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# WELL EXPLISION KILLS S

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

# Middlewest No Unity Shivers at in Fight on Zero Mark Tax Bill

ported in Omaha-25 Below at Norfolk-Coldest in State.

# Moderation Is In Sight Delay Is Most Certain

With the cold weather, motor ve dicted that the temperature would able that some rise to 5 above and possibly 10 by be made.

Whole Middle West Hit. From east of the Ohio river to the

The cold snap, according to weather morrow but there may be a moderamark in the morning.

A cold wave struck into Texas. where citrus fruit growers were be coming alarmed over prospects for & frost. Missouri and Kansas report-Salina to 4 above at St. Louis.

ed for many of the

Below Zero in Nebraska. low Monday night; Grand Island, 14 the Mellon proposal. below: Cheyenne, 10 below; Des Moines, 12 below; Kansas City, 2 be-

Poor Suffering.

The cold has brought to light numrelieving this distress in the last few

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

#### 25 Below at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 1.-Northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota experienced its coldest New Year's Jay in many years when the temperature registered 25 degrees below zero. Skies this evening are clear and the bama presidency. 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 merg. This was a drop of 14 degrees from yesterday's minimum.

Storm Delays Trains.

tinued falling throughout the day, and the weather is the coldest it has been here in several years. The mercury dropping to 12 below last night. Trains are from two to three hours late because if the storm. About five w has fallen, and farm moisture is needed for

oln Shut In.

1.-The New Year in winter, the govern bureau reporting a ty are closed and few

> at Sioux City. the storm has e tonight or Wed-ast of the weather

to Run for

Commissioner d. Neb., Jan. 1.-Friends of Irl years. D. Tolen of Ord are urging him to

few days whether he will become that is worrying him. It's Ingleside. vaulting or something else equally holidays, contracted a severe cold, that city during the middle of Janu- and attributes it to the extreme cold, Last night the missus read the useful

Slightly Warmer Weather Re- Mellon Looks as Measure Merely to Raise Revenue-Opponents Consider Dissipating Fortunes.

Traffic was appreciably lightened. excess profits taxes, and fourth, the

The reader will not understand this tax situation in congress until he mountains, the first day of realizes a clear distinction between 1924 found the country in the grip of the standpoint from which Mr. Melits first severe cold snap of the win- lon approaches it, and the standpoint ter and in many sections a fall and of very considerable numbers of conearly winter of unusually mild weath- gress of both parties and all groups er was interrupted by a snowstorm including some orthodox conserva and a dropping mercury that dived tives. Mr. Mellon's point of view from above freezing to zero in a few looks on the tax bill wholly as a rev enue raising measure. He has fram forceasts, will probably continue to- lecting the maximum revenue. As an incidental purpose, the bill is aimed tion later. In Chicago, the New Year to promote the minimum volume and was welcomed in a temperature 3 activity of business, because his ob vious theory is that maximum rev perature hovering around the zero enue can be raised from maximum

uniconsciously in the minds of many to the heart of the question whether it is best for the country and for so From Fort Worth came word that ciety that large fortunes be protected the mercury dropped to a minimum and maintained in the hands of their The cold wave, which came from heirs, or whether it is best that these laska was reported continuing its fortunes be dissipated in one degree journey and cold wave or another. As respects the various gates from 1,000 schools and colleges proposals mentioned above, the tax in the United States and Canada forboard states. Havre and on stock issues, the increase of in-City. Mont., vied with each other heritance taxes, the excess profits tax. dest towns in the country, and the retention of large surtaxes, s below zero. there is no unity or leadership among tian and that the league of nations the groups that advocate one or the other, nor among those who oppose

But, as respect the general proposi tion that quite apart from tax raising low; Sheridan, Wyo., 26, below; Havre, it is a legitimate purpose to prevent Mont., 30 below; Miles City, Mont., the perpetuation of very large for-32 below: Calgary and Swift Current, tunes, there is practically complete unity among the opponents of the unity among the opponents of the Mellon proposal. On this point, the opponents include some of the most erous cases of poor families, insuf- conservative men in Washington, who ficiently sheltered or clothed. The are themselves owners or heirs of Omaha Bee Free Shoe fund and other considerable fortunes. That is the charities have done much work in 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 .- Senato Oscar Underwood filed with Secretary of State S. H. Blan and Hugh White secretary of the state democratic ex ecutive committee, his formal an nouncement as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the president of the United States in the Ala-

Earlier in the day, L. B. Musgrove of Jasper filed his announcement as a candidate for the democratic presidency nomination in Alabama. The third presidential aspirant to an nounce his participation in the presi-Hiram W. Johnson of California, who will contend with W. L. Chenault of Mrs. Earl C. Sage, ill at University Russelville for the republican nomion.

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



Gaunt remains of iron mine structure near Bergamo. Horrible was the havoe 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 Deslo, Bergamo and Corna, drowning 600.

# **World Court** to Prevent Wars Plea of Students

Volunteer Movement Discuss- Small Number Taken as Indies Proposed Schemes-Favor War if Disputes Not Settled by Court.

mally approved a statement embody-

is the best means of preventing it. but we would resort to war in case an unavoidable dispute had been referred to the league or world court without successful settlement," the approved expression declared.

The viewpoint was selected by the convention from four presented by student speakers, embodying every shade of opinion from an endorse ment of preparedness to approval of nonresistance and a refusal to "sanction or participate directly in any

Declaration of preparedness ceived the vote of approximately 300 delegates, and a statement defined by the chair as embodying the "absolute pacifist" stand was approved by about 500 students. Two middleof-the-road pronouncements, one urging organized education against militarism and the other pointing to in ternational tribunals as the road away from war were approved by Delegales were permitted to vote on as many of the declarations as they wished, and many who first approved the educational program also declared

later for the league endorsement. Wendell Berge of the University of Nebraska represented the league

Mrs. Sage Unchanged.

# SUNNY SIDE UP

crop of this section will be short next the valley suffered severely from frost Sunday night and Monday night freezing weather finished things. The temperature descended to 28 below. d with the coldest severely blighting the tender plants. Local music dealers have ordered

several hundred extra copies of a familiar song. They live long and happy out in this section of the footstool. Grand ply. out in the cold to ma Shaft of Harrisburg celebrated her 101st birthday a week or so ago. Gering are soon to celebrate their quiry developed the fact that all avail-65th wedding anniversary. New able space had been pre-empted by Woman to Enter Race for Father and Mother Woolfenden of erature here this Year's day I met Father Woolfenden students returning to university after down to the postoffice after his Daily of the time when I tramped four miles

to shame in the matter of activity, the only year I managed to go to He attribuates his long life and school at Columbia. enter the race for railway commis-sioner on the democratic ticket. Mr. worth were he to write and mail what carried out. American boys who ex-

Just before leaving the old home usual bedtime story to the kiddles. town after a busy holiday season, I At its conclusion I remarked to the regret to report that the banana effect that the average bedtime story mitted that they exhibited far less to her during the last 30 years.

made the search." was his smiling re-

Tried to secure a sleeper berth last night from the old home town to omaka but was not successful. Inon the street as he was hurrying the holidays. It reminded me forcibly Bee. He wasn't bundled up nearly each way every day over the Missouri so well as I was and didn't seem to hills to attend a little academy. Each be minding the 28 below weather a one of those returning students paid little bit. He is away past 94 and more for one night's sleep than I made here today upon the basis of puts a lot of three score year fellows paid for 10 days board and lodging

young spirits to Mother Woolfenden's good care for more than three score prize winning stock judging team to Europe to meet in competition the Sidney Teacher Dies in A certain editorial critic says he boys across the ocean is such a good is in the real estate business the really thinks of a recent Santa this city. He was formerly councillated the really thinks of a recent Santa pect to be sent abroad to compete pect to be sent abroad to compete

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

Celebrations is Thing of the Past.

out the chief executive.

Time was when the New Year's re the days of the Cleveland, Roosevelt ever were less than 8,000 visitors.

President and Mrs. Coolidge deended the broad stairway from the lighted Christmas tree and until shortly before 3, with the exception of an interval of 50 minutes for lunch, a steady stream passed by Mrs. Coolidge wore a gown of red chiffon, brocaded in a rose design in dark blue velvet, with shoes to match. She wore no jewelry.

The president smilingly acknowledged and Mrs. Coolidge graciously received the wishes for the new year extended by every one of those who passed. Both often paused to say kind words to children or some aged persons after the public began to pass through about 1. Arrangements had been made to expedite matters as much as possible and often as many as 40 to 45 persons were greeted in a minute.

Mrs. Fred Luchow, Hurt in Auto Accident, Has Relapse Condition of Mrs. Fred Luchow 207 North Seventh street, Council season. The banana plantations of ingenuity and interest than a lot of Bluffs, wife of Fred Luchow, pioneer, the late bedtime stories I have related who was killed when struck by an automobile Christma snight at Eighth Gering's colored population consists street and Broadway, was reported of one man. Yesterday I asked him as being low last night at Mercy hoswhat he would do if he received a pital. The relapse in her condition notice from the Ku Klux Klan.. "I is thought to have been brought would probably turn so white the about by her being unable to attend klan would overlook me when they the funeral services for her husband Sunday.

Mrs. Cella Mitcheltree, shot in the head by her husband before he com

nomination for United States senaadvices received from Kingwood, W. for the nomination against Senator

Kearney While on Visit Kearney, Neb., Jan. 1.—Pearl Silen, 24. daughter of Mr., and Mrs. A. E.

cation that Day of Big

Washington, Jan. 1 .- Evidence was ealization it is such affairs that wear

less than 4,000-a total of 3,891 to be exact-had shaken hands with President and Mrs. Coolidge. The last previous reception, given by President and Mrs. Harding in 1922, was Work With Coolidge Club attended by more than 7,500, and in and Taft receptions there scarcely

Today's reception, according to old White House attaches, was equal in olor and brilliance, however, to any of previous years. The famous first or rooms were decorated beautifully yet simply, with flowers and plants from the White House conservatories. and the usual brilliance attended the receiving of the foreign diplomats, dressed in state uniforms, and the

United States Senate Washington, Jan. 1.—Announce-ment that Mr. Izetta J. Brown would tor in West Virginia this year was

# King Victor Emmanuel of Italy inspected villages ruined refugees. Hundreds perished in flerce rush of waters. Dewinged by Strong Holt County Wind conducted an investigation late to day and decided that an inquest was **Shotwell Quits**

# Race for State Representative

Given as Reason for Withdrawal-Will Have License Law Introduced.

Ross L. Shotwell, attorney, who tion on the betterment of the lactic These bees, whose diet was date palm sentative from the Eighth district

Shotwell yesterday.

gaining such impetus through the They usually give it up and crawl the eyes with their own stingers. He Hove, Eng., on December 7, Carlie tended by military aides and to the state, it is necessary for me to make off, sting themselves and turn up collected several of these, sent them melanged by military aides and to the state, it is necessary for me to make off, sting themselves and turn up collected several of these, sent them melanged as a support for the state, it is necessary for me to make off, sting themselves and turn up collected several of these, sent them to a Chicago bee expert and waited. from the full Marine band. The chief Other work connected with the same executive and first lady took their organization makes it imperative that places in the blue room in front of a I drop political aspirations for a

do it myself."

Hunt Rebels Near Juarez. By Associated Press.

Juarez, Mexico, Jan. 1.-In effort to rid thi ssection of rebele, Gen. Ignacio Enriquez, northern zone struck upon the idea of going in for his heritage of labor? commander, was to start it. pursuit immediately of the troops headed by Ernesto Herrera and Manuel Chao 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 ammuni-

# Nebraska News **Nubbins**

KEARNEY-When Emil Hultman ought he heard burglars in the house he had the right hunch. In the morning he was short one pair of pants, and their contents. He finally found the trousers in the alley to the rear of his place. An empty purse remained in them. The \$5 it had contained was missing.

practically its entire length.

KEARNEY-For the benefit Quits Legion Over Bonus. New York, Jan. 1 .- Col. J. R. Procter, a foe of the soldiers' bonus next summer, a new highway, recently charted, is now being marked. The plan, announced today that he had road extends rom Salina. Kan., to sent his resignation as a member to Franklin, Neb., thence north through the Augustus P. Gardner post of the Minden and on to Kearney. At this American Legion, Washington, D. C. point the travel is directed west over Lieutenant Col. Benjamin Moore of the Lincoln highway or north over New York, also recently resigned the Potash highway. Further west from John Purroy Mitchell post for both roads intersect with the Yellowstone trail. The road being marked Not One Auto Stolen.

Not a single automobile was stolen in Omaha Monday night, according vessel docked today. ORD-A request has been received by the Ord firemen's band from to Inspector of Police Pczanowski, Beatrice asking that it participate in head of the auto theft bureau. the annual firemen's convention in He regards the record as unusual,

which discouraged joy riders

# Tortured Minds Send Bees to Suicide

Farmers Turn Back to Producing Milk After Results of Honey Production Are Nil-Incapacitated Workers Die from Disillusionment.

Butte, Neb., Jan. 1 .- Efforts to turn | honey production, he imported three Holt county into the proverbial land dozen hives of Astrakhan bees, of milk and honey have finally been which were bred and raised on the abandoned by ranchers who sought to sunny region to the north of Tunis, turn bee culturists, and concentra- just at the edge of the Sahara desert.

filed for nomination as state repressupply has been resorted to instead. blossoms in their youth, looked like a The honey bee cannot live long ready source of revenue. nereabouts, for a unique reason. Last June the winged toilers ar Passport Wins Release for Lad Monday morning, has announced his His wings wear out too soon. And rived. A month later, Johnson did the busy little bee, when his gliders not have a bee left. Investigating and "So many matters have come up go on the bum, can but crawl, which consulting his fence siders, he found since the filing, that I find it impost means that the 2,354,879 miles it is that his men had seen many of the high officers of the army, navy and sible to take care of them and the necessary for a bee to travel, meas- bees, stripped of their wings, lying representative race as well," said Mr. uring from blossom to comb as many on the ground, apparently tied in a as 226,983 times to produce a pound knot, but upon examination fould "Now that the Coolidge club is of honey, is an unbridgeable distance. to have their heads pierced between

> This is a windy area. The gentle of letters with the specialist, in which zephyre that bathe the prairie in climatic and atmospheric conditions cleansing draughts eternally more were gone over, found why his bees "The state automobile drivers' li- than often reach a velocity of a mere all died. The winds of Holt county cense law and the city and county 60 to 80 miles an hour. The average had sheared off the wings of each workhouse laws, which I have helped wind last year was 34 miles an hour, tiny sting carrier and left him help-sity, draft, I will have put before the next Over the long prairie stretches, un- less. Thoroughly discouraged and legislature, even though I will not bindered by hill or dale, unbroken by perhaps suffering from remorse at father. F. M. McIntyre, lived in the strand of trees which covers the being unable to carry on, each when lands to the east and north. Holt he found himself dewinged had comcounty is a veritable paradise for any mitted hari-kari. The fate of the

drone, too, might have been in the When Claude Johnson, well-known minds of the little victims of nature. stockman and producer of some of For now what could be more dis-the finest bulls in western Nebraska, couraging to a bee than to be denied

of the producers and the dealers.

Dealers providing 1.150,000 pounds

It is said Chicago would have plen-

their demands are met.

hundred pounds.

cago to Be Cut

Here is why.

# Engraving Row Near Finale

Washington, Jan. 1 .-- An end to Chicago, Jan. 1 .- Six milk dealers, said to represent nearly one half of the two-year-old controversy originating in the discharge by President night rejected a price of three months asked by the Milk Producers associa- Harding of James L. Wilmeth, direction, it was announced after a closed tor, and 30 subordinate officials of conference between the milk board the bureau of engraving, appeared Rejected came in the face of a pro- in sight last night.

ducer's threat to fail to provide milk | Louis A. Hill, the director named to the distributors after tonight when to succeed Mr. Wilmeth and about trict court here on March 2, 1923, by the present contract expires, unless whom the storm has more or less centered, has tendered his resignation to Secretary Mellon.

of the 2,100,000 pounds of milk sold It was assumed also that several in Chicago daily, have agreed to cut off their supply, according to Frank when Mr. Hill leaves, inasmuch as January Court Term Tod T. Fowler, spokesman for the produc-treasury officials have indicated they would give a number of the men discharged with Mr. Wilmeth the Bluffs, when August Dammrow ty milk in spite of the threat of the opportunity of reappointments as was producers who are affered \$2.60 a done with the former director. Mr. but said he would make every effort to have those ousted with him vindivated of any frregularity and suggested this could best be accom- sion this morning for investigation plished through a tender of reap of 15 criminal cases that will be pre-

#### Atlantic Boat Picks Up S. O. S. from Pacific

call flashed out of the Pacific ocean was picked up in mid-Atlantic by the Greek liner Byron on December 20, Captain Vlahakis reported when the vessel docked today.

The wireless operators of the By ron picked up only a scrap of the tion, about 120 miles west of Pugot sound, was clearly heard.

# Blast Blows Victims to Bits in East

Quantity of Nitroglycerin Causes Death of Workers in Rig of Well About to be Shot.

### Only One Escapes Injury

Oil City, Pa., Jan. 1 .- Six person had just left the well was blown into

Off City, Pa., Jan. ! -- Nine person were killed in a fire that destroyed farm house at Tylersburg, near Ship

The victims were James Mentze and his eight grandchildren, seven of them being children of Claude Em

iting at the Emminger home. The fire was discovered by Mrs Emminger, who had been ill and was sleeping on the first floor of the house. She was awakened by the fumes of smoke and groped her way to the stairway, summoning her hus

Emminger succeeded in rescuing Mrs. Mentzer from the second floor and attempted several times to re turn for the children and their grand father, but each time was driven back y the flames and smoke. He was

Joseph G. McMillan of Shippenville,

and II injured in a collision between a shifting engine and a working train on the Seaboard Airline rail road in the outskirts of Charlotte early tonight. The 11 injured per

### neved to hospitals. Former Iowan Held as Murder Suspect

Detained Upon Arrival

New York, Jan. 1.-Bearing striking resemblance to Maj. Norman Percival Bailey, English officer sought for the murder of his wife at After undergoing a severe grilling authorities his American passport, is sued last year, and his certificate of graduation from a German univer

Thermal, and that he himself was a resident of Des Moines, Ia., before

he went to Europe Reports that Major Bailey was traveling with an American girl led officers to question Miss Helen Sted man, who stood by and reassured Mo Intyre during his ordeal. She said she had gone abroad with a group of college girls to study European conditions and was returning to Ther

# Omaha Surgeon Weds in Chicago

Dr. Delmer L. Davis, Omaha physician and surgeon, obtained a license to wed Clara Grey of Dee Moines in Chicago Monday.

his first wife, Verl J. Davis, in dis default. They had been married at Stanford, Ill., on April 28, 1904. There were no children.

January Court Term Today The January term of detret court wil open the morning in Council cashier of the defunct Treynor Sax ings bank, will be brought to trial Dammrow has been indicted on seven counts of embeggiement by the grand

The grand jury will also be in ses sented by County Attorney Northru

# The Weather

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