

### 23 Persons Die from Blizzard and Cold Spell

### 17 Known Dead in Northwest; Six Are Victims at Seattle, Five in Chicago.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 17.—At least 17 persons lost their lives in the north-west and the following cold spell, according to figures compiled here today. Six perished in Minnesota, three in South Dakota, three in North Dakota and five in Saskatchewan province.

In Minnesota four children of G. N. Gibbs, were burned to death in their farm home near Pine City; Henry Hennem was found frozen near his home at Dumont, and T. E. Thompson of Ashby was killed when he was run down by a train during a snow storm.

Three Children Frozen.

In South Dakota three children of Fred Beck, farmer, living near Eureka, were found frozen to death. In North Dakota Mrs. C. B. Erickson, was frozen to death near Mad-dock and her 18-month-old baby died from the cold.

Mrs. Jules Hagenson is reported to have perished when she became lost in the blizzard.

In Saskatchewan a woman and a boy were burned to death when their home was destroyed near Richardson, and a woman and her son and daughter met a similar fate near Tilston.

### Six Seattle Death Toll.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—Six deaths in Seattle are attributed to a record-breaking storm that raged from Sunday to Wednesday. All were of adult men. Four men collapsed while shoveling snow or walking, one died soon after boarding a street car in an exhausted condition from trudging several blocks and one was suffocated by smoke while trying to throw out a frozen pipe.

### Five Die in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Deaths of at least five persons in Chicago were attributed to the cold wave that swept over this city from the northwest, according to figures available today.

Thomas Cavanaugh, a watchman, was found dead in his room. Physicians said he had suffered a heart attack and froze to death while lying unconscious in the unheated room.

Paul Mikakalskis, a tailor, was found dead of exposure in front of a dwelling place.

Dead From Burns.

Mary Mohler, 4, died from burns when her dress caught fire while she was attempting to warm herself at a kitchen stove.

Mrs. Sarah Collier, 66, was burned to death when the bed on which she slept caught fire from an overheated stove.

Theodore J. Otto, a teamster, driving his team along the Chicago river, was pulled into the water and drowned when the wagon slipped down an ice-covered incline into the river.

### President and Wife to Begin Vacation Early in March

Washington, Feb. 17.—President and Mrs. Harding expect to leave Washington for their vacation in Florida March 5 or 6, it was said at the White House yesterday. A more definite date cannot be announced at present, it was announced.

### Suppressed Inventions of Edison Discovered

### Forty-Five Devices of "Wizard" Presented While Head of Naval Consulting Board During World War Turned Down, Is Charge.

New York, Feb. 17.—The 45 inventions of Thomas A. Edison, which he claims were suppressed by the navy during the war, were discovered yesterday, the Edison-Battley Eagle announced. Mr. Edison recently asserted that he would offer no more of his inventions to the government and termed the navy a "closed corporation," because of what happened to his brain-children during the war when he was head of the naval consulting board.

The list of the inventions, with the disposition of some of them, was found in the history of the naval consulting board by Lloyd N. Scott. Six of the 45 were modifications or variations of the others.

In commenting on inventions offered to the board by the public the history says that "although but one device received by the board from the public (the Hughes orientator, designed to train aviators in the sense of equilibrium) was put into production, yet there were several others which might have been used had the exigencies of the war demanded them."

List of 39 Inventions.

The list of 39 of the Edison inventions follows:

- 1—Submarine sound detector for a moving vessel. (Vessel loaned by government for experiments recalled before work was completed.)
- 2—Sea anchors to turn ships quickly. (Demonstrated satisfactorily on U. S. S. Ohio.)
- 3—Plans for saving cargo boats from submarines. (Sent to British admiralty.)
- 4—Collision mats.
- 5—Method for taking merchant ships out of mined harbors.
- 6—Ship camouflage. (Used by Cunard line on ship Valerie successfully for a year. Was torpedoed on being put in convoy.)
- 7—Coast patrol by submarine buoys.
- 8—Sounding cartridge.
- 9—Sighting lights for convoys. (Submarine electrician detailed to aid in experiments recalled before their completion.)
- 10—Smudging skyline. (Differing from smoke screen.)
- 11—Torpedo obstructing net.
- Underwater Searchlight.
- 12—Underwater searchlight.
- 13—Oleum cloud shells. (Used by Germans before close of the war.)
- 14—High speed searchlight signal. (Sent to Brooklyn navy yard.)
- 15—Water penetrating projectile.
- 16—Method of detecting submarine periscope in calm weather.
- 17—Steamship decoys.
- 18—Discovery that zig-zagging was useless for ships making less than 10 knots. (Supported by French naval officers before the end of the war.)
- 19—Reduction of roll of warships by use of vanes or rudders.
- 20—Getting nitrogen from the air. (Worked cheaper and quicker than method later used by Germans before the end of the war.)
- 21—Stabilizing submerged submarine.
- 22—Hydrogen detector for submarines. (Ruled too frail by Washington, but worked successfully on one submarine for nine months.)
- 23—Induction balance for submarine detection. (Acknowledged unsuccessful.)
- 24—Protection for observers from smogstack gas. (Tested it himself in Rome field with sulphur fumes with complete success.)
- 25—Turbine head for projectile.
- 26—Plans to mine Zeppelin harbor.
- 27—Mirror reflection system for warships.
- 28—Device for lookout men.
- 29—Plans for blinding submarines and smuggling periscopes.
- 30—Fire extinguisher for coal bunkers.
- 31—Direction finder for hostile airplanes.
- 32—Sound ranging.
- 33—Ship telephone system. (Brooklyn navy yard officers made tests.)
- 34—Extension ladder for spotting top.
- 35—Ricochetting shell, a bounding sharpnel projectile to explode six to eight feet from ground. (Germans used similar shell before the end of war.)
- 36—Night glass.
- 37—Improved periscope smudge.
- 38—Spray-free for range finder. (Working model sent to Brooklyn navy yard.)
- 39—Rust preventive for submarine and other guns. (Successful in air, fresh and salt water.)

### Tuscan Prince's Crew Is Rescued

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—All members of the crew of the wrecked steamer Tuscan Prince were aboard the Coast guard cutter Snipe at 9 o'clock this morning, said a wireless dispatch from Sitka which received here.

Lt. H. G. Hemmingway, commanding the cutter, said the vessel would leave for Port Angeles, Wash., shortly.

### Elias Jacobs, 62, Dies in Hospital

### Resident Here 39 Years Father of Three Omaha Newspaper Men.

Elias Jacobs, 62, 2929 North Nineteenth street, died at 7:45 a. m. Saturday in Wise Memorial hospital, where he underwent an operation Wednesday of this week. Mr. Jacobs was 62 and had been in poor health for several months.

Mr. Jacobs was the father of three Omaha newspaper men, Morris and Joe of the Omaha Bee editorial staff and Archie, a reporter for the Omaha Daily News. His other survivors are his widow, two other sons, Abe of Omaha, and Nathan, a student in the University of Missouri, and two daughters, Mrs. Harry Miller of Manhattan, Kan., and Mrs. John Robinson of Norfolk, Neb.

Mr. Jacobs had lived in Omaha 39 years, and had been in America 42 years, having come here from Tuscia.

Detailed funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but the services will be held some time this afternoon. Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Robinson and Nathan Jacobs arrived yesterday.

The family requests that no flowers be sent for the funeral.

### Railways Show Marked Advance Over 1921

Washington, Feb. 17.—Analysis of Interstate Commerce commission figures show that in 1922, Class 1 railroads were enabled to handle a traffic greater by 9 per cent than that of 1921, and at the same time did the business at an operating expenditure that was 3.1-2 per cent less than the operating expenditure of the year previous.

The result was attributed by railroad officials to an increase in managerial efficiency.

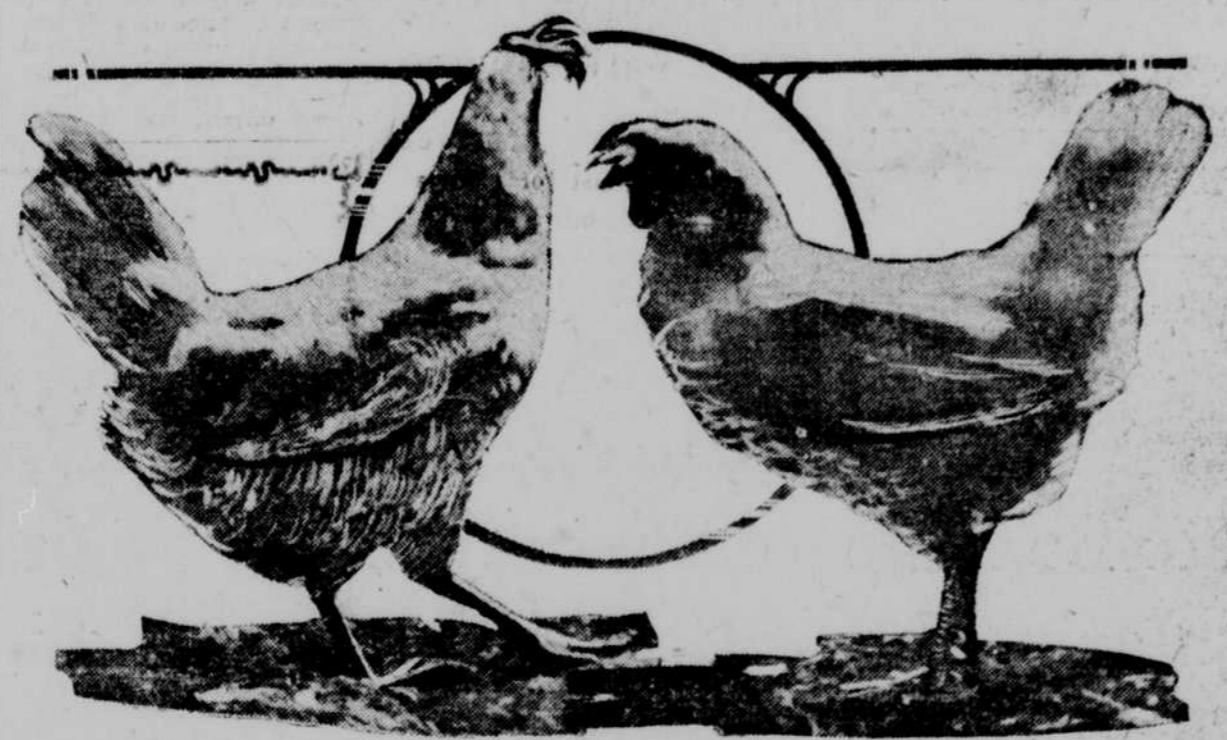
The net income of Class 1 railroads in December—these being the companies which operate 99 per cent of the country's total rail mileage—amounted to \$79,154,000, which compared with \$76,656,000 earned during the same month of 1921.

The total operating receipts of Class 1 carriers for 1922 was \$5,516,284,000. Operating expenses for the year totaled \$4,544,939,000. There were, however, taxes and other expenses to be added to the operating expenses before the exact earnings could be calculated.

### Police Hunt Woman as Slayer of Engineer

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 17.—A still-to-be-found in the heart determined as the cause of a woman in police search for a woman in connection with the slaying were the developments disclosed today in the probe into the death Thursday night of Earle Remington, electrical engineer. His body was found yesterday morning in the driveway of his residence in a fashionable home district here.

### Life Is One Blue Ribbon After Another for This Pair of Nebraska Champions



"Betty," left, and "Biddy," right.

Come on now, folks, a little applause, please, for "Biddy" and "Betty," two honest, conscientious, hard-working residents of the Cornhusker state, who are doing their level best to help prove to the world that Nebraska is the grandest and most flourishing commonwealth within the United States of America.

"Biddy" and "Betty" are the property of John W. Welch, the Omaha restaurant man. He entered them in the midwinter national egg laying contest, and they more than justified his faith in them. "Biddy" won the national contest by laying 39 eggs during the month of January, which is just one egg less than one egg a day for the month, and "Betty" also won a place by laying 25 eggs in the same length of time.

"Biddy" is queen of the flock at Mr. Welch's Cherry Croft farm. She is a single comb white leghorn hen. In poultry circles she is known as "C-577," which may be all right in a record book, but is no name by which to call a champion in the henery. So "Biddy" is the title of affection given to her by Mr. Welch and whenever he visits his farm she comes running at his single call. "Biddy" is a real native Nebraskan.

She was hatched at Cherry Croft farm and is 9 months old. She is one of 1,200 hens who cater daily to the scrambled, boiled, poached and fried egg tastes of the patrons of Mr. Welch's restaurants.

For many years Mr. Welch has specialized in the single comb white leghorn breed of poultry. The foundation of his flock came from Tom Barron of England eight years ago and has been kept pure by line breeding and new Barron blood. For several years his hens have been making and breaking records in egg laying contests and "Biddy" in particular has won many blue ribbons.

### Cosgrave Issues "Last Word" on Peace Question

### Government Determined to Put Down Revolt Against State President.

Dublin, Feb. 17.—(AP)—President Cosgrave today issued a "last word" statement on the peace question in which he says that the government "is determined to put down the revolt against democracy, regardless of the cost."

"Let us not be deceived," the statement says, "if any one continues in this unprovoked war upon his own people after the expiration of the stated period of amnesty, he must be prepared to pay the price in full, for there will be no going back upon this."

Furthermore, it must be clearly understood that there will be no meeting for negotiations on the part of the government with De Valera, Liam Lynch or any of their collaborators in destruction, male or female. (The amnesty period proclaimed by the free state government on February 8, as the result of Liam Deasy's peace appeal, will expire tomorrow.)

President Cosgrave's statement shared public interest with the truce proposal of the Association of Neutral Members of the Irish Republican Army. This organization which is understood to have been interested for some time in finding a solution for Ireland's troubles, suggests that the free state government and the Republicans cease their hostilities for one month, during which time the neutrals would put forth their peace proposals. The suggestion has been sent to leaders on both sides with a request for a reply by February 23.

### Samardick Gives Court Roll of Bills He Found in His Overcoat Pocket

Some bootlegger is "out" \$100 because he underestimated the honesty of Robert Samardick, general prohibition agent.

Bob reached in his right hand coat pocket Saturday morning soon after rising and found a mysterious roll of \$10 bills.

"I talked to a dozen or more bootleggers, recently arrested, Friday in the federal building and I suppose one of them slipped the money in my pocket," Bob said Saturday.

He has sealed up the 10 \$10 bills in an envelope and placed them in a safe in the federal building.

"When Judge Woodrough returns, I will ask him what disposition to make of the money," said Samardick. "I will suggest that it be given to some charity."

"If the fellow who dropped the roll in my pocket comes up and claims it, we will file a charge of attempted bribery against him," said Samardick with a sardonic smile.

### Iowa Senate Passes Firearms Regulation

Des Moines, Feb. 16.—The Iowa senate moved today to keep revolvers, bludge clubs and brass knuckles out of the hands of Iowa thugs and murderers, when by a vote of 27 to 19, a bill was passed which provides that no permit to carry concealed weapons may be issued except by a judge of the district court, and that persons and firms who sell guns must have permits granted by courts.

Under the terms of the measure, possession of a weapon, either in your pocket or in the motor car you are driving, would be punishable by a fine up to \$1,000, or a prison term up to five years, providing permission to carry the weapon had not been previously granted by a district court.

The house passed the bill by Representative Forsling of Woodbury, which would require candidates for the city council in commission governed cities to specify the offices for which they were running.

A bill which would permit Iowa savings banks to invest surpluses in federal farm loan bonds was also passed by the house.

Special Services Open in Omaha Gospel Tabernacle

Bible and evangelistic campaign will begin at the tabernacle, 2906 Douglas street, Sunday. Evangelist R. R. Brown will preach Sunday at 3 and 7:30 and every night during the week except Monday. Musical service will start at 7:30. J. A. Keithley of Illinois, Ill., is in charge of the music, assisted by Miss Marie Danielson and Mrs. Keithley, soloists, and a large chorus choir. The campaign will continue until Easter.

Despite the terribly cold weather, well attended meetings have been held during the week.

Funeral Services Held for Mrs. Mary McKillip

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary McKillip, 53, an old-time resident of Omaha, were held Saturday at St. Philomena church at 9 a. m. Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. James W. Stenson, assisted by

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### Secretary Fall Sings Swan Song in Public Life

### Wonders Whether Politicians Should Be Classed With Christian Martyrs or Roughneck Gladiators.

Washington, Feb. 17.—In a speech before the American Electric Railway association last night Secretary Albert Fall of the Department of Interior gave what was regarded as his swan song, in view of his approaching retirement from the cabinet on March 4. Mr. Fall took the opportunity to make some observations on public life and of conditions confronting the United States, emphasizing that he was making the observations from the advantageous position of one who was retiring voluntarily.

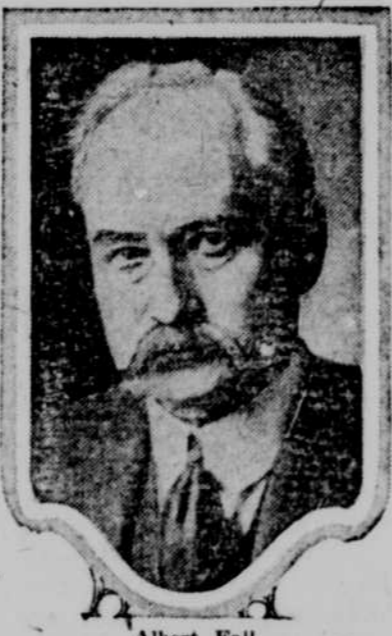
At the same time he read a message from President Harding expressing to the organization the chief executive's expression of personal regards and giving "the assurance of my continuing interest in the welfare of the great industry which is represented by the convention."

Refers to Martyrs.

Secretary Fall referred to the early Christian martyrs entering the arena to make a Roman holiday and their agreeing to the emperor and said: "Despite some misgivings as to whether a politician is entitled to classify himself with the meek and lowly Christians or with the rough-neck barbarians of the gladiator arena, I shall venture, here on the eve of my political dissolution, to adopt the same greeting. 'We who are about to die, salute you.'"

"I have read that the Christian martyrs frequently were so reconciled to their fate, so assured of the happiness awaiting them that they would burst into the singing of hymns following the grim greetings to their emperor. If that ancient tale or religious faith may be accepted, then I feel entitled to classify myself with the martyrs; for I confess to a grateful sense of satisfaction as I contemplate my approaching political demise."

"I have spent a considerable share of my life in one sort or another of political service, and have no disposition now to pretend that I have not enjoyed it. I am convinced of the genuine attractions which are offered by the public service to one who is



Albert Fall.

willing to take its career on the terms our present day political life makes possible.

"A good many years of more or less philosophical observation of public life has gone far to convince me that your public man is likely to be appreciated just about as much as he deserves. On the whole, I have considerable confidence in the rough justice of public verdicts on public servants and their careers. I am not sure that this philosophy will be completely satisfactory to the large and lugubrious community of lame ducks. But, going back to the Roman arena, we may expect also that the verdict of 'thumbs down' often makes a distinctly unfavorable impression on the performers there."

"Whether, in our country or in others, there never has been a time when the public was so exacting in its attitude toward its servants as it is today. There never was a time when the critic on the outside looking in found more to criticize than he can find in these days. Today the tendency is not only to criticize a public servant for any act of omission or of commission, but to charge him personally with being actuated by ulterior motives, or motives of personal or purely selfish interest."

### Trusting Stranger Buys Harem

### Man Pays \$100 for Six-Lady-Power Seraglio After Seeing "Sample"—Finds Barren Waste When He Goes to Claim Purchase.

New York, Feb. 17.—This is the simple chronicle of a man who bought for \$100 a six-lady-power harem and lost it. It was sold to him by the same man who, a few days ago, sold a trolley car to a curio collector for a similar amount.

Soon after Frank Menussa of Homestead, N. J., took a seat in a trolley car yesterday a pleasant stranger slipped into the seat beside him. Conversation was readily started by the stranger, and after a few pleasantries about the weather, he asked Menussa to look at the two young women sitting across the aisle.

"What do you think of them?" the stranger inquired.

Menussa opened his mouth in a way which the stranger interpreted as a sign of interest and added:

"They're two members of my harem."

Menussa opened his mouth in amazement, started first at the young women and then at the smiling stranger. The latter continued:

"I've spent a great many years in Turkey and when I came back I determined to establish a harem, and that," with a wave of the hand toward the women, "is part of it. But I've got to go west and, much as I regret it, I've got to sell them. I've got four others, by the way. Now, I'll tell you what I'll do; if you like

### Armour Debris Being Cleared

### Dynamite Used to Crumple Walls—100 Men at Work on Ruins.

The Armour fire has passed into history.

Thin blue spirals rising from a pile of smoking ruins were all that remained of the more than a million dollar blaze Saturday morning.

Blasting with dynamite shortly before noon Saturday, firemen succeeded in crumpling the north side of the northeast corner angle of Section 17, and were enabled to play hose lines on another portion of the smouldering ruins.

Four hundred men were at work Saturday clearing away the debris from between the hog plant and the Armour beef plant, in preparation for rebuilding. O. C. Willis, general manager of the Armour plant, stated that virtually all the men throw out of work when the hog plant burned either were at work clearing up debris or had been absorbed into other departments of the plant.

With their four-day battle won, firemen remained at their posts, directing streams of water into the still smouldering ruins. Absolute extinction of the fire is only a question of time now, they said. Battalion Chief Jerry Sullivan said that all the debris of the building must be removed before the fire is finally put out.

Street car service was resumed Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock over the Q street viaduct.

Truck Driven Into Pole to Avoid Crash With Auto

Deliberately driving a delivery truck, belonging to the Coffey Grocery at 483 North Thirtieth street, into a light pole at Seventeenth and Laird streets Saturday morning, Foster Jacobs avoided a collision with a coupe, traveling in the opposite direction.

The pole snapped off and fell into the street.

Jacobs backed away and drove on. His truck was undamaged.

Son Is Located.

James Harris, son of Herman Harris, 85, who died Thursday at the county hospital was located Saturday morning in Omaha.

### Short Time Offer

### Dental Work

A saving of one-half on the regular prices of our dental work is offered if you will come in this week. Mention our offer, and make appointments early.

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