

WEATHER FORECAST. For Nebraska—Fair. For Iowa—Partly cloudy. For weather report see page 3.

THREE SISTERS HELD FOR DEATH

Mother and Two Aunts of Okey Snead Arrested for Bathtub Murder.

VICTIM'S HUSBAND STILL MISSING

Entire Family Seems Involved in New York Tragedy.

"SUICIDE" LETTERS ARE FOUND

Over One Hundred Missives Left in Room Vacated by Mrs. Martin.

NEW CLUES COME TO THE SURFACE

Notepaper and Handwriting of Suspect Are Same as On Note Supposed to Have Been Written by Victim.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Three sisters, who held the life of Okey Snead in their hands, have, one by one, come within the reach of the law, until tonight separate coils hold them all, charged by the authorities of East Orange, N. J., with the murder of their niece and daughter.

Of the girl's immediate relatives only her bedridden grandmother, Mrs. Martha Wardlaw, 58 years old, and Fletcher Snead, the cousin she married, are still at large. A rumor that Fletcher Snead, the missing husband, had been found in hiding at St. Catherine's Orphan, was denied tonight by the St. Catherine's police.

Events have moved swiftly within the last twenty-four hours. Shortly after the arraignment of Mrs. Caroline W. Martin, Okey Snead's mother, the third arrest in the case—that of Mrs. Mary Snead, Mrs. Martin's sister. She was taken from her lodgings in New York, charged with being a fugitive from justice from New Jersey, where a warrant, similar to that issued against her sister, was sworn out today, charging murder.

Mrs. Martin went to jail. Mrs. Martin was arraigned this morning in the Tombs police court and committed to the Tombs pending the arrival of extradition papers from New Jersey. During her examination she spoke as briefly as possible and gave no indication as to whether she would fight extradition.

Mrs. Martin is 64 years old and feeble of body, though more erect in mind. She showed today the same marked aversion to lifting the heavy black veil that completely concealed her features as characterized her sister, Virginia Wardlaw, in the latter's examination at East Orange some days ago.

Mrs. Mary Snead, when taken to police headquarters, was more erect in her bearing than Mrs. Martin, but equally reticent. Mrs. Martin's pitiful infirmity saved her the indignity of being measured and photographed, but Mrs. Snead escaped none of the humiliating details of police routine. She will be examined tomorrow in the Tombs police court to determine whether she can justify being held for extradition.

The three notes found yesterday among Mrs. Martin's effects, all similar in handwriting and wording to the suicide note found pinned to Okey Snead's clothes, beside the bath tub in which she was drowned, showed sufficient evidence against Mrs. Martin. The point was made against Mrs. Snead in that she was a party with Miss Wardlaw to the renting of the furnished house in East Orange in which Okey Snead was found dead.

Wants to End Life.

Mrs. Martin talked of suicide and collapsed as she was being led to a cell in the Mercer street police station. "The ending is death," was Mrs. Martin's reported comment on the answer of the detective to her questions as to what the legal procedure would be in her case. "I would welcome death," the detective reported her as continuing. "I am old and can't help anyone and am of no use. I want to go to heaven."

Mrs. Martin was arrested late last night in a warrant issued in New Jersey charging her with the murder of her daughter, Mrs. Martin's sister, Miss Virginia Snead, who has for some days been held in a New Jersey prison cell to await the action of the grand jury on a similar charge.

Mrs. Martin had been missing since the tragedy and her unexpected appearance and the circumstances leading up to the apprehension were dramatic developments of a case sensational from the first. In her room in the little hotel where she was located after a protracted search were found several notes, the wording of which was almost identical with that of the "suicide note" found pinned to the clothing of Okey Snead when her body was discovered.

The notes were written on paper of the same color and texture as that of the original suicide note and the handwriting was practically identical. Slight changes in phraseology are all the difference noted. "Suicide" Letters in Room.

In the room vacated by Mrs. Martin the police today found more than 100 "suicide letters" purporting to have been written by Okey Snead. Many of them were addressed to prominent New Yorkers, among whom were Mrs. Russell Sage and Mrs. Clarence Burns, a well known club woman. All of the letters sounded the pathetic note of despair. One addressed to "whoever finds this," expressed dread of pain and concluded: "Nobody has harmed me and I have harmed nobody. I love everybody and everybody loves me, but I cannot endure physical agony." This letter was signed.

Another letter, addressed "to my counsel attorney," was worded to indicate that the writer feared the lapsing of her ownowment insurance policies, through her inability to keep up the payments. The answers were instructed to "promptly collect my insurance in cash and pay it over to my grandmother, without paying anything my bond or security from her." This was signed in full, "Okey Wardlaw fourth Street."

A will, purporting to have been made by the bath tub victim, dated September 1st, and directing that all of her property be turned over to her grandmother, was also found. When the body for her arraignment arrived, Mrs. Martin was taken to the Tombs court. She had again donned the heavy veils which she wore last night, but, notwithstanding this protection, when she saw the group of photographers about the station, she protested against their presence, declaring that she was being persecuted.

Leopold Dies Making Brave Fight for Life

End Comes to King of Belgium Late in Afternoon, Though Recovery Was Expected.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 16.—King Leopold died late this afternoon. He maintained a brave struggle to the end.

The following bulletin was issued this morning: "The consequences of the operation are normal. Temperature, 99.5-10; pulse, 70; respiration, 24. The improvement has become more marked."

It was announced verbally that the king's condition was so good this morning that the fears entertained yesterday had been nearly dispelled. As a result of the turn for the better, the patient will be given a diet of eggs, soup, weak wine and water and his physicians remain at the bedside.

In a one of the king's physicians the convalescence might be said to be complete. He said that Leopold's extreme weakness was still present, but he felt better and was still recovering. His mind was unclouded. The fever had subsided.

Mae C. Wood Free from the Tombs

Former Omaha Woman Released on Bail in Perjury and Divorce Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Mae C. Wood of Omaha, charged with perjury and forgery in connection with a suit for divorce which she brought against Thomas C. Platt, former United States senator, was released from the Tombs today under \$1,000 bail.

JULIENBURG, Colo., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Mae C. Wood before leaving for New York selected Mary and Sarah Brown, York's selected owners of the Brown hotel, as the custodians of her jewels. Although the First National bank has a modern safety deposit vault, she put confidence in the Browns and they have the jewels, consisting of a very handsome pearl necklace valued at \$2,000, and several valuable diamonds valued at several thousand dollars that she claims were given her by Senator Platt when she was a stenographer in New York and afterwards his wife.

Mary and Sarah, as they are familiarly known in Julienburg, came to Julienburg thirty years ago and started a small restaurant, but have prospered and now own the Brown Palace hotel, valued at \$30,000, and a large ranch near town, valued at \$20,000, and handle more money than most banks.

The jewels now repose in a tin box in their room at the Brown Palace hotel and will be safely kept and delivered to Mae Wood when she returns to take up her residence on her ranch. She has been under the surveillance of an agent of the bonding company that arranged for her bond when she was released from the Tombs, but a few nights ago she gave him the slip and quietly boarded an east-bound train, leaving the agent frantic.

Cold Wave Flag is Again Raised

Mercury Falls Radically and Forecaster Predicts Zero by Early This Morning.

Up goes the cold wave flag and down comes the mercury. The case has been reported as radical. At 2 o'clock "The thermometer will register about zero," said Weather Forecaster Welsh at 5:30 last evening. "We have just put up our cold wave flag."

The precipitation of the mercury yesterday afternoon was radical. At 2 o'clock it was 30 and by 3 it had dropped to 24. By 4 p. m. there was a drop of 1 degree registered, but after that the bulb descended one degree an hour until 9 p. m. when it stood at 8. A further slide downward was indicated at that hour. The highest temperature of the day was 36 at 7 and 8 a. m.

Prof. Dimmick Kills Himself

STERLING, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Prof. J. A. Dimmick, superintendent of the public schools here, committed suicide here this evening by shooting himself through the temple with a rifle. He died instantly. The cause has not been ascertained. He had been dependent for several weeks. Mr. Dimmick was 22 years old and leaves a widow and a son 5 years old. He carried a life certificate and was popular as an educator and a citizen. An inquest will be held tomorrow morning.

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Olin Blows In with News Colorado Trophy is Coming

Prof. W. H. Olin of Colorado blew into the National Corn exposition Thursday morning. That is exactly it—he "blew in."

Prof. Olin is the aggressive and strenuous "T. R." of Colorado agriculture. He had hit the show just ten minutes when he completed a circuit of the exposition grounds and shook hands with everybody in sight that he knew. His enthusiasm just ripples, bubbles and flows.

"By the way," he shouted out in a hurry, "about that Colorado oats trophy that caused so much flurry here. I've delivered the goods and a Colorado silvermith is making it out of the virgin silver from our mines. It may be late, but it's going to be the real thing. "Let me tell you about Colorado," he insisted, gathering a number of exposition officers and agriculturists about him in his race about the grounds. "Why, say, our state produced \$147,000,000 worth of agricultural products in a year, and yet they call it a mining state; why, they only get about half as much out of the ground as a year as we farmers take off of the top."

ZELAYA TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

Ruler Gives Up High Office, Following Demand Made by Congress.

ACTION PREVENTED HIS OUSTING

Would Have Been Deposed Otherwise, is General Impression.

PUBLIC FEELING BEHIND PLAN

Dr. Madriz Zelaya's Candidacy for Office is Acceptable.

MANAGUA MAYOR IS ARRESTED

Placed in Prison for Trying to Prevent Police from Making Arrests—Demonstration Occurs in Congress.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. Madriz Zelaya has tendered his resignation to congress. It is generally believed that his resignation was requested, for it was expected that ruler would be deposed otherwise. Dr. Madriz is expected in Managua Saturday.

No news has been received here from Rama today. Dr. Madriz, Zelaya's candidate for the presidency, is a majority in the departments of Managua and Leon, but not to the revolutionists and the people of the Department of Granada.

No Battle Fought at Rama. MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 16.—Telegraphic communication with Rama was re-established today. It is officially announced that the city has not been taken by the government troops. The two armies are close together, but no battle has been fought. This disposes of the rumor which had been in wide circulation for three days that an engagement had occurred at Rama, during which the government troops had defeated the insurgents and captured General Estrada, the head of the rebellion. It is believed there was an ulterior motive behind this false report.

As a sequel to the recent rioting, when the mayor of Managua sought to restrain the police from making wholesale arrests, Mayor himself was arrested yesterday. Subsequently he was released. Congress met again last night and the session was the occasion of a pro-Zelaya demonstration that apparently had been made to order. Deputy Manuel Matus delivered a "jingo" speech, urging armed resistance in the event that the United States marines were landed at Corinto. The suggestion was received with such demonstrative applause as to arouse a strong suspicion that the government had organized an efficient clique.

Sentry and Marine MIA. CORINTO, Dec. 16.—A brawl occurred in the street last night, during which a ship's messenger from the United States cruiser Albany was forced off the sidewalk by a Nicaraguan sentry. The incident was forthwith reported to the commandant of the port, who immediately tendered an apology to Commander Oliver of the Albany. The sentry was accepted. Commander Oliver has ordered his men at quarters at night. The ammunition lists of the Albany are loaded. The harbor is quiet today.

Prairie Starts South. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—The transport Prairie with 700 marines and 500,000 rounds of ammunition on board today made its second start for the United States cruiser Albany on Thursday, December 2, the Prairie with a lake cargo started for the same port, but when about forty miles down the Delaware river the vessel struck in the mud of Pea Patch Island and remained there for nearly ten days.

FARMER FOUND DEAD IN HOME South Dakota Uses Board with Which to Discharge His Gun. YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Vincent Stevens, a farmer in comfortable circumstances, was found dead in his house thirteen miles west of the city. He had committed suicide with a large rifle fired with a board. He had been dead for several days and his brains, blown out of his head, lay beside the body.

Virgil Winfrey, a neighbor, found the body. The dead man lived alone, was unmarried and about 50 years old. PINCHOT WILL NOT QUIT Chief Forester Declines He Will Become Head of University of Michigan.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(Continued on Second Page.)

Isn't it a Shame?



RETAILERS ROAST JOBBERS

Implement Men Declare Wholesalers Have Plot Against Them.

WILL NOT ATTEND MEETINGS Mid-West Association Proposes to Hold Convention Somewhere Else as Retaliation on the Omaha Jobbers.

The joint session of retail dealers and jobbers scheduled for the closing day of the Mid-west Implement Dealers' association was out of joint. The jobbers of Omaha were not there.

The dealers and leaders in the formation of the organization were "sore" and they said so in a knockout that lasted two hours. The spirit of the meeting was crystallized into a resolution presented as adopted as follows: Resolved, That the indifference of the Omaha and Council Bluffs jobbers toward their dealer and jobbers, the indifference of the latter indicates that they have left to us to fight our own battles.

W. H. Green of Council Bluffs presented the resolution as chairman of the committee and in a later address declared that the jobbers had made a plot not to attend the meeting of the association. He hinted at possible back-fire in the way of price secrets and gave utterance to the general declaration of war.

The uproar started when G. N. Peck, an Omaha jobber, who was to have addressed the board of directors, was interrupted by William Krater of Stuart, president, declared that the jobbers here had urged that the convention be held in Omaha for the sole purpose of drawing dealers into the city so that they could show and sell them goods. This charge was repeated in half a dozen other speeches.

The election of officers was held and resulted in the re-election of William Krater of Stuart, president against his protest; J. H. Helwig of Rising, Neb., was elected vice president and W. H. Green of Creighton and Paul Herpotschke of Seward were elected members of the board of directors.

In view of the conditions that have arisen here there is talk among the dealers of taking the annual meeting away from Omaha to Lincoln or Fremont. Jerome Shamp of Lincoln took occasion to rise and offer all the hospitalities of Lincoln and shoot a few more knocks at Omaha.

C. A. Wagner of Omaha came to the rescue of his city and declared that the association. He proposed a plan for the securing of the cooperation of the jobbers here, suggesting that they be induced to sign an agreement to close their houses for a half day during the convention next year under penalty of a fine of \$100.

The choice of a meeting place rests with the board of directors, who will probably not make their decision until next fall. The routine reports of the convention were received at the Thursday session and a number of speeches were made before the final adjournment.

A perhaps unintended bit of sarcasm was a resolution in formal terms expressing appreciation of the hospitality of Omaha toward the convention. Another resolution declaring against the competition of manufacturers through branch houses was indorsed, with commendatory comment concerning the action of the board.

GRANGE FAVORS PARCELS POST. DEER MOINES, Dec. 16.—The Iowa state Grange in state convention today passed resolutions favoring the parcels post, postal savings banks, in improvement of Iowa roads with federal aid and opposing any change in the oleomargarine law.

President Taft Seeks Improved Negro Schools

Chief Executive Presides at Board Meeting of Jeanes Fund—Prominent Men Are Present.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Taft presided this afternoon at the annual meeting of the executive board of administration of the Jeanes fund of \$1,000,000 for the betterment of the small rural negro schools in the south, which was held in the cabinet room at the White House.

Andrew Carnegie, Booker T. Washington, George Foster Peabody, Walter H. Page, Dr. J. H. Dillard of New Orleans and Bishop Grant of Kansas were among those who attended and spoke. It was decided to continue work under the fund upon the plan adopted last year, that of sending teachers through the south who in reality teach the teachers of the rural schools there in the newer methods of education. The number of those teachers was increased from 140 to 153, this having been made possible by an unexpected balance from last year from interest earned on the original endowment. The need of additional funds with which to carry on the work was emphasized by an appeal from 100 colored principals and teachers in the south.

The Jeanes fund teachers are divided into three classes—extension teachers, supervising teachers and organizing teachers. They divide their work among 1,300 schools in ten of the southern states. Prof. B. C. Caldwell, former president of the Louisiana State Normal school, was elected field agent and assistant to the president of the board, a newly created office. The board adjourned to meet again at the White House the second Thursday of next December.

LOWER HOUSE TALKS MONEY

Appropriation for District of Columbia Causes Long Discussion.

HITCHCOCK ATTACKS BALLINGER Nebraska Man Criticizes Official Conduct of Secretary of Interior in Coal Land Cases—Secretary Meyer Questioned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Performing the functions of a municipal legislative body, the house today devoted nearly five hours to consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill. The measure provides an appropriation of \$10,156,472 for the expenses of the district for 1911.

General debate was concluded, but the reading of the measure, paragraph by paragraph, proceeded slowly. Several members made points of orders against certain sections in the interest of economy and the reading had not been concluded when the house adjourned at 4:15 p. m.

Mr. Mason of Arkansas had the paragraph appropriating \$2,400 for an automobile for the engineer commissioner of the district stricken out in spite of the protests of Representative Tweney of Minnesota, chairman of the appropriations committee and Representative Gardner of Michigan, in charge of the bill.

Democratic applause greeted an attack made by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska on the official conduct of Secretary of Interior Ballinger in connection with the so-called Cunningham coal land cases in a speech demanding a congressional investigation of the general land office. Representative Shepard of Texas addressed the house during general debate on the bill, urging the house to revive the committee on expenses for the various departments in order that sweeping investigations of the departments might be made.

During a brief session of the senate today a resolution by Senator Cullom was adopted calling upon the secretary of the interior for information respecting mining districts and facilities of the federal government for rendering aid in such cases. At 1:18 o'clock the senate adjourned until next Monday.

Secretary Meyer Questioned. Secretary of the Navy Meyer was before the house naval committee for extended interrogation today. The line of inquiry was entirely on the subject of the secretary's recommendations for the reorganization of the department. The two things which the secretary asked of the committee in the way of explanation were the abolishment of the bureau of equipment and the shifting of various amounts in appropriations from one bureau to another.

The secretary explained in detail why the bureau of equipment might well be disposed of and the duties of that section distributed among other bureaus. The equipment bureau had been necessary, he said, in the days of wooden ships, with their great miscellaneous equipment, but was not in the days of the modern steel ships.

The questions of members of the committee indicated no manifest hostility to the secretary's recommendations and plans, but great interest was shown in ascertaining his opinion as to the probable outcome of the department which he is leaving.

The subject of the recommendations increase in naval strength of two battleships and one repair ship was not touched upon today, but will be taken up when Secretary Meyer again appears for interrogation.

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WARRINER UNABLE TO FIND BONDSMEN

Alleged Defaulter Probably Will Spend Christmas in Jail—Predecessor Resigns.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 16.—Charles L. Warriner, charged with embezzling funds alleged to amount to \$450,000 from the Big Four Railroad company, did not go to trial today, owing to the absence from the city of one of his attorneys. Tomorrow the court will set another date for the trial.

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MANY OMAHANS SEE BIG SHOW

Thousands Crowd Halls and Aisles of Corn Exposition During the Day.

VESEY PROVES A HUMORIST

Tells How His State Acts as Buffer for Nebraska.

BUT HE ERRS IN ONE RESPECT

Attributes Hot Winds to Nebraska Which Come from Kansas.

WHEAT HAS ITS DAY TODAY

Varied Program Will Be Given at Last Day but One of Exposition—Governor Burke Says He Has Been Well Fed.

WHEAT DAY, DECEMBER 17. Lecture Hall No. 1. 10:30 a. m.—"The Home on the Farm," by W. D. Foster, Pullman, Wash., and others. Music Hall. 1:50 p. m.—Mexican National Band. 2:30 p. m.—"Aims in Education," by Anna L. Barbee. 4:00 p. m.—Mexican National Band. 5:00 p. m.—Illustrious Lectures "Forestry," by Don Carlos Ellis, Washington. (For benefit of school children.) 9:45 p. m.—Mexican National Band. Biograph Mail—Moving Pictures. 11:00 a. m.—"Live Stock to Market," by J. A. Shoemaker. 1:30 p. m.—"Outs of Meat," by Miss Jessica Beasock. 2:15 p. m.—"Better Roads," by M. O. McBride, Washington, D. C. 3:00 p. m.—"The Sun and the Farmer," by Prof. Berthel, Washington, D. C. 3:45 p. m.—"Sugar from Plantation to the Table," by C. E. Crawford. 4:30 p. m.—"Moving Pictures." 7:30 p. m.—"South Omaha Live Stock Market," by J. A. Shoemaker. 8:15 p. m.—"Apple Industry," by W. C. Leedy. 9:00 p. m.—"Irrigation," by E. C. Balfanz. 9:45 p. m.—"Hog Cholera and Tuberculosis Serum," by Dr. J. W. Conaway. 10:30 p. m.—"Moving Pictures."