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FERCE ARTILLERY DUEL IN PROGRESS IN STREETS OF MEXICO

Battle Which is Expected to Be Decisive Begins at Eight O'clock in the Morning.

FEDERALS ARE REINFORCED

Madero's Army Now Said to Consist of Seven Thousand Men.

REBELS STRONGLY ENTRENCHED

They Still Occupy Y. M. C. A. and the Arsenal.

ALL STREETS ARE DESERTED

Inhabitants Have Gone to Suburbs or Are Remaining Hidden in the Basements of Their Homes.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 12.—The artillery engagement in today's fighting was resumed at 3:15 o'clock, with the rebels again throwing shells in the direction of the national palace.

Lieutenant Colonel Rubio Navarrete, the commander of the federal artillery, was slightly wounded during the fighting this afternoon. He remained, however, on the firing line.

At 2:40 p. m. the rebel cannon again began a bombardment of the national palace district, but the renewed action lasted only about a quarter of an hour and at 2 o'clock there was a lull in the firing.

At 2:30 p. m. the firing of both the federals and the rebels ceased apparently all along the lines.

The rebels are said to be in possession of San Lazaro railroad station.

At 2:30 p. m. preparation which is being made to get a train ready at the Mexican Central station is creating some comment. It is suggested that it is barely possible that President Madero is preparing to flee the city.

Federal Battery Shelled.
The rebels made an important forward movement at 2 o'clock, advancing a battery of artillery into Independencia street some blocks away from their former position. They began shelling the federal battery posted at San Diego church and joining the offices of the Mexican Herald.

U. M. Mendith, the representative here of an American manufacturing company, was hit by a splinter of shell this afternoon. He suffered a scalp wound, but his injury is not likely to prove fatal.

The firing, especially that of the federals became lighter at twenty minutes to 2 o'clock. Rebel shells, however, at that hour continued to hit buildings in the center of the city and in the national palace district.

Two non-combatants were killed in front of the American club today by bombing shells.

Today's battle was begun between the federal troops supporting President Madero and rebels under Felix Diaz, in Mexico City at 8 o'clock this morning.

The government forces had the advantage in numbers, their army totaling 7,000 men, against the 3,000 revolutionists under Diaz.

General Huerta and President Madero declared they would be badly disappointed and surprised if Diaz and his military army were not reduced to submission before nightfall.

The battle opened with heavy firing by the federal artillery, which had been strongly reinforced in the night. The rebels occupied the same positions as they held yesterday around the arsenal and the Young Men's Christian association building, and from there they replied could long resist the fire poured in by the federals, but they again showed the same excellent marksmanship which characterized the previous fighting and this enabled them to offer a grim resistance, with a hot fire.

The population had either deserted the center of the city or remained hidden in the houses, as it was impossible to stir on the streets without running enormous risks.

General Huerta placed in general charge of the federal artillery Lieutenant Colonel Rubio Navarrete, who had the reputation of being the most capable artilleryman in the Mexican army. He gained fame in the campaign against Orozco.

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NEW JERSEY SENATE PASSES ALL WILSON'S ANTI-TRUST BILLS

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 12.—The senate, after two hours of debate today, passed the main measure of Governor Wilson's seven anti-trust bills by a vote of 14 to 7. Two republicans voted with the democrats for the bill.

The measure passed defines trusts and prohibits agreements for the purpose of promoting a monopoly. It makes a violation of the law a misdemeanor, an offense that in this state is punishable either by fine or imprisonment or both.

The senate then passed the other six anti-trust bills favored by Governor Wilson and they will be taken up by the house next week. Only three of these bills were seriously opposed and each of those received 11 of the 21 votes in the senate.

There were only scattering votes in opposition to the other four bills.

Atkinson left immediately for his home.

HARD COAL TRUST ATTACKED

Government Files Civil Suit in Federal Court at Trenton.

TWO CHARGES ARE MADE

Lackawanna Railroad and Coal Companies Accused of Violating Sherman and Commodities Acts.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 12.—Further prosecution of the "hard coal trust" was begun here today by the federal government in a civil suit against the Lackawanna Railroad and Coal Companies and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad company and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal company, charging violations of both the Sherman anti-trust law and the commodities clause of the interstate commerce act.

It is understood that this move may be followed by one or more similar suits against other anthracite carrying railroads and their allied coal companies. The government's petition in equity alleges that the coal carrying roads and their affiliated coal companies, including the defendants, make and control the f. o. b. prices of anthracite at the terminals of New York, the chief distributing center, which regulates the prices in other markets.

Eastern Firemen Probably Will Be Called Out Friday

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Unless some middle ground of agreement is reached today or tomorrow by the fifty-four eastern railroad and the 3,000 firemen it is considered likely that a strike will be called Friday night effective forty-eight hours thereafter. This was the consensus of opinion today of those following the conference, through which Judge Martin A. Knapp of the United States commerce court has been trying to bring the two sides together.

Each has refused to concede a point and if no understanding is reached today "President Carter of the brotherhood said he feels that a strike will be necessary. At the same time he insists that if the men do walk out the responsibility lies not with the union, but with Wall street and the railroads.

It was said the union has in its treasury nearly \$300,000 for an emergency fund. The railroads have made elaborate plans for a strike and have already begun hiring thousands of strikebreakers, it is understood.

Daggers and Blood Figure in Notes to Mayor Gaynor

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Daggers and blood are figuring in anonymous letters which Mayor Gaynor is receiving, according to intimations which he made in an address at the annual meeting of Cooper Union alumni last night. He declared that the city administration was not disturbed by the "baboo" that had been heaped upon it during the last three years.

"There are some strange people who are disturbed by these things," he continued, "even to the point of sending us letters written in blood and with daggers on them, and even fixing the day and hour of our taking off. But some one has said that lightning never strikes twice in the same place. I think I can say more than that, it seldom strikes in one place once."

Fugitive for Many Years is Pardoned

JACKSON, Mich., Feb. 12.—After being a fugitive from justice since 1888 when he escaped from the penitentiary, Thomas Atkinson of Winneton county, last night returned to Governor Brewster and instead of being remanded to prison, was granted a pardon.

Atkinson told the governor that for the last three years he had spent his time dodging the authorities and that he was tired of that sort of life and wanted to place himself in the governor's hands. In granting the pardon Governor Brewster said:

"Well, old man, I have concluded to restore you to your wife and children, believing that the good reputation your neighbors have given you is true and that the ends of justice already have been served."

WYOMING PROTESTS ON LAND OFFICE METHODS

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The senate passed house joint memorial No. 1, by Mr. Brock. This is the protest of the legislature to the federal government against the present administration of public land laws, and is directed especially against the special agents of the Department of the Interior. The wisdom of the passage of the memorial has been the question on the floor of both houses, members alleging that it may result in discrimination by the general land office against Wyoming irrigation projects.

MEDIATION IS URGED ON PRESIDENT TAFT

Pan-American Union Suggests Substitute for Intervention by United States.

WOULD APPOINT COMMISSION

Mexicans Would Be Asked Temporarily to Stop Fighting.

U. S. ATTITUDE UNCHANGED

Taft Regards Situation in Mexico as Extremely Grave.

ARMY AND NAVY BOARD MEETS

Highest Ranking Officers in Both Services Map Out Plan for Joint Action in Case It Becomes Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Mediation in Mexico rather than intervention, by the appointment of a Pan-American commission, was urged today upon President Taft, Senator Cullom of the foreign relations committee and Representative Flood of the foreign relations committee, by John Barrett, director-general of the Pan-American union. The commission, which it is suggested, should seek to bring about a readjustment of Mexican affairs, would be composed of a statesman from the United States, an eminent Latin-American diplomat now in Washington and an influential Mexican.

Mr. Barrett suggested for the commission such men as Senator Root or William J. Bryan, Secretary Calderon, minister from Bolivia or Dr. De Pena, minister from Uruguay and Senor De La Barta, of Mexico, former ambassador to the United States. The mediation proposal was made after conferences with members of the senate and house and following renewed assurances from the State department that there is no present intention of departing from the established policy of dealing with the situation in Mexico.

Would Apply New Doctrine.
In his letter outlining his plan, Mr. Barrett says that "it involves mediation rather than intervention, international American co-operation, rather than individual United States action, and application of the Pan-American rather than of the Monroe doctrine."

The commission, he suggests, should investigate the situation in Mexico on the ground and make recommendation to Mexico which shall adjust the situation in favor of permanent peace and stability.

Through Ambassador Wilson in Mexico City the plan would be represented to the Mexican government and to the revolutionary leaders, who would be urged to cease hostilities "pending the action report of the commission and its recommendation known to the Mexican government and people that they would be expected with their moral support and interest of all America to carry out the conclusions of such international commission."

"If Latin America and Mexico fail to act on this suggestion," says Mr. Barrett, "they will still be obliged to admit that the United States has first tried to proceed on the fairest lines possible and with every effort to convince Latin America and Mexico of its good faith and intentions."

Taft Framing Message.
Rumors today that President Taft is framing a message to be sent to congress to lay before that body an exact statement of conditions in Mexico and soliciting an expression of its will for guidance of the administration was denied by officials who would be called upon to supply data for such a communication.

Discussing the Mexican situation in the house today Representative J. Hampton Moore of Pennsylvania, said it would be deplorable "if in order to maintain the honor and dignity of the United States we should be obliged to send troops into Mexico, but if our well-intentioned diplomatic negotiations are to be trifled with, then of course, the matter assumes a different aspect."

Approximately 300,000 American citizens are either temporarily or permanently residing in Mexico, according to estimates of the state department.

President Taft talked with callers today about the situation in Mexico and they said he regarded the case more grave now than it had been at any time since the abdication of Porfirio Diaz.

Those who consulted with Mr. Taft declared the fact that he was to go out of office within the next three weeks would have no weight in determining his action toward Mexico. They declared the president was ready for action up to the last moment of his administration.

In regard to reports that Mr. Taft would consult President-elect Wilson it was said at the White House today that the president considered the Mexican problem one for him alone until March 4.

ARMY AND NAVY BOARD MEETS

A significant proceeding of the day was the early assembly of the joint army-navy board in Admiral Dewey's offices. The call was issued by direction of Admiral Dewey himself.

It brought together at an opportune time for consideration of joint use of the army and navy the highest ranking officers of both services and the ablest strategists.

Besides Admiral Dewey and Major General Leonard Wood the army and navy were represented by Major General Witherspoon, assistant chief of staff, Brigadier General Weaver, chief of the coast artillery, and Brigadier General Crozier, Rear Admiral Osterhaus and Vice-Admiral and Captain Potts.

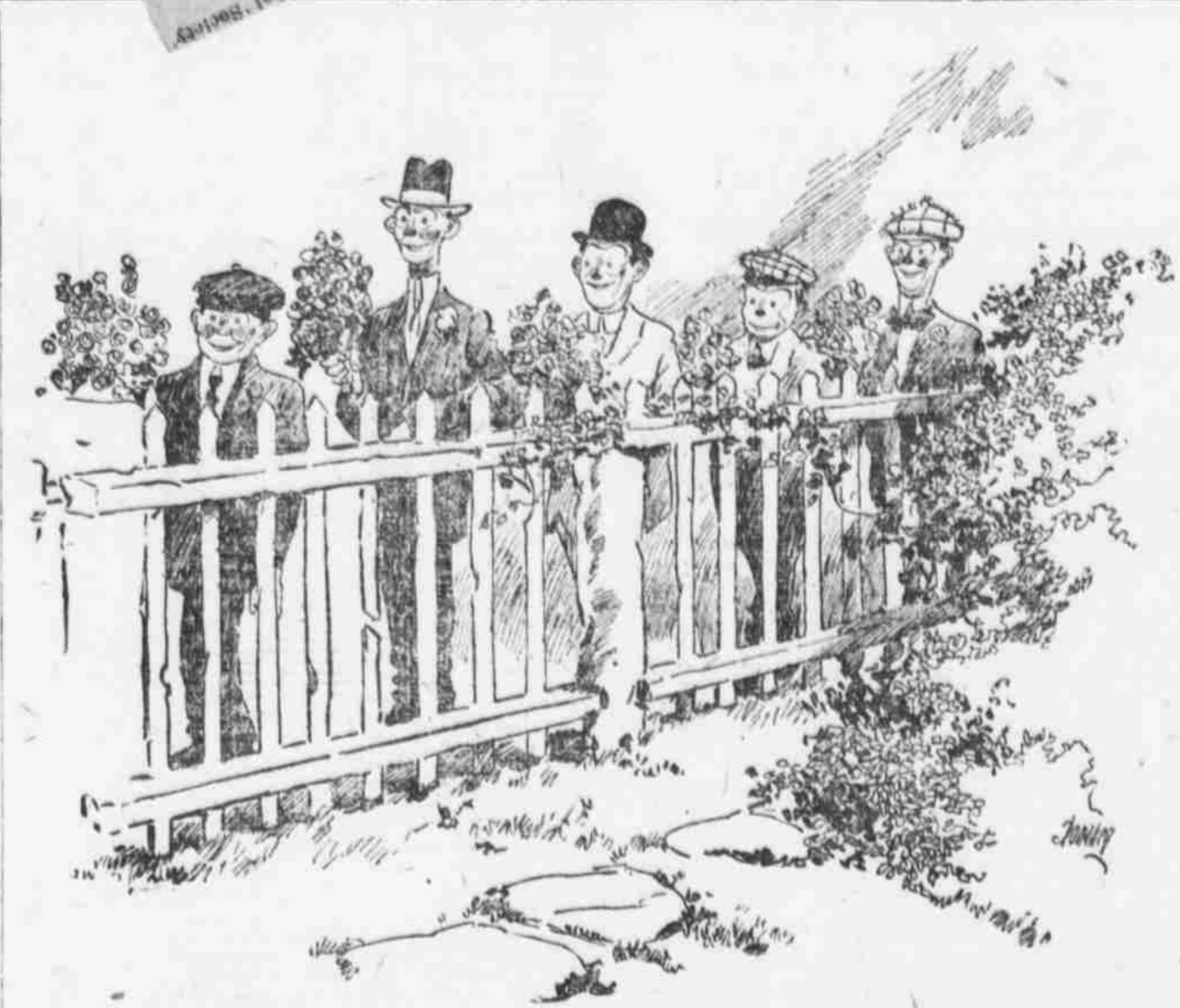
By executive order this board is charged with the preparation of plans for the co-operation of the army and the navy when it becomes necessary to conduct joint operations either offensive or defensive.

The sessions were secret and may be known only through the resulting orders to ships and troops issued by the secretaries of war and navy. The board is advisory in scope and not capable of executing its own projects.

WARING TO AMERICANS

Ambassador Wilson's overnight dispatches were laid before President Taft immediately upon his return from Philadelphia.

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According to State Secretary of Agriculture A. P. Sandles, if the Girls Can Only Be Induced to Remain on the Farms, the Boys Will Stay, All Right.

BRIBERY CHARGES ARE MADE

Candidate for United States Senator in West Virginia Arrested.

MONEY PUT IN MAN'S POCKET

Delegate Who Had Been Voting Against Edwards Tells of Attempted Bribery—Investigation is Ordered.

CHARLESTON, W. V., Feb. 12.—Colonel William Seymour Edwards, candidate for United States senator, was arrested this morning on a warrant issued by Justice Marion Gilchrist, charged with bribing Delegate John M. Smith of Tyler county. The warrant was issued at the instance of Delegate S. U. G. Rhodes, one of the five men arrested Tuesday. Edwards furnished bond.

Intense excitement was created in the house of delegates today when Rev. Thomas J. Smith of West Union, Doddridge county, speaking on a question of personal privilege, declared that Delegate U. G. Rhodes and another man had thrust \$50 in his pocket in a room in a Charleston hotel. After he declared Rhodes and the other man had offered him \$2,000 if he would vote for Colonel W. S. Edwards for United States senator.

Smith declared he did not know how much money had been put into his pockets until he had left the room. Then he went to Delegate H. C. Williams of Tyler county, had him count the money, enclose it in an envelope and return it to Rhodes. Smith, explaining his position, said he had refused to accept any money from Rhodes or the other man, whom he did not recognize, but Rhodes had insisted it was not a bribe. Smith has been voting for Isaac T. Mann for senator.

At the conclusion of his statement Smith asked the House of delegates to investigate the alleged attempt to bribe him.

In compliance with a resolution the joint session adopted yesterday, President Wood in the senate appointed Senators O. S. Marshall and O. A. Hoods of the committee to investigate the alleged bribery in the legislature, and Speaker George in the house named Delegates Sherman T. Robinson, Charles A. Button and W. S. Wysong.

COMMONS AFRAID TO PUNISH EDITOR MAXSE FOR CONTEMPT

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The House of Commons today did not send Maxse, editor of the National Review, to the clock tower for his refusal to reveal the source of information on which he had based allegations of improper conduct against some of the cabinet ministers. The house evaded giving a definite decision on the issues raised by agreeing to "do nothing at present."

Premier Asquith pleaded as an excuse the lateness of the session, but it is said that ridicule threatening to overwhelm the House of Commons in the event of its attempting coercive action was probably the deciding factor.

TWO SORTIES FROM ADRIANOPLE ARE REPULSED BY ALLIES

SOPIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 12.—Two attempted sorties by the beleaguered Turkish garrison of Adrianople on Monday and Tuesday of this week were repulsed by the Bulgarians. The Turks lost more than 1,000 killed and wounded, according to the official report of the Bulgarian war office today.

MILLION IN GOLD MOVED BY SLEDS

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—More than \$1,000,000 in gold was brought down on the steamship Mariposa from Cordova, Alaska, today, having been more than two months in transit from the Itard districts. From Itard to Chitina, more than 2,500 miles, the gold was hauled on dog sleds. At Chitina it was placed on a train and hauled between two snowsheds that tied up traffic more than a month. During that time the express company's wagons, heavily armed, watched over the treasure.

COLORADO FUEL AND IRON CUTS MELON

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Directors of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company today declared a dividend of 5 per cent on the preferred stock, a total of \$1,490,000. The payment represents an accumulation of back dividends after a record year of earnings.

ANTI-SUFFRAGIST LEADERS PLANNING RIVAL CAMPAIGN

BOSTON, Feb. 12.—If plans of anti-suffrage leaders are carried out, Washington is to be a battleground on which small armies of suffragists and anti-suffragists will contend during inauguration week for popular support. The proposal of the suffragists to carry their campaign for "votes for women" into the nation's capital in connection with the inaugural program, was followed today by formal announcement of an opposition movement, which provides for the mustering in Washington of all the available campaigning strength of the anti-suffragists.

Delegations of women from sixteen states are expected to go to Washington, according to leaders of the "anti," who are in this city Miss Alice Hill Chittenden, president of the New York anti-suffragist association has been completing the arrangements here in consultation with officials of the Massachusetts association opposed to the extension of suffrage to women.

Leaders of the opposition plan to precede the suffragettes "marching" to Washington and to have the anti-suffragist campaign under way before those in favor of suffrage get started. A public meeting in a Washington theater, street displays and campaign of posters, handbills, badges and buttons are included in the program.

WOULD-BE OFFICERS UNABLE TO PAY FOR THEIR UNIFORMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Gloom as black as the blackest midnight has settled on the leading military tailors of the capital as a result of the senate's failure to confirm the appointments and promotions of army and navy officers for the land and sea fighters in consideration of their short funds, and it is not probable that the appointments will be confirmed in this session. Accordingly the aspiring officers and perspiring tailors must needs mark mourning time.

A number of those appointed to the army and marine corps as second lieutenants after successfully passing competitive examinations gave up their civil positions in expectation that they would be appointed promptly. As a result the majority of them are short in funds, and it is not probable that the appointments will be confirmed in this session. Accordingly the aspiring officers and perspiring tailors must needs mark mourning time.

CASKET OF PEARLS IS FOUND IN STREET

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Under guard at police headquarters today is a small, flat, tan-colored leather casket, containing a fortune in pearl jewelry and diamonds, and seeking its owner. It was picked up yesterday in the middle of a street in the fashionable section of the capital by W. B. Dixon, driver of a delivery wagon. Dixon promptly turned the jewels over to the police. The collection includes two bracelets, several pins and brooches, a number of rings and a pearl chain. More than 100 pearls from the settings. In addition to the pearl jewelry one of the brooches is set with turquoises. There is nothing about the jewelry or the casket itself which gives any clue to the owner.

SENATE PASSES WATER BILL

Measure Goes Through Upper House Without Opposition.

ONE AMENDMENT IS MADE

It Provides that Right to Sink and Use Wells Shall Not Be Denied to Any Person or Corporation.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 12.—Senate file 17, the Omaha water works bill, passed the senate this morning unanimously with the following amendment:

"Section 20. Under the provisions of this act, no person, co-partnership or corporation shall be denied the right to sink a well or wells upon their property or immediately adjacent to the property of said person, co-partnership or corporation, for the purpose of supplying said person, co-partnership or corporation with water for his or its individual domestic and mechanical use upon or immediately adjacent to said property."

"Provided, That where such wells or wells are not upon the property of said person, co-partnership or corporation, but immediately adjacent thereto, that the municipality forming a part of said district within which said property shall be located, may grant the right to the use of any street or alley therefore under the terms and conditions provided in connection with such grants of such character in the charter of said municipality."

Extra Man Bill is Killed.
The house, in committee of the whole, indefinitely postponed H. R. 58, providing an extra man in the crew of passenger trains. An effort will be made to send all the 196 railroad bills to the State Railway commission for expert advice as to whether any of them are needed.

The special committee to investigate wages paid working girls decided this morning they did not have time to make a thorough investigation, and it probably will ask the house to permit it two years in which to do the work.

Governor's Salary Bill Advanced.
The house spent most of the morning on the proposed constitutional amendment increasing the term of the governor to four years and his salary to \$5,000 a year. The bill was recommended for passage.

CROWN JEWEL SCANDAL HAS ANOTHER AIRING

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The mystery of the theft of the crown jewels from Dublin castle in 1907 had another public airing in the House of Commons today.

Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, declared emphatically that "nothing has been discovered to explain the mystery of the theft or to justify the arrest and prosecution of anyone." He added:

"The story that anyone is being shielded is a lie, and I am sorry it has been lately revived in connection with the name of Lord Haddo. The introduction of his name is a particularly cruel outrage. He was not in Ireland for months before or after the robbery. He had no connection with the office of arms and was only in that office once in his life."

Lord Haddo is the son and heir of the earl of Aberdeen, lord lieutenant of Ireland.

O'NEIL IS GIVEN TERM IN PRISON

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Feb. 12.—For having made false statements as to the financial condition of the State Bank of Commerce at Wallace, Idaho, where he was president, E. F. O'Neil was sentenced today to serve from two to ten years in the penitentiary. He was allowed sixty days to perfect an appeal, during which time he will be held in the county jail. His sentence is to run from the hour he enters the penitentiary.

CLARENCE L. LAMB, LEADER OF TELEGRAPHERS, DEAD

RED OAK, Ia., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Clarence L. Lamb, general chairman of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for the Burlington system, died this morning from pneumonia after an illness of two days. He was serving his third term as head of the organization.

The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair Friday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday	Hour	Deg.
	5 a. m.	16
	8 a. m.	15
	11 a. m.	14
	2 p. m.	16
	5 p. m.	20
	8 p. m.	24
	11 p. m.	28
	1 a. m.	32
	4 a. m.	42
	7 a. m.	48
	10 a. m.	48
	1 p. m.	41
	4 p. m.	42
	7 p. m.	41
	10 p. m.	39

Comparative Local Record.	1912.	1911.	1910.
Highest yesterday	48	42	42
Lowest yesterday	16	21	15
Mean temperature	28	40	28
Precipitation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal			
Normal temperature	23		
Excess for the day	5		
Normal precipitation	0.10		
Deficiency for the day	0.10		
Total rainfall since March 1	25.63		
Deficiency for cor. period, 1911, 13.52 inches			
Deficiency for cor. period, 1910, 14.72 inches			

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.—Station and State Temperatures—High—Rain—Wind—Direction—Force—Clouds—Humidity.

Station	Temp.	High	Rain	Wind	Dir.	Force	Clouds	Humidity
Cheyenne, clear	34	44	0.00	W	10	100	100	
Denver, clear	42	44	0.00	W	10	100	100	
Davenport, cloudy	30	30	0.00	W	10	100	100	
Des Moines, clear	38	40	0.00	W	10	100	100	
Dodge City, clear	42	50	0.00	W	10	100	100	
Landar, cloudy	36	44	0.00	W	10	100	100	
North Platte, clear	41	48	0.00	W	10	100	100	
Omaha, clear	41	48	0.00	W	10	100	100	
Pueblo, clear	44	46	0.00	W	10	100	100	
Rapid City, part cloudy	42	50	0.00	W	10	100	100	
St. Louis City, clear	44	48	0.00	W	10	100	100	
Santa Fe, clear	34	38	0.00	W	10	100	100	
Santa Fe, clear	34	38	0.00	W	10	100	100	
Sioux City, clear	34	44	0.00	W	10	100	100	
Valentine, clear	39	44	0.00	W	10	100	100	

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

OMAHA BOND BILL IS RECOMMENDED, CUT DOWN HALF

Measure for Park and Work House Issues Goes Through Committee of Whole.

ROUGH HOUSE DURING DAY

Speaker Unable to Control Urruly Members of Body.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION UP

Senate Passes Bill and House Makes it Special Order.

BANKS OPEN TO COMPETITION

Committee Reports University Removal Bill to House, Accepting Proposal to Buy Six Blocks to Enlarge Campus.