tempt to influence the commission in
reaching any decision, Senator La Fol-
lette declared the proposed 5 per cent
increase, as asked by the railroads, would
"lay on the consumers of the country an
aggregate of \$100,000,000."

Senator La Follette declared "an at-
tempt has been made to subject the com-
mission to every form of influence and
pressure which human ingenuity could
devise in order to force from it a de-
cision favorable to the railroads."

He further asserted a Pennsylvania
railroad publicity bureau at Philadelphia
issued scores of "anonymous bulletins
and circulars presenting experts state-
ments of the railroads and their officials"
and said that through these means news-
papers were filled with "pro-railroad ma-
terial."

He said thousands of letters had been
addressed to the commission, members
of congress, cabinet officials and the
president urging the rate increase.

"Many of the letters from the general
public show they have been deceived by
this publicity campaign," he said.

Washington papers friendly to the ad-
ministration, Senator La Follette said,
have for months furnished to the presi-
dent is known to favor the rate increase.

"It is unbelievable," he declared, "that
President Wilson could ever have enter-
tained such a monstrous thought. He or
any man of integrity of character would
just as soon have attempted to resign
as influence the supreme court. But,
since the press has persisted in these
gross misrepresentations, one is con-
strained to feel that he should have let
it be known that he resented the imputa-
tion. He has again and again corrected
misrepresentations as to his action in
matters of incomparably less signifi-
cance."

Instructions Sent Militia Regarding Mobilization Plan

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Instructions to
militia organizations throughout the coun-
try covering a possible mobilization of
the National Guard were mailed to all
militia officers by the War department
today. The instructions cover particularly
the financial operations incident to mo-
bilization and the methods of securing
railroad transportation. Under the regu-
lations the local United States disbursing
officers throughout the country would be
supplied with funds to move the militia
by the various department quartermas-
ters.

THIRTEEN SURVIVORS SAVED

Franconia Picks Up Men from Co-
lumbian, Which Caught Fire.

Another Boat with First and Second
Officers and Seventeen Men is
Reported to Be Still
Afloat.

ON BOARD STEAMER FRANCONIA,
(Via Sable Island, N. S.), May 5.—The
thirteen survivors of the British steamer
Columbian, bound from Antwerp for New
York, which caught fire at sea Sunday
night, were picked up today by the Cun-
ard liner Franconia, bound from Liver-
pool for Boston. In the boat with the
survivors was the body of the chief
steward, Matthews.

Another boat containing the chief and
second officer and seventeen men was
still afloat. The Franconia cruised in
search.

Those aboard the Franconia are: James
Drohan, wireless operator; Anton Elias,
carpenter; Ivar Iversen, boatswain mate;
Unge Prins, Jens Jensen, Ahlenick,
quartermaster; Gustav Schribner, don-
keyman; Thomas Connor, Juri Lei and
Arthur Brantik, able seamen; Anthony
Cordones and Bennett Rother, firemen,
and Frank Wedekind, mess room steward.

Was Cargo Vessel.
NEW YORK, May 5.—The steamer Co-
lumbian, which the Cunard liner Franconia
tonight reported burned at sea,
sailed from London April 16 for Antwerp
and thence on April 23 for New York.

The Columbian was a cargo vessel and
is not believed to have had any passen-
gers on board. It was 442 feet long,
forty-five feet beam and thirty-one feet
depth. It was built at Belfast in 1890
and was owned by F. Lealand and com-
pany, Limited, of Liverpool.

Message from Franconia.
The Cunard line late today received a
wireless message from the Franconia
which read:
"Rescued thirteen survivors and Chief
Steward Matthews, who is dead, of the
steamer Columbian from Antwerp. Crew
suffering from exhaustion, said to have
been in boat forty hours. Columbian
caught fire Sunday night and almost im-
mediately a series of explosions occurred.
The wireless apparatus was destroyed."
"One other boat containing the chief
officer and second officer and seventeen
men is afloat. The Franconia is making
diligent search for it."

TWO MEN ARE INJURED WHEN AUTO ROLLS OVER

PORT DODGE, Ia., May 5.—(Special
Telegram.)—Walter Weedman of Wood-
stock is nearly dead and Roy Hockman
of Woodstock has his left shoulder badly
sprained as a result of an auto accident
last night north of this city. The car in
which they were riding very fast upset
and rolled over three times. Weedman
has internal injuries.

PLEA OF MAAS TO JOIN AGAINST U.S. SPURNED BY VILLA

Rebel Chief Absolutely Refuses to
Ally Himself or Men with the
Federal Forces.

INTERVENTION WAS PROVOKED
Huerta Seeking Foreign Trouble to
Unite His Countrymen.

ACTION IS FULLY UNDERSTOOD
Constitutionalist Leader Adopts a
Lofty Tone in Answer.

OWES POSTERITY EXPLANATION
Government General Had Part in the
Madero Assassination.

"GRINGOS" BITTERLY ASSAILED
Defender of Vera Cruz Assures North
Americans Guilty of Hypocriti-
cal and Undignified
Conduct.

BULLETIN.
WASHINGTON, May 5.—Constitution-
alist representatives here were advised
late today of the arrival of their artillery
at Tampico. This has been awaited be-
fore beginning a general attack on the
federal garrison there.

TORREON, Mex., May 4, Via El Paso,
Tex., May 5.—The answer of General
Francisco Villa to a request from Federal
General Maas in command at Cuatitlan
that Villa join the federals in avenging
the American occupation of Vera Cruz,
was delivered to the federal messengers
today.

General Villa refused absolutely to ally
himself or his men with the federals and
declared that the Huertistas had pro-
voked foreign intervention for their own
ends.

General Maas' letter to Villa announced
that in addition to occupying Vera Cruz
the port of Salina Cruz had been seized
by the United States forces April 23.

Letter of Maas.
To General Francisco Villa: I have re-
ceived instructions to notify the revolu-
tionary chiefs that American intervention
in Mexico is an accomplished fact. The
United States of the north have com-
mitted a grave offense against Mexico by
disarming troops in Vera Cruz April 23
and by the taking of Salina Cruz, two days
later. This act constitutes the initiative of
war and this is the supreme moment to call
on the patriotism of all Mexicans to pre-
sent a united front and forget our dif-
ferences in the intense love of a country
of which we are possessed. We can con-
sider the enemy only as a foreigner, who
in the most unjust and ignoble manner
has stepped upon the holy soil of our
fatherland.

Purpose of "Conduct."
It is well known that the North Ameri-
cans, following the hypocritical and un-
dignified conduct which they have used
in all cases of intervention, have de-
clared that they will not fight against
the revolutionists, but only against the
government, but it is clearly to be seen
that this conduct is for no other purpose
than to keep us divided and make easier
their conquests. As Mexican patriots we
should not permit foreign nations to mix
in our internal affairs.

"We, therefore, call upon our brothers
to rally to the common cause for the
defense of the national integrity. You
could not more nobly yield your present
position than for the purpose of rallying
to the cause of the whole of Mexico that
we may all march together against the
invading Yankees. I have such faith in
your patriotism that I do not doubt that
the forces of your command will rally
to fight the invasion of the Americans.
I reiterate to you assurances of my dis-
tinguished consideration."
"J. MAAS
"General-in-chief of the Division of the
Bravo, Saltillo, April 28."

Villa's Answer.
General Villa's answer follows:
"In answer to your letter of April 28,
in which, in accordance with your instruc-
tions, you invite me to march with you
against the foreign invaders of our coun-
try, I would say that I understand your
actions fully and also the present diaboli-
cal machinations. I know that as an
accomplice you took part in the infidelity
and treason of February, 1913 (Madero's
death). This is perfectly well under-
stood and you should know that we can-
not pardon it and also know that it will
be the cause of your ruin."
"I, therefore, give you this answer only
because your official request and my an-
swer are historical documents and I owe
to posterity an explanation of my con-
duct."
"I know that the Cientificos, by various
processes, have up to this time sought to
bring about North American intervention
in Mexico. It is known without doubt
that the coming of the Americans was
desired and provoked by you. The man-
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Eight Persons Are Killed by Explosion in Panama Zone

PANAMA, May 5.—An explosion this
morning at the government of Panama
dynamite magazine resulted in the kill-
ing of eight persons. Nineteen others
were seriously injured. The property was
destroyed. The explosion was caused by
a brush fire which made its way to the
interior of the building. Six of the dead
and most of the wounded are firemen. A
man and a woman who were watching
the blaze from a distance were torn to
pieces. The concussion of the explosion
shook Panama.

ROOSEVELT-WILLARD WEDDING TO BE JUNE 11

RICHMOND, Va., May 5.—The mar-
riage of Miss Belle Willard to Kermit
Roosevelt will take place in Madrid June
11, according to a definite announcement
contained in a cablegram from Ambassa-
dor Willard to friends here.

Omaha Couple to Marry.

CHICAGO, May 5.—(Special Telegram.)
—Harry R. Trumble and Mrs. Belle Ow-
en, both of Omaha, were licensed to marry
here today.

The National Capital

Tuesday, May 5, 1914.
The Senate.
Met at noon.
Senator Stone speaks in favor of toll
exemption repeal.
Resolutions asking President Wilson for
verification report that he favors Villa
for president of Mexico submitted by Sen-
ator Lippitt of Rhode Island.

The House.
Met at noon.
Judiciary committee reports without
recommendation prohibition and woman
suffrage constitutional amendments resolu-
tion.
Interstate commerce committee con-
siders bill to provide federal control of
railroad capitalization.
Debated naval appropriation bill.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity
Fair; colder.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.			
Hour.	Deg.	Deg.	
6 a. m.	52	52	
7 a. m.	53	53	
8 a. m.	55	55	
9 a. m.	57	57	
10 a. m.	58	58	
11 a. m.	59	59	
12 p. m.	61	61	
1 p. m.	62	62	
2 p. m.	63	63	
3 p. m.	64	64	
4 p. m.	65	65	
5 p. m.	66	66	
6 p. m.	67	67	
7 p. m.	68	68	
8 p. m.	69	69	
Comparative Local Record.			
1914 1913 1912 1911			
Highest yesterday	68	67	66
Lowest yesterday	55	53	50
Mean temperature	60	57	55
Precipitation	0.0	0.0	0.0
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:			
Normal temperature	59		
Excess for the day	7		
Total excess since March 1	121		
Normal precipitation	12		
Deficiency for the day	12		
Total rainfall since March 1	4.90		
Deficiency since March 1	21		
Excess for cor. period, 1913	3.81		
Deficiency for cor. period, 1912	7.8		
Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.			
Station and State	Temp.	Wind-Rain-	
	p. m.	est. fall.	
Cheyenne, clear	52	52	
Havensport, clear	50	50	
Denver, partly cloudy	50	50	
Des Moines, clear	54	54	
Landers, clear	54	54	
North Platte, clear	56	56	
Omaha, clear	62	62	
Pueblo, clear	60	60	
Rapid City, clear	50	50	
Salt Lake City, clear	50	50	
Sanita, Pa. cloudy	54	54	
Sheridan, clear	58	58	
Sioux City, clear	58	58	
Vancouver, clear	52	52	
T indicates trace of precipitation.			
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.			