WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska: Possibly snow; not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

To him that soweth justice there is a faithful reward.—Proverbs, 6-18.

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STORM SWEEPS EASTERN STATES

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Court Hears Love Letter of Dead Man

Attorneys for Farmer-Slayer to Introduce 75 Others If Judge Permits; Insanity Plead.

Unwritten Law Urged

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 19.—Messages of affection alleged to have passed between George Reinmiller and Mrs. Edward Schuerman were offered as evidence in the trial of Edward Schuerman today.

Schuerman, on trial on a charge of murder in the first degree, arising from the fatal shooting of George Reinmiller last October, continued his efforts to prove insanity at the time of the shooting.

The letters which Mrs. Schuerman is said to have written Reinmiller and some of those which Reinmiller is said to have written Mrs. Schuerman were on the attorneys' table in court today.

Only a few of the letters were opened and read. Tomorrow 75 will be offered as evidence. Should they be accepted all will be read in open court, attorneys declared.

"Honey Is Sweet and So Are You."

One of the letters was found on a rafter in an ice house. It read:

"Roses is read. Violets is blue. Honey is sweet and so are you."

It was signed "Mary" and addressed to George Reinmiller.

The others spoke of lonesomeness. One said that a day was a long time and added a hope that Mary would meet him that night.

Schuerman contended at the time of the shooting that he had killed Reinmiller because Reinmiller was wrecking the Scheurman home by making love to Mrs. Schuerman. The wife is much younger than her husband.

At the beginning of the trial it was intimated that Mrs. Schuerman would be called to the witness stand to testify on behalf of her husband. Today the defense declared that all intention of calling her had been abandoned.

Wife in Courtroom.

Throughout the trial Mrs. Schuerman has occupied a chair just back of her husband. Mrs. Reinmiller, mother of the dead man, and her daughter have been sitting across the room.

The principal testimony taken today was in support of the insanity plea of the defendant. Witness after witness was called to testify as to the behavior of the defendant shortly before the shooting.

A number of witnesses who live near DeWitt, Scheurman's home, including Edward Chad, Edgar Rossiter, Rev. Mr. Baker and H. D. Waldo, testified that they believed Schuerman "to be not just right even before Reinmiller was killed."

"He appeared to be brooding over something," Waldo declared.

All of these witnesses testified that Schuerman began to act queerly last April.

Nurse Testifies.

Mrs. Margaret Salla, a nurse, testified that six years ago Schuerman was seriously ill with influenza. She volunteered the information that Schuerman, in her opinion, was insane at the time of the shooting. She was on the stand more than two hours, being cross-examined by both defense and prosecution attorneys.

Sheriff Greer of Wilbur was called to the stand. He testified that when he arrested Schuerman a few hours after the shooting the man had acted as though he was "mentally defective."

The attack of influenza was again brought into the testimony when John H. Schuerman, cousin of the accused man, testified that Schuerman had not been himself since that illness.

Family History Reviewed.

A bit of Schuerman's family history was introduced by Mrs. Lohmeyer, who testified that she had known Schuerman's mother in Ohio, Schuerman's birthplace. The senior Mrs. Schuerman was the mother of 10 children, Mrs. Lohmeyer said, and had "always acted queer, as though she was mentally unbalanced."

A large crowd packed into the little courtroom today. Hope that Reinmiller's mother and sister will be called to testify for the defense has not been given up by the spectators.

Three allenists have been called to testify tomorrow.

[illegible]tes Return From [illegible]xpedition to Mexico

[illegible]al, Sask., Dec. 19.—Approximately 1,600 Mennonites, who left the Waldeck and Herbert districts of this province several months ago to form a colony in Mexico, have passed through this place on their way back to their farms. Mexico offered no such opportunities as they had hoped to expect, they said.

Naval Bill Passed.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The naval appropriation bill, carrying nearly $[illegible], was passed late today by the senate.

House of Commons Recess.

London, Dec. 19.—The house of commons, in accordance with its program, began its holiday recess this afternoon, adjourning until February 19.

Mine Worker to Fill Post as Labor Head

William Green of Ohio Is Elected to Succeed Late Samuel Gompers as Federation Leader.

By International News Service.

New York, Dec. 19.—The American Federation of Labor executive council today elected William Green, one of its members, and treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, to the presidency of the organization, left vacant by the death of Samuel Gompers. Green is a resident of Coshocton, O., is 51 years old and has been a miner since he was 18.

The election was held in the Elks' club here, where funeral services for Green's predecessor were conducted

William Green.

yesterday. All 10 members of the executive council were prsent. Six votes were enough to elect.

Not only has Green been active in labor circles since he reached maturity, but he has been prominent in politics in Ohio as well.

He served two terms in the Ohio legislature and was one time president of its senate. He was secretary and treasurer of the federation in 1921 and 1913 and in the latter year became a member of the executive council.

The new president has a wife and five children.

SLAYING SUSPECT HELD BY POLICE

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Police today arrested "Ted" Newberry, alleged "hijacker" suspected of being ring leader in an organized band of extortionists possibly responsible for the slaying of Homer Finch, roadhouse keeper at Chicago Ridge. Newberry was seized on anonymous information connecting him with the shooting and wounding four months ago of Harry J. Callan, reputed "gold coast" bootlegger.

Newberry's alleged gang is believed by police to have terrorized saloon keepers in several small towns surrounding Chicago.

Newberry is held incommunicado. Cole Finch, son of the deceased, who says he saw the slayers, will be taken to see Newberry.

Meanwhile police are quizzing a bellboy of a downtown hotel for possible information.

GUILLOTINE FOR "OGRE" SLAYER

Hanover, Germany, Dec. 19.—Fritz Haarmann today heard the jury's answer to his plea for speedy death. It was a sentence to die on the guillotine for both the attic ogre and his vulture accomplice, Hans Grans.

Haarmann was found guilty of 27 murders with which he was charged. Grans was held guilty of instigation of one murder and as accessory in a second.

Grans was sentenced to the guillotine for prompting the murder of one of the many youths he lured to Haarmann's little room overlooking the river where Haarmann killed them that Grans might sell their clothes.

An accessory to a second murder of the possible two-score Haarmann admitted he may have committed and lost in the ruck of his murder-clotted memory, Grans was sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary.

Cologne Evacuation by British to Be Delayed

London, Dec. 19.—Lord Curzon, speaking last night in the house of lords, in which he is government leader, declared the question of evacuation of the Cologne area could not be taken up before the report of the allied military control commission was made January 10 when the allies would discuss the extent to which the terms of the Versailles treaty had been carried out and whether the first stage of the evacuation of German occupied territory should be begun.

"Great Britain," he said, "has not the slightest desire to contipue the occupation. The sooner it is ended the better, from Great Britain's viewpoint and from the world's viewpoint.

Danb[illegible] on High Road to Recovery

Omaha Detective Chief Shot in Gun Battle Making Remarkable Progress; Two No. 6 Shot in Brain.

Mother Hurries to Omaha

Benny Danbaum, chief of detectives, shot in the head and face Thursday afternoon in a gun battle at Twenty-seventh and Douglas streets, is making a remarkable recovery at Nicholas Senn hospital, despite two shotgun No. 6 shot imbedded in his brain.

Thursday night and until 1:30 Friday morning his condition was serious. At 1:30 he fell asleep and slept at intervals until morning.

His main thought was for his mother, Mrs. Mary Danbaum, who had gone to Harrold, S. D., to spend the holidays with her daughter.

She was notified there and drove 110 miles to Huron, S. D., in an automobile to catch a train. The temperature was 27 below zero, and the run was made in two and a half hours.

She arrived here at 10:30 and was met at the station by Chief of Police Charles Van Deusen, Mrs. Van Deusen and Mrs. Leon Kerwin, a sister of Mrs. Danbaum.

They took her straight to the hospital.

There she sank into a chair beside the bed, put her arms around her son and wept softly. The "Little Chief" patted her tenderly.

"You mustn't worry, mother. See, I am all right. I feel fine and I'll soon be well. Think of yourself, mother."

Companion in Hospital.

In fact, Benny had "set the stage" so that his mother wouldn't worry at her first sight of him. He was sitting up in bed, clad in silk pajamas and smoking a cigar. Always one of the most debonnair men on the force, his silk pajamas are dear to his heart.

Soon he was chatting with his mother. They didn't talk about the gun battle but about Christmas and the presents they are to send to friends.

Mrs. Danbaum soon took charge of things. She called in Detective Bob Donohue and instructed him not to let any persons see Bennie except brother officers or those who have very good reasons to see him.

Donohue has been assigned to be the wounded man's companion while he is in the hospital.

"Ain't I a Pup!"

The detective chief occupies a large, sunny room on the south side of the building next to the room in which Chief of Police Van Deusen was ill for several weeks.

Friday he asked Donohue for a mirror. After some objections Donohue gave it to him. Danbaum looked at his swollen features and exclaimed: "Ain't I a pup! Look at that face! Well, I've got a double chin at last."

Dr. A. P. Condon and Dr. Adolph Sachs said at noon Friday his condition was excellent. The two No. 1 shot embedded in his brain will be left there unless an infection should develop.

Gesina Radmacher and Jean Hacker are the nurses in charge.

Danbaum inquired about the work at his office and gave directions regarding several things.

The physicians gave permission to eat whatever he wishes, but the patient found it impossible to swallow much because of the swellings.

So many bouquets arrived at his room from clubs and individuals that he ordered some of them taken to the rooms of other patients. A box of cigars was also among the gifts.

Mrs. Danbaum will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Van Deusen at their home until her son gets out of the hospital.

FOUR CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Sistersville, W. Va., Dec. 19.—Four children were burned to death, a woman was seriously injured and two others were slightly hurt today in a fire that destroyed the home of Mrs. Olive Jones at Stanley's Run, O., about five miles from here.

The dead are:

Louise Jones, 11; Hazel Jones, 17, daughter of Mrs. Jones; Alice Myers, 4, and Hazel Myers, 3. The latter were the granddaughters of Mrs. Jones.

Pioneer Dies.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 19.—Thursday night marked the passing of another of Norfolk's early settlers, when Fred Alstadt, 65, who was in the third group of pioneers to settle in this vicinity, died at his home here after a long illness.

Secretary Retains Place.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 19.—Fred G. Humphrey was reappointed secretary of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce by the board of directors at a meeting. Appointment of the standing committees for the year was also made at the meeting.

Wounded Detective Chief Recovering

Benny Danbaum.

Forbes Defense Is Unchanged by Rapid Cross-Fire

Alibi Witnesses Repel All Efforts of Federal Counsel to Shake Their Stories; One Tells of Threat.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Defense testimony refuting Elias H. Mortimer's allegation that he paid Charles R. Forbes, former director of the veterans' bureau, $50,000 in the Drake hotel in Chicago on June 20, 1922, remained unchanged today through a rapid fire of cross-examination by government counsel. Miss Edna Breese, Forbes' stenographer at the hotel during his visit to Chicago on June 19, 20 and 21, 1922, repelled every attempt of the prosecution to shake her story.

William M. Sutherland, an officer of the William Sutherland Construction company, St. Louis, denied Mortimer had been authorized to represent the company in negotiations with the veterans' bureau. He told of Mortimer's having represented himself as a spokesman for Sutherland company in bids for hospital contracts.

Reputation Excellent.

Sutherland said he had known Thompson for several years as a man of excellent reputation for honesty and fair dealing.

Dr. George B. Tullidge of Philadelphia, Mrs. Mortimer's father, told of a conversation with Mortimer in October, 1923, in which the latter said:

"I am going to get Forbes. If I can't get him one way I'll get him another.

Dr. Tullidge said Mortimer was asked why he held such bitter feelings toward Forbes.

"Because he could have made me a rich man by giving me hospital contracts but he would not do it," the witness affirmed Mortimer replied. "The day before Mortimer took the stand before the senate committee, did he say in your presence 'I am going down to swear my soul to hell to get Forbes?'" Dr. Tullidge was asked.

"He said substantially that," he replied.

Tells of Threat.

The witness also told of a statement by Mortimer in his presence that if Dr. and Mrs. Tullidge were not successful in bringing Mrs. Mortimer to the stand to corroborate Mortimer's story he would "drag her down to the mire."

"Did Mortimer say in your presence that if you did not make Catherine (Mrs. Mortimer) line up you against Forbes, he would drag her down to the mire?"

"Yes," the father replied.

Jugo-Slav Sovereigns Intend to Visit Rome

Rome, Dec. 19.—The report that the Jugo-Slav sovereigns, King Alexander and Queen Marie, intended to visit Rome next February as the guests of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, is causing much satisfaction here. It is hoped that this visit, as a tangible sign of friendship between the two reigning houses, may dissipate any remaining clouds in the relations between the two countries.

Foreman of Hough Jury to Make Trip to Scotland

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 19.—Christmas at home after an absence of 30 years will mean more than the usual cheer to James A. Salter, proprietor of the Shenandoah Monument store, who will return to Aberdeen, Scotland, for the holiday. He has not seen his parents for 30 years. Mr. Salter, who resides at Bedford, was the foreman of the jury which recently found Carl Hough guilty of the murder of Lillian McKinney of Herrick, S. D.

Hubby Drank Pain Cure, Wrecked Furniture

The pain cure manufactured by the East Cereal company in reality is a joy potent, according to Mrs. Josephine Hrabik.

Mrs. Hrabik charges that the pain remedy contains alcoholic ingredients and is in fact an intoxicating liquor.

She stated Thursday in a petition filed in district court that Christine East, owner of the cereal company, sold the pain cure to her husband, Joseph, upon numerous occasions.

Joseph, she said, consumed it and became intoxicated. Whereupon, she declares, he came home, demolished furniture and abused her. Also he became sick and she was obliged to nurse him.

The pain cure gave her a pain, she states and seeks to secure $5,000 damages from Christin East.

Davis Director of Reserve Bank

President of First National on New Board; Other Changes.

T. L. Davis, vice president of the First National bank, was named as a member of the board of directors of the Omaha branch of the reserve bank of Kansas City, according to an announcement by the reserve bank Friday.

The other new appointment announced was that of A. J. Weaver of Falls City, fruit grower and livestock dealer.

The two men become directors January 1. Under a recent ruling of the federal reserve board the membership of the board of directors of the Omaha branch has been increased from five to seven.

The increase is in order to give the board a wider representation in the agricultural, industrial and commercial interests of the Omaha zone, which comprises the states of Nebraska and Wyoming in the Tenth Federal Reserve district.

The members of the board and length of term follows:

A. H. Marble, president, Stock Growers' National bank, Cheyenne, Wyo., one-year term.

T. L. Davis, vice president, First National bank, Omaha, two-year term.

R. O. Marnell, cashier, Merchants' National bank, Nebraska City, Neb., three-year term.

L. H. Earhart, managing director, one-year term.

W. J. Coad, president, Omaha Flour Mills company, Omaha, one-year term.

J. E. Miller, Miller & Paine, department store, Lincoln, two-year term.

A. J. Weaver, livestock dealer, Falls City, three-year term.

ARMY DEVELOPS LIGHT MORTAR

Washington, Dec. 19.—Army ordnance experts have developed a new 75 mm. mortar for use with infantry against machine gun nests.

The weapon will displace the Stokes mortar used in the world war. It throws a 12-pound projectile, with a range from 600 to 1,800 yards, and is light enough to be handled by one mule, or four men.

Iowan Shot by Bandit at San Diego Recovering

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 19.—Ray E. Warner, formerly of Lewis, Ia., victim of a bandit's bullet while doing police duty at San Diego, Cal., is convalescent, according to word from his home. Warner was shot and dangerously wounded several months ago. For many weeks he hovered between life and death.

Mrs. Warren DeVoss Dies.

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Warren DeVoss of the Pilot Grove neighborhood, near Elliott, Ia., died Tuesday night at a Red Oak hospital following an operation for an aggravated case of appendicitis. She is survived by a husband, two children and her parents.

Officer Arrests Alleged "Prince of Rum Runners"

Phil Lippert Held in Grand Island Jail; Federal Agent Says He Sold Him Case of Whisky.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 19.—A reputation with police of the city and an adventurous spirit which led him to taunt authorities today resulted in the arrest of Phil Lippert and three others here.

No charges have been filed against the men as yet but the arrest was made by federal prohibition agents who say that they purchased a case of alleged whisky from Lippert. They confiscated his Cadillac automobile.

For several years police have been fairly swamped with complaints about Lippert, they declare. He is alleged to be "king of rum runners" and "prince of the bootleggers" of Grand Island.

Several times the police attempted to arrest Lippert. As many times they suspected that the complaints had come from him. The arrest was easy but the evidence was far from anything upon which to base a conviction.

Then a federal prohibition agent came to the city. He was conspicuous at thepolice station by his absense. His one loafing place was a garage. There he arranged to buy a quart of whisky. Then he arranged to buy a case of whisky which Lippert was to deliver.

Lippert delivered the alleged whisky today. The officer greeted him with open arms, placed him under arrest and kept the automobile.

Walter Quillan and John Wilkerson were arrested with Lippert. All are being held temporarily without band.

WEAVER ACCEPTS BANK BOARD POST

Lincoln, Dec. 19.—A. J. Weaver of Falls City, who was yesterday appointed director of the Federal Reserve Board at Omaha, has accepted the appointment, according to a telegram received here today from Weaver by C. B. Steward, secretary of the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation. Mr. Weaver is a well known apple grower and business man.

"We have been trying to get a real farmer on every one of the boards," said Mr. Steward. "Since we helped put E. S. Cunningham, president of the Iowa Bureau federation on the national board, we have managed to get a farmer on eight of the 12 district boards."

New League to Encourage Mississippi Waterways

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Organization of the "I Will Legion, of the Mississippi valley," to encourage waterways and promote the interests and communications of 19 states of the valley was announced here today. The organization was incorporated in Illinois under a charter obtained on December 5.

William R. McCauley, former commander of the Illinois department of the American Legion, is president.

It is planned to publish a monthly magazine and to form branches throughout the 19 valley states and to co-operate with other civic organizations throughout the valley.

Oil Station Robbed.

Nofolk, Neb., Dec. 19.—About $50 in cash was stolen by robbers who broke into the Grand theater gasoline station, Friday morning. It is thought that some other articles were taken, but no estimate as to the value has been made. The station is operated by August Manske & Son.

Attempt to "Fix" McCoy Jury Bared

Alleged Slayer Tells Own Story of Death of Mrs. Mors From Witness Stand; Says Suicide.

By International News Service.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—Judge Charles Craig announced today that the name of the man who attempted to "fix" John Apfell, a member of the Kid McCoy jury, was known; that he would be arrested immediately and a grand jury investigation of the whole affair launched at once.

"Money talks and you can talk to me—I mean big money," the man said to represent a coast-wide gambling ring told Juror Apfell, according to Judge Craig.

The judge admitted the McCoy trial might be halted at any time and an entire new trial ordered, owing to the attempted "frameup" of the jury.

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—"Kid" McCoy, ex-pugilist, on trial here for the murder of Mrs. Theresa W. Mors, last August, who took the witness stand in his own defense today, denied brokenly that he had killed her, declared that he had loved her, and dramatically gave his version of her death. He said it was suicide.

To a court room packed with spectators and unusually still the former prize ring dandy told his story.

Women sobbed and the prisoner himself seemed at times almost overcome by his own recital.

"Did you love Mrs. Mors?" his attorney queried.

"Yes," McCoy replied.

"Did she love you?"

"Yes."

"Did you kill her for her jewelry?"

"That is absurd," McCoy stammered brokenly.

Describes Scene in Detail.

After identifying safe deposit boxes seized and opened by officers as his own and explaining that some of Mrs. Mors' jewelry found in them had been placed there at her request, McCoy described the scene in the apartment where he and the woman had been living as man and wife, on the night of August 12.

"We returned to the apartment about 10:30 p. m.," he said. "Mrs. Mors complained of her feet being sore and I took off her shoes. I mixed one or two drinks and made some sandwiches. She said the sandwiches were too large so I got the butcher knife from the kitchen and she cut them.

"Then she fell into a reverie, toying with the knife. She said things were 'in a terrible state,' due to Mors' actions toward her and the government investigation of the Mors jewels. (Several of the lots of jewels later were seized as smuggled property.)

Offered to Leave Town.

"I suggested that I should go to New York until this blew over. Then

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WATCHMAN FINDS PARTS OF BODY

Paris, Dec. 19.—A gruesome murder, in which the victim is believed by the police to be a former resident of San Francisco, Cal., was discovered today.

A night watchman on his way home came upon part of a human body wrapped in a newspaper. As he continued along Boulevard Villette he found other portions of the body. The head, however, was missing.

The dismembered body had been wrapped in a French language newspaper, "Le Echo de Louev," printed in San Francisco, April 8, 1924.

FIRE THREATENS TOWN IN IOWA

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 19.—A fire which broke out in the George Bibner cigar store at Marion shortly before noon today threatened to wipe out the entire business section of the town.

Latest reports said that the Commercial Savings bank was ablaze and that a garage and two frame buildings near the Milwaukee railroad station had been destroyed. The fire was spreading rapidly and was beyond control of the local fire fighters.

Witwer Home Robbed.

Los Angeles, Dec. 19.—The home of H. C. Witwer, author, was entered today by thieves and jewelry valued at $7,000 was stolen, according to a police report.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. Dec. 19:

Temperature.

7 a. m., dry bulb, —8; wet bulb, —8. Noon, dry bulb, —3; wet bulb, —6. 7 p. m., dry bulb, 2; wet bulb, —1. Highest, 6. Lowest, —8. Mean, —4. Normal, 28.

Total deficiency since January 1, 278.

Relative humidity, percentage:

7 a. m., 81. Noon, 67. 7 p. m., 68.

Precipitation, inches an dhundredths: Total, .12; total since January 1, 26.58; deficiency, 3.76.

Hourly Temperatures.

8 a. m.	—6	1 p. m.	—4
9 a. m.	—5	2 p. m.	—4
10 a. m.	—4	3 p. m.	—3
11 a. m.	—3	4 p. m.	0
12 noon	—1	5 p. m.	—1
		6 p. m.	—2
		7 p. m.	0
		8 p. m.	2

Reports From Stations at 7 P. M.

	T	p. m.	High		T	p. m.	High
Davenport	—4	0	8	Rapid City	—4	10	8
Denver	—7	—18	34	Salt Lake	—4	12	18
Des Moines	—2	0	10	Santa Fe	14	24	34
Dodge City	0	4	18	Sheridan	—4	6	8
Lander	—24	—16	8	Sioux City	—4	6	8
North Platte	—4	0	14	Valentine	0	—8	8

Heavy Toll Is Taken by Cold Wave

Additional Death and Intense Suffering Result; Scores of Cities Cut Off From Wire Communication.

Property Damage Mounts

By Universal Service.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The storm and cold that had been sweeping the northwest was penetrating the eastern states tonight. It brought additional death and intense suffering. Its force will be felt clear to the Atlantic seaboard and down in the southern states.

Telegraph and telephone communication was crippled and railroad transportation slowed up from the Ohio river to the Pacific coast.

Reduced to dollars and cents, the storm will cost the country millions of dollars.

Thousands of telephone and telegraph poles were broke ndown by the sleet, snow and high winds. On the prairies livestock perished. The line of zero weather extended to Chicago tonight and was moving east and southward.

Cities Cut Off.

The advance of the storm that preceded the cold ever since disturbance developed in the far northwest a week ago had reached New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky felt the full force of the storm during the day and tonight the temperature was falling.

Entire cities were cut off from communication with the rest of the country. Among the larger of these was St. Louis.

The storm and cold was spreading southward as well as east. Snow was reported in Texas and the temperature was below freezing at many stations in the southwest.

In the northwestern states, first to feel the brunt of the storm, temperatures continued below zero, but in the extreme northwestern moderation was reported and it was believed the grip of cold weather from the Pacific to the Mississippi river would be broken within the next two days.

Dakota Is Coldest.

North Dakota continued to be the coldest place on the may tonight, readings being from 20 to 25 degrees below zero. It was 10 below at Minneapolis. Last night it was 44 below in Montana.

Two men lost their lives in Chicago when they fell on slippery sidewalks. Another was crushed to death when his truck skidded and collided with another truck.

Two children were burned to death in their home near Carey, Ind., and a man lost his life in a fire near Durand, Ill.

A train with 50 passengers on board was stalled on the Chicago & Alton railroad near St. Louis. It came to a stop when telegraph poles broken by sleet, fell across the tracks.

The sidewalks of Chicago were a glare of ice all day. Holiday shopping was scarcely half of normal for this season.

Trains Running Late.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—Subzero temperatures again gripped the southwest tonight, but with predictions of a slackening of that grasp tomorrow. Bright sunny skies greeted Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas today. There was little relief from the cold, however.

Wire communication continued paralyzed and trains still were running late, some of them several hours.

In Oklahoma 135 cities and towns were cut off from all wire communication. Many in Missouri, Kansas and Texas were without outside telephone or telegraph communication. St. Louis was virtually isolated.

Three deaths in Oklahoma were attributed, indirectly to the frigid temperatures. L. F. Pennock, 66, died at an Enid hospital from exposure and a mother and infant daughter were burned to death at Cardin in a hotel fire that was believed to have started from a gas stove left burning all night.

Summary of the Day in Washington

The house passed the naval appropriation bill.

President Coolidge appointed an oil conservation board.

Relations with Japan were discussed again in the house.

The senate voted to appropriate $100,000 to fight the poultry disease.

A full force against the rum fleet by next July was promised by Rear Admiral Billard of the coast guard.

A house committee upheld the right of Representative La Guardia, republican, New York, to retain his seat.

A vote on the Muscle Shoals bill was deferred in the senate until after Christmas.

President Palmer completed his testimony to the house shipping board investigating committee.

The senate condemned the editorial of the Hearst newspapers attacking Senator Underwood in connection with his Muscle Shoals bill.