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REWARD FOR THE SLAYERS OF RING REACHES \$700

City Offers \$300 and Union Pacific Adds \$200 to That Offered by County and the Burlington Road.

MOHLER HELPS RING FAMILY
Wires from California for Officials Here to Give Check of \$1,000 to Mrs. Ring and Family.

POLICE STILL SEEK SUSPECTS

At a special meeting of the city council \$300 was offered as the city's share of the reward for the fugitives in connection with the murder of Detective Tom Ring. The total reward now amounts to \$700.

Chief of Police H. W. Dunn is sending advice in this regard to all cities and President A. L. Mohler of the Union Pacific, now in California, wired General Manager Ware to present a check for \$1,000 to Mrs. Ring and children. Joseph Sykes, of the general manager's office took the check to Chief Dunn, who in turn will present the contribution to the family of the dead detective.

President Mohler also asked that the local officials of the Union Pacific join the authorities in offering a reward. The Union Pacific offers \$300 reward, the Burlington officials have offered \$100 and the county officials \$100. Mr. Mohler received information that Detective Ring was assisting Union Pacific special agents at the time he met death.

Detective Fleming went to Lincoln Thursday and there, with the aid of the authorities and several Mexican residents, he found where Palmo lived. Arriving there he knocked and then called to be admitted. A commotion in the room was all the response received.

He then broke in the door and was just in time to see Palmo climbing out through the window. Covering him with his revolver he ordered him to stop and captured him.

In Palmo's room was found a picture of the three Mexicans suspected of killing Detective Ring with a line written across the back in Mexican saying, "To friend Joe Palmo from Joe Contreras."

Palmo was also wearing a pair of tan shoes exactly like those found in the room of the three Mexicans here and which they had stolen from a boxcar in the freight yards.

Palmo declares he knows nothing about the shooting, but he will be held.

Held on Suspicion.
In the arrest of Emilio and Ines Diaz, 814 North Sixteenth street, the police believe they have found two more Mexicans who know considerable about the fugitives. From reliable information given the authorities the above Mexicans furnished one of the Ring murderers with overalls and a cap. This pair absolutely deny, as they do any knowledge of the wanted men.

New Interpreter Arrives.
With the arrival of Sheriff Howe of Bowie, Ark., who is here to take back J. G. Armstrong, bank president wanted for the appropriation of certain valuable papers belonging to the bank, the police have secured a man who speaks Mexican fluently. Sheriff Howe will be in the city for several days and has volunteered his services in helping the authorities talk to the arrested men.

A telegram received by the department late Friday morning is to the effect that two Mexicans, whose descriptions tally with those given out by the police, were taken from a Burlington freight train at Ottumwa, Ia. Chief Dunn is communicating with the authorities of that city, who are wiring back a complete description of the men they arrested.

Funeral Services Today.
Funeral services at St. Philomena's church, which will be held this morning at 9 o'clock, will be conducted by Father Gannon, assisted by Father Stenson. The pallbearers are: Charles VanDusen, K. J. Delehanty, Michael Dempsey, Edward Cassidy, William Devereux, Henry Rasmussen, R. F. Havoy.

Two platoons of police headed by Sergeants Ferris and Sigwart will attend from the Omaha department, while platoons from the normal.

The Weather

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hours	Deg.
5 a. m.	27
6 a. m.	27
7 a. m.	28
8 a. m.	28
9 a. m.	29
10 a. m.	29
11 a. m.	29
12 m.	29
1 p. m.	29
2 p. m.	29
3 p. m.	29
4 p. m.	29
5 p. m.	29
6 p. m.	29
7 p. m.	29
8 p. m.	29
9 p. m.	29
10 p. m.	29
11 p. m.	29
12 m.	29

Comparative Record.			
1915	1914	1913	1912
Highest yesterday	30	42	45
Lowest yesterday	27	12	15
Mean temperature	27	27	27
Precipitation	0.00	14.00	0.00

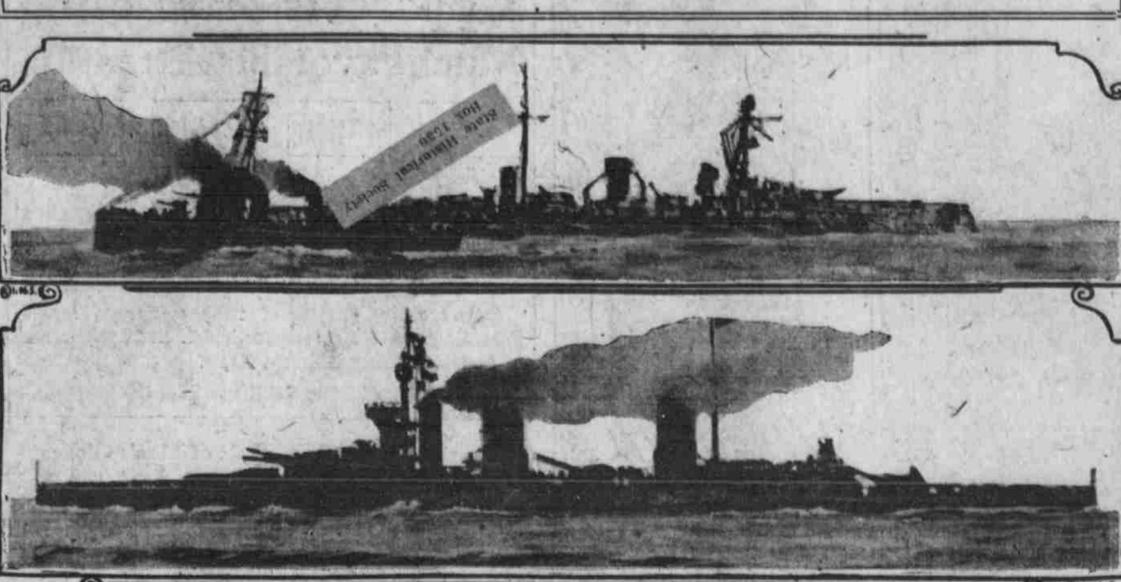
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:
Normal temperature 29
Excess for the day 0
Total excess since March 1 0
Normal precipitation 48.60
Excess for the day 0
Total excess since March 1 0
Deficiency since March 1 48.60
Deficiency for our period, 1913, 4.78 inches
Deficiency for our period, 1914, 4.61 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 p. m.
Station and State Temp. High. Rain. Wind. P. m. est. Fall.

Davenport, Ia.	34	36	T
Omaha, Neb.	29	29	0
North Platte, Neb.	28	28	0
Omaha, cloudy	28	29	0
Meridian, Miss.	28	29	0
St. Louis, Mo.	28	29	0
St. Paul, Minn.	28	29	0
Valentine, Neb.	28	29	0

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

GLIMPSES OF THE BATTLE IN THE NORTH SEA—Upper panel shows the German cruiser Blencher in sinking condition after a running fight. Lower panel shows the British battleship Lion getting up steam for the dash at the head of the line into the contest.



MILLER TESTIFIES IN MATTERS CASE

Counsel for Matters Pleads Without Success to Have the Testimony Kept Out.

VICE PRESIDENT ON THE STAND

Counsel for Thomas H. Matters, on trial in federal court for aiding President Luebben of the First National bank of Sutton to issue certificates of deposit without authority, fought fiercely, but without success, to have testimony by Cashier Theodore Miller kept out of the trial.

United States Attorney Howell questioned Miller during the whole morning on the various certificates of deposit which the government is offering in evidence and compared them with the corresponding entries in the books of the bank in order to show that in many cases certificates issued for several thousand dollars were entered in the books as being for only \$10 or \$20 or other small sums.

Five technical points were drawn by Attorney Wilson for the defense. On the first question which Mr. Howell asked the cashier said which had to do with one of these alleged false entries, Mr. Wilson made a lengthy speech in which he argued that the bank's books having been admitted as evidence, must be considered to be true on a page. Mr. Miller testified that he had been cashier of the bank for fifteen years before it failed. He was absent with his sick wife in June of 1912 and from September 7 to the last of October in 1913. The bank closed its doors November 3, 1913.

Howell Objects to Examination.
United States Attorney Howell objected to continued instructions by counsel for Thomas H. Matters that the prosecution is keeping back documents in its possession. He presented his objection to Judge Youmans after Attorney Burkett had given as the defense's reason for not presenting certain documents that he "had not been able to get them."

Mr. Howell asserted that the defense had secured an order from Judge Morris that it should have free access to all public documents in the case which are in possession of the government.

"We would ask for permission to have someone go through these books in possession of the government," said Mr. Burkett.

Judge Youmans replied, "This trial will not be interrupted. You have had and still have the privilege at any time to see any of these public documents, papers, books in this case in the possession of Mr. Howell, and should avail yourself of that privilege if you wish."

Mr. Howell gave permission to T. H. Matters, Jr., and he went to the office of the United States attorney and returned with the papers.

Cashier Theodore Miller was on the stand all afternoon. He said he had nothing to do with keeping the bank account of Thomas H. Matters. What he said was done by President Luebben or the bookkeeper.

Lincoln Day Talks Given in Senate by Two Old Veterans

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Speeches by Senators Quinby, Bedford and Hoagland commemorative of the birthday of the birthday of President Lincoln were made in the senate this afternoon and Quinby read a poem covering the subject.

Three Nations Sign Protocol Aimed to Suppress the Traffic in Opium

THE HAGUE (Via London), Feb. 12.—The protocol of the anti-opium convention of 1912, which aims at the suppression of opium traffic and international traffic in cocaine and other noxious and habit-forming drugs, was signed at The Hague today by Henry Van Dyke, the American minister to the Netherlands; Tang Tsing Fou, the Chinese minister, and M. LeDon, the Netherlands minister of foreign affairs.

The affixing of these signatures to the protocol by these three diplomats for the convention into immediate force for the signatory countries, which comprise approximately 45,000,000 inhabitants, China, with an estimated population of 35,000,000; the United States, 100,000,000 and the Netherlands and its dependencies, 45,000,000.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. Van Dyke said in reference to the convention:

"The terrible fact that this enormous war in progress should not make civilized nations ignore things which operate for the failure of mankind. The opium convention aims at putting a stop to the vicious trade in opium as an intoxicant and at imposing the strictest regulation on the legitimate commerce in opium for purely medicinal purposes. I hope that the three nations which have taken the first definite step in this direction should soon be followed by many others. It is a great satisfaction that China, who has suffered most from the opium vice, has taken this step side by side with the United States, which was the foremost nation in adopting legislation against this vicious trade, and that Holland with its immense population in the East Indies, should take the same stand."

The international opium conference held a series of meetings at The Hague in June of last year, some forty-four nations being represented. Before adjourning the conference requested Foreign Minister Lueden to obtain ratifications from the adhering powers.

WIDOW OF FIRST GOVERNOR DIES

Mrs. Margaret F. Cuming Passes Away at Home of Nephew, Frank P. Hamilton.

Mrs. Margaret F. Cuming, pioneer woman of Nebraska and widow of Thomas B. Cuming, died at the first active territorial governor, died at noon at the home of her nephew, Frank P. Hamilton, where for a number of years she had made her home.

Mrs. Cuming came to Omaha in October, 1854, with her husband, who had recently been appointed secretary of the territory. At the same time of his appointment Mark Beard was appointed governor. Shortly after their arrival Governor Beard sickened and died and Thomas B. Cuming became acting governor, serving out the four-year term and dying March 21, 1858.

Mrs. Cuming continued to reside in Omaha and for many years prior to her death lived with her nephew, Frank P. Hamilton, 69 South Thirty-eighth street. Until a few years ago she spent much time traveling, having been absent several times.

Mrs. Cuming was married to Thomas B. Cuming in Keokuk, Ia., early in 1854, and when he was a reporter on the Keokuk Democrat, he having been serving in that capacity when he was appointed secretary of Nebraska territory.

BANKER AND WIFE ARE MURDERED BY BURGLARS

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 12.—Jacob Vogel, former president of the Citizens' bank of Fruitvale, and his wife were found murdered today in their home in Fruitvale, a suburb. They had been beaten to death by burglars, who first trussed them up with ropes and Mrs. Vogel's apron strings.

WOMEN GET BALLOT FROM VERMONT MALES

MONTPELIER, Vt., Feb. 12.—The Vermont senate passed without debate today a bill extending the franchise to women at town and city elections and for presidential electors.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Representative Neff fell down this morning in an attempt to lift his bill, H. R. 215, prohibiting the speed of automobiles in the night to fifteen miles an hour, from indefinite postponement, where it was placed yesterday.

VOTE FOR SUFFRAGE AND PROHIBITION

Iowa Senators Follow Action to Make State Dry with Votes for Women.

REPEAL OF THE MULCT LAW

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
DES MOINES, Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The Iowa state senate today voted 38 to 11 in favor of granting votes to women. The vote for the suffrage amendment came as a great surprise, as it had not been intended it should be taken now.

There was a large crowd present and all senators on hand except one to consider temperance matters, and the suffrage amendment was adopted without debate.

The senate had just surprised everyone by voting 27 to 22 in favor of the repeal of the mulct law, the bill to go into effect January 1 next. This had followed the approval of the constitutional amendment.

The mulct law repeal brought out a good debate, but the drys were clearly in the majority and had their own way.

What Action Means.
The senate, at the morning session, by an overwhelming vote of 39 to 10, agreed to submit to the people a constitutional amendment providing for statewide prohibition. Flashed with their success, the

Suffragists Present Two Proposal to S. D. Legislature Today

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The woman suffrage forces have lined up two constitutional propositions which they will present to the legislature tomorrow, asking that they be submitted to the people at the general election of next year as amendments to that document.

One of these provided for complete suffrage by striking the word "male" from section one, article seven of the state constitution, the other is to amend section nine, article seven, which gives women the right of suffrage on educational questions, and to add to that section the right to vote on liquor license questions. These two constitutional propositions and the law giving them municipal suffrage, which has passed the house and has come to the senate, are the triple propositions which the women desire to have the people vote upon at the next election.

Reavis Is Orator At Lincoln Dinner

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The twenty-sixth annual banquet of the Lincoln Young Men's Republican club was held at the Lindell hotel tonight. Congressman C. F. Reavis was the principal speaker. W. A. Hayes of Lincoln presided as toastmaster and before introducing the speakers gave a talk on the life and attributes of Abraham Lincoln.

The toasts were as follows: Representative Peterson, Lincoln, "A House Divided Against Itself"; Representative Palmer, Omaha, "The Young Republicans' Opportunity"; Senator Sandall, York, "Present Political Parties"; Congressman C. F. Reavis, Falls City, "The International Aspect of the Shipping Bill." About 300 plates were laid for the occasion.

Sleet in the Wet, Rain in the East

Reports that reached Omaha last night from the west indicated that the recent thaw is being followed by much colder weather. It was snowing at Citradra last night, while in western Nebraska the temperature was down to ten degrees above zero. In the vicinity of Hastings a sleetstorm prevailed with danger to wire service indicated. In eastern Nebraska a driving rain was general, which had prevailed at intervals during the entire day.

AUTO JOY RIDERS MAY RACE TO HEART'S CONTENT NOW

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Tomorrow the Best Colored Comics

—with—
The Sunday Bee

BRITONS ATTACK GERMANS FROM AIR

Thirty-Four Planes Raid Towns in Belgium and Claude Graham-White Falls in the Sea.

RESCUED BY FRENCH VESSEL
LONDON, Feb. 12.—The official information bureau today issued the following statement:

"Thirty-four naval aeroplanes aided Bruges, Zeebrugge, Ostend and Blankenberghe (all in Belgium), Claude Graham-White fell. He was rescued."

A description of the raid was given out by the official information bureau as follows:

"The secretary of the admiralty makes the following announcement:

Thirty-Four Planes Take Part.
"During the last twenty-four hours combined aeroplane and sea-plane operations have been carried out by the naval wing in the Bruges, Zeebrugge, Blankenberghe and Ostend districts, with a view to destroying the department of submarine bases and establishments. Thirty-four naval aeroplanes and sea-planes took part.

"Great damage is reported to have been done to the Ostend railway station, which, according to present information, has probably been burned to the ground. The railway station at Blankenberghe was damaged and the railway lines were torn up in many places.

"Bombs were dropped on the positions at Middlekerke, and also on the power station and the German mine sweeping vessels at Zeebrugge, but the damage done is unknown.

Chief Falls in Sea.
"Flight Commander Graham-White fell into the sea off Neuport and was rescued by a French vessel. Although exposed to a heavy gunfire from rifles, anti-aircraft guns, machine guns, etc., all of the pilots are safe. Two machines were damaged.

"The sea-planes and aeroplanes were under the command of Wing Commander Samson, assisted by Wing Commander Longmore and Squadron Commanders Porte, Courtney and Bathmore."

Claude Graham-White is one of the best known aviators on account of his daring exploits and his success as a racer. He has made several trips to the United States, on one of which, in the fall of 1914, he earned \$15,000 in prizes. He has been in several accidents, but was never injured seriously. Last September he was appointed temporary flight commander in the British navy. His wife was Miss Dorothy Taylor of New York.

Berlin Reports Raid.
BERLIN (Via London), Feb. 12.—A German official statement issued here today says: "After a long interval hostile warships yesterday reappeared off the coast."

"Enemy airmen dropped bombs on Ostend."

Planes Leave Dunkirk.
PARIS, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Dunkirk says:

"Thirty British aeroplanes left here last night to fly over Zeebrugge and Ostend. A biplane fell into the sea in the Zuid-coote channel, suffering severe damage. It was towed with its aviator into Dunkirk by a British boat."

"A proposed German air raid over Dunkirk was defeated by the British aeroplanes."

Balance of Neutral World Waits Upon The United States

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—"The balance of the world as neutral waits upon this government," Senator La Follette told the senate today, speaking on his resolution to authorize the president to call a conference of all neutral powers to cooperate in restoring peace in Europe.

"Neutral rights demand a clearer definition. Delay is filled with menace," he said.

"Who can say at what moment the dark curtain that veils so much of the situation may be swept aside by uncontrolled forces that will fasten upon the peaceful nations and draw the whole world into the vortex of war?"

"Great Britain assumes the right to fly our flag for self-protection. We are warned that Germany may not be able to determine whether our flag designates a neutral or an enemy. England from day to day enlarges its list of contraband and imposes conditions and exactions which will high paralyze commerce. Germany declares 'war zones' to blockade English ports.

"There are two or three propositions which the highest authorities agree are fundamental to permanent peace. The first, perhaps, is the limitation of armaments and the nationalization of the manufacture of all equipment and supplies used exclusively for military and naval purposes. Another is the prohibition of the exportation of arms and munitions. It is revolting that we should encourage or permit traffic in arms and ammunition by private capital for profit with other governments.

"It were folly to pretend that the mere calling of the proposed conference will end hostilities. But it is little short of an international crime for congress to withhold from the president the authority and the necessary appropriation enabling him to act as the occasion shall commend itself to his expressed desire to initiate such proceeding as may in the providence of God aid in bringing peace to the nations now at war."

CHICAGO'S OLDEST THEATER IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The Academy of Music, Chicago's oldest theater, located in the heart of the crowded westside at Halsted and Madison streets, was destroyed by fire early today with a loss of \$175,000. It was a four-story structure, erected in 1870, and was the only theater not ruined in the great fire of 1871. In the recent years the theater has been operated as a vaudeville house.

RUSS RAID INTO EAST PRUSSIA IS AGAIN CHECKED

Germany Throws Immense Forces Into Lake Region and Forces Retreat of the Muscovite Armies.

MAY BLOCKADE GERMAN COAST
Attack on British Ship Flying the Dutch Flag Expected to Provoke Drastic Step.

BOMBS DROPPED NEAR FLUSHING
The Day's War News

PETROGRAD officially reports that the Russian invasion of Prussia is checked and that the invaders are retreating to their own territory. With the withdrawal of the Russian German soil will be freed from hostile forces, except in a section of Alsace.

RUSSIAN ATTACK on the Warsaw front which followed the latest German effort seems to have subsided.

PORTUGUESE foreign minister has announced that his country will carry out the policy decided upon early in the war, involving adherence to the treaty with Great Britain requiring Portugal to assist with troops. Portugal now has about 100,000 men under arms.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Russian incursion into East Prussia, appears, judging from dispatches reaching London, likely to be a short lived as were the previous Russian raids into this same district. Germany's superb equipment and strategic railways in this territory have enabled it within a few days to throw immense bodies of troops against the invaders.

In the present case the German soldiers appear to have been rushed into East Prussia from both Poland and interior points.

In the Carpathians the situation looks favorable to the Russians, who are pressing at the Austrian front at three of the important passes and this in spite of the difficulties imposed by snow-blocked roads. Berlin admits that the Russians have entered Hungarian territory in several points in the Carpathian district, but declares that these positions were most dearly bought in view of the terrible casualties inflicted by Austrian artillery and machine guns on the Russian massed formations.

In Russian Poland the Germans hold the belief that Russia is preparing to fall back to its second line and the Russian trench defenses in that region will be assisted by the flooding of great sections of the intervening country.

May Blockade German Coast.
The London newspapers profess to believe that the German submarine attack on the British steamer Lusitania flying the Dutch flag, will precipitate more stringent measures against German trade, which was promised by Premier Asquith in a speech delivered yesterday in the House of Commons. The Daily Mail says it believes the government will announce a complete blockade of the German coast as a result of which all goods to Germany by sea will be liable to seizure.

A wireless dispatch from Berlin reports that an aeroplane, presumably French, has dropped bombs in the harbor of Flushing, which is Dutch territory, but no news of such an occurrence has been received from Holland.

The Balkan states evidently are furthering their endeavors to reach an amicable settlement of their disagreements before entering the conflict. In this adjustment it is presumed that Bulgaria will get material territorial concessions from both Serbia and Roumania.

GERMAN SUBMARINE STOPS DUTCH STEAMSHIP

LONDON, Feb. 12.—5:45 p. m.—A dispatch to the Evening News from Rotterdam says the Dutch steamer Duiderdijk, flying the Dutch flag, was stopped by a German submarine in the North Sea. It was compelled to show its papers, after which it was permitted to proceed to Rotterdam.

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