

WEATHER FORECAST
Nebraska: Fair Wednesday, with slowly rising temperatures.

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COIL WELL EXPLOSION KILLS SIX

Middlewest Shivers at Zero Mark

Slightly Warmer Weather Reported in Omaha—25 Below at Norfolk—Cold-est in State.

Moderation Is In Sight

A wind from the south and south east last night brought relief to Omaha. The temperature rose slightly from its below zero status. A light and fluffy snow fell. From shortly noon to 7, half an inch of snow was reported raising the total amount on the ground to approximately four and three quarters inches.

Whole Middle West Hit

From east of the Ohio river to the Rocky mountains, the first day of 1924 found the country in the grip of its first severe cold snap of the winter and in many sections a fall and early winter of unusually mild weather was interrupted by a snowstorm and a dropping mercury that dived from above freezing to zero in a few hours.

The cold snap, according to weather forecasts, will probably continue tomorrow but there may be a moderation later. In Chicago, the New Year was welcomed in a temperature 3 above zero with prospects for a temperature hovering around the zero mark in the morning.

A cold wave struck into Texas, where citrus fruit growers were becoming alarmed over prospects for a frost. Missouri and Kansas reported temperatures ranging from 12 below at Salina to 4 above at St. Louis.

The cold wave, which came from Alaska was reported continuing its seaward journey and cold wave warnings were issued for many of the eastern seaboard states. Have and snowfall were reported for the coldest towns in the country, each reporting 32 degrees below zero.

Below Zero in Nebraska.

North Platte, Neb., reported 20 below Monday night; Grand Island, 14 below; Cheyenne, 10 below; Des Moines, 12 below; Kansas City, 2 below; Sheridan, Wyo., 25 below; Haver, Mont., 20 below; Pierre, S. Dak., 22 below; Calgary and Swift Current, Canada, 20 below.

Poor Suffering.

The cold has brought to light numerous cases of poor families, insufficiently sheltered or clothed. The Omaha Bee Free Shoe fund and other charities have done much work in relieving this distress in the last few days.

Virtually every train arriving in Omaha yesterday was late, the delay varying from 45 minutes to 24 hours.

25 Below at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 1.—Northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota experienced its coldest New Year's day in many years when the temperatures registered 25 degrees below zero. This evening was clear and the heavy wind which had been raging for two days has subsided.

13 Below at Falls City.

Falls City, Neb., Jan. 1.—The New Year made its advent in Falls City accompanied by the lowest temperature in recent years, the mercury registering 13 below zero this morning. This was a drop of 14 degrees from yesterday's minimum.

Storm Delays Trains.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 1.—Snow continued falling throughout the day, and the weather is the coldest it has been here in several years, the mercury dropping to 13 below last night. Trains are from two to three hours late because of the storm. About five inches of snow has fallen, and farmers advise that a heavy moisture is needed for the crop.

Shut In.

At Sioux City. Jan. 1.—With a 15 degree drop in temperature here this morning, the storm has been accompanied by heavy snow and is expected to continue tonight or Wednesday night. The temperature here is expected to drop to 25 below and it is probable that business establishments will be closed and few out in the cold to day.

To Run for Commissioner.

Mr. Tolson expects to decide within a few days whether he will become a candidate.

No Unity in Fight on Tax Bill

Mellon Looks as Measure Merely to Raise Revenue—Opponents Consider Dissipating Fortunes.

Delay Is Most Certain

BY MARK SULLIVAN.
Washington, Jan. 1.—Stated in the order of the strength behind their advocacy, the charges in Mr. Mellon's tax proposal most strongly pressed are, first, placing a tax on stock dividends; second, an increase in the inheritance taxes on large fortunes; third, the restoration of the excess profits taxes, and fourth, the retention of surtaxes on large incomes to an extent much larger than Mr. Mellon proposes. It is very probable that some of these changes will be made. It is possible that all of them may be made.

The reader will not understand this tax situation in congress until he realizes a clear distinction between the standpoint from which Mr. Mellon approaches it, and the standpoint of very considerable numbers of congress of both parties and all groups, including some orthodox conservatives. Mr. Mellon's point of view looks on the tax bill wholly as a revenue raising measure. He has framed it with the primary purpose of collecting the maximum revenue. As an incidental purpose, the bill is aimed to promote the minimum volume and activity of business, because his obvious theory is that maximum revenue can be raised from maximum business.

The other point of view, which is sometimes consciously and sometimes unconsciously in the minds of many members of congress, goes straight to the heart of the question whether it is best for the country and for society that large fortunes be protected and maintained in the hands of their present owners and their families and heirs, or whether it is best that these fortunes be dissipated in one degree or another. As respects the various proposals mentioned above, the tax on stock issues, the increase of inheritance taxes, the excess profits tax, and the retention of large surtaxes, these are practically complete proposals which the opponents of the Mellon proposal, on this point, the opponents include some of the most conservative men in Washington, who are themselves owners or heirs of considerable fortunes. That is the reason the present writer believes that when the process of compromise arrives there will be a tendency to (Turn to Page Two, Column Five.)

Underwood Files.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 1.—Senator Oscar Underwood filed with Secretary of State S. H. Blain and Hugh White, secretary of the state democratic executive committee, his formal announcement as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the president of the United States in the Alabama presidency. Earlier in the day, L. E. Musgrove of Jasper filed his announcement as a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in Alabama. The third presidential candidate to announce his participation in the presidential primary today was Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, who will contend with W. L. Chenault of Russellville for the republican nomination.

Mrs. Sage Unchanged.

Mrs. Earl C. Sage, ill at University of Nebraska hospital, is reported to be in about the same condition.

Mrs. Fred Luchow, Hurt in Auto Accident, Has Relapse

Condition of Mrs. Fred Luchow, 207 North Seventh street, Council Bluffs, wife of Fred Luchow, pioneer, who was killed when struck by an automobile Christmas night at Eighth street and Broadway, was reported as being low last night at Mercy hospital. The relapse in her condition is thought to have been brought about by her being unable to attend the funeral services for her husband Sunday.

Woman to Enter Race for United States Senate

Washington, Jan. 1.—Announcement that Mr. Estita J. Brown would be a candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator in West Virginia this year was made here today upon the basis of advice received from Kingwood, W. Va. She contested unsuccessfully for the nomination against Senator Neely in 1922.

Sidney Teacher Dies in Kearney While on Visit

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 1.—Pearl Ellen, 24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ellen, died of pneumonia at her home. The young woman who taught in the schools of Sidney, was home for the holidays, contracted a severe cold, pneumonia developed.

Hundreds Die as Dam Bursts and Destroys Three Towns in Northern Italy



Remains of iron mine structure near Bergamo. Horrible was the havoc wrought when huge dam at Lake Gleno in northern Italy gave way under pressure of 10,000,000 cubic meters of water. The angry flood swept away the villages of Desio, Bergamo and Corna, drowning 600.



Ruins of buildings in Bergamo, one of the three towns completely wiped out by the bursting of the Lake Gleno dam in northern Italy.

World Court to Prevent Wars Plea of Students

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 1.—An overwhelming expression in favor of the league of nations and the world court of international justice as the best means of preventing war was voiced today in the final sessions of the international convention of the Student Volunteer movement, in which more than 7,000 student delegates from 1,000 schools and colleges in the United States and Canada formally approved a statement embodying the sentiment of the meeting.

White House New Year's Reception Attended by 4,000

Washington, Jan. 1.—Evidence was furnished at the White House today that the days of the big New Year's receptions at the executive mansion have passed, apparently because the American people have come to a realization it is such affairs that wear out the chief executive.

Hunt Rebels Near Juarez.

Juarez, Mexico, Jan. 1.—In an effort to rid this section of rebels, Gen. Ignacio Enriquez, northern zone commander, was to start his pursuit immediately of the troops headed by Ernesto Herrera and Manuel Chal in the Valle de Allende, near Parral, according to advices received here from Chihuahua City. A small force of men under Herrera and Chao have been attacking railway trains in an effort to obtain guns and ammunition.

Shotwell Quits Race for State Representative

Roos L. Shotwell, attorney, who filed for nomination as state representative from the Eighth district Monday morning, has announced his withdrawal from the race.

Dewinged by Strong Holt County Wind Tortured Minds Send Bees to Suicide

Butte, Neb., Jan. 1.—Efforts to turn Holt county into the proverbial land of milk and honey have finally been abandoned by ranchers who sought to turn bee culturists, and concentration on the betterment of the lactac supply has been resorted to instead.

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Nebraska News Nubbins

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