SINGLE COPY FIVE CENTS.

ONLY ONE TRAIN MOVING THROUGH **BLOCKADE ZONE**

Nothing Else Operating Over Stretch of Wyoming Drifts From Wilcox to Medicine Bow.

THOUSAND MEN NOT USED

Coal Miners Can't Be Employed Because Road Has No Facilities to House Them.

OUTLOOK MORE PROMISING

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 27 .- Moderating winds, clearer weather and the ating winds, clearer weather and the fact that one train was proceeding slowly westward behind a rotary by the intense cold, it having been snowplow at 5 o'clock today were necessary to carry hot water from neighboring restaurants to thaw cials as basis for hope that they might succeed in terminating the intermitsnowplow at 5 o'clock today were succeed in terminating the intermitent snow blockade which has hampered operatio 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.

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Except for the one train which left betweer two days ago, that is crawlong westward, not a wheel is stirring on the stretch from Wilcox to Medicine Bow, unless it be under a snowplow or work train. In this stretch four rotary snowplows, one "flanger" plow and one wrecker plow are at work, beside all the men the company can house between working periods. The thousand coal miners called from the Union Pacific Coal company mines at Hanna today could called from the Union Pactic Coal company mines at Hanna today could not be used on accoun of lack of facilities for earing for them, railroad officials said. Before they were called out the road was biring every avail-able man, they asserted, and now has all the labor it can use.

Eight More Waiting.

Westbound trains, which were pushed west of Laramic 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 on westward as opportunity offers. There are sixteen of these, while eight more trains are waiting at Medicine Bow for a chance to go cast.

Passengers have experienced no hardships, railroad officers said, though one of them admitted "they were not getting meals like you'd sit down to at a hotel."

All but one of the halted trains carried a dining car, well stocked, the officials said. Six private cars of officials also were converted into "dining rooms."

Snow Keeps Piling Up.

Reports to Union Pacific headquar-ters here are to the effect that across all that portion of Wyoming from all that portion of Wyoming from hifty 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. With the high winds that have prevailed it has been blown into the cuts upon numerous occasions, he could be snow plows have self as a "martyr" to her cause of pubthe cuts upon numerous occasions.
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In many of the cuts the snow has packed in so hard that it cannot be moved by the rotary plows and men with picks and shovels are employed to dig it out.

So severe and so tight has the blockade become that no effort is being made to run freight trains through the snow-bound district, nor will an attempt be made until the track is entirely cleared and the passenger trains gotten back onto their schedules.

Campbell Is Declared

The worker avenue, yesterday was permit ted to return and, as he put it, "get acquainted within family."

Mariel Clyde Russell, the sergeant's 4-year-old daughter, was the first taken ill with the fever and later his nephew, Ralph Hughes, became sick.

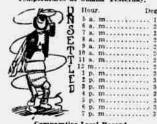
Mrs. Hughes, then a bride of less than two weeks, was the last to be stricken.

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

The Weather

For Nebraska-Unsettled and probably ow, much colder in afternoon or night. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday,



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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 the Frank & Seder department store, the Grand Opera house, the Hilton Clothing company and a dozen or more smaller buildings, with a local property of the stimated at \$2,500,000. Four were seriously burt and the stimated at \$2,500,000. Four were seriously burt and the stimated at \$2,500,000. Four were seriously burt and the stimated at \$2,500,000. retail district here today destroyed

estimated at \$2,500,000. Followers estricted by the terror were seriously hurt as more so badly injured removed to hospitals. It appeared for a time as though the fire would sweep the entire square, but heavy fire walls finally stayed the progress of the flames, which ate through the hundreds of the American troops from Mexico tons of merchandise piled in the hundreds of the American troops from Mexico has been ordered by the War depart-

Guests Driven From Hotel.

The fire ate its way down Fifth arenue from Smithfield street toward Wood street and, breaking windows in buildings across Fifth arenue, drove scores of guests from their rooms in the Newell hotel. The Park building, the oldest skyscraper in the city, also make the street as more a limit on all Guarden with the street as more a limit on all Guarden with the street as more and the street as more as more

also was threatened, as were a num-ber of moving picture theaters. At one time the flames leaped across Diamond street and damaged across Diamond street and damaged the Solomon department store and the Harris theater, but were soon extinguished. It then became evident that if the fire wall which formed the west and south sides of the Grand Opera house would hold, the fire could be confined within bounds that would be confined within bounds that would remit the saving of no less than half permit the saving of no less than half the square.

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. The principal losses, it is stated, will fall on the Frank & Seder company, the Hilton company and the David Enter-prises, which owned and operated the opera house.

opera house.

After several outbreaks during the forenoon, which threatened a further spread of the fire, the fire chief declared shortly after 1 o'clock that the walls were holding and the fire was under complete control. Revised estimates of the losses placed the total amount at about \$2,500,000. Four hundred entirement draws. hundred uniformed policemen drawn from every station in the city were on guard in the burned district.

Woman On Hunger Strike Collapses and Is Fed Through Tube

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

The woman did not resist. According to physicians, she was too weak to do so. A tube was inserted in her mouth and nourishing liquid food.

but a few inches are now six to fif-teen feet deep. Each storm that comes fills them to the level and when the spow is again placed out.

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 permit-

Mrs. Russell remained at home and acted as nurse. She alone escaped. Sergeant Russell lived downtown dur-

ing the epidemic. McNamara Agrees to Work

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 dynamining of the los Angeles. mill. McNamara, who confessed part in life sentence for his confessed part in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles 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. On his refusal he was placed in the dunggeon. Every day he was taken out and asked if he was ready to obey orders, and until yesterday he regular to the Santa Ysabel.

Annen the plaza of the 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 cisco Reyna, a bandit, who boasted the said of the said to be a bandit who boasted the said of the said to be a bandit who boasted the said of the said to be a bandit who boasted the said of the said to be a bandit who boasted the bandit who boasted the said to be a bandit wh

Richardson Drug Co.

PERSHING GIVEN OFFICIAL ORDER TO QUIT MEXICO

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

has been ordered by the War department and officials here expect that by Monday morning the entire column will be moving north.

The exact time of the withdrawal is left by the department's orders to the discretion of General Funston, the border commander, and will be determined by his assessment of military conditions and facilities for trans

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 re lieved and sent home for muster out.

Tucson, Ariz., Ian. 27.-Lving 5 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. The Mexicans were re-turning the shots.

As far as known none of the American troops have been killed or wounded. Reinforcements from Nogales are being rushed to the scene. Soldiers and civilians returning from the line report they saw several Mexican soldiers fall during the feehing.

the fighting.

A delephone message from Arivaca says the Mexican soldiers engaging the Americans are from the Carranza House Members Plan to Estab-

garrison at Sasabc.

Firing kept up during the night until 2 o'clock this morning, when the cayalrymen in the rocks were re-lieved by a detachment from Arivaca, afteen miles distant, where the Utah troops have been stationed. The clash was resumed at daylight.

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. The cowboys, although outnum-bered, returned the fire and sent for reinforcements from among the Utah command.

command.

American civilians are being kept Lack from the scene of fighting by Licutenant Arns, who is holding them in reserve until it appears that the troops are unable to cope with the

situation.

A party of civilians headed by N.
C. Bernard, rancher and county supervisor, left Arivaca at dawn for
the scene of the fighting.
Supervisor Bernard will telephone
Sheriff Rye Miles at noon whether
he needs assistance. Miles is ready
to respond, leaving Tueson by automobile with a posse. The scene of
the fighting is seventy-five miles from
Tueson by fair automobile road.

Pershing Regins March

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the garrison there, From this same source it was learned that the Villa troops met with no resistance at El Valle, but appeared outside the little

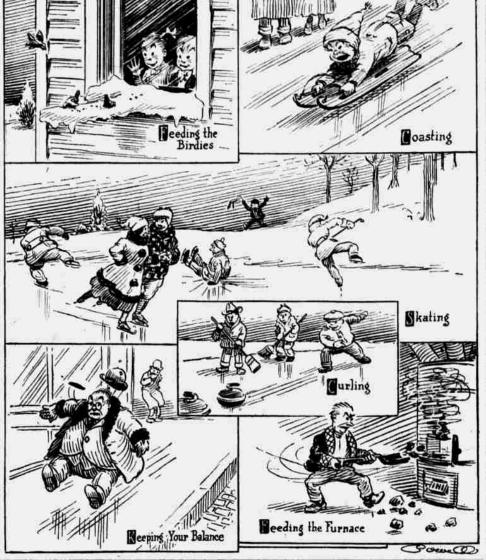
cisco Reyna, a bandit, who boasted he had taken part in the Santa Ysabel massacre. Reyna is a leader said to Re-elects Old Officers have opened a recruiting headquarters

Re-elects Old Officers

The Richardson Drug company at the annual meeting of its stockholders at the office in Omaha elected the following board of directors: C. F. Weller, H. S. Weller, F. C. Patton, E. P. Ellis and J. W. Fisher.

Immediately after the stockholders' meeting the newly elected board of directors assembled and elected for the ensuing year: C. F. Weller, president; H. S. Weller, vice president; F. C. Patton, treasurer, and E. P. Ellis, secretary.

In the Good Old Winter Time



BILL TO ABOLISH NORMAL BOARD

lish Board of Education Supplanting Others.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 27 .- (Special.)-

venes.

The bill has the backing of J. A. Ollis, W. J. Taylor, F. A. Reisner and others and provides that at the general election for state and legislative officers in 1918 an amendment to the constitution shall be submitted placing the general government. constitution shall be submitted placing the general government of the state university, the normal schools and the public schools of the state under the direction of a board of six members to be styled "The Board of Education of the State of Nebraska." The board shall not only succeed to the duties of the normal board and the board of recents but also to the duties of the

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Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Forty devotees of the prize light ring from York were compelled to return to that city late last night without seeing the colored pugilist of their city whom they Martha Moetgomery from Elvin Montgomery. last night without seeing the pugilist of their city whom they backed against Jack Price of this city strike ab low. The police prevented Emma Netson seeks a divorce from Henry Netson on grounds of alleged crueity.

Pursuing Cockroaches and Bedbugs At County Hospital With Torch

SIDETRACK STATE SUPT. NEEDED ACTION PROMISED

Mass Meeting Held at Which
Words Are Not Minced 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 sharing reaches and spose of the present hospital and grounds and erect a new building for the institution, the commissioners appointed Judge. Froup and Judge Day to meet with the country attorney and city attorney for the purpose of drawing up a bill to be introduced in the legislature.

To Fix Up Bill.

Just what the bill will provide and 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.

At a massituding 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.

At a quasi-indignation session Sat-

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At a quasi-indignation session Satirday, to which the district judges,
members of the medical board of the
county hospital, representatives of
the Omaha Commercial club, the state
senators and representatives from
Douglas county and anyone else interested in the question had been invited, several speakers ran out of
adjectives and superlatives in condemning the present institution hous-

Sheriff Walton Says Spanell Admitted That He Killed Wife

God. Harry, what have you the sl stated that Harry J. Spanell added

"I heard some more shooting, but leard no voices," she said.

Mrs. Murphy testified that a man staggered from the car and exclaimed back to the car. She said she then heard more shooting.

The witness stid she saw a soldier walk up to the car and then neighbors sathered, among them being R. was not a voluntary statement. The

bors gathered, among them being R. was not a voluntary statement. The N. Pittman, who carried a lamp.

Mrs. Murphy on cross-examination looked up authorities.

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:

said she went into the Pittman house, where Mrs. Pittman was not on the sleeping porch, as Pittman testified yestering the shooting response to the shooting respo the shooting was going on. She

my wife. I am ruined I am ruined afraid of bullets, when the shooting of began and asked her husband to carry her into the house."

Mrs. Patrick Murphy of Alpine was the first witness for the state. She testified she heard shots fired and saw an automobile ruin into a fence.

"I heard some more shooting, but she had some more shooting, but her into the house."

Allen Walton, sheriff, testified that Butler's reputation as regards attentions. When I asked Mrs. Pittman why replied:
"I have killed Colonel Butler and she came to be in a room instead of on the porch she explained she was afraid of bullets, when the shooting

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. Among the other things, the proposed bill will have incorporated in it the authorizing of the county by the legislature to sell the present hospital site—160 acres of land which different persons have estimated would bring a total of anywhere from \$300,000 to \$700,000, the majority, however, believing that the fermer figure is nearer correct.

Indictments were also returned Indictments were also returned against four city detectives and a former policeman, who, with Mayor Gill, Chief Beckingham and Hodge, are charged by the government with graft and conspiracy to violate the interstate commerce and federal liquor laws.

Charges Against Gill.

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Mayor Gill, Chief Beckingham and Hodge, with the four city detectives, 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.

Mayor Gill is accused by the government of having accepted the \$4,000 bribe from Logan Billingsley at the time the alleged conspiracy began.

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 Murguia's troops in the vicinity of La Junta, Chihuahua. He was

said to have lost his trains and 200 killed and wounded men.

From the same source it was reported that Jose Ynez Salazar and Villa had broken again and that Salazar had gone to the mountains with 1,500 men.

KAISER REPEATS **GERMAN SWORD** IS PEACE MAKER

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

SPEAKS AT HEADQUARTERS

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

FIERCE BATTLES RAGING

(By Associated Press.) Emperor William of Germany repeated on his fifty-eighth birthday anniversary Saturday his promise pre-

viously 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, mili-tary and naval leaders assembled at the headquarters to celebrate the an-

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

Fresh Russian troops have reinforced the line cast 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 Kalnzem were unsuccessful.

After eleven hours of desperate fighting the Roumanians 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 Berlim 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 unshakeable 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." Kaiser Reiterates Defiance.

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 bill would make secure a monopoly for privately owned utilities.

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