

# A FIERCE GALE IN CITY OF BUFFALO

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## RIVER FRONT LOSS IS HEAVY

Boathouses and Small Docks Carried Away—300-Foot Wireless Tower Demolished.

Buffalo, N. Y.—A 95-mile an hour gale swept this city, uprooting trees, tearing down chimneys, smashing plate glass windows and piling up the water in the harbor to an unprecedented stage. One man was killed.

The damage throughout the city was great, but heaviest losses occurred along the water front, where a 300-foot wireless tower was demolished, boathouses and small docks were swept away and several hundred pleasure craft were smashed or carried down the river.

The property loss will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A window hatch torn from a business block fell on an automobile, killing F. E. Kiefer and injuring another occupant seriously. The hatch pinned Kiefer to the seat. The automobile, with both occupants unconscious, ran a block before it swerved and crashed into a store.

Two women were caught under a falling tree. One sustained both legs broken. The other was internally injured and firemen had to cut away part of the tree trunk before she could be released.

The wind, blowing from the southwest directly down Lake Erie, piled up water until Bird Island pier and Squaw Island were nearly submerged. Nearly 100 squatters' shanties were carried out into Niagara river. The occupants were rescued.

Three ferry boats were piled upon the rocks between the river and the canal.

At Tonawanda the water rose eight feet above normal, flooding the large lumber yards there and carrying thousands of feet of timber into the river and over Niagara falls.

Seldom has such a volume of water poured over the Niagara cataract. The waters of Lake Erie crowded into the Niagara river, causing a swirling flood where usually there are only a few inches. Such a flood poured over the precipice that the pier of the Maid of the Mist was submerged.

Many islands just above the falls were submerged for the first time in years. Great property damage was done on the upper river to riverside boathouses and motor boats.

Half of the 54 large lake steamers berthed behind the main breakwall dragged anchors when the wind was at its height, but it looked from shore at nightfall as though all had kept off the beach.

**Savings Deposits Increase.**  
Chicago—Savings deposits, one of the many barometers, are increasing in the middle west instead of diminishing. Preliminary figures from official sources showed that in the five states—Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin—savings deposits on December 1 were about 1 per cent higher than on November 1. Despite the slump, which set in more than a year ago, the deposits are now only about 4 per cent below those of 12 months ago.

**Quiet Christmas at White House.**  
Washington, D. C.—A quiet Christmas in the White House will be observed by President and Mrs. Harding, unless present plans are changed by unexpected developments. It was announced that the president would hang up his stockings at home and, with the possible exception of attending church, that on Sunday nothing would break the quiet of the holiday.

**Mobilization of Men and Money.**  
Washington, D. C.—Secretary of War Weeks is in favor of the mobilization of men, money and manufacturing under the conscription law, in the event of future war. Such a course, the war secretary declared, in an address at the second annual reunion of the war industries board, would preclude profiteering and slacker lists.

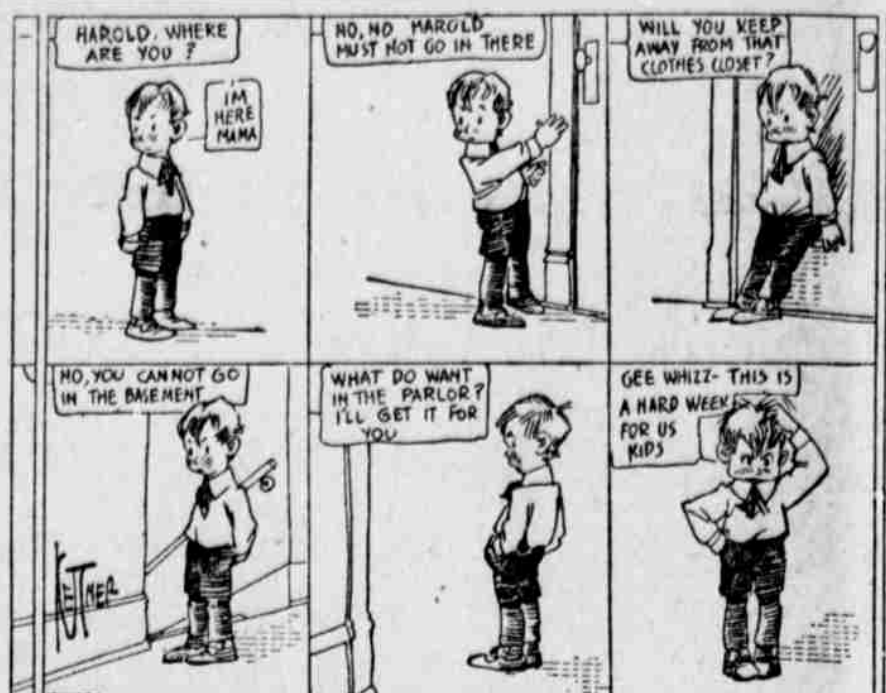
**Normalcy in Coal Fields.**  
Pittsburg, Kan.—After three days of military guard Kansas coal fields were quiet and smoke came out from the stacks at many mines.

**Severe Earth Shock in Guam.**  
Guam.—A severe earthquake shock was felt here. No damage was done.

**Nearly 2,000 Slain in India.**  
Delhi, India.—Official announcement was made that since the outbreak of disturbances in Malabar last August, 1,526 Maplahs have been killed, 1,500 wounded and 5,474 captured. The announcement added that 14,241 have surrendered voluntarily.

**Escaped Convict Captured.**  
Ottumwa, Ia.—Willey Mullinix, an escaped convict from Bismarck, N. D., penitentiary, was arrested here. Mullinix was sentenced to life imprisonment for second degree murder.

## 144 Hours to Christmas



## A SPIKE IS THROWN INTO THE NAVY JUNKING PLAN

Assert Paris Proposal Would Entirely Upset Whole Scheme of 5-5-3 Naval Reduction.

Washington, D. C.—The French delegation has presented a proposal for so great an increase in the strength of the French navy that the British declare such a program, if carried out, would upset the whole plan for a 5-5-3 naval reduction.

Although not yet entirely revealed, the British understand that the French provision provides for the construction of 10 35,000-ton superdreadnaughts in the 10 years subsequent to 1925. These vessels, of a type similar to the American battleship Maryland, would give France a capital ship tonnage of 350,000, as against 315,000 for Japan and a preponderance of new "post-Jutland" type craft over all nations.

Italy, although indicating disapproval of such a building program, is said to have told the arms conference that if France constructs 10 ships, she must carry out a similar program.

The combined French and Italian fleets thus would be some 200,000 tons stronger than the British or the American allotments under the revised figures agreed on by the big three.

The question of French and Italian naval ratios, as compared with the 5-5-3 standings assigned to the United States, Great Britain and Japan under an agreement previously reached, was taken up by the sub-committee of 15.

The British spokesman said that the French proposals, if accepted, would "throw out the whole naval program." He declared it had met with distinct disapproval from the British delegation.

The British spokesman further declared that Italy did not approve of the French proposition, for if it was carried out Italy would be obliged to build in the same amount. This meant, he said, an addition of 700,000 tons to the European war fleets and both France and Italy would spend \$500,000,000 in the 10-year period beginning in 1925.

The American delegates, the British spokesman said, also had taken a strong stand against the French proposition, first objecting for economic reasons.

**Wounded Bandit Near Death.**  
Davenport, Ia.—Harry Hamilton bank bandit, wounded at the time his companion, Roy Purple, was killed in holding up the Stockmans Savings bank, of Lone Grove, is still hovering between life and death at a local hospital.

**German Envoy Approved.**  
Washington, D. C.—State department officials said that the American government had indicated to Berlin the acceptability of Carl Lang, who was named by the German government to be charge d'affairs at Washington.

**Iowa Women Jurors Win.**  
Des Moines, Ia.—The right of women to serve as jurors was upheld by the Iowa supreme court in a decision handed down in the case of the state vs. Walker, appealed from the Hamilton county district court.

**British O. K. Free Ireland.**  
London.—Both houses of the British parliament ratified the treaty creating the Irish Free State by overwhelming majorities.

**Volcano in Eruption.**  
Buenos Aires.—Eruption of a volcano in the Andes mountains, believed to be Mt. Rinehua, in Chili, is reported in dispatches.

**Congressman Ends Life.**  
Washington, D. C.—The body of Representative John A. Elston, of California, was found floating in the Potomac river. A note found in the congressman's coat said he was caught in "a chain of circumstances which spelled ruin." Mr. Elston, it was said, disappeared Tuesday, but was found by detectives that evening. Within a few hours, however, he again disappeared, and that was the last seen of him. It is believed he plunged into the river late that night.

**100,000 May Strike.**  
New York.—New York's industrial horizon assumed a more pessimistic outlook. Two great strikes that would involve more than 100,000 men were threatened. Rumblings of wage disputes came from the railroad maintenance of way and shop craftsmen and building trades. Drastic wage cuts in the building trades to be drafted will be fought to the utmost, union leaders declared. Proposed union stated their response to proposed reductions had been to vote to demand a wage increase of 17 per cent.

**Head Tax for Yanks?**  
New York.—In addition to paying \$10 for a passport in Washington, the highest fee charged by any government, American citizens are now obliged to pay \$10 to enter Europe, Africa or South America. Foreign consuls also say that their governments are considering a head tax of \$8 on Americans, the same as aliens have to pay visiting this country.

**Attacks 4-Power Treaty.**  
Washington, D. C.—Declaring that the new four-power Pacific treaty had "all of the inequities of the league of nations, with none of the virtues claimed for that document," Senator LaFollette, republican, of Wisconsin, announced in a formal statement that he was prepared to do "all in my power to prevent its ratification."

**Bonus to Win in 90 Days.**  
Indianapolis, Ind.—Enactment of the veterans adjusted compensation bill will be completed by congress within 90 days, according to information given Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American legion, by Senator McCumber, author of the bill, in the senate, and Representative Fordney, of Michigan.

**Nine Perish in Fire.**  
Detroit, Mich.—Nine persons, seven of them children, are dead and three others are seriously burned, one of them perhaps fatally, as the result of a fire that destroyed the farm home of Mrs. Margaret Wake, two miles north of the Detroit city limits.

**Great Stove Maker Dies.**  
London, Ont.—John McClary, 83, founder of the McClary Manufacturing company, said to be the largest stove industry in the British empire, died.

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## \$2,000,000,000 GO TO THRIFTY YANKS

They Are Men and Women Who Responded to the Government's Appeal for Funds.

Washington, D. C.—Approximately \$2,000,000,000 has been added to the value of government war bonds held by American citizens in the last nine months. The general rise in value of Liberty and Victory bonds, which sold at 85 and 81 last winter, dates from March, when President Harding and the republican administration took office.

The policies of President Harding and his cabinet are believed to have had an appreciable effect in causing a rise of confidence on the part of the investing public toward the government issues. One important influence, it is said, is the policy of efficiency and economy emphasized in government financial affairs by the president and his assistants.

The vast increment in value is shared by nearly 20,000,000 men and women who responded to the government's appeal for funds with which to carry on the war.

Liberty bonds are selling a figure within approximately 3 points of par, or at about 97. In the last few days 97 or better was paid for Liberty first 4s, Liberty second 4s, Liberty first 4 1/2s, Liberty second 4 1/2s, Liberty third 4 1/2s and Liberty fourth 4 1/2s, the lowest on the list.

Victory 4 1/2s recently touched par, 100, while on the same day 3 1/2s sold readily at 99.9. In the winter and spring the Liberty issues will touch par, officials believe. One or two issues may go above par, it is predicted while the Victory notes, maturing within a few months, are regarded as certain to sell at a premium.

**Many Bars Open in Vancouver.**  
Vancouver, B. C.—The sudden growth in the number of Vancouver clubs licensed to sell malt liquor to members has resulted in the reopening of about 18 hotel bars with similar licenses as a test of the prohibition restrictions. Membership in the hotel "clubs" costs 10 cents and business is flourishing. The police have decided they cannot interfere with it until February 1, when the charter giving the city control and regulation of all clubs becomes effective.

**No Big Revolt in Peru.**  
Washington, D. C.—Reports from Buenos Aires of a revolution in Peru were without confirmation from agents of the state department. For several weeks, it was said at the department there have been reports of minor engagements in the Amazon region of Peru, but the encounters were not such as would indicate a widespread revolution.

**Women Storm Coal Mine.**  
Pittsburg, Kan.—A mob of women, estimated at 2,000, the wives and relatives of striking Howat coal miners, stormed mine No. 17 of the Jackson Walker company and prevented the miners employed at the mine from returning to work.

**Robbers Get Over \$25,000.**  
Greenville, Ill.—Six bandits entered Panama, near here, robbed the bank of Panama of between \$25,000 and \$30,000, held up seven men in a pool room next to the bank, wounded a motorist whom the bandits believed was pursuing their car, and escaped.

**Women Again Storm Mines.**  
Pittsburg, Kan.—The militant women marchers of the Kansas coal field, followers of Alexander Howat, were in action again. Storming two mines of the Central Coal and Coke company, they stopped work and drove 85 miners away. Red pepper and stones filled the air as the women, estimated to number 2,000, rushed toward the mines. Dinner buckets and their contents were scattered on the ground.

**Four Killed in Landslide.**  
Aberdeen, Wash.—Two men, a woman and a baby are dead and two men are injured, one perhaps fatally, as a result of two slides on the Clemons Logging company's railroad, about 16 miles south and east of Aberdeen.

**Miners to Ask Pay Boost.**  
New York.—The anthracite coal miners will demand a wage increase of at least 20 per cent with a \$5 minimum day rate when they meet the coal operators to negotiate a new wage agreement for 1922.

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## CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

Acting Postmaster Herbert S. Daniel of Omaha, has been appointed auditor by Federal Woodruff to investigate regularity of the sale of the Wells-Abbott Nieman Milling company property at Schuyler to W. Dale Clark and to protect rights of stockholders and creditors of the million-dollar concern. The Wells-Abbott-Nieman property holdings were sold for \$90,000 to W. Dale Clark by the receivers in a sale November 21, 1921. Judge Woodruff will not confirm this sale until he receives the report of Daniel.

One hundred Nebraska Bankers met recently in Omaha and organized the State Agricultural Loan association. The purpose of the association is to convert slow assets into cash and in turn, put the cash into circulation in order to help the financial situation.

Four persons—Joseph Zeink, Mrs. John Strelow, John Hagemire and Frank Keller—were badly burned, one of them seriously, in a prairie fire near Bassett which raged all of Saturday and Sunday. It covered an area of 30 square miles and consumed 200 tons of hay.

The Nebraska Aircraft corporation announced that Otto Turner of Venice, Cal., representative of the Pacific-Atlantic Co., was on his way to Lincoln by airplane to negotiate the purchase of fifteen passenger planes for the Chinese government.

December 20 will be "Bridge day" in Central City. The occasion will be a fitting celebration of the opening of the new state bridge, which spans the Platte due south of this city and which was built at a cost of \$100,000.

The postoffice and general merchandise store at Cumro, was burned to the ground. The store belonged to N. Morgan, who is the postmaster. It was partially insured. All stamps, records and government papers were in the safe and not destroyed.

One of the five night schools to be established in the state by federal and state governments will be at North Platte, it was decided after officials had completed an investigation. The school will carry twenty classes.

J. B. Greckmur, 40, proprietor of the Vesta battery station of Fairbury, was found dead in his place of business. It is the supposition that he was fixing a battery with a blow torch and that the battery exploded.

John Heerlad, who farms near Lewiston, has just finished gathering corn from 300 acres, the yield totaling 1,400 bushels, as shown by the scales, or forty-eight bushels to the acre.

Charles McNally, postmaster of Inez, Neb., was bound over to the federal court at Norfolk on a federal charge of embezzling a money order amounting to \$2,597.78.

In two days after the organization of the Omaha branch of the War Finance corporation, farm loans aggregating \$1,039,000, coming through 61 Nebraska Banks were approved.

In a drive to raise funds for the improvement of its building, the Omaha Young Women's Christian association obtained pledges amounting to \$30,000.

Miss Laura Suhr, a Lincoln teacher, sailed from San Francisco for India, where she will be a missionary for the Women's Foreign Missionary society.

Many head of hogs have died of cholera in Richardson county during the past few days. Eno Giesman lost forty head within a short time.

It has been announced that the Consolidated Gas and Electric Company at Beatrice will soon build a new \$150,000 plant at Beatrice.

At Chadron the Chicago & Northwestern has laid off the largest number of men in years and is to cut the shop and track force 40 per cent.

The Nebraska State Bar association will meet in Omaha December 29-30. An attendance of 500 is anticipated. Anon Raymond, Omaha is secretary.

Twenty-five marines have arrived in Omaha to act as guards on mail trucks and mail trains.

The Omaha city council is investigating a proposition to develop power by harnessing the Missouri river.

A milch cow census of eight western states recorded Nebraska second with 454,790 cows.

Dan V. Stephens, banker of Fremont, predicts fifty cent corn by next July.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Harry Hauster has been sent to Minden, at the request of city and county officials there, to determine the origin of the \$50,000 fire that destroyed the Binderup block.

Golden eagles are unusually numerous this winter. George Robertson, who resides on the Idlewild farm, Dodge county, captured one alive the other day and it is being displayed in a store window at Fremont. John Greenlee on the Abbott farm found the body of an eagle that had been electrocuted by wires passing over his farm.

Wayne Marples was badly cut and bruised when a tractor he was operating along the highway near Wynmore, struck an obstruction and rolled over a 10-foot embankment, pinning him beneath the wreckage.

Trouble with the heating plant in the schools at Alsworth led to a mass meeting at which it was decided to build a new school building. Petitions were prepared which were signed by sixty-nine per cent of the voters. Bonds to the extent of \$125,000 were asked. Work on this enterprise will be begun as early as weather will permit.

The economic depression in Nebraska is threatening to force the state to discontinue paroling convicts from the penitentiary, it was announced by M. T. Harmon, secretary of the state board of pardons and paroles. "Men eligible to parole, whose paroles have been sanctioned by the board are remaining in the penitentiary because no work can be found for them outside the walls," Harmon said.

A telephone strike is almost certain to start in Valley county January 1 with nearly 100 per cent of the subscribers "out." Following a mass meeting at St. Paul, attended by representatives of business and farming interests from all sections, the local Community club was given full power to "call out" telephones the first of the year unless the Northwestern Bell company reduces rates.

Frank T. Israel of Benkelman, who held a responsible position in the office of the comptroller of the currency for the last 30 years, has received a promotion to that of chief clerk in the chief national bank examiner's office of the Eleventh federal reserve district, with headquarters at Dallas, Tex.

After silencing the gongs which were installed in order to alarm the town in case of attack by burglars, yegmen blew open the door of the outer vault of the bank of Juniata, and fled with contents of 1,920 safety deposit boxes.

Thomas Daniels, of Pierce, who sued Frank Dutcher, prominent business man, for \$10,000 heart balm, lost his suit in district court. Daniel claimed Dutcher caused a separation between himself and his wife.

After Judge Clement, of Ord, has issued an order discharging Emmet Holman from the Holt county jail he presented him with \$5, which would enable him to procure food and shelter honestly until he could find work.

As a precautionary measure, the city council of Fremont ordered the purchase of high powered rifles and sawed-off shotguns for use of the police department.

The Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions' clubs will join with the chamber of commerce in erecting a municipal Christmas tree and arranging a Christmas program for Hastings.

G. D. Loffer, of Lincoln, has been arrested for selling 1000 shares of stock in the Missouri Valley Coal & Mining Co., to Jacob Rosenbaum of Wynmore, without a license.

Several farmers living in the vicinity of Shelton report the loss of horses from the corn stalk disease. F. C. Horth, who has been feeding corn fodder to his herd of horses, lost a valuable race horse.

Ray A. Lower, former cashier of the defunct Valparaiso State bank, was found guilty by a jury in district court at Wahoo on six or seven counts charging him with embezzlement.

Rather than cause the laying off of 43 per cent of their co-workers Fremont employees of the Northwestern voted to adopt a four day week program during the present depression.

The four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pterfer, of near Butte, was burned to death in the family home while her parents were out in the field picking corn.

Because his rent was raised \$20 a month, Julius Petersen, hardware dealer of Blair, is closing out his business. Other firms are said to be planning similar action.

McCook has officially qualified as a city of 5,000 population and a dispensation has been granted for the organization of a lodge of the Elks in that place.

The possibilities of a community sales barn are being investigated at Superior. Plans are being made with the hope of interesting stockmen in this part of the state.

Robert E. Moore, 72, lieutenant governor of Nebraska from 1895 to 1897 under Government Silas A. Holcomb, died at his home at Lincoln.

Nebraska farm hens laid 49,132,337 dozen eggs in 1920, according to a report by the Chamber of Commerce publicity bureau.

A temporary injunction against issuing bonds for the erection of a high school at Imperial was granted in district court at McCook.

The dedication of the new county high school building at Harrison. Prof. J. Wilson of Chadron normal gave the main address.

Valley County has just dedicated their new \$207,083.00 court house.

Hundreds from all sections attended The large two-story brick Woodman building at Constock was destroyed by fire. Loss is estimated at \$50,000.

A few cases of influenza have been reported in the vicinity of Callaway.

Attorney General Clarence A. Davis of Lincoln, has been requested to begin disbarment proceedings against Thomas H. Matters, Omaha attorney. The request came from the supreme court, being preceded by the receipt by the court of a request for disbarment from the State Bar association. Thomas H. Matters is the Omaha attorney, who was indicted on an embezzlement charge in connection with the failure of the Pioneer State bank which failed some time ago.

The total paid for 68 head of Hereford cattle at H. Gaudreault & Sons sale at Hastings was \$20,810.

Through the efforts of the North Platte chapter of the D. A. R., a Lincoln county museum will be established in connection with the public library.

Fire starting in O. E. Kratzer's Mercantile store at Virginia from an unknown cause, destroyed the Kratzer store and the Mitchell Hardware store. The fire department from Beatrice was called to assist in fighting the flames. The loss is placed at \$40,000 and is partially covered by insurance.