

ONLY ONE TRAIN MOVING THROUGH BLOCKADE ZONE

Nothing Else Operating Over Stretch of Wyoming Drifts From Wilcox to Medicine Bow. THOUSAND MEN NOT USED

OUTLOOK MORE PROMISING

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 27.—Moderating winds, clearer weather and the fact that one train was proceeding slowly westward behind a rotary snowplow at 5 o'clock today were cited by Union Pacific railroad officials as basis for hope that they might succeed in terminating the intermittent snow blockade which has hampered operation of trains on the road for a week and has been complete for the last twenty-four hours.

"However," one official said, "the wind may blow again tonight, as it did last night and block the road again."

"Give us twenty-four hours of calm weather and we'll break the blockade for good."

Hardly Wheel Stirring. Except for the one train which left Denver two days ago, that is crawling westward, not a wheel is stirring on the stretch from Wilcox to Medicine Bow, unless it be under a snowplow or work train.

Eight More Waiting. Westbound trains, which were pushed west of Laramie today, in the hope the line would be cleared when they arrived at the blocked section, were recalled today and are to be consolidated in the Laramie yards and sent westward as opportunity offers.

Snow Keeps Piling Up. Reports to Union Pacific headquarters here are to the effect that across all that portion of Wyoming, from fifty or so miles west of Cheyenne, through almost to Green River, since about the middle of the month there has been a fall of a foot to eighteen inches of snow. The weather has been cold and this snow has not melted.

Campbell Is Declared Governor of Arizona. Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 27.—The Arizona supreme court late today returned a decision holding that Thomas E. Campbell is the de facto governor of Arizona.

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The Weather For Nebraska—Unsettled and probably poor, much colder in afternoon or night.

CONFLAGRATION AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

Large Department Store, Opera House, Clothing Store and Other Buildings Burn. LOSS IS ABOUT \$2,500,000

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 27.—Fire which swept through a section of the retail district here today destroyed the Frank & Seder department store, the Grand Opera house, the Hilton Clothing company and a dozen or more smaller buildings, with a loss estimated at \$2,500,000. Four persons were seriously hurt and a large number of others were injured and removed to hospitals.

Guests Driven From Hotel. The fire ate its way down Fifth avenue from Smithfield street toward Wood street and, breaking windows in buildings across Fifth avenue, drove scores of guests from their rooms in the Newell hotel.

Buildings Were Old. The buildings were among the oldest in the business section, with the exception of the Grand opera house, which was modern in every way.

Woman On Hunger Strike Collapses and Is Fed Through Tube

New York, Jan. 27.—The prison authorities resorted to forcible feeding in the case of Mrs. Ethel Byrne after the birth control propagandist collapsed today while maintaining her "hunger strike" in her cell on Blackwell's island, where she is serving a thirty-day term.

Exiled From Hoome, Police Sergeant Now Returns

After four weeks' exile as the result of an epidemic of scarlet fever at his home, Police Sergeant Russell, 2552 Fowler avenue, yesterday was permitted to return and, as he put it, "get acquainted with his family."

McNamara Agrees to Work After 24 Days in Dungeon

San Quentin, Cal., Jan. 27.—After spending twenty-four days in the dungeon of the state prison here, J. B. McNamara agreed to obey orders and today began work in the jute mill. McNamara, who is serving a life sentence for his confessed part in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building in 1910, had been working in the prison laundry, but his work was found unsatisfactory and he was ordered to the jute mills.

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PERSHING GIVEN OFFICIAL ORDER TO QUIT MEXICO

Utah Cavalry Goes to the Rescue of the Cowboys and Fight Lasts Several Hours.

SEVERAL MEXICANS FALL Engaged Said to Be Carranza Garrison at Sasabe.

SCENE IS NEAR TUCSON

Washington, Jan. 27.—Withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico has been ordered by the War department and officials here expect that by Monday morning the entire column will be moving north.

As soon as the regulars reach the border a large proportion of the National Guardsmen still at the border, and possibly all of them, will be relieved and sent home for muster out.

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 27.—Lying in rocks close to the international line, five miles south of Ruby, Ariz., forty members of Troop E, First Utah Cavalry, commanded by Lieutenant Arns, were keeping up an incessant firing at Mexican soldiers across the line today.

Mexicans Fire on Cowboys. The Mexican soldiers opened fire on the American cowboys, who were trying to round up a herd of cattle on the American side, it is alleged.

Pershing Begins March. El Paso, Tex., Jan. 27.—American troops started north from the field headquarters at Colonia Dublan today, according to reports from Columbus, N. M., which were brought here early today by passengers arriving overland and which were considered reliable.

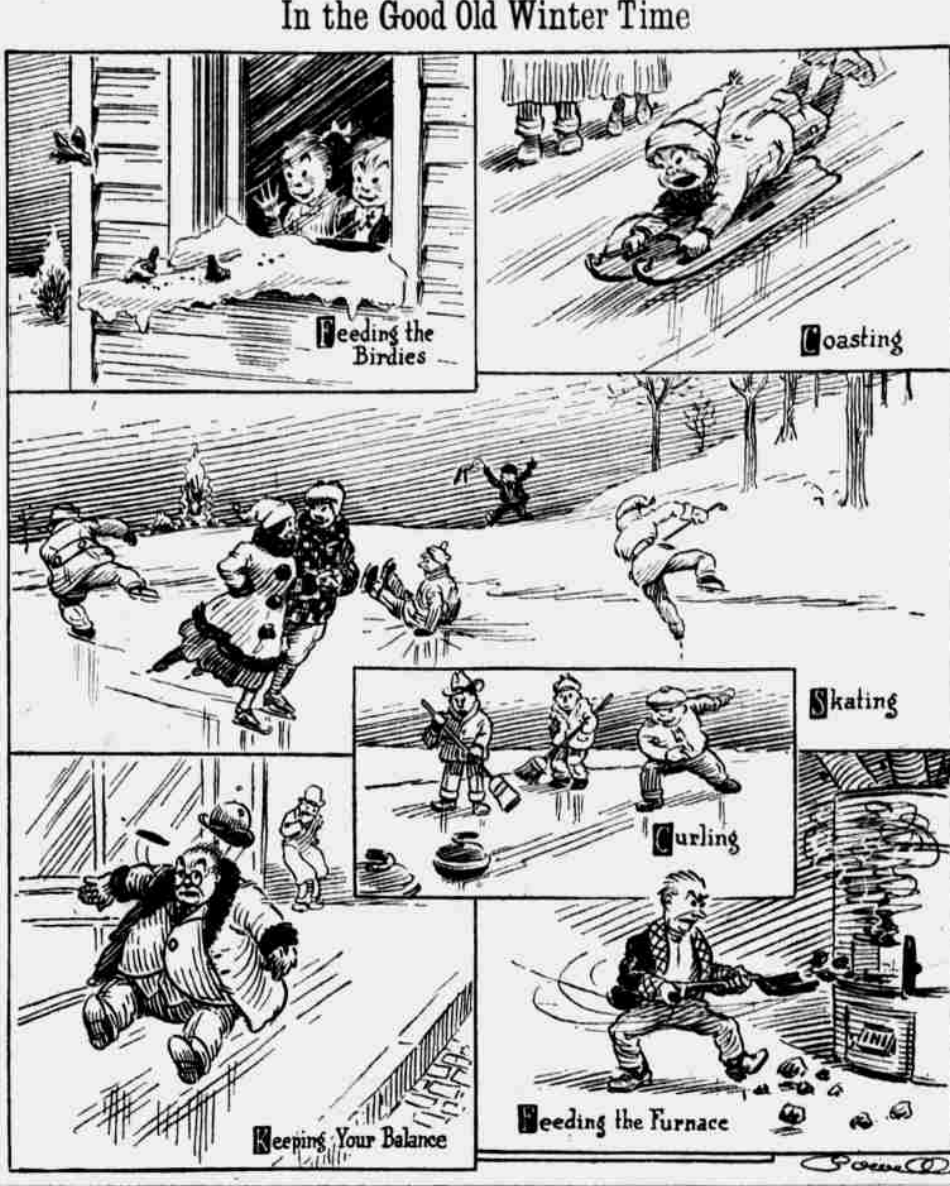
Villistas Follow Rear Guard. Villa followers were moving in the wake of the American expeditionary forces as they withdrew from El Valle, San Joaquin and Charcos, according to a reliable report received here.

Said to Be Bandits. Nogales, Ariz., Jan. 27.—A message this afternoon to the sheriff's office from an Arivaca store said fighting still continued. This message said it was believed the Mexicans engaged were followers of Francisco Reyna, a bandit, who boasted he had taken part in the Santa Ysabel massacre.

Grand Island Police Prevent Prize Fight. Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Forty devotees of the prize fight ring from York were compelled to return to that city late last night without seeing the colored pugilist of their city whom they backed against Jack Price of this city strike at low.

Sheriff Walton Says Spanell Admitted That He Killed Wife

San Angelo, Tex., Jan. 27.—Sheriff Allen Walton of Brewster county, testifying this afternoon regarding a reply which he said was made to him in the Alpine (Tex.) jail when he asked: "My God, Harry, what have you done?" stated that Harry J. Spanell replied: "I have killed Colonel Butler and my wife. I am ruined, I am ruined."



In the Good Old Winter Time

BILL TO ABOLISH NORMAL BOARD

House Members Plan to Establish Board of Education Supplanting Others.

SIDETRACK STATE SUPT. (From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Abolishment of the State Normal board and the State Board of Regents is proposed in a bill for an act for a joint resolution to amend the constitution and which will be introduced Tuesday when the lower house reconvenes.

The bill has the backing of J. A. Ollis, W. J. Taylor, F. A. Reischer and others and provides that at the general election in 1918 an amendment to the constitution shall be submitted placing the general government of the state under the direction of a board of six members to be styled "The Board of Education of the State of Nebraska."

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Three Divorce Decrees Granted in One Day

Three decrees granted and one petition filed finished up the week's activities in divorce court. The following wives were freed: Gladys Chambers from Alexander Chapman, Lorna C. Chapman from Stuart C. Chapman, Martha Montgomery from Elsin Montgomery, Emma Nelson seeks a divorce from Henry Nelson on grounds of alleged cruelty.

Pursuing Cockroaches and Bedbugs At County Hospital With Torch

Mass Meeting Held at Which Words Are Not Mined in Condemning the Place.

NEEDED ACTION PROMISED

No more will Douglas county tolerate a hospital where the favorite sport, as described Judge Estelle, and according to his story told to the commissioners yesterday afternoon, seems to be chasing cockroaches and bedbugs through the corridors of the institution, sending them to the happy hunting ground for vermin with the aid of blow torches.

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HI' GILL INDICTED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Seattle Mayor, Police Chief, City Detective and Booze Syndicate Chiefs Named.

ACCEPTING BRIBE ALLEGED

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.—Mayor Hiram C. Gill, Chief of Police Charles L. Beckingham and former Sheriff Robert T. Hodge were indicted today by the federal grand jury, charged with violation of the federal liquor laws.

Charges Against Gill.

Mayor Gill, Chief Beckingham and Hodge, with the four city detectives, with the former members of the waterfront division of the police "dry" squad, are charged with plotting with Logan and Fred Billingsley to ship quantities of whisky into Seattle under organized official protection.

Villa Forces Are Reported Defeated Near La Junta

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 27.—Government agents here received a report from local Villa sources today that Villa had been defeated by General Francisco Murguía's troops in the vicinity of La Junta, Chihuahua. He was said to have lost his trains and 200 killed and wounded men.

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Also, when it came to arriving at some definite plan of action to make a new hospital possible, the commissioners decided that a new institution should be a combination city-county affair.

To Fix Up Bill. Just what the bill will provide and what provision will be made for funds with which to erect a new hospital are to be worked out by the judges and the city and county attorneys.

Without legislation the county commissioners would have to submit the proposition to the voters at either a

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KAISER REPEATS GERMAN SWORN IS PEACE MAKER

Emperor William, on His Birthday, Again Declares Might of Teuton Arm Will Force Enemies to Kneel.

SPEAKS AT HEADQUARTERS

Statement Made in Face of Expectations He Would Offer New Terms.

PIERCE BATTLES RAGING

(By Associated Press.) Emperor William of Germany repeated on his fifty-eighth birthday anniversary Saturday his promise previously made to the German army that Germany would enforce peace with the sword. His message was sent to Berlin from the German great headquarters in reply to birthday congratulations, according to German newspapers.

The emperor's declaration was made in the face of expectations in some of the entente capitals that he would make a notable peace move in an address he was expected to deliver at a meeting of Teutonic state, military and naval leaders assembled at the headquarters to celebrate the anniversary.

The vicinity of Hill No. 304 in the Verdun sector and the Riga region of the northern Russo-German front continue to be the chief centers of military activity. After subjecting the German defense works at Eparges and Hill No. 304 to an intense bombardment the French stormed the trenches recently occupied by the Germans, but, according to the Berlin war office, the attack failed with heavy losses.

Fresh Russian troops have reinforced the line east of the River Aa in the Riga district, but were unable to drive the Germans from ground they recently captured. On the other hand, German attempts to throw back the Russians' line in the vicinity of Kalmezh were unsuccessful.

After eleven hours of desperate fighting the Rumanians have forced back the Teutonic troops south of the Kasino and Suchitza valleys in Moldavia.

Kaiser Reiterates Defiance.

London, Jan. 27.—Telegraphing from the German headquarters to the Berlin academy of science in reply to birthday congratulations, Emperor William reiterated today the assertion that the German people will obtain peace by the sword, says a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam, which declares this information was obtained from German newspapers. The emperor's message as quoted, reads: "The unshakable will to victory of the German people, who are prepared for every sacrifice of blood and treasure, will, I trust God, preserve the Fatherland from the ruin contemplated by its enemies and will force by the sword the peace necessary for the blessed development of the people."

Issues Amnesty Order. Berlin, Jan. 27.—(By Wireless to Tuckerton.)—The birthday of Emperor William was observed today with manifestations in keeping with war conditions.

The emperor and Prince Henry of Prussia and his eldest son, Prince Waldemar, attended the celebration at German great headquarters. The emperor issued an order of general amnesty. Celebrations were held in all the schools, high schools and universities.

Senate Demos to Let Part of Wilson Program Go Over

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—Continued failure of democratic senators to agree on a legislative program led some administration leaders today to believe that the only measures which can be passed before adjournment March 4 are railroad labor regulation, mineral land leasing, revenue and appropriation bills.

The corrupt practices, water power and flood control bills and the Webb collective foreign agency measure are still subjects of wide disagreement.

Municipal League Fights Bill by Senator Beal

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Opposition to the bill by Senator Beal of Custer to place all public service utilities, including those municipally owned, under the control of the State Railway commission was pledged by the Nebraska League of Municipalities before it closed last night. Friends of municipal ownership declared that the passage of the bill would make secure a monopoly for privately owned utilities.

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