

WEATHER FORECAST
Nebraska—Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday. Slight showers on both days. Not much change in temperature.

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Franklin A. Shotwell Found Dead in Home; Apoplexy Attack Fatal

Wife Returns Home to Find Lifeless Body of Prominent Omaha Attorney and Republican Leader—Physician's Diagnosis Indicates Cerebral Apoplexy Was Cause of His Death.

Brother Was Formerly County Attorney

Franklin A. Shotwell, prominent Omaha attorney and one of Omaha's most active republican leaders, was found dead on the bed in his home, 3224 Poppleton avenue, by his wife at 11 o'clock Saturday night.

Mrs. Shotwell, her daughter, Margaret, and her mother, Mrs. Lois Cochran, had gone out for a short stay earlier in the evening. Mrs. Shotwell entered the bedroom of her home on her return, to prepare to retire. She noticed that Mr. Shotwell was sprawled in an unnatural posture on the bed, face down.

She sought to arouse him, and falling, rushed to a telephone and called Dr. B. W. Christie. On arriving the doctor found Mr. Shotwell dead. He stated the belief that death was the result of an attack of cerebral apoplexy and that Mr. Shotwell had been dead for more than an hour.

Mr. Shotwell was born at Marengo, O., in 1852. He moved to Omaha in 1892 after having been graduated from the Ohio State university and having been admitted to the bar. He served as deputy county attorney in 1903. He also was appointed a supreme court commissioner, serving in that capacity a month before resigning to better care for pressing business matters.

Mr. Shotwell began his law practice with the firm which took the title of Jafferis, Howell and Shotwell. Since 1905 he has been associated with his brother, A. V. Shotwell, who recently served Douglas county as county attorney. The firm name was Shotwell, Shotwell and Lambert, and occupies offices in the Omaha National Bank building. Ross, another brother, is a member of the firm.

Surviving Relatives.

Besides those already mentioned Mr. Shotwell was survived by his mother, Emma J. Shotwell, who resides with Ross in Omaha; a sister, Sarah, of New York City; and the following brothers: Fred of Omaha, Kiebor of St. Joseph and Charles of St. Joseph.

Klan Is Sued for \$150,000

Man Tarred and Feathered Asks Damages in Oklahoma—Not to Block Election.

Muskogee, Okla., Sept. 29.—S. K. Leaky, of Ellsworth, Kan., filed suit in United States district court here today against the Ku Klux Klan, asking \$150,000 damages for injuries he said he received when he was tarred and feathered in Tulsa county in July of last year.

Prominent individuals including Richard Lloyd Jones, widely known newspaper publisher, and Charles B. Peters, Tulsa oil operator, were made joint defendants in the action.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 29.—Legal proceedings instituted by Campbell Russell to force on the ballot at a special state election October 2 an initiative measure authorizing the state legislature to convene by a majority vote to investigate the official acts of Governor J. C. Walton, were withdrawn tonight in district court here by agreement of counsel.

At the same time attorneys for the executive also withdrew their application which resulted today in the issuance of a temporary injunction restraining the state election board from entering the proposal on the ballot.

Flour Mills Reorganized.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 29.—Reorganization of the Pillsbury Washburn Flour Mills company, Ltd., of London, and the Pillsbury Flour Mills company of Minneapolis, with a capital stock of \$12,500,000 was virtually consummated today.

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Train Hits Auto; 2 Dead; 2 Hurt

Nebraska City, Sept. 29.—Two persons were killed and two injured, probably fatally, in a railroad crossing accident one and a half miles northwest of here Saturday evening at 5:30.

Mrs. Lulu Willets, 42, of Sloan, Ia., and her son, Everett, 6, are the dead.

They were killed almost instantly when their car was struck by Missouri Pacific train No. 108, the Kansas City flyer, southbound.

Lloyd Willets, 3, and his brother, Clifford, 10, received serious injuries; Lloyd a fractured skull and Clifford internal injuries. Both may die before dawn, Nebraska City doctors said.

Leonard Willets, 21, who was driving the car, was badly lacerated, but not seriously injured. The Willets family was on its way to its home at Sloan, Ia., from Richmond, Mo. Raymond Willets, a brother, with his wife and three children, preceded Mrs. Willets and her son in another car. They had crossed the track safely ahead of the train.

Autoists Reckless Despite Arrests; Laws Here Less Strict Than Elsewhere

Too Many Accidents in Omaha for Number of Cars, Report Shows—Tough to Be Violator of Traffic Rules in Some States.

Annual figures show the automobile traffic situation is becoming more and more a problem as the years pass.

In Omaha the large per capita ownership of motor cars and the yearly accident and death toll are out of proportion. Nebraska casualties from auto accidents are high. There are many arrested in Omaha for the violation of traffic laws, yet the violations continue.

According to Nebraska statutes, the first offense against the reckless driving law is punishable with a fine not to exceed \$50. The second time the fine is stipulated at not less than \$50 or 60 days in jail. The speed limit in open country is 35 miles an hour. If injuries result the fine is raised to between \$200 and \$500 or one year in the penitentiary.

Stiff Sentence in Iowa

Des Moines, Sept. 29.—The heaviest sentence ever imposed in a local court for driving an automobile was handed today by District Judge W. G. Bonner on Frank Warford. He must pay a \$1,000 fine or serve 10 months in jail.

Warford was charged with driving a car at a speed of 45 miles an hour in a residential section of the city.

Hard in Nutmeg State.

Connecticut has a law which carries a heavy penalty for its violation. A motorist, convicted of operating a car while intoxicated, is fined from between \$100 to \$500, or receives a sentence of 60 days in jail, and his operator's license is revoked for one year. The second offense brings not less than 60 days or more than one year in jail.

Major James C. Dahman has issued a proclamation requesting that all Omaha business houses close their doors at noon next Wednesday, to permit their employees to witness the patriotic pageant to be presented Wednesday afternoon in connection with the Ak-Sar-Ben fall festivities.

Six Bodies of 'Q' Wreck Dead Are Recovered

Horror of Passenger Train Disaster More Growsome as Wyoming Creek Water Recedes.

Casper, Wyo., Sept. 29.—With the aid of huge acetylene lights, 100 railroad employees and volunteer rescue workers, under the direction of Superintendent J. D. Grissinger, labored late tonight with the herculean task of rescuing bodies of the victims of the appalling railroad disaster that resulted from the plunge of the Burlington & Quincy passenger train No. 30 from a bridge into the swirling current of the flood waters of Cole creek, near Lockport, 15 miles east of here, late Thursday night.

Two Bodies in 'Sand Bag Dam,'

With the aid of a chain bag dam, which diverted the current of the stream toward the west bank of Cole creek, workmen were enabled to wade through water and thick mud to the chair car of the train, which was tipped on end across the smolder. The first corpse brought out was E. J. Klove, brakeman. Next was that of W. J. Nourse of Gunnison, Colo. He had evidently crawled out of a window in the smoking car, and immediately placed with the success of the above.

Water Recedes, Shows Horror.

The wreckage presented a weird scene today as the waters receded and more of the smashed and sunken cars came into view, but the most gruesome sight is expected to be encountered when the smoker is reached, as it was estimated more than 40 passengers were in this car, with little chance of any of them escaping.

Princess's Body Arrives.

New York, Sept. 29.—The body of Princess Anastasia of Greece, who died recently in London, was removed today from the chapel of the Cunard liner Aquitania on which it arrived last night from England.

Heirs Poisoned, Is Charge

New York Woman With Fortune Tied by Mother's Will Dead From Mercury, Uncle Says.

By Universal Service.

New York, Sept. 29.—The lure of millions which a dying mother could not take with her, yet wished to hold in a ghostly grip strengthened by legal cords, stands out as the motif in the death of Mrs. Gertrude Gorman Webb, who it is charged by her uncle, William T. Hunter, former mayor of Devon, Pa., was killed by slow poisoning.

Increased Own Wealth

There was a special provision of the will that forbade the greater portion of the fortune going to "any husband" of the daughter.

It is around this will of Mrs. Webb's mother that the authorities hope to build their case and find the clue to the discovery of murder, if a murderer has been committed.

Mansion Opened for Rites.

While the prosecutors of New York county and Westchester county were delving into the history of the millions today and the mystery of Mrs. Webb's death at the Westchester-Biltmore Country club, the funeral of Mrs. Webb was being held in the big mansion on Madison avenue opposite that of J. P. Morgan. Police reserves were required to hold the crowds in check.

Rain Will Continue for Several Days, According to W. V. Robins of the Federal Weather Bureau.

However, the rains will not be as severe as Friday night's storm, Mr. Robins reported.

2,500 Cellars Flooded

Mr. Koutsky estimated that damage to 2,500 cellars and basements were flooded in Omaha. In many instances, new building construction was damaged by water. Various street cuts, not completed, permitted water to enter basements. It has been estimated that the total damage of this nature will top \$25,000 in Omaha.

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Refugees Are Fed.

The Red Cross has taken over the Second Avenue school building and is arranging to feed refugees of the storm. Sleeping quarters also are being provided.

Work for Jobless.

All jobless men in the stricken city with a force of 100 men, they will be cleaning up the streets and debris by the Friday night. Red Cross officials issued clothing for men and for children. Their offices will be continuously until the emergency.

Stories of Heroism.

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Total excess since January 1, 2.15.
Relative Humidity, Percentage.
7 a. m. 78; 10 a. m. 77; 1 p. m. 75; 4 p. m. 72; 7 p. m. 72.
Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths.
Total, .28. Total since January 1, 29.21. Excess, 4.11.
Hourly Temperatures.
6 a. m. 78; 7 a. m. 78; 8 a. m. 78; 9 a. m. 78; 10 a. m. 78; 11 a. m. 78; 12 m. 78; 1 p. m. 75; 2 p. m. 75; 3 p. m. 75; 4 p. m. 72; 5 p. m. 72; 6 p. m. 72; 7 p. m. 72; 8 p. m. 72; 9 p. m. 72; 10 p. m. 72; 11 p. m. 72; 12 m. 72.

Bluffs Death Toll Reaches Six; New Rain Adds to Flood Peril; Storm Damage Over \$1,000,000

Thousands of Feet of Railroad Track Washed Out—Public Utilities Are Hard Hit.

While no accurate estimate of damage inflicted on property in Omaha and Council Bluffs by Friday night's storm was available Saturday night, all indications place the total loss well above \$1,000,000. Damage at Louisville, Neb., is estimated at \$500,000.

Death List Mounts to 22

The death toll of the storm in Nebraska and Council Bluffs has reached 22.

Twenty persons were drowned in the cloudburst Friday night at Louisville, Neb.

Fatalities in Council Bluffs mounted to six last night, with the death of a 13-year-old girl, who was injured when her home was demolished Friday night.

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