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COLD WAVE VISITS OMAHA AND THEN MOVES ON AGAIN

Mercury Drops Twenty-One Degrees Since Sunday Noon and Then Starts to Rise. SNOW IS EIGHT INCHES DEEP Large Force of Men Required to Remove Fall of Beautiful from the Streets. CLEAR OUT IN THE STATE Entire Western Country is Also Covered with Fine Blanket. COLDER IN THE WEST PORTION

The cold wave struck Omaha and soon left. Forecast Sunday to visit this section of the country Sunday night, it came, but it did not last long, as the crest was reached just before 9 o'clock yesterday morning, when the thermometer reached 2 below and then it started to rise, until at 3 o'clock it was 39 above zero.

Clear Railroad Yards. At the passenger yards of the Union station 100 or more men were given work shoveling snow first thing Monday morning.

Snow is General. The railroads report a fall of snow general over Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas Sunday, the weather clearing during the night and temperatures dropping to zero and below.

Seven Below at Denver. DENVER, Dec. 21.—Colorado and Wyoming had a night of the coldest weather of the season. At Denver the lowest temperature recorded by the government thermometer was 7 below zero.

Jobless Men Given Work Moving Snow CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Thousands of men who sought shelter in municipal lodging houses last night were given employment today by railroads, trolley lines and the city, clearing the streets and railroad tracks of the heaviest snowfall of the winter.

HEIR TO AUSTRIAN THRONE AT FRONT—Prince Carl Franz Josef von Miterveitch, commander-in-chief of Austrian forces, with his staff at Przemysl.



STATE COMMANDER OF G. A. R. IS DEAD

John A. Dempster, Resident of Nebraska for the Last Forty Years, Passes Away. WAS ALSO A PROMINENT MASON

John A. Dempster, for forty-three years a citizen of Nebraska, died at his home yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock after a more acute suffering of three weeks. John A. Dempster was born at Dundee, Ill., September 28, 1846. In August, 1871, he enlisted in the Fifty-second Illinois infantry and served to the end of the war in the Fifteenth army corps.

Two Boys Beat Way to Omaha to Find Mother, But Can't Locate Her. Two bright-faced boys, aged 14 and 11 years, are in Omaha looking for their mother, Mrs. Clara Belle Stopp, who left the Colorado metropolis last week for this city.

Dreadful Sight in Home Greeted Doctor MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 21.—In a small town near here a Mitchell doctor today found the charred body of an aged woman, Mary Traenor, lying on the floor. In the same room an imbedded steel of the dead woman was lying on a couch.

Military Chiefs Overrule Order of Kaiser's Physicians LONDON, Dec. 21.—The departure of Emperor William for the front announced yesterday is said by the Exchange Telegraph company's correspondent at Amsterdam to have been decided upon against the advice of the emperor's physician, who strongly opposed his making the trip at this time.

ARMY FLIER DIES AS HIS MACHINE IS WRECKED IN OCEAN

Lieutenant F. J. Gerstner, Observer in U. S. Scout Plane, Drowns Off California Coast. TWO CRAFT FALL TO SEA Pilot Rescued by Another Military Aviator Whose Ship Also Meets Disaster.

STORMY WEATHER IS TROUBLE Run Being Made from San Diego to Los Angeles as Mishap Comes. EIGHTEENTH VICTIM SO FAR Twenty-Three Years Old, Born in Michigan and Appointed to West Point in 1909—Later Assigned to Cavalry.

Both Sammons and Smith Sentenced First Given Two and Half Years and Latter Six Months and Fine of Five Hundred Dollars. TO HAVE HOLIDAYS AT HOME

Ex-Sheriff of Buffalo County Files Appeal and Kearney Postoffice Clerk Has Freedom Until Second of January. Sentences of two and one-half years for Walter F. Sammons and six months imprisonment and a fine of \$500 for Delbert R. Smith, were pronounced in federal court as the culmination of the recent trial and convictions of Sammons on the charge of robbing the Kearney postoffice of \$3,000.

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RUSSIANS HOLD GERMANS AT BAY

Two Hundred Thousand Teutons Are Trying to Take Bridge Over Baura River. BATTLE ON FOR THREE DAYS

RUSSIANS HEAVILY ENTRENCHED ON RIGHT BANK AND ARE HOLDING SOCHACSEW, WHICH COMMANDS ROAD TO WARSAW. PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—(Via London)—The Russian forces are still holding at bay the German column which is seeking to cross the Baura river at Sochacsew and advance on Warsaw, thirty miles away. For three days this German army of about 300,000 men has been endeavoring to cross the river and throw back the Russians who are holding the right bank.

Siege of Cracow Raised. Along the southern frontier of East Prussia the Russians claim to have the upper hand, but further to the south, in southern Poland, as well as in Galicia, the leaders of the Austro-German forces declare they are sweeping the Russians before them. They assert further that they have cleared all the Russians out of West Galicia. This means that the long siege of Cracow has been raised, and if this advance on the part of the Teuton allies continues it may bring similar relief to the Austrian garrison at Przemysl besieged by the Russians since the early days of the war.

Administration May Back Newland's Plan for Waterways Bill WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In congressional circles this outcome of the conference at the White House tonight between President Wilson and members of the cabinet and Senator Newlands regarding Senator Newlands' proposal for the committee to control federal activity in waterways improvement was being awaited with interest.

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GREAT BATTLE NEAR WARSAW YET UNDECIDED

British Experts Say Von Hindenburg's Claim of Notable Success Must Be Qualified. RUSSIANS IN STRONG POSITION

GERMANS ARE NEARER WARSAW, BUT THEY HAVE MUCH HARD FIGHTING BEFORE THEM. SIEGE OF CRACOW IS RAISED Indication that Advancing Austrian Armies May Also Relieve Garrison at Przemysl. KAISER RETURNS TO THE FRONT Intimation from Berlin that Emperor is on Way to Belgium. LONDON RAID NOT THOUGHT OF

Traveler from Berlin Says Scarcely in British Capital Caused by Probable Zeppelin Invasion Cause Amusement. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The great battle to the west of Warsaw has yet to be fought out, judging from indications conveyed in recent dispatches from Berlin and Petrograd. It appears today to British military observers that the German contention that General von Hindenburg had scored a notable success over the Russians must be qualified. A parallel case is found in the recent claims of a crushing Russian victory near Lodz, which subsequently proved to be premature and exaggerated.

The German army commanded by General Von Hindenburg has made a steady advance in the direction of the Polish capital, but the Russians in falling back appear to have taken new positions in strong entrenchments and in spite of the fact that the invaders are within two or three days' march of Warsaw, there is good reason to believe that much hard fighting must come before it can be determined whether or not this latest attempt to occupy Warsaw will be crowned with success.

The vigorous Austrian offensive in this arena of hostilities has necessitated the withdrawal of many troops heretofore used against Serbia, and there are indications that the Austrian attempt to crush Serbia will for the time being be abandoned. Kaiser Returns to Front. Emperor William was so far recovered from his recent illness as to return to the front. Here he will spend Christmas. The dispatches from Germany do not say to which front his majesty has gone, but advice received earlier from Berlin lead to the belief that he has turned westward. If this is so the battle conditions the emperor will find are far less spectacular than those prevailing in the east, for the reason that with the exception of the offensive operations of the allies on the north end of their line little but steady warfare is being recorded anywhere on the western front. This condition is driven home in all the official communications which measure the day's gain in scant yards and chronicle the gain in (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

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The Weather Forecast (Ill. P. M. Tuesday): For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Fair, slight rain. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hourly: 7 a. m., 3; 8 a. m., 2; 9 a. m., 0; 10 a. m., 0; 11 a. m., 3; 12 m., 11; 1 p. m., 14; 2 p. m., 18; 3 p. m., 21; 4 p. m., 23; 5 p. m., 22; 6 p. m., 17; 7 p. m., 14; 8 p. m., 10; 9 p. m., 7. Comparative Local Record: Highest yesterday: 21; Lowest yesterday: -2; Mean temperature: 11.4; Precipitation: .15; Total excess since March 1: .49; Normal precipitation: .50; Excess for the day: .13 inch; Total rainfall since March 1: 25.78 inches; Deficiency since March 1: 2.15 inches; Deficiency for year period, 1913: 4.02 inches; Deficiency for year period, 1912: 4.02 inches; Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.: Station and State Temp. High. Rain-Of. Weather. P. m. est. fall. Cheyenne, clear, 24, 22, .00; Daverport, clear, 22, 21, .00; Denver, clear, 22, 21, .00; Las Vegas, clear, 12, 14, .00; North Platte, clear, 23, 23, .00; Omaha, clear, 23, 23, .00; Rapid City, cloudy, 28, 32, .00; Sheridan, cloudy, 24, 30, .00; Sioux City, cloudy, 23, 23, .00; Valentine, cloudy, 29, 30, .00; Indicate below, snow.